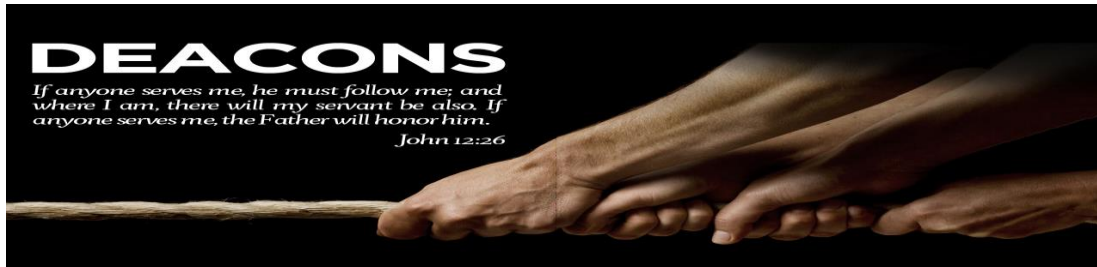


CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

"No matter who you are or where you've been, you are welcome here!"



STONE SOUP

There was a great famine and the people in one small village didn't have enough to eat. They were afraid their families would go hungry so they hid their food from their friends and neighbors. One day a soldier came into the village. He asked the people he met about a place to eat and sleep for the night.

"There's not a bite to eat in the whole village," they told him. "You better keep moving on." He replied, "Oh I have everything I need, in fact, I would like to make some stone soup to share with all of you." He took a big cooking pot from his wagon, filled it with water, built a fire under it, and as the villagers watched, he put a stone into the water.

Most of the villagers surrounded the soldier and his cooking pot. The soldier sniffed the stone soup and licked his lips, then said, "Ahh, I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage is even better." One villager said, "I have a cabbage from my garden." He ran and got it. The soldier thanked him, cut up the cabbage and added it to the pot. Then he said, "Stone soup with cabbage and a bit of beef is delicious." The butcher said he could find some beef scraps. Other villagers offered bits of vegetables like potatoes, onions, carrots, and celery. Soon the pot was bubbling and steaming. When the soup was ready, everyone in the village ate a bowl of soup, and it was delicious.

Later, the villagers offered the soldier a cot to sleep on that night. The next day he traveled on his way.

The moral of the story is, by working together, with everyone contributing what they can a greater good is achieved.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: God has a plan for each of us and each gift He has given us. We need to trust Him, just take that first step into His church. Bring that gift, your talent and share it with everyone else. Then God can make the best soup you've ever tasted, and it all started with a stone, Jesus.

Community Breakfast



**JUNE 21st is the date
for our next free
community breakfast.**

**Prep is at 7:30
Serving at 9:00
COME JOIN US!**



RECEIVED FROM THE WESTFIELD SOUP KITCHEN

Your \$1400 donation to the Westfield Soup Kitchen truly makes an impact.

"Hunger is something no one should struggle with – or be judged for."

Your contribution will assist us in providing meals six times per week for the hungry and food insecure in the greater Westfield area.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely

The Westfield Soup Kitchen BOD and Clients



June 8th is Children's Sunday

Let's celebrate the end of another Sunday School year. In church we will recognize teachers, Sunday School students, graduates and scholarship recipients.



June 1st Rev. Tom Rice

June 8th Niyi Soyele
Pentecost (wear red to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit)
Children's Sunday

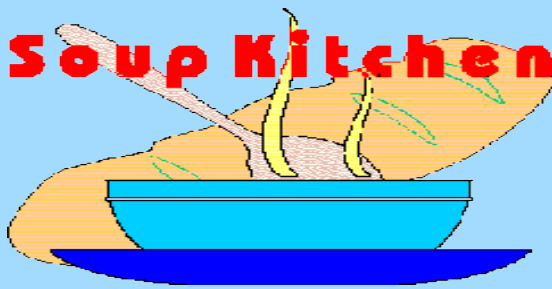
June 15th Rev. Luke Callender

June 22nd Jesse Danner
Grace Harbor Church

June 29th TBD



Soup Kitchen



Upcoming Dates

**July 30th
&
October 29th
2 p.m.
Looking for volunteers
Help us cook and serve
a meal**



Vacation Bible School Update

We regret to share that our July VBS has been cancelled due to low enrollment. While this is disappointing, we are hopeful and prayerful that we can try again next year. We thank you for your understanding.



2 Jaiden Ellinger, Heather Dexheimer
4 Bill Kedzierski
8 Vincent Placzek
16 Emily Ingraham
18 Hannah Placzek
20 Nathan Lent
22 Brian Rucki, Doyin Soyele
23 Sue Ellinger, Courtney Tesini
25 Robert Czarnecki
26 Norah Burgess, Dave Ritchie
27 Lilly Thieme
28 Jeannette Balboni, Amanda Wetherell
And Anniversaries!
11 Adrian & Kathy Larue
18 Tim & Joyce Bates
29 Matt & Jean Goodreau



Mortgage Payoff Goal – Let's Finish Strong!

We're excited to share that we've have made great progress toward our goal of paying off the church mortgage by October! Thanks to your generosity and God's provision, we've already put over \$7,000 toward the principal.

As of now, our remaining balance is \$22,891.52.

Let's continue working together to reach this milestone! Every gift-big or small- brings us one step closer to being debt-free and able to invest even more in ministry, outreach and our community.

Please consider giving toward the mortgage fund and help us cross the finish line.