

## **Hospitality Sunday**

May the 31<sup>st</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of May. Ordinarily, the church observes 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays as Singing Sundays during the worship service. This 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will have a different format – learning how to be more hospitable to our guests. Pastor Won, with the help from the Witness Team, will lead in actual practice of how to be more hospitable.

The idea behind this Hospitality Sunday is this; every Centralite is a host or hostess. We will learn how to be hosts and hostesses to our guest(s). This Sunday theme is, Parking Lot to Home.

## **Special Socialite**



Our first entire-Band meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM with the covered-dish event (much like Socialite). At this meeting a special speaker, Muffie Newell, will present a workshop on how to care for each member of Central UMC. Muffie tells us she is a cradle Episcopalian and works at our neighboring church, Trinity Episcopal Church as the congregational care staff.

This night, all Band groups will gather for this workshop and sit together with your Band members to learn about caring for each other.

I hope every member of a Band will make a great effort to come. It will be a time well spent in fellowship, learning, and getting to know each other in your Band.

## **Centralites' Bands**

One of the reasons for coming to church is to be with others. I have mentioned this in previous newsletters. We gather in various-sized groups – Bands, Classes, and Societies to meet different needs. For instance, Bands are for personal relationships, Classes, as the name indicates, are to study and learn, and Societies work together in large numbers to accomplish greater things that one individual is able to do. The other main activity is to come together to worship our risen Lord.

Central UMC now has four numbers of Bands and a couple more in formation.

Here are the names of Centralites:

Band #1: Sybille Jobin, Audrey Bocock, Evelyn Butler, Janet Nuckoles, Suzanne Peeler, Patti Mills, Emily Morgan, Susan Obaugh

Band #2: Lauren & Mark Marshall, Judi & Ron Jones, Martha & Bill Bushman, Tom & Constance Mitchell, Beth & Eugene Blackmer, Billy & Mary Ann Shoemaker, Susan Sutton, Kay Linanne, Caitlin Showmaker

Band #3: Mary Douglas, JoAnn & Benham Black, Luz & Diony DaTablan, Bob Hanson, Vince Ennis, Patrick Harrison, Joe & Lynn Hill, Beverly Coltrane, Amelia Coltraine

Band #4: Kim Mitchell, Anita Jackson, Barbara Snyder, Bobbie Rosson, Cheryl Kent, Eleanor Andrew, Deborah Reed, Donna Rafari, Donna Huff, Susan Black

In the making:

Band #5: Jennifer & Andrew Reed, Suzanne & Andrew Noto,  
Lauren & David Granfield, Leigh Ann & Andrew Carter, Rebecca  
Reed

Band #6: Madalyn Marshall, Brandon Barrios, Evelyn Marshall,  
Rebecca Hodder, Virginia True

Bands are not a fixed list. My prayer is that the Bands be fluid and porous where new member can join and unjoin to join another Band. My hope is for each member of Central UMC will be part of a Band of your choice.

Here are the reasons why:

1. No Centralite should be alone or feel alone in any circumstances – joy or sorrow.
2. Each of us has friends in the church and we will do anything for that friend(s). The formation of Bands enhances this tie five-fold.
3. What is the function of Band? It is a caring group. Is there anything else? Yes. It is a caring group. No, really, is there anything else? Okay, it is a prayer and support group in all things in the life of Central UMC.
4. So what does the Band look like? It looks exactly like what your Band decided to look like. If your Band decided to be a prayer and study group then it is a prayer and study group. If your Band decided to be a social and caring group then it is a social and caring group.
5. How often should you meet? Again, it will be entirely up to the Band.
6. Each Band group will elect a coordinator to represent the group.
7. The pastor will meet with each Band after June 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Socialite to discuss the characteristics of each Band.