

A Message From Merlyn

Aren't you excited about life here at Central Christian? Summer has arrived (where did Spring go?) and we've just celebrated Mother's Day. This means we can dig in and sow those seeds and seedlings we hold off planting until after Mother's Day. Then we can wait for the glorious results.

Our Mother's Day worship service was a true celebration of all that we cherish. We had glowing mothers, new music by daughters celebrating their gifts and their mother, and plenty of people filling our pews. Let's keep the spirit of gratitude and joy alive.

Central Christian is ready to plant the seeds of new ideas. Details of our Sunday Worship service are being re-worked to reflect our true spirit. A second service has been carefully and prayerfully planned and will begin this Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. We call it our *Prayer and Praise* service which will be casual and shorter (planned for 45 minutes). We will have time for silent contemplation, praise music, scripture reading, and communion. Bring your friends and spend some time with God during the week in the midst of your busyness.

Our community breakfast and lunch continue to be appreciated by all who come. We continue to find ways to be involved in social justice issues that affect the well-being of Marion residents. We are currently researching the availability of adequate dental care for those in our community who lack dental insurance.

Soon to come are Free Sewing Classes for the young ladies in Marion who will be out of school and may want to sew their own light and easy summer wardrobes.

Also coming in the next few months will be Spiritual Direction for those who seek it. Learn to spend intentional time alone with God and examine your response.

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday the 27th. Don't forget to wear your red colors. We will celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the ability of those present to understand each other despite their language differences. A Pentecost Special Offering will be taken on Sunday the 20th and 27th. For the past 12 months this offering has been used to plant new churches. Please be generous in your contribution to this effort which takes much hard work and sacrifice.

We are truly blessed!
Serving you faithfully,
Merlyn

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN JUNE

ELDERS:	June	3	Ken Mishler		Dorothy Kay
		10	Janice Middaugh		Ken Mishler
		17	Sheryl Reeve		Janice Middaugh
		24	Scott Braumiller	Sheryl Reeve	

DEACONS: Lisa Camm

Don Ryan
Cheryl Obenour
Aaron Reeve

Eve Reiff

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN JULY

ELDERS:	July	1	Bernow/Krider					Scott Braumiller
		8	Tami Bloomfield					Bernow/Krider
		15	Dorothy Kay	Tami Bloomfield	22	Ken Mishler		Dorothy Kay
		29	Janice Middaugh	Ken Mishler				
DEACONS:	Dick Barnhart							Jacob Reynolds
	Pat Mishler					Vern Sizemore		Mary Brady
	Carolyn Owen							Gen

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN AUGUST

ELDERS:	Aug.	5	Sheryl Reeve					Janice Middaugh
		12	Scott Braumiller					Sheryl Reeve
		19	Bernow/Krider					Scott Braumiller
		26	Tami Bloomfield	Bernow/Krider				
DEACONS:	Carolyn Files			Craig Schertzer				
	Tom Files			Jody Schertzer				
	Peggy Large			Pat Schertzer				
	Brenda Reish			Kathie Sizemore				

JUNE 3, 2012 - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

VALET PARKING - offered by Kathie Sizemore at 8:30 a.m.

COFFEE HOUR starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the first and second Sunday of June. A free community lunch is offered at noon on the third Sunday of the month. At 8:00 a.m. a community breakfast along with a sack lunch is offered the last Sunday of the month. Children's talk is during the 9:30 a.m. worship. Graduates will be recognized.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL classes begins today and continues through August 26th. During the summer months, there will be no Sunday School classes for school age children. Adult classes set their own schedules.

FOOD PANTRY - offers a chance for you to help feed the area's hungry. Please bring food staples to help us continue our support of this community-at-large ministry.

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**BAPTIZED THIS MORNING** are brother and sister, Clayton and Alyson Baughman.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF 2012**

The graduates will be honored at worship service on June 3. Central Christian is proud of them and send all best wishes to them and their families.

**Aaron Reeve** is the son of Joel and Sheryl Reeve and the grandson of Hal and Millie Zug. He will graduate from Pleasant High School on Sunday, June 3. He plans to attend Hiram College and is undecided as to a major.

**Paxton Wenger** is the daughter of Jean Frye and Matt Wenger and the granddaughter of Dorothy Frye and John Frye. She will graduate on Sunday, May 27. She plans to attend Otterbein University pursuing a career in nursing.

**Volunteers Needed!**

We need people to staff the **Neighborhood Roundup** event on June 9. Everything from grill cooks to greeters. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Service Station table in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, June 3. This will give the committee time to print your name badge.

**Neighborhood Roundup**

Please keep the insert in this Gazette handy. Use it as a reference while inviting your neighbors to the Roundup being held at the Church on Saturday, June 9.

**Coffee Hour**

The summer months are fast approaching and COFFEE HOUR is scheduled only through the second week in June. If there is an interest in having it continue through the summer, we will need volunteers to host coffee hour for those weeks. Bills can be submitted to cover the cost. Please contact Gen Seckel to volunteer at 740-387-3895.

**Send Envelopes as well as Cards.**

This is vacation time and some will be out of town on weekends. Have a good time but please remember Central Christian. Appreciate the cards from the beach but love the envelopes with your donation! The bills keep coming in even while you are away.

**Disciples Fellowship Retreat**

Friday, August 31; Camp Christian

For more details and to register go to [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)

**Budgets Due for 2013 Activities**

The budget due date has been changed from August 31 to September 30. This will give the new church officers the opportunity to participate in budgeting process for the coming year.

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|                     |           | <b><u>April Utility Costs</u></b> |       |
| Columbia Gas        | \$        | 301.12                            |       |
| Ohio Edison         | \$        | 251.94                            |       |
| Ohio American Water | \$        | 112.05                            |       |
| Phone/Internet      | \$        | 185.12                            |       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>850.93</u></b>              |       |

**WE CONGRATULATE...**



**Shannon (Middaugh) and Josh Davis**  
on the May 10, 2012 birth of their son  
**Jaxon Franklin**  
Best wishes to Big Sister  
**Laney**  
Proud grandparents are:  
**Frank and Janice Middaugh**

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Thanks To . . .

- **Libby Davis, Dorothy Frye, Patsy Krider, Eve Reiff,** and **Diane Tidd** for helping in the church office.
- **Ted and Marlene Temple** for all the work they are doing in the yard as well as the weekly mowers **Frank Middaugh, Ken Mishler** and **Bob Lusch.**
- **Eva Reiff** for donating, planting and maintaining the red geraniums in front of the church.

Thank You Notes . . .

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and greeting cards for Ernie's sister. We know how much she appreciated your concern and love expressed. Helen (Sue) Hoover passed away Wednesday, April 25, after a valiant fight with cancer.

Sincerely, **Donna & Ernie Humbert**

To all of those who signed my card. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Naomi Turner

Prayer Concerns

Members

Dorothy Besch
Clyde Cole
Bob Cook
Chuck Gruber

Roger & Esther Kingsley
Betty Leib
Gene & Charlotte Miller
Joel Reeve
Earl Smith
Barb West

Non-members

Brad Campbell (Miller)
Kenny & Ethel Ellinwood (Ratterman)
Susie Elliott (Reish)
Bob & Barb England (Lusch)
Lori Hudson (Hoover)
Megan McFadden (Gorenflo)
Debbie Melvin (Reish)
Theresa Moran (Brady)
Paul Pezley (Schertzer)
Marcia Riggelman (Davis)
Elaine Scarlett (Reeve)
Merle Smith (Lusch)
Sean Smith (Kay)
John & Lois Stine (Lusch)
Helen Swinehart (Frye)
Taylor Wilhite (Gilmore)

Military

Erin Kirk
Kevin Kirk
Jason Knotts
Sarah Sipe

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Melissa Morehart** (*Pastor Gale's daughter*), who died May 2, 2013.

**CCC CELEBRATES
JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Anniversary!

5 Dick & Sharon Barnhart
6 Joel & Sheryl Reeve
8 Mark & Kim Kingsley
14 Jeff & Polly Schmalz
18 Bob & Marilyn Dillon
21 Scott & Susan Braumiller
Roger & Esther Kingsley
25 Ed & Linda Newell
30 Tim & Jane Sharrock

Happy Birthday!

1 Tom Maurer
Sarah Beam
4 Carly Hodgins
Kim Deickert
12 Dick Barnhart
Gedy Bloomfield
Chris Braumiller
13 Sam Sandefur
Tammy Shirk
14 Jamie Hodgins

15 Cheryl Palm
16 Connor Ryan
17 Jacob Queen
19 Kayla Oberdier
21 Esther Kingsley
Guy Schertzer
23 Jane Acker
24 J J Shirk
25 Sharon Barnhart
Sylvia Crall
26 Dan Sharrock
28 Jean Obenour

**CCC CELEBRATES
JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Anniversary!

1 Tom & Carolyn Files
4 Jim & Jean Obenour
9 Brian & Allie Braumiller
15 Brian & Amy Wilhite
26 Hal & Millie Zug
29 Craig & Jody Schertzer
31 Jeremy & Shanda Hecker

Happy Birthday!

1 Jim Obenour
3 Bill Bowers
6 LuAnn Butler
Lindsey Cantrell
7 Ann McAllister
9 Macey Wilhite
10 Annelle Bushatz
11 Ann Borders
Betty Denney
13 Judy Obenour
Alisha Large

14 Kelsey Schwanz
15 Blake Volk
17 Hal Zug
24 Ben McAllister
25 Barbara Fairchild
Kaylee Bowers
26 Mindy Bloomfield
27 Haley Butler
30 Danielle Evans

If you have a June, July or August birthday or anniversary (or know of someone in the congregation who does) that is not listed in this Gazette, please notify the church office as soon as possible so our records can be updated. Thanks!

**CCC CELEBRATES
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Dustin & Kaylea Weller
- 12 Pat & Bill Schertzer
Guy & Brenda Schertzer
- 19 Ken & Sue Kofsky
- 31 Mike & Kathy Schertzer

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Ted Temple
- 2 Dora Hudson
- 4 Ed Newell
- 6 Melba Huddleston
- 8 Lexie Hecker
- 12 David Bernow
- 15 Tami Bloomfield
- 16 Mary Kirk
Paxton Wenger
Cade Wilhite

- 17 Don Creviston
Dick Reish
- 18 Jason James
Jessica Obenour
- 21 Rev. Merlyn Winters
- 23 Ridge Barkley
- 25 Paul Geissler
Paul Obenour
- 26 Bryce Volk
- 28 Callie Boblenz
- 31 Jayne Volk

the CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
WHO
DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

It isn't necessary to go to Ancestry.com to find the answer to this question. Just check out the books in our library section marked with a red chalice. There you will learn about our denomination's history, traditions, affirmations, sacraments, and everything you've ever wanted to know about who we are. Spend some time this summer reading about the five finger exercise, our founders: Barton Stone, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and Walter Scott, our colleges, our local story, Camp Christian, and why we are called "people of the book".

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE?

This will be the theme of our library bulletin board during the summer. Come in every Sunday and see pictures showing members of our church family as they serve in many ways. If you have pictures to share they will be welcome and of course your librarian will be around, with her almost antique camera, asking you to say "cheese" and smile.

THE CCC GRANDPARENT PHOTO BOOK is now available in the library. Relax in one of our glider chairs and enjoy.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER and READ! READ! READ!

Melba Huddlestun, CCC Librarian

TOGETHER WE PRAY: A Prayer Book For Families (J. Bradley Wigger)... The prayers in this book were inspired by Psalms in the Bible and include short, meaningful prayers for mealtime, Bedtime and devotional time of joy and care. They can be used individually or with all members of the family and many are easy for children to memorize such as this one inspired by Psalm 36:

*Bless the land,
And bless the bread.
May the whole wide world
Today be fed.*

NEARING HOME: Life, Faith, And Finishing Well (Billy Graham) This world-renowned author, preacher, and evangelist--now in his nineties--explores the challenges of aging while gleaning fundamental truths from Scripture. He invites us to journey with him as he considers the golden years. "When granted many years of life, growing old in age is natural, but growing old with grace is a choice," says the author.

A DAY WITH A PERFECT STRANGER (David Gregory)... Many of you have read *Dinner With a Perfect Stranger*, written by this author, and remember that Nick had dinner with Jesus at an Italian restaurant in Cincinnati. Now read about what happened to his wife, Mattie, on a flight to Tucson. Once you start reading you won't want to put the book down.

A NIGHT WITH A PERFECT STRANGER: The Conversation

That Changes Everything (David Gregory)...Yes, another in this fascinating series. Sometimes the end of the road is the beginning of the journey. Read more about Nick, Mattie, and The Perfect Stranger.

Summer Camp Deadlines *District 6 Camps*

Chi Rho Camp - Completed 6, 7, & 8th Grades
July 15 - 21 at Maumee
Applications are due into the church office no later than
June 25, 2012

CYF Conference - Completed 9, 10, 11, & 12th Grades
July 22 - 28 at Lakeside
Applications are due into the church office no later than
July 1, 2012

Advance Ministries Conference - For anyone ages 19 - 29
(at least one year out of high school)
August 12 - 19
Applications are due into the church office no later than
July 23, 2012

Applications are on the Service Station Table
in the Fellowship Hall.

For all Summer Camp and Conference forms and information, go to: <http://www.ccinoh.com/camp-christian/summer-programs.aspx>

