

FAMILY NEWS

We extend our sympathy to: MaryLou Rutgers in the loss of her brother, Glenn Alexander; Gary (Norma) Bowron in the loss of his brother, Allen Bowron.

Dealing with a serious or long term illness: John Boersema, Marianne Brower, Freda Burress, Dave Dekker, Phyllis DeWitt, Sandy DeWys, Deb Grunst, Dan Heiberg, Amanda Johnson, Amy Kamphuis, Joy Kirklin, Mel Kirklin, Wayne Klomparens, Jodi Lokker, Norm Lyzenga, Carmen Modrzynski, Chris Morren, Janice Mullins, Niko Pilafas, Renae Postma, Dorothy Rithamel, MaryLou Rutgers, Jill Schreur, Karen Smeltzer, Loie VanDis, Marlene Walsh, and James Winn.

Recovering: Jeane Banger, Pat Beyer, Carolyn Black, Vern Blauwkamp, Howard Meeuwsen, Jim Ridlington, Ruth Schaddelee and Jan Scott.

THE NUMBERS

February 5, 2017

Attendance

Central Holland	2899
Central Online	863
Central La Roca	149
Central Cambodia	191
Central Indonesia	160
Total Attendance	4,262
Community Groups	331
Small Groups	709

General Budget

Received Last Week	\$110,600
Received Since 6/16	\$3,581,000
Weekly Need	\$91,100
Need Since 6/16	\$3,624,800

Missions

Received Last Week	\$10,700
Received Since 6/16	\$430,700
Need Since 6/16	\$506,200

Stronger

Received Last Week	\$12,800
Giving Goal by 5/31/2017	\$2,000,000
Received to date	\$1,639,800



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FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Central WEEKLY

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Sign up today for a winter Short Circle Small Group!

We have heard Pastor Craig talk about what it means to be in a relationship 'with God', and 'in community' with other believers. Lent Short Circles at Central provide ways to begin, or further engage, in both. Short Circles are groups of 8-14 people who meet weekly during the Impoverished sermon series to discuss compelling questions that focus on the content and application of these sermons. This Short Circle series runs March 5-April 2. Whether you are new to Central, or you have been here for years, this is a great time to connect with new acquaintances, or old friends, while going deeper in your relationship with Christ. Those who are still exploring what it means to follow Christ will discover that this is a space to do that as well.

I've been asked to describe what a 'typical' Short Circle group looks like, but there isn't ever just 'one' description that fits every group. Short Circles can be groups that are inter-generational, or they can be life-stage specific. They can be made up entirely of people who attend Central Wesleyan, or they can include individuals who attend elsewhere, or who do not attend anywhere at all. They can be groups that are entirely male, entirely female, or a mix of both. You are invited to pull together a group of your own friends or acquaintances, but most people land in groups that meet in geographic locations that work for them, during days/times that fit into their schedules (they are so pleasantly surprised as they make new friends). Please know a group can usually be found that fits your life & schedule.

Sign up online at centralwesleyan.org/shortcircles, or complete a sign up card at the Short Circle table in the main lobby on Sunday mornings to get into a Short Circle community of your own! Look for the large black & white sign that says Impoverished. If you have questions about Short Circles or Small Groups at Central, or are interested in leading a group, feel free to contact Lisa by calling 395.3090 or at lwilkinson@centralwesleyan.org. A leaders training lunch will be held February 19 at 12:30 p.m.

*Now is the time to journey with God, and others,
in a Short Circle community at Central!*

GENERAL

Jesus in His Context 3-day Conference

The Institute of Biblical Context is offering an event June 12-14 in Zeeland, Michigan. Brad Gray and other well-known teachers will be presenting the program, "Jesus in His Context". To see a full list of speakers and more details, visit instituteofbiblicalcontext.com or pick up a printed brochure at the Info Desk in the lobby. To receive the best price, sign up before April 12. Students and Seminarians are offered a student rate. Limited tickets are available. IBC's purpose is to allow the Scriptures to increasingly come alive in fresh and new ways for pulpit and pew.

Interested in Baptism?

On Sunday February 19 and 26 during both morning services, we will be having a celebration of baptism. There will be an info meeting TODAY after each service in W286 outside of the Worship Center. *Check out centralwesleyan.org/baptism for more info and to get registered.*

Hand 2 Hand Food Items

Are you willing to help stock our Hand2Hand food pantry? This month we need granola bars, pudding cups and applesauce cups. Items will be collected in the shopping cart located in the main lobby. Thanks for helping serve our community. *Questions? Contact Tracy at 395.3079.*

Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale

Please join us this afternoon for a Concert in the Chapel. The Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale, a 75-voice ensemble, will present a concert in the Chapel this afternoon, at 4 p.m. The concert includes an uplifting variety of music and hymns. Please use entrance 'D' or 'F'. Entrance 'E' will not be available.

Impoverished Series

Is it possible to be exceedingly rich, yet abundantly impoverished? Rich, according to the Scriptures is only really rich, when Jesus' generosity becomes our own. March 5, we begin the 5 week Impoverished series, where we don't want to just talk about making a difference; we want to actually make one.

CHILDREN

Playland Volunteers

We are looking for warm, engaging individuals to join our Playland volunteer team! If you would love to serve with this new ministry, stop by the table in the lobby across from the Information Desk or email playland@centralwesleyan.org to join our team!

Parent Commitment

Our next Parent Commitment ceremony is on Sunday, April 30 at 4 p.m. This is an amazing event for parents and guardians with children of all ages to declare their desire to raise their children in God's truths. *For more details, and to register, go to centralwesleyan.org/pc.*

Midweek Volunteers

Our Midweek programming is growing in incredible ways, especially in our Preschool environment! If you love kids and love to play, this is the spot for you. *Sign up at centralwesleyan.org/kids-serve to join our rotating team of volunteer superstars!*

Purity Weekend

Calling all 5th graders & their parents! Join us for Purity Weekend on March 10-11, 2017. Through authentic communication, we'll be building a foundation of purity to prepare for the years ahead. Cost is \$25/family. *Register for this incredible family*

journey at centralwesleyan.org/purity or centralkids@centralwesleyan.org.

STUDENTS

Lost City

Middle school students, on Wednesday, February 22, Ignite will be at Lost City from 6-8:15 p.m. Cost is \$8. Students need to meet at Lost City, 12330 James St., Holland, MI 49424 (by the Star Theater).

FUEL Winter Camp 2017

High schoolers LAST chance for Winter Camp! FUEL is heading to Camp Geneva February 24-February 26. Cost is \$85. Registration forms are available at FUEL!

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults Meet

College/Young Adults! Join us Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. at Hope College Keppel House for a night of worship, teaching, coffee and doughnuts! Address: 129 E 10th St, Holland, MI 49423. *For more information, email: YA@centralwesleyan.org.*

Pullman Project

Central Young Adults will be heading to Pullman on February 23! This is an awesome opportunity to get connected and serve! *For details please email us at ya@centralwesleyan.org.*

OPPORTUNITIES

Ride Home

One of the ladies of our congregation needs a ride home from the 2nd service on Sundays. If you would be able to help with a ride home (near the Jackie's Place Restaurant) please contact Bette Johnson at 395.3135.

Everything Kids Sale

This is a fundraising event with a portion of all of the profits going towards Central Wesleyan's M&Ms (Moms and Mentors) program. Everything Kids Consignment Sale and Home business booths will be on Saturday, February 25, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. *For more information please go to centralwesleyan.org/everythingkids.*

Present Over Perfect

Starting February 14 and going through February 28, M&Ms will be doing a study of Present over Perfect by Shauna Niequist. In this study she speaks to leaving behind frantic for a simpler, more soulful way of living. Please join us! Free childcare is provided, please mention the children's names and birthdates when registering. *Go to Centralwesleyan.org/mms to register, email Lesa at ibatema@centralwesleyan.org.*

Short Circle Leaders Needed

Short Circle leaders are needed for the five week Lent series, Impoverished, March 5-April 2. A leader's training lunch will be held Sunday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m. Interested? *Come see Lisa at the Short Circle table in the main lobby or email her at lwilkinson@centralwesleyan.org.*

Serve One. Serve All.

1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." We at Central fully believe serving is a part of our duties. We have opportunities to serve in every area of our ministries. Some of the options include serving in Guest Services, NextGen, Worship/Tech and more! If you have a heart willing to serve, visit centralwesleyan.org/serve to learn more or sign up.