



Messenger

“FOCUS ON FAITHFUL LIVING”

FAITHFUL GIVING



But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV). As we experience giving from the heart, we experience joy, satisfaction and a greater feeling of doing God’s work. We honor God and increase our spirituality as we go to Him in prayer, seeking how we can be the best He has made us to be and do the best for His work. The wholeness and grace we receive is far greater than what we give up as we give of ourselves in every way – reaching out to someone in love, helping build a house for someone who would not have one otherwise, seeing the relief and thankfulness from someone who has just received food or some other help or knowing that we are making such things possible through giving money to support good works. Central is blessed with generous people and may we each continue to grow closer to God as we include Him in our commitment to giving.

**Margaret Lyon, Co-Chair
Finance Ministry Team**

Haunted Hayride and Bog



On Friday, October 28th the Chi Rho Youth group will once again be going to the Springboro Haunted Hayride and Bog. In the state of Ohio, there aren't as many haunted hayrides compared to haunted houses and trails. But there are a select few hayrides that stand out among the pack and Springboro Haunted Hayride is one of them. Since 1989 Springboro, Ohio has become a haunted destination for friends and families because of their classic hayride. It has been voted best hayride for the past three years. The cost is \$12 for the hayride but if you dare to travel the Bog it is \$18 for both. We will meet at the church at 6:00 to arrive at the hayride as close to sunset as possible. We will bring your child home after we go to the hayride. If any parents would like to go with us, we would love to have you. It's a lot of fun if you like these sorts of things. Please call David or Tammy Turner at 643-3011 or at the church office if you have any questions.

3RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER



Central is making preparations for our 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on Thursday, November 24th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. You can support our Thanksgiving Community Dinner by purchasing an Elder-Beerman Coupon Booklet for just \$5. This valuable booklet is filled with great savings coupons valued at more than \$200, plus \$10 off a purchase of \$10 or more! This two day event begins Friday, November 11th thru Saturday, November 12th. 100% of booklet sales will benefit Central Christian’s Thanksgiving Community Dinner, so you can feel good about shopping and giving back at the same time. You can purchase booklets by stopping by the church office or contact Moniqua Suits at signatureidea@yahoo.com. More detail on the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner in upcoming bulletins and Messengers.

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Morning Watch
Sundays 9:00 am
(Chapel)

Christian Education
Sundays 9:15 am & 9:40 am

Traditional Service
Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour
Sundays 11:30 am

Church Office
Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pastor
Rev. David P. Turner

Moderator
Steve Bowser

Elder Chair
Doug Pence

Office Manager
Renita Lewis Whitaker

Custodian
Anthony Shackelford

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Tanya Elaine Noffsinger

Organist
Lois Sutherland

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Jenny Garner



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MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Hospitalized: Bill Smith (Home)
Home Care: Henrietta Farrow/Thelma Harman/Betty Johnson/Dorothy Jenkins/Doyle Ware
Elmcroft: Anne Walters
Friendship Village: Janice Lyons
Grand Court: Robert and Frances Mayes
Heartland-Cen: Pete Byrckett
Heartland-Ket: Regina Kempton
Lincoln Park: Earline Grice
Lincoln Park Manor: Kathy Anderson/Bob Bilikam
Patriot Ridge: Bettie Smith
Waterford: Mary Rothenbuhler

Our Sympathy and Prayers are extended to the family of Friedrich Kasischke who passed away on Thursday, October 20th. A memorial service will be held at Tobias Funeral Home, 3970 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm., with visitation from 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.



Bill Smith
Tom Bernard

Reggie Evans
Gaye Kirkland

Pam Alderman
Faith Wilcox

Bettie Smith
Bob Bilikam

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

DEACON CAPTAIN: Lisa French
Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Don Wilcox, Shirley Wilcox, John Corbin, Princely Brumeh, Ashley Brumeh, Bill Wollenhaupt, John Willman and Debbie Willman.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Princely and Ashley Brumeh.

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION:
Oct 30th Doug and Mary Lou Pence
Nov 6th Steve and Pam Bowser

LAY LEADERS:
Oct 30th David French
Nov 6th TBA

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:
Oct 30th Max Lucado Class
Nov 6th World Outreach

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Oct 30th
9:00 am Morning Watch ~ Max Lucado Class
9:15 am Christian Education Classes
10:30 am Traditional Service
11:30 am Fellowship Hour ~ Godly Play
6:30 pm Chi Rho ~ CYF

Monday, Oct 31st
9:00 am Quilters
9:30 am Senior Fitness Class

Tuesday, Nov 1st
7:00 pm Evangelism Ministry

Wednesday, Nov 2nd
9:30 am Senior Fitness Class
6:15 pm Light Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study Classes ~ Inventor's Council

Thursday, Nov 3rd
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:15 pm Laudate Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, Nov 4th
7:00 pm Group Interaction

Saturday, Nov 5th
1:00 pm Cheers



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 6th.



Worship at Central Christian
October 23, 2011

Nursery:	10
Morning Watch	8
Traditional/Godly Play	134
Total:	152

Thought to Ponder...

*There is no pillow so soft
as a clear conscience.*

CWU WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Church Women United welcomes you to their World Community Day on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 901 E. Stroop Road. Our theme: Living Our Faith - Unlocking Action. High school students throughout our community will be presented awards for essays on environmental care, economic justice, health, and peace. The cost is \$6.00, which includes lunch. For reservations, please contact Velma Fansler at 435-9254.



People whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are called to be "saints." On Sunday, November 6th, Central Christian will honor those whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them and our gratitude to God for those faithful and devoted souls.

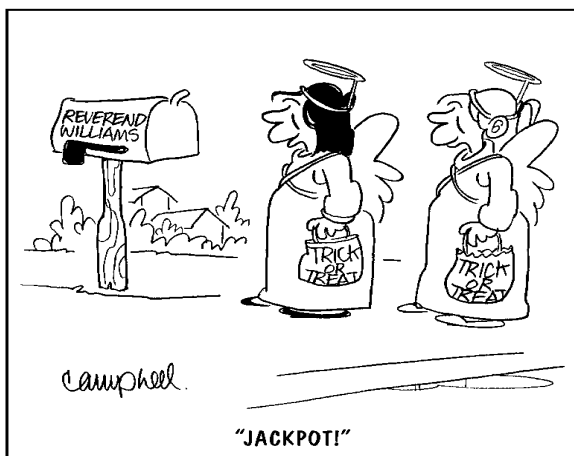
DONATE TO THE CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

For too many children home is not a safe place and on any given day, thousands of children are in the protective custody of one of our local county Departments of Children and Family Services. Life for these children and teens is confusing and heartbreaking. This holiday season CWF is busy making hats and scarves for the Cleveland Christian Home. If you would like to help the children and their family this holiday, CWF will be accepting donations from the "Christmas Wish List" through the month of November. Please place your donations in the box located in the Narthex.

Christmas Wish List

- Electronic:** CD player, DVD player, games, DVD's, etc.
- Small Appliances:** Toaster, hair dryer, phone, etc.
- Games:** Legos, hot wheels, coloring books, etc.
- Clothing:** Coats, shirts, pants, shoes, etc. (all sizes)
- Holiday Items:** Large paper and plastic gift bags, etc.
- House Ware:** Back packs, pillow, towels, books, etc;
- Gift Certificates:** Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, McDonalds, etc.
- Note:** Gifts should be new. Please do not wrap.

For more information, contact Jane Bernard at janebernard@amertech.net or 901-4788.



SCHEDULE OF DVD SERMONS FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(November)

Nov. 2 - Patrick Villier, president of the National Spiritual Council of Haitian Churches (CONASPEH), which is an ecumenical council of about 8,000 Haitian churches, shares what it means for Disciples to serve in a changing global context. What can we learn in relationship with partners like CONASPEH as the people of Haiti face disaster upon disaster?

Nov. 9 - Amy J. Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and College of Arts and Science. Author of *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* and a member of an Orthodox synagogue, she helps Christians and Jews discover their common history and, in the context of interfaith conversation, correct the false perceptions they have of each other.

Nov. 16 - HELM Dinner

Nov. 23 - No Class (Thanksgiving week)

Nov. 30 - Sharon E. Watkins serves as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. During the Sunday afternoon July 9, business session hear her State of the Church address as Disciples do ministry in a changing landscape.

GOD'S MINUTE



The Puzzle

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little daughter, Kelly. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine on which was printed the map of the World.

Then tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Kelly, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together." He was sure that would keep her busy all afternoon!

After only a few minutes, Kelly returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then the world came together.....

Always remember to keep Jesus in the center of your life, and your world will come together as well!

We are very
blessed



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The Last Word...

by David P. Turner With Daylight Savings time ending soon, I remembered hearing a story about a very tired looking young pastor who got up in front of his church on the Sunday when Daylight Savings time began and said, "I don't know about you, but the hour we lost last night not only affected my sleep, it was also the hour I had planned to work on my sermon..." Well, I guess if losing an hour of sleep can detract from sermon preparation, then adding an hour can only help it, right?

Next week, I'll have an extra hour of sermon preparation, but I promise not to go on too long. I'll try to be like another preacher I heard about whose sermons never went over 20 minutes. The services in that church were over like clockwork every Sunday. Then one Sunday, the impossible happened. He preached for his normal 20 minutes and just kept on going. The service which normally ended at noon went all the way to 12:30. On the way out, one of his elders asked, "What happened to you?" The preacher answered,

"For years I have always put a mint in my mouth as the service started, and I would tuck it away in my cheek. It was always gone at exactly noon. That's how I knew it was time to wrap up the service. But this Sunday it didn't go away, and that was when I realized I had put a button in my mouth instead."

Of course, preachers aren't the only ones who need to keep track of time. We all do. In fact, we live in an era when our lives are more tied to the clock than ever before.

Watches and clocks and digital read outs are always there to remind us of the constant progress of time.

C.S. Lewis was fond of reminding his readers that human beings were not created for time – but for eternity. Lewis believed that through the power of God's love, some were being made into creatures so beautiful that if you could see them the way God does, their glory would leave you breathless. Likewise, others – even some who may be beautiful by the world's standards – are becoming hideous creatures such as you only find in nightmares.

Henry Blackaby also picked up on this theme in his book, Experiencing God. He wrote: *"If you just live for time, you will miss the ultimate purpose of creation. If you live for time, you will allow your past to mold and shape your life today. Your life as a child of God ought to be shaped by the future (what you will be one day). God uses your present time to mold and shape your future usefulness here on earth and in eternity... You need to begin orienting your life to the purposes of God. His purposes go far beyond time and into eternity. Make sure you are investing your life, time and resources in things that are lasting and not things that will pass away... This is why a love relationship with God is so important. He loves you. He knows what is best for you. Only he can guide you to invest your life in worthwhile ways."*

See you Sunday. Until then, invest your time and resources in things that matter forever. Blessings!

