



**ENGLEWOOD
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Spring Worship Series Women of the Bible

We will be looking at the stories of women such as . . .

• Ruth & Naomi • Michal • Deborah • Mary & Martha •

May Ministry Project

We are collecting paper products such as cups, plates, napkins, and paper towels for the Champions Club summer program. We are also collecting snack items such as chips, pretzels, cheese crackers, etc.

May Potluck Wednesday, May 6 6:00 p.m.

Representatives from North Kansas City School District and Harvesters will be our speakers.

Parent/Child Dedication Sunday, May 10 at 10:45 a.m.

Contact the church office if you would like to participate in the dedication.

Joyful Noise Community Choir Sunday, June 7

The Joyful Noise Community Choir will lead us in worship on Sunday, June 7. After the service, we will have a cookout with music, fellowship, fun, and games.

Church-wide Intergenerational Kansas City Mission Trip July 9-12

In the past Englewood has given great support to mission teams that go to serve God in other places around our country. This year we are focusing our efforts right here in the Northland. This will help us grow our missional partnerships and community involvement, and give every Englewooder an opportunity to serve. There will be something for everyone regardless of age or ability – yard work, sorting cans at Harvesters, working at a thrift store, volunteering at the Metro North Recycling Center, sewing, baking – there is something for YOU! More details will be coming soon.

Heifer International

The Children's SCE classes collected \$54 for Heifer International during Lent. Thanks to each one that put money in the heifer "piggy" bank.

Kansas City AIDS Walk a Great Success!

Team Englewood raised \$1,348.35. Thank you for your generous support. Over 3,500 walkers, sponsors, and donors raised over \$400,000. The money raised will go to benefit local AIDS service organizations in the following ways:

- **Good Samaritan Project:** Funds enable the Goods Samaritan Project to continue to provide a diverse array of services including case management, mental health counseling, transportation, emergency assistance and prevention/education programs for those most at-risk.
- **Hope Care Center:** Funds allow the Hope Care Center, a skilled nursing care unit, to offer long-term nursing care for those challenged by HIV/AIDS.
- **Kansas City Free Health Clinic:** Funds help the Kansas City Free Health Clinic to provide primary medical care, case management, behavioral health counseling and HIV testing and prevention in both English and Spanish.
- **SAVE, Inc.:** Funds enable SAVE, Inc. to give daily shelter and to provide affordable long term apartments to otherwise homeless families and individuals affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Englewooders wrote twenty-two letters during Coffee Talk on April 19 urging Congress to reform U. S. foreign assistance to make it more effective in reducing hunger and poverty. This reform seeks to:

- 1) Elevate global development as a priority of U.S. foreign assistance, alongside defense and diplomacy—*thus restoring our nation's role in the world and strengthening national security.*
- 2) Eliminate inefficiency and redundancy, saving time and money—*so that, even in this time of financial constraint, more aid could reach people more quickly.*
- 3) Provide opportunities for countries and communities to participate in the planning and implementation of the aid they receive—*ensuring that our nation's assistance goes to people who need it the most for measures that will help them climb out of poverty.*
- 4) Align our nation's policies for trade, migration, energy, and the environment so those policies better support global development—*thereby encouraging agricultural development and economic growth that help sustain our natural environment.*

By reforming foreign aid, we can support the efforts of people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America—enabling them to lift themselves out of poverty and grow enough food to feed their families.

Thank You

Dear Friends of Central:

As we near graduation, I want to thank you for helping each of our graduates complete their ministry preparation. At commencement on May 16th (which I trust will be a bright May morning!), they will celebrate not only the faithful support of their families, but of the larger Central family that has sustained their efforts. It is because of **your** gifts that each has received approximately \$12,000 per year in scholarship, greatly reducing what they must pay. It is thus possible for them to move into positions of ministry without carrying excessive educational debt.

Nearly all of our graduates already have places of ministry that have claimed their hearts. They are pastors, chaplains, youth ministers, Christian educators, and leaders in varied social agencies. They will depart to transform churches and communities as “stewards of the mysteries of grace” with which they have been entrusted at Central.

We are grateful for your generous annual contribution of \$600 to Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Thank you for sharing in our mission of forming women and men as leaders for the church of Jesus Christ. They were sent to us by calling churches; with confidence we return them more fully equipped for Christian ministry.

~ Molly Marshall, President