

From The Pastor

There is comfort in welcoming the Fall season. Our nesting instincts begin to kick in and we begin to prepare for the cold season ahead. We also tend to look back over the spring and summer we've just enjoyed and thank God for providing for us and protecting us. How have you spent your year so far, and what lessons have you learned? Would you change the way you did anything?

We, as a church, have also looked back at our year of blessings, and we know that we are called to remain committed to our work. We are committed to moving forward toward transformation and growth with resolve and faith. We will cherish our way of life as a congregation and take excellent care of the place that we call our church home. We will incorporate changes to the way we do some things, and we will hold onto our way of life as well. We know we must remain authentic and yet expand our collective imagination to include the inspiration that comes from the Holy Spirit. We will not fear giving up the way we do things if those ways are no longer life-giving. And we will step forward into the unfamiliar knowing that we are not alone.

What saves us from despair is the way we love. We are able to get up Sunday mornings and come to Church because we love worshiping with our friends. We are able to 'gang up' and do great ministry for the community because we love the community. We are able to visit and send cards to our members who cannot come out of their homes because we love them. We disagree and argue over 'petty stuff' and then 'get over it' because we love each other.

Jesus teaches us through the apostle John in chapter 15, verses 12-17: *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servant any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."* (NRSV)

We will bear fruit that will last. We will move forward at our own pace because we listen with our hearts. We will not fear change because we trust God. We will be able to breathe new life into our ministries because we work in the company of friends, who despite our differences, remain the people we love.

Your friend in Christ,
Merlyn

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

ELDERS:	Nov.	4	Janice Middaugh	Dorothy Frye
		11	Brenda Reish	Sheryl Reeve
		18	Ken Mishler	Brenda Reish
		25	Patsy Krider	Ken Mishler

DEACONS: Coming Soon

CHILDREN'S TALK:	Nov.	4		Pam Denzer
			11-Veterans' Day	Sheryl Reeve

CHANCEL FLOWERS



The following Sundays are available to sign up for flowers.

Nov.	4
	11
	18
	25

All dates are available to sign up to provide flowers on Sunday.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ACTIVITIES

November 4, 2012 - All Saints Sunday

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY for Rev. Merlyn Winters as our new pastor, will be held during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Rev. Stephen Bentley, Associate Regional Pastor, will be presiding. Everyone is encouraged to attend the installation and the reception to be held following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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.

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### Ruth Group

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>; 1:30 p.m. in the Social Room  
Study leader is Dorothy Frye; Hostess is Eve Reiff

### Shoebox Ministry

Not much time is left until filled shoeboxes are due back to the church. **Deadline is November 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you have taken a shoebox and not yet had a chance to go shopping for goodies for your shoebox - NOW IS THE TIME! Filled shoeboxes may be placed on a table in the library.

### Gazette Deadline

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>; 11 a.m.  
Anything submitted after that will be in the next *Gazette*.

## Thanksgiving Special Day Offering

We will be receiving contributions for this offering on Sundays, November 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Your name and/or regular offering envelope number must appear on it in order for it to be included on your individual record of giving.

### CMF Breakfast

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>; 7:30 a.m. at Marion Diner

### Thanksgiving Potluck

A Thanksgiving potluck is scheduled for Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Ham and beverage will be provided. Bring your tableware service and a filled dish or two to share. Invite your family members to come and join in the fellowship.

### Coffee Hour

We need help with sustaining our Coffee Hour on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Our donations have dropped and funds are low. If you cannot bring in refreshments such as donuts, bagels and juice, please consider donating toward the effort. This is a voluntary effort that depends upon your generosity. Please contact Gen Seckel for more information.

### Thursday Evening Worship

Thursday Evening Worship is changing to THURSDAY EVENING SHARING and will be held at 6:30 p.m. This sacred hour of worship has shaped itself into a sacred hour of discernment and direction. You are invited to join us for conversation and refreshments. We will spend time sharing our personal and community concerns. We will pray and wait for God to reveal to us how we should be using our time and energy most productively. Bring any music you would like to share with those present. We plan on allowing God to lead us and expect to keep changing the use of our precious time.

### Where Our Money Goes

During November the board members will be presenting their budgets for 2012. In addition, they will discuss their plans for the year. These presentations are scheduled for the following Sundays at the start of the Service.

**Elders            November 11**  
**Trustees        November 18**  
**Outreach        November 25**

Attend on these days to hear what will be happening.

A 'COUPON EXCHANGE' box has been placed on the Information Station table in the Fellowship Hall. Please put your unwanted coupons in this box and look through the deposited coupons and take any that you will use.

### Coats for Christmas

"Coats for Christmas" is a community-wide chance to share a warm coat for the winter months. A collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall where you may donate your gently used winter coats. The deadline for donations is Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. All coats will be repaired, cleaned and distributed on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at Tri-Rivers.

### Mitten Tree

Mitten Tree items (hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, etc.) will be received during the upcoming months. 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.

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Utilities for September 2012

Columbia Gas	\$ 55.98
Ohio Edison	\$ 397.35
Sewer/Trash	\$ 250.07
Frontier	\$ 189.82
Total	<u>\$ 893.22</u>

GIVE THANKS FOR GOOD BOOKS VISIT OUR LIBRARY

November is a good time to read some of our books about Thanksgiving and giving thanks or you may want to check out one of these new books:

TO HEAVEN AND BACK: *A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels, and Life Again* (Mary C. Neal MD)...An orthopaedic surgeon tells the true story of a modern-day miracle, how she died during a kayaking adventure then moved to eternal life and back.

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: *Woman To Woman* (Jack Canfield & Mark Victor Hansen)...Women sharing their stories of hope, humor, and inspiration.

IN THE ARMS OF ANGELS: *True Stories of Heavenly Guardians* (Joan Wester Anderson)...*"I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way"* Exodus 23-20 NRSV. A new collection of mysterious and heart-stirring stories of heavenly guardians. From the harrowing account of a World Trade Center survivor to a miraculous rescue during the first Gulf War, these powerful stories invite us to take another look at the "coincidences" in our lives--to open our eyes to the angels who walk beside us.

And for our young readers:

THE LITTLEST PILGRIM (Brandi Dougherty)...Mini was the smallest one in her village and she wanted to help but everyone told her she was too little. But she wasn't too little to be a friend.

PLANNING AHEAD . . .

Mother's Forum is planning a Children's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Watch for the December *Gazette* for more details.



THANK YOU TO . . .

• **Libby Davis, Dorothy Frye, Patsy Krider, Eva Reiff and Diane Tidd** for helping in the office.

THANK YOU NOTES . . .

The Charlotte Miller Family would like to thank the many church friends and family for their countless visits, prayers and cards offered during Charlotte's illness. Also, thank you for the Communion calls and Elder visits.

A special thank you to Rev. Merlyn Winters for her countless visits and prayers. Also, for staying with Mom while Dad and I took Penny to the veterinary office to get her put on a diet!

Thank you to all who came to calling hours and offered kind words of support. Thank you to James Besch for offering beautiful inspirational music at the funeral. The "Children's Medley" was just perfect - we could all see Mom upstairs in the 2's & 3's room singing and leading these songs with the children. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee and all who contributed and made food for the funeral dinner - it was superb! The family really appreciated Dorothy Frye for being at the church and making sure everything was in "tip top" shape for the funeral.

The Charlotte Miller Family

THANK YOU NOTES . . . continued

Central Christian Church Friends,
Thank you for the sympathy cards, prayers and those who came to the calling hours expressing their sympathy after my Mother passed away on September 27th. Also, thank you for the donation to Kobacker House Hospice in Columbus in memory of Mother. Our family appreciates the donation as it will help others during this difficult time as it did our family.

Blessings, Marilyn Swartz, Church Office Secretary



Prayer Concerns

Members

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

Non-members

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

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



OUR SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF . . .

Charlotte Miller

who passed away Monday, October 8, 2012

**CCC CELEBRATES
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Birthday!

3 Kay Whitehead	14 Scott Braumiller
Vern Sizemore	Sheryl Reeve
4 Aaron Reeve	16 Taylor James
Adara Hoffmon	17 Earl Smith
5 Bruce Tidd	19 Brent Tidd
Bruce Seckel	22 Harley Large
6 Lori VanGorden	24 Terry Beers
7 Eleanor Gibson	25 Shawna Butler
10 Ken Mishler	29 Steve Miller
11 Joe Schertzer	Al Ryan
12 Bob Lusch	30 Pam Denzer

Happy Anniversary!

7	George & Kim Deickert, Jr.
13	Mickey & Tami Bloomfield
15	Ben & Katy Milligan
19	Mark & Linda Whitfield
20	Tyler & Kelsey Schwanz
24	Mark & JoEllen Field

If you or someone you know in the congregation has a November 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.

**CHURCH OFFICERS
September 1, 2012**

Term Ending:
8-31-2013

8-31-2014

ELDERS

Betty Jo Bernow
Pam Denzer
Dorothy Frye
Dorothy Kay
Patsy Krider
Ken Mishler
Brenda Reish

Janice Middaugh
Sheryl Reeve

TRUSTEES

Terry Beers
Mickey Bloomfield
Frank Middaugh
Tom Obenour
Craig Schertzer
Jody Schertzer
Bruce Tidd
Diane Tidd

Tammy Shirk

DEACONS

Dick Barnhart
Mary Brady
Lisa Camm
Cheryl Obenour
Aaron Reeve
Brenda Reish
Craig Schertzer
Jody Schertzer
Polly Schmalz
Vern Sizemore

Scott Braumiller
Susan Braumiller
Tom Files
Archie Holliday
Carolyn Owen
Pat Schertzer
Kathie Sizemore
Robin Snyder

EMERITUS OFFICERS (PERMANENT)

ELDER: Roger Kingsley
TRUSTEE: Bob Lusch

The trustees have been working towards bringing necessary maintenance and upkeep improvements to the church. Our first concerns upon taking action are maintaining a safe and healthy environment while still preserving our historical building: Central Christian Church. As we come across necessary small “fixes”, we are becoming aware of a larger picture of repairs, upkeep and general maintenance.

One project that must be completed early next year is the replacement of the entire Sanctuary Roof at a cost of \$36,000.00. The small repairs we have already completed on this roof were a “Quick Fix” to prevent more extensive damage during the winter season. We have addressed this project to the Congregation (October 14) asking any donations be placed in the Capitol Maintenance Fund. We want to thank those of you who have already generously responded to this project and welcome future donations.

As trustees, you have appointed us in this position to act upon the needs of our church and fellowship. Our decisions are guided by our FAITH in God, our LOVE for Central Christian Church and fellowship.