



Central Baptist *Church*

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Up Front

An Invitation to Join Me in Thanks

This story began last summer when our Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator, Jan Sherrow, announced she would need some time off for a much needed knee replacement. We began the fall with groups and volunteers coming forward each week to provide a meal, planning to bridge the time until Jan could return. As it became late fall, Jan learned surgery had been scheduled on her other knee. We continued on as we had been hoping for her return in mid spring. But that was not possible and she faces yet another surgery. As a result, she has announced her retirement from the Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator position. We were sad to learn this but understand her situation and offer our prayers for healing and recovery and a better year ahead.

So we pause to say thanks is to Jan Sherrow. She began as our Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator in the fall of 2003. Since that time she has planned more menus than I have time to count. She has shopped, cooked, directed volunteers, worked with Children's House cooks and bereavement meal volunteers and others who share the kitchen space. She has sustained us with many tasty meals. We each have our favorite (mine is the BBQ Pork Chops). She always left the kitchen cleaner than she found it. It gave her joy to feed well, those in the community we provide meals to each week. When the opportunity came to provide meals to the James Project foster homes, she cheerfully added that to the meals prepared for delivery each week. p2

Church Events

- **May 8-Finance/LCT**
- **May 14-Mother's Day/
Undie Sunday**
- **May 29-Memorial Day**
- **June 1-CWU Meeting-
New Berlin**
- **June 2-American Cancer
Society Survival Dinner**
- **June 5-7-Directory
Photos**

Off the Shelf

Where Roots Grow Deep: Stories of Family, Love & Legacy

Award-winning writer Bob Welch offers powerful, touching true stories written with humor and rich insight that highlight the joy of creating a legacy of love for your family and the generations to come. (Amazon rating of 5 out of 5)

Daughters of Eve: Strength for Today..... Women of Yesterday

Memorable visits with 25 women portrayed by God for our enlightenment and encouragement. Today no topic is more relevant than the role of women: their needs, abilities, privileges, responsibilities, and possibilities. (Amazon rating of 4.5 out of 5)

Our Daily Bread For Kids: 365 Meaningful Moments With God

If you're looking for ways to help your child or grandchild learn and grow spiritually without being too preachy, too boring, or too demanding, look no further. Inside this devotional you'll find the life-changing wisdom of the Bible expressed in a kid-friendly format paired with fun illustrations. This book and all devotional books can be checked for the year. (Amazon rating of 4.9 out of 5)

These books may be found on the New Book Rack in the Library. .

Jim Filler

On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team



Up Front Cont.

...She has been missed in the kitchen since September of last year and we will continue to miss her going forward. Please join me in giving thanks to Jan for all the ways she has nourished, encouraged and sustained us over the last 13 years as our Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator. You might even want to drop her a note and tell her what your favorite meal item was.

Additionally I give my thanks to those who have stepped in and provided for Wednesday night meals for the 2016-2017 season. We would not have had meals except for the significant efforts of several people who offered many hours most and in some cases every week, of the past months. In particular I give my thanks to Larry Aldag, Debbie Maxwell, Jim Newbanks, Gene Sherrow, Sharon Smith, Jim and Donna Stoellis, Joleen Welch. There were others who have helped out on many occasions. Thank you for all the meals you planned, shopping you did, foods you prepared, salads you assembled, tables you set, dishes you washed and the cheerful way you did it all. It has brought me great joy to watch you sharing and using your gifts to feed the hungry and provide opportunities for the church family to break bread together around a table.

As a way of saying thank you to our volunteers, we invite you to help us give them a break. May 24 will be the last Wednesday night dinner of the season. We would like to make it a potluck. We will provide the meat and beverages, but invite you to fill in the rest of it by bringing side dishes and desserts. If you would like to come, but bringing a dish is difficult, let us know, bring a donation and we will make sure there is plenty of food to eat.

With great thanks, *Mary Ellen*

Happy Mother's Day!

I did my spring house cleaning last month. This month, I am spring cleaning my marriage with these tips from the Gottmann Institute.

1. Update your love maps – clean and reorganize the knowledge you have of your partner and build greater intimacy in your marriage
2. Share a six-second kiss – this will help you feel more connected to your partner and works as an oasis from the chaos of daily life
3. Retell your Story of Us – looking back on your Story of Us will give you renewed excitement for your future
4. Create rituals of connection – rituals ensure that you take time for emotional connection
5. Nurture appreciation – research shows that happy couples maintain a 5:1 ratio of positivity to negativity

Click [here](#) to read more on the subject.

Blessings,

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

05/01	Gideon Smith	05/04	Jerry & Sheila Fite
05/04	Maybelle Hall	05/06	Dave & Theresa Law
05/08	Judi Haber	05/12	Reg & Judi Mills
05/08	Ray Reynolds	05/20	Dave & Lin Glomski
05/09	Nora Ficke	05/21	Jason & Rachel Crain
05/16	Dallas Tankersley	05/22	Josh & Emily Sabo
05/18	Jenny Baur	05/28	Tony & Nancy Crain
05/18	Lisa Morrow	05/29	Gregg & Paula Harwood
05/18	Glen Smith	05/31	Tom & Irene Peters
05/22	Greg Seifert		
05/24	Mary Coleman		
05/27	Alexus Berry		
05/27	John Black		
05/29	Jennie Alt		
05/31	Dixie Dalbey		
05/31	Suzanne Stericker		

Our Condolences

Our hearts and prayers go out to the following families who lost loved ones during the month of December and January. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers following this difficult time.

- Nancy Wilkinson with the death of her husband, Rich
- The friends and family of Louise Eaten.

But we do not want you to be uninformed about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as others do who have no hope.

1st Thessalonians 4:13

Inside CBC

Undie Sunday

It seems fitting that Undie Sunday should occur on Mother's Day as it does again this year. Each year our church has supported The James Project/ Closet 127 which supports foster care families.

Closet 127 is a place where social workers in Sangamon County can go to get clothing and supplies for children who are placed in foster care.

This is usually an emergency situation and these children most often come only with the clothes or pajamas that they are wearing. Because the James Project is a Christian organization they get no federal or state support and rely on grants and donations. So on Mother's Day this year, as we have in the past, we are asking you to donation new children's underwear--any size, boy or girl, undies, socks, etc. to support this project. There will be a box in the Serve the World center to accept your generous donations.

Save the Date

Coming soon! A new church directory. This will be a great tool for helping put names to faces and connecting our families to one another. We have invited Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to photograph you on June 5, 6, and 7. Watch for more information on scheduling for your appointment. We look forward to see all of you in our new directory!

Higher Education Scholarships

Over the years generous people have contributed to the higher education investment fund. Interest from those investments is then distributed to those who apply for a scholarship as they pursue a higher education degree. Additionally gifts are made by individuals or groups to provide additional resources or fund a scholarship for a specific area of study.

If you are an active member of the church, we invite you to apply for a Higher Education Scholarship. Forms are available in the Welcome Center or you may contact mary@cbcchurchfamily.org for an electronic copy. Completed forms are due no later than June 1, 2016 and should be returned to the church office. Due to a number of years of low returns on investments, our funds are more limited this year.

Kumler Food Pantry

The weather is turning warmer but there are still many people in our city who fall between the cracks and rely on the food pantries to help feed their families. For the month of May we are asking that you pick up an extra can of soup, chili, or stew when you do your grocery shopping and bring it to the Serve the World Center and it will be taken to the Kumler Food Pantry. Each and every item donated helps someone in our city.

Remember too, all nonperishable food is welcome.

Are you wondering if your relationship might need a tune up? Take the [Relationship Maintenance Survey](#) to find out. For monthly couples, individual, and family tips, please sign up for our [e-newsletter](#). For daily relationship tips, follow us on [facebook](#). For more information about any ConnectEdPAIRS service, please visit our website at www.connectedpairs.com, stop by, call, or email me in the counseling office. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Prayer Request

On Good Friday Paul Rollet, one of our missionaries to the Philippines, fell 10 feet and then tumbled down 20 more feet down a rocky cliff.

Paul has a fractured ankle, sore hip, many cuts and bruises and is in a lot of pain. God miraculously protected him from any head injuries. We believe he has been transferred to a hospital in Manila in order to better evaluate and care for his injuries.

His mother, Laura Rollet, arrived in Manila yesterday to be with him.

Please keep Paul and his family in your prayers.

Kallen Watson, Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 13 and sophomore at NBHS, will be providing a gravel patio and brick fire pit for Central Baptist Church, New Berlin campus. The fire pit and patio will be made available to the church family, New Berlin Youth Group, scout groups, and the community (contact church for use). This project is his Eagle Scout project and expected to be completed this spring. Donations will be accepted through the church and can be sent to Central Baptist Church 501 S. 4th St. Springfield, IL 62701. Please write "Eagle Project" as the purpose for the funds. Any and all donations are appreciated, and any funds received in excess of the project cost will be donated to the youth for future projects and programs.

Looking for a fun opportunity to spend some time outside and get to know some great people? Come join the group of people that gathers at the Community Garden at 3rd and Canedy each Monday evening at 5 PM!

Each year at the garden, people from the church's neighborhood and from throughout the community come together to care for the garden. Usually there are a bunch of kids helping, searching for worms, and making the experience even more fun. All that is produced is shared among those that come and work the garden, non-profits in the community, and anyone else who visits and would enjoy some. If you have any questions, let Josh know.

Please help **Reg and Judi Mills** celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** by showering them with cards & well wishes. Cards and well wishes may be sent to their home at **7812 Hunt Rd., Springfield, IL 62712**. Their Anniversary is **May 12th**. This is NOT a surprise.

Each Wednesday Night that we meet for dinner, meals are provided to the Contact Ministries Transitional Shelter, a shelter that helps women with children develop needed skills to thrive on their own and escape the cycle of homelessness. When a month has five Wednesdays, on the fifth Wednesday, additional meals are prepared for the adult men and women's shelter, Helping Hands.

When we do not have a Wednesday Night Dinner, meals still need to be provided to the shelters. We will not be serving Wednesday night meals during the months of June, July and August and need your help for those Wednesday nights. Will you, your family, your Sunday School class, or small group help feed the hungry?

If you would like to help but find yourself financially challenged at this time, the benevolence budget has sufficient financial resources for this ministry. Your family or group can be reimbursed if you could prepare and deliver the meals to the shelter.

What's Happening

Monthly

AB Men's Breakfast

1st & 3rd Saturday; 8 am; (Merriam Hall)

Hegarty Circle

2nd Monday; 9:30 am; (Weber Lounge)

Beth Long Circle (New Berlin)

3rd Thursday evening; various locations

Newsletter

All submissions must be made by the 15th of every month

Girl Scouts

1st & 3rd Tuesday; 6 pm; (New Berlin)

Weekly

SUNDAY

9:15a Sunday School (Downtown)

10:15a Fellowship Time (Downtown)

10:45a Worship Service (Downtown)

9:30a Worship Service (New Berlin)

10:30a Sunday School (New Berlin)

6:00p Youth (New Berlin)

Meet bi-weekly

TUESDAY

3:00p Compass

WEDNESDAY

4:45p Wednesday Night Dinner

6:45p Choir Practice

THURSDAY

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal

May 2-Men's Softball

8:30pm-UIS

May 8-Finance/LCT

5:30/6:30pm-Webber Lounge

May 9-Men's Softball

8:30pm-UIS

May 14-Mothers Day

May 14-Undie Sunday

Sunday Morning

May 16-Men's Softball

7:30pm-UIS

May 21-Children's Service

10:45am-Sanctuary

May 23-Men's Softball

6:30pm-UIS

May 29-Memorial Day

May 30-Men's Softball

7:30pm-UIS

June 5-7-Directory Photos

By appointment-downtown

Visitor's Info and FAQ

We are one church in **two locations**, with campuses in Springfield and New Berlin, IL. Together, we are a church family loving God, loving people, and serving the world in Jesus' name. All are welcome to worship with us. We gather each Sunday to love God in worship at our Springfield Campus (located at 501 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL) at 10:45am and at our New Berlin Campus (located at 600 W Birch Street, New Berlin, IL) at 9:30am. When you visit our church you are our guest. Our members and regular worshipers participate in a financial offering during the worship services, but this is not expected of our guests.

Our desire is to be a church that helps people know and experience God in a meaningful way. If there is anything that we can do to help you on your life and faith journey, please let us know.



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