

From The Pastor

Life at Central Christian is good! We've had a flurry of activity in the last couple of weeks with more funerals than normal and more meals prepared and served than we usually do. We've wept and grieved with those suffering the loss of their loved ones. Yet, somehow, we all pulled together and made it through. As we rest for a few days, we thank God for having provided us with the energy and resources we needed. We receive these moments of peace as a blessing.

By the time you read this we will have become energized enough to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The season of Advent will be upon us and will give us a chance to re-examine our interior lives in preparation for Jesus Christ. Hopefully, we will all be cautious about becoming overwhelmed by the many stimuli of the holiday season, which can leave us feeling tired and empty. Think often of the true meaning of Christmas and invite Jesus Christ into your world in a new way. Then with a heart filled with new-found joy you will be able to wish others a Very Merry Christmas.

Remember the many people who need our help getting through the holidays. Keep them in your prayers daily. We still have at least one person a week knocking on our door, desperate for help.

This Christmas, let's truly celebrate by taking time to slow down and notice the way we spend our time and resources. Are we getting sufficient rest? Are we smiling as we work? Are we gracious and at peace with each other? It's easy to get lost in the activities surrounding Christmas. Yet we must center ourselves. I like to think that, as a community of believers, we are preparing ourselves to be that manger into which we welcome the newborn Christ.

May you experience the true joy and peace of the Christmas Season!

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN DECEMBER

ELDERS:	Dec.	2	Pam Denzer	Patsy Krider
		9	Pam Denzer	Dorothy Kay
		16	Sheryl Reeve	Dorothy Kay
		23	Dorothy Frye	Betty Jo Bernow
		24	Brenda Reish	Ken Mishler
		30	Patsy Krider	Dorothy Kay

DEACONS: Unavailable

Message For The Young At Heart: Dec. 2 Lisa Camm

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Chancel flowers during December:

Dec.	2	None Scheduled
	9	None Scheduled
	16	Christmas Poinsettias
	23	Christmas Poinsettias
	30	None Scheduled

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012

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

COFFEE HOUR starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the first, second, third and fourth Sunday of this month. A free community lunch is offered at 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of this month. At 8:00 a.m. a community breakfast is offered the last Sunday of this month. "Message for the Young At Heart" is during the 9:30 a.m. worship.

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.



Ruth Group

Thursday, December 6th; 1:30 p.m. in the Social Room
Study leader is Dorothy Frye; Hostess is Eve Reiff

CMF Breakfast

Saturday, December 15th; 7:30 a.m. at Marion Diner

Thursday Evening Sharing

Thursday Evening Sharing will start at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Bring your family and friends and share your concerns. We will pray for God to help us and direct us in all that we do. Periodically entertainment will be offered and will vary from music to slide shows to guest speakers.

Christmas Schedule

Sundays, November 25 & December 2

Poinsettia orders and donations will be taken in the Fellowship Hall by Pat Schertzer or Pat Mishler.

Sunday, December 2

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. The Worship Ministry will decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Each Sunday School class is asked to decorate their own room.

Thursday, December 6 - Children's Christmas Party at 7 p.m. put on by the Mother's Forum. See the insert in this *Gazette*.

Sunday, December 16 - Church "Staff Love Gift" Deadline

- A monetary gift of appreciation is being received for the church staff. Please mark "Staff Love Gift" on your envelope.

Sundays, December 16 & 23

We will be receiving contributions for the Christmas Offering.

Christmas Eve, December 24

Christmas Eve service begins at 7:30 p.m. This Christmas, come home to Christ and Central Christian Church.



Mitten Tree

Mitten Tree items (hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, etc.) will be received through December 16th. These items will be distributed to children in the Marion area through local schools. We can store these items until the tree is up so place them in the Fellowship Hall.



CHANGE OF ADDRESSES . . .

Bob & Betty Jo Bernow, 3200 Smeltzer Rd., Lot 109, Marion
Mickey Bloomfield, 3068 Marion-Waldo Rd., Lot 31, Marion
Betty Leib & Dora Hudson, Kingston, Apt. 139, 464 James Way, Marion

Operation Christmas Child

Our 2012 campaign for Operation Christmas Child - our Shoebox Ministry - has now come to an end. November 11, 2012 we dedicated 53 shoeboxes during the worship service. It was a beautiful sight to see 53 wrapped shoeboxes displayed at the base of the communion table. Thank you to EVERYONE who has participated in the Shoebox Ministry - Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who wrapped the shoeboxes, purchased items for each shoebox, donated money for postage and helped move 53 shoeboxes! By participating in this ministry, **YOU have shared the joy of Christmas, the love of the Savior, and the hope of the Gospel.**

Etowah "Beautiful Place" But Very Expensive

In the November *Gazette*, the Trustees showed where much of our money goes. In the February 2011 *Gazette*, I had an article "Why so much for maintenance?"

The King mansion was completed in 1908, 104 years ago. In 1975, a fire in the west wing went through the roof and an article states the roof was less than two years old, making this roof 39 years old. When a contractor inspected it, he said in about two years this too would have to be replaced.

As stated in the November *Gazette* the rubber roof on the sanctuary will be replaced in the spring.

I was with the boiler inspector, when he inspected the three boilers, and when we came to the 57 year old sanctuary boiler, he said we better start a boiler fund.

In the November *Gazette* "from your Trustees 2012" one item - Emergency gas leak repair \$10,000. There were no shut off valves to isolate different sections of church, these have been installed. The only way to install a new two inch gas line to the sanctuary basement boiler was to drill through stone the length of our sanctuary plus ten feet. There is only one contractor in town that has this equipment. I was with them all the time and they wasted no time.

This Christmas season lets hope we have a lot of Santa Clause's to pay for the roof on the sanctuary in the spring.

Bill

Utilities for October 2012

Columbia Gas	\$209.00
Ohio Edison	\$343.01
Frontier	\$192.81
Aqua	\$ 99.13
Total	\$843.95

THANKS TO . . .

- **Libby Davis** for helping in the church office.
- **Ted and Marlene Temple** for donating the ham for the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- **all the people who helped** and all those who donated food for the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- **all who donated** to "Coats for Christmas".
- **Jeff Schmalz** for keeping the website updated.

THANKS YOU NOTES . . .

To Our Central Christian Church Family:

A million thank you's and a debt of appreciation to all of you who said prayers and sent cards while John was so sick. The delicious meal after the memorial service was enjoyed by everyone, and we thank each of you who provided food and served so efficiently. Your Christian love was certainly evident.

Sally Roush and Family

Thanks to all who signed the beautiful birthday card. This birthday turned out to be very special. James surprised me with a party; a meal he planned and cooked (served cafeteria style) and complete with musical, selections by James! A wonderful time I'll remember always! My thanks also to Middaugh's for a great Halloween card... always fun!

Dorothy Besch

BE AN ANGEL

SHARE THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

WITH SOMEONE

It's that busy time again when we are shopping for and wrapping gifts, decorating our homes, trimming the tree, baking cookies, planning the Christmas dinner, and preparing our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth. You will find books in our library that will help you with all of these activities. Come in soon and look over the selection in the display rack. Don't forget to visit the Children's Library for books to read to the young ones in your family.

A few titles you'll love reading:

THE CHRISTMAS STAR (Marcue Pfister)...The stars in the sky, the dome of the temple, and the Wise Man's gift all glitter in this beautifully illustrated book.

THE FOURTH WISE MAN (Meg Holder)...is based on a legend by Henry Van Dyke that tells a Christmas classic of love and sacrifice.

THE PRACTICAL DREAMER AND OTHER STORIES TO TELL AT CHRISTMAS (Richard P. Olson)...How better to honor "The Master Storyteller who makes storytellers of us all" than with an engrossing volume of short stories? The author does just that in a refreshing, imaginative collection that gives fresh insight into the world of Jesus' birth--and shows how His presence affected people's lives both then and now.

ONCE IN THE YEAR (Elizabeth Yates)...combines two familiar Christmas legends, the flowering forest and the animals at midnight, into a classic that transcends time.

Prayer Concerns

Members

Dorothy Besch
Betty Denney
Paul & Olga Geissler
Roger & Esther Kingsley
Betty Leib
Gene Miller
Joel Reeve
Barb West

Non-members

Paul Bender (Shirk)	Linda Mahan (Middaugh)
Brad Campbell (Miller)	Ruth Manier (Kingsley)
Michelle Cole (Holliday)	Debbie Melvin (Reish)
Dave Doss (Tidd)	Paul Pezley (Schertzer)
Ken Ellinwood (Tidd)	Marcia Riggelman (Davis)
Rick Huddle (Schertzer)	Helen Swinehart (Frye)
Chuck Klingel (Tidd)	Donna Tomaziefski (Owen)
Sheila Leibold (Snyder)	Randi Woessner (Reish)

Military: Erin Kirk, Kevin Kirk, Jason Knotts, Sarah Sipe, Alex Sayre

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*OUR SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF . . .*

**Dorothy Bobst**

who passed away Sunday, October 28, 2012

**John Roush**

who passed away Thursday, November 1, 2012

**Earl Smith**

who passed away Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**CCC CELEBRATES  
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Birthday!*

|    |                  |           |                      |
|----|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1  | Dorsel Denney    | 13        | Marlene Temple       |
| 2  | Fred Evans       | 15        | Kyson Bailey         |
|    | Pat Schertzer    |           | George Deickert, Jr. |
| 4  | Rosella Fulton   | 19        | Carolyn Files        |
|    | Olivia Niles     |           | Jeff Schmalz         |
|    | Jodi Obenour     | 21        | Haley Palm           |
| 6  | Caden Obenour    | 22        | Frank Middaugh       |
| 10 | Joe Burns        | <b>25</b> | <b>Jesus</b>         |
|    | Taylor Hecker    | 26        | Jody Schertzer       |
| 11 | Brian Braumiller | 28        | Bill Vance           |
|    | Janice Middaugh  | 29        | Sue Kofsky           |
| 12 | Brayden Volk     | 31        | Michelle Baughman    |
|    | Mason Stitt      |           |                      |

*Happy Anniversary!*

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 11 | Jerome & Ann Borders   |
| 19 | Ron & Linda Shafer     |
| 28 | Corey & Jodi Obenour   |
| 30 | Vern & Kathie Sizemore |
| 31 | Paul & Bonnie Obenour  |

*If you or someone you know in the congregation has a December anniversary and/or birthday that does not appear in this list, please contact the church office immediately so it appears in the future. Thanks for your help in keeping these lists as accurate and up-to-date as possible.*

**CHRISTMAS 2012 - HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

**Marion Addresses:**

Gene Miller  
Kingston, Room 120  
464 James Way

Paul & Olga Geissler  
Kingston, Apt. 138  
464 James Way

Betty Leib  
Kingston, Apt. 139  
464 James Way

Dora Hudson  
Kingston, Apt. 139  
464 James Way

Beatrice Borger  
Partners of Marion  
Room 118A  
524 James Way

Sylvia Crall  
Partners of Marion  
Room 135B  
524 James Way

Betty Denney  
Community Healthcare Ctr  
Room 11A  
175 Community Drive

Barb West  
835 Loire Valley Circle

Sally Roush  
498 Uhler Avenue

Dorothy Besch  
561 Hane Avenue

Kay Whitehead  
616 Hane Avenue

Don Creviston  
707 Blaine Avenue

**Out of Town Addresses:**  
Genevieve Beers  
16001 Lakeshore Villa Drive  
Apt. 135  
Tampa, FL 33613-1367

Doris Spicer  
% Hilton Murray  
3246 Clarendon Road  
Cleveland Hgts. OH 44118

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 6, 2012  
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## How We Spend Your Money

The following is the Operating Budget for 2012 as approved at the November Church Board Meeting. Funds to support this budget is by your donations to the General Fund.



Birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

(All Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Parents, please bring 2 dozen cookies to add to the refreshment table; a wrapped gift with your child(ren)'s name clearly printed in LARGE letters on the outside of the package - \$10.00 limit per gift, please and something (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.) to put on our "Mitten Tree".

Christmas Carols, snacks, a story and SANTA will be there!