

From The Pastor

Are you getting your home ready for the cold months ahead? It seems as if Mother Nature is prompting us to move in that direction. How about our church home? Does it feel ready for the cold weather season? I know our Trustees are hard at work, getting ready to protect our structure from the elements as well as installing security measures that will allow us to enjoy a peaceful and safe winter.

There is a small window of time every morning when the church family gathers unofficially. While I am having my morning coffee or silently praying and while Marilyn, our church secretary, is peacefully going about her business, we have visitors drop by for a chat. Bob Lusch regularly pops in to sit and give us an update about his activities. Sometimes an elder or two will stop in to take care of business. Whatever the reason, we share family life and it warms our hearts. The mansion comes alive.

I wonder if we could extend these fleeting morning moments into the rest of the day. The church should be our second home. If time allows, stop in and see what's happening. Let's create an oasis of time for our members where they can come and enjoy a cup of coffee and talk of their struggles or vent their frustrations with each other. I think of those stuck at home, unable to drive with no social agenda---and I think of our mission to offer hospitality.

Let me know if you think I'm on the right track. Let me know if you need a ride to the church during a week day. I'm always available to visit you in your home. But, wouldn't it be nice to visit my house occasionally—Central Christian Church?

There! I have issued you all an invitation to stop by and chat and share a cup of warm hospitality.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Merlyn

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ACTIVITIES

October 7, 2012

World Communion Sunday & Reconciliation Special Offering

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 and third Sunday of this month. A free community lunch is offered at 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of this month. At 8:00 a.m. a community breakfast along with a sack lunch is offered the last Sunday of this month. Children’s talk 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, October 4th; 1:30 p.m.
All women of the church are invited.

***Gazette* Deadline** - Tuesday, October 16th; 11:00 a.m.

Christian Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, October 20th; 7:30 a.m. at Marion Diner

Grail Performance - Friday, October 26th; 8 p.m.

At The Palace; \$15.00 Each

Thursday Evening Worship

Missed Sunday worship? You can catch up on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of October 18th due to the Regional Assembly scheduled on the 18th, 19th and 20th. Meant for those who work on weekends and still need time to worship. Come and spend an informal hour of worship consisting of scripture reading, music, brief moment of silence and communion. Bring your joys and concerns to share. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns Lists

Just a reminder of our policy regarding printed prayer concerns lists - in the bulletin and in the *Gazette*. On November 1st all names will be removed from our prayer concerns lists and we will begin again. If you would like to keep your name or the name of someone you have placed on one or both of these lists, all you have to do is notify the church office of your wish by October 16, 2012. Of course, anyone can be added to either list at any time. Prayer is the best gift we can give one another.

Campbell Soup Labels

These labels are being collected by the Ruth Group for the Cleveland Christian Home. Place labels in the marked container on the Information Station table in the Fellowship Hall.

UCC Care Closet

We are asking for donations for the monthly Care Closet that UCC supports. People are referred by Job and Family Services, Turning Point, or any churches. These donations provide products they are unable to purchase with food stamps. Items such as toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, tissues, paper towel, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and laundry items are needed. Your donations may be placed in the marked box under the Information Station table in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Merlyn Winters Office Hours

The pastor’s office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Utilities for August 2012

Columbia Gas	\$.00
Ohio Edison	\$ 448.56
Aqua Ohio	\$ 77.26
Frontier	\$ 190.16
Total	<u>\$ 715.98</u>

BOOKS CAN MAKE YOU SMILE

World Smile Day will be celebrated on October 5. The idea was created by Harvey Ball in 1963 and he designed the original smiley face logo. He thought that everyone, throughout the world, should devote one day each year to smiles and kind acts, regardless of politics, geography, or religion. We have many books in our library that will make you smile so come in and check out some from our humor collection.

You will also want to look over some of our newest books:

HE SAID...SHE SAID: Biblical Stories from a Male and Female Perspective (Michelle Kallock Knight & Todd Outcalt) ...a Bible study that presents a blend of commentary and thought on relationships, marriage, parenting, work, and aging---written by an older male pastor and a younger female pastor. The book includes discussion questions and can be used by individuals as well as study groups.

APPALACHIAN CHILDHOOD: Memories of Growing Up in Rural Southern Ohio During The Mid 20th Century (Marilyn Thornton Schraff)... the author, an artist as well as a writer, lives in Marion and in this book shares stories from her birth through high school including being baptized in an icy creek, putting cocoa in the cow feed (so they would give chocolate milk), and watching Miss Frances on Ding Dong School.

MY NOT SO ORDINARY LIFE (Trella H. Romine)... a comprehensive and fascinating look into the life and accomplishments of a well know Marion County resident. The 96-year-old author writes in the preface to her autobiography, "This is the story of an ordinary life shaped by an extraordinary era---the ending of the Twentieth Century and the beginning of the Twenty-first." Many photographs and much history add to the enjoyment in reading this book.

Shoe Box Ministry

Please pick up a wrapped shoebox and enjoy filling it with items to give a boy or girl a wonderful Christmas. Of course, the greatest gift included with each shoebox by Operation Christmas Child is information about Jesus Christ and the hope of the Gospel. This year, we are asking you to completely fill an individual shoebox instead of bringing in items to go in multiple shoeboxes. As in previous years, cash donations for postage are always accepted. **Deadline for the shoeboxes is November 4, 2012.** If you have any questions, feel free to call Brenda Reish at 389-5941.

Suggestion Box

If you have any ideas that you feel would benefit and improve Central Christian, please write it on a suggestion card and place it in the suggestion box. The box is located on the cabinet on the right side of the sanctuary doors in the Fellowship Hall. All suggestions are welcome. All suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate church officer, Church Board and/or staff. If you would like a direct reply, please sign your name.

Stewardship and Budgets

This is the time of the year when we finalize next year's church operating budget. Please give the Church Ministries any ideas you have for activities that would improve our services to the congregation and/or community. The stewardship drive for 2013 will emphasis pledging. This will give us greater assurance of a steady income to support programs throughout the year. You will be hearing more about this during the year.

Postcard Ministry

You have all been recruited! Each and every one of us can be part of our new Postcard Ministry! Stamped postcards are available in a basket on the small table underneath the Narthex Bulletin Board in the back of the church. Send a postcard to someone from our congregation who you may not have seen in church for a while. You may mail the postcard from your home or put the completed postcard back in the basket and we will mail it for you!

Reminder

Hospitals, nursing homes, Hospices do not notify churches or pastors when a person is admitted to their care. It is up to you or a family member to contact the church if you wish a visit or ongoing care from the church. These policies are the results of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). Your church wants to provide the spiritual care you or your loved ones need, but we must know when admission to one of these facilities or programs has taken place.

THANK YOU NOTE. . .

Thank you for the cards and visits while I was in Kingston.

Dorothy Besch

Dear Friends in Christ,

How I wish I could see each and every one of you. We were really blessed when the storm headed our way but then shot off into the Gulf, but I did feel so sorry for the folks that were hit. I pray all are well. I'm doing pretty well but when you're 93 years old you have to slow down and that's difficult for me.

Love to all, Genevieve

THANK YOU TO . . .

• **Patsy Krider and Eve Reiff** for helping in the church office.



Prayer

Concerns

Members

Dorothy Besch	Gene & Charlotte Miller
Libby Davis	Pat Mishler
Betty Denney	Joel Reeve
Paul & Olga Geissler	John Roush
Roger & Esther Kingsley	Earl Smith
Betty Leib	Barb West

Non-members

Brad Campbell (Miller)	Ruth Manier (Kingsley)
Ann Clark (Middaugh)	Debbie Melvin (Reish)
Rick Clark (Middaugh)	Paul Pezley (Schertzer)
Dave Doss (Tidd)	Marcia Riggelman (Davis)
Ken Ellinwood (Tidd)	Helen Swinehart (Frye)
Rick Huddle (Schertzer)	Donna Tomaziefski (Owen)
Megan McFadden (Gorenflo)	Randi Woessner (Reish)
Linda Mahan (Middaugh)	

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

**CCC CELEBRATES
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Anniversary!
4 Bob & Jayne Volk
11 Dick & Brenda Reish
Josh & Shannon Davis
12 Larry & Barb Fairchild
19 Don & Agnes Ryan
30 Ted & Marlene Temple

1	Dorothy Kay	17	Agnes Ryan
	Sandra Guilfoyle	18	Sarah Shirk
2	Larry Fairchild	19	Dorothy Besch
	Anndalene Queen	21	Heidi Carroll
	Shannon Goddard	22	Katelyn Denning
3	Raetta Maurer	23	Noah Shirk
4	Adam Peacock	24	Joan Shirk
6	Dorothy Frye	26	Linda Shafer
7	Vickie Rorick	28	Christy Larkin
8	Susan Braumiller		Chuck Gruber
9	Polly Schmalz	29	Colton Bloomfield
11	Harold Rorick		Lauren Larkin
	Spenser Snyder	30	Bob Bernow
	Sally Roush		Brian McKee
12	Ryan Abbott		Bob Volk
	Barbara West		Mackenzie Acker
13	Kathy Schertzer	31	Kimberly Queen
15	Wyatt Kingsley		