



'Funding Central' Holiday 2011

Stewardship Opportunities that Support the Ministries at Central

Scrip News:

Central buys gift cards (Scrip) at a discount and resells them at face value for **instant profit – up to 50%! Use Scrip to pay for dining, gas, groceries, clothing, textbooks, lodging, and gift giving. Pay your credit card bill with Scrip at Kohl's register or service desk (4%).**

Buy Scrip after services on Sunday, during church office hours, and at Central Café on Thursday nights. Look for the "@" symbol on the order form to see which Scrip is in stock "at" Central. Orders placed on Sundays are available the following Sunday.

All funds raised support the general budget of the church. **Earnings in 2011: \$3,133.29**

Scrip Goes Green – Some Cards are Reloadable

Visit ShopwithScrip.com, create an account, designate our church as the group you wish to benefit (group code: **D4633CL38L76**) and place your order to reload your card. Create a PrestoPay account and make your payment. Your card will be reloaded by the next business day! The following cards can be reloaded, still earning us a profit:

- 76 Gas, AMC Theatres, Banana Republic, Bath & Body Works, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, CVS Pharmacy, Choice Hotels, Domino's Pizza, Gap, Gymboree Store, Hyatt Hotels, JCPenney, JiffyLube, Lowe's, Mobil, Old Navy, Papa John's Pizza, Starbucks, Sunoco, and Whole Foods.

New Retailers:

- ***76 Gas** is available in a \$25 denomination, earning 1.5%
- ***American Express Cards** earn 1.25%, in \$25, \$100, and \$200 denominations.
- ***Buffalo Wild Wings** available in a \$25 denomination with 8% contribution.
- ***Groupon.com** earns 7% available in a \$25 denomination.
- ***Harry and David** is back, earning 10% in a \$25 denomination.
- ***Meijer!** Cards are available in \$25 and \$100 denominations earning 3%.
- ***SpaFinder** earns 13%, and is available in a \$25 denomination. Makes a great gift!
- ***Taco Bell** available in \$10 denomination, earning 5%.



EXTRA Earning Opportunities:

Bath and Body Works (18%), Boston Market (16%), Buca di Beppo (10%), Cabela's (13%), California Pizza Kitchen (6%), CVS Pharmacy (7%), Express/Structure (12%), JCPenney (7%), JiffyLube (11%), Journeys (12%), L.L.Bean (17%), Lands' End (18%), Outback Steakhouse (Bonfish Grill and Carrabba's) (10%), Red Robin (11%), Regis Salon (10%), Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (13%), Sears (Kmart) (7%), Shutterfly.com (14%), Uno (13%).

Kroger

Kroger donates up to 5% of your grocery bill to our church. **You must sign-up annually online.** If your account is current, it will state "Kroger Community Rewards ~ Central United Methodist Church" on the bottom of your receipt. Help by linking your Kroger Plus card to Central. Go to KrogerCommunityRewards.com and link to our group 83035.

Meijer

Meijer Scrip is now available earning 3%, in \$25 and \$100 denominations! Meijer credit card purchases earn 1%, and purchases with cash, scrip, or debit card earn an extra 0.5%. Courtesy card applications are available at the Scrip table.



V.G.'s Community Shares

You need a VG's Yes Rewards card to earn Community Share Points for Central. Sign up at a VG's store or go online to myyesrewards.com. When you use your card you receive in-house savings, and Community Share Points.

Turn in only the bottom portion of the receipt which shows the Community Share Points. **Any receipts you have received prior to the Yes Rewards program, are still valid.** Turn them in to the church office or to the Scrip table. Central earns 1% of your V.G.'s purchase total. **TIP! Use V.G.'s Scrip and give Central 2% of your grocery bill – turn in your receipt and we earn another 1%!**

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate



Our Fair Trade sales have helped small-scale farmers, UMCOR, and earned profits for Central. Visit our Fair Trade shop for same day purchases of coffee, tea, and chocolate. New teas are now in stock, as well as nut-free dark chocolate. **Fair Trade gifts are available for the Christmas season.** Fair trade scarves, wrapping paper, gift baskets, and more at the Scrip table this season.

Shiela B's Sweets

Shiela Strang has established her 'Shiela B's Sweets' business, selling her signature caramel corn, cookies, and candy at gourmet shops, and local markets. She is selling her gourmet caramel corn to us at a wholesale price, so you can buy it at a regular price, with profits going to our church. We order from Shiela, just like we do from Equal Exchange for our coffee, which supports a local Michigan small business!

GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com

Make your holiday online purchases beginning at GoodShop.com, and Central receives a percentage of your purchase. **Attention Amazon shoppers – link to Amazon through GoodShop.com and earn 4% from purchasing Scrip and a 1.5% rebate from GoodShop.com!** Use GoodSearch.com for your internet searches, earning \$0.13 per search.

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.



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