

## ‘Funding Central’ Spring 2010 Stewardship Opportunities that support the Ministries at Central

### Scrip

Now more than ever we need to find ways to creatively support the church budget. The church buys gift cards at a discount, and resells them at face value, earning from 2 – 50%. Shopping with Scrip helps you stick to your budget, while helping the church.

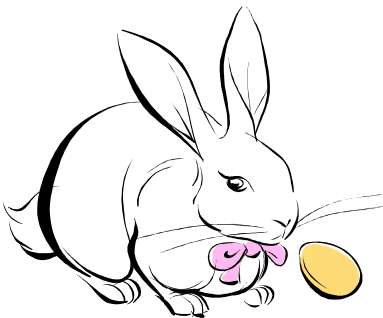
**EXTRA Earning Opportunities:** American Eagle (extra 1%), Casual Male XL (extra 1%), Catherine’s, Fashion Bug, Lane Bryant, Petite Sophisticate (extra 2%), iTunes (extra 3%), Red Robin (extra 2%), Ruth’s Chris Steak House (extra 1%), Shell Gas (extra 1%).

**New Retailers:** Bordine Nursery (15%), Journeys (10%) \$25, Restaurant.com (50%)

### Kroger - It’s Annual Re-enrollment Time!

Kroger gives up to 5% of your grocery bill to our church. **Our Quarterly earnings: \$438.98!** Kroger requires us to re-enroll each year. April 1 begins the new year, and you must enroll online to participate. All participants must sign up for the program in order to earn funds for your group during 2010, even if you just enrolled in March. Sorry for the red-tape, but the \$2,000 annual earnings are worth it!

Go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com) , click on “Michigan” and click on “Enroll” or “Re-enroll” All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. **Organization members can no longer scan their group’s barcode at the registers or service desk.**



#### Step by step instructions:

Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

1. Click Michigan
2. Click “**Re-enroll**” if you were registered in the program last year.
3. Put in your e-mail
4. Put in your password - (If you forgot the password you set up go thru the “*Forgot you password*”)
5. Find us by typing in Central’s account number - 85035
6. Click the “**Select Your Organization**”
7. Click the “**Save Changes**”

If you have never been a part of Kroger Community Rewards.com, Kroger.com or registered with the scan bar method last year, follow the registration directions online.

**HOT SCRIP TIP!** Use a Visa Rewards card (2%) or American Express gift card (1.25%) to pay for your groceries (use Amex at Costco!). If you spend \$100 a week, you would give Central an extra \$104 a year. This is above the amount we earn through Kroger rewards.

### V.G.’s and Meijer:

Save your V.G.’s receipts – we earn 1% of your purchase total. Diana Carter just submitted a check for **\$239.41!** Meijer credit card purchases earn 1%; cash or debit card and a Meijer 1 courtesy card earn .5%. Stop by the Scrip table for your courtesy card application.

## Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

Fair Trade coffee purchases benefit small-scale coffee farmers, UMCOR, and earn profits for Central. We earn ~\$1 per bag. **Coffee, tea and chocolate sales totaled over \$2,200 in 2009!**



*Now You're Cookin' with Sustainability Smoothies!*

### Chocolate-Chai Smoothie

Blend together:

3 Tbsp. Equal Exchange Organic Drinking Chocolate mixed into 1 C. hot milk  
3 pyramid bags of Equal Exchange Organic Ceylon Chai Tea brewed with ½ C. boiling water  
1 C. vanilla ice cream

## Shiela B's Gourmet Caramel Corn

Shiela Strang sells her gourmet caramel corn to us at a wholesale price, so profits benefit the church. We order from Shiela, just like we do from Equal Exchange for our coffee, thus supporting a local Michigan small business!

## Paper Recycling – Double Earnings in April!

Time for spring cleaning – we'll be paid **double** in April for Earth Day! Bring in your magazines, newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, school and office work in the Paper Retriever Recycling bin.

**Water Cooler Chat:** We are ranked 143 of 892 collection bins in Michigan. Nationally, we're among the top 8% – a great testament to our commitment to stewardship!

## New! Royal Oak Recycling!

Now you have expanded opportunities to recycle and earn 'green' for Central. Take your phonebooks, plastics #1-7, tin cans, scrap metal, cardboard, paperboard, old electronics and hard cover books to Royal Oak Recycling, and they pay us monthly. Please sort by group, and tell them your donation is for our church. Two drop-off locations: 10332 Highland Rd in White Lake or 414 E. Hudson in Royal Oak. See flyer for more information. We will continue to have a paper recycling bin available in our parking lot for paper drop-offs.



## GoodSearch.com Gives Away \$5,000 – Three Days Only!

GoodSearch will donate a \$1 for every toolbar that is downloaded between April 6th at 9am and April 9th at 9am - up to \$5,000!! Please mark April 6 (9 a.m.) on your calendar so that we can earn the \$1 bonus per toolbar, and pass this along to all of your friends. The two minutes it takes to add this toolbar to your browser can make a difference for our church!



The toolbar is free to download and allows you to raise money for our cause every time you search or shop online! Once added to IE or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1,300 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!) a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to Central - at no cost to you (and you may even save money as the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well!). The toolbar also has a search box and each time you search the Internet, about a penny is donated to our church.