

Messenger

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Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Church Office

*Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

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SANCTUARY STUDY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

The Sanctuary Study Committee is holding a special meeting on January 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm to provide a current status of this project with a PowerPoint and question and answer session. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



The charter of this committee is to discuss how to provide an inviting worship environment for both members and visitors alike. The core of the charter is to formulate a recommendation which answers God's calling to our church. We started this process by reviewing our mission and theology then developed a shopping list of candidate improvements to be discussed by the committee. The committee has gathered extensive input from a large number of sources including committee and member meetings. The discussions have been involved and intensive because each topic has so many aspects. It is anticipated that a detailed recommendation will be complete and a vote taken at the June 2010 annual meeting. A decision to implement will not be made until then.

Very obviously a re-modeling of our sanctuary alone will not perform our mission for us. A proactive sharing of faith, encouraged by the Unbinding Your Heart program, will be necessary – an improved sanctuary is only a tool.

Please prayerfully consider this matter before meeting with us on January 3rd. If you are unable to attend, similar meetings will be held prior to June 2010. If you prefer one-on-one discussion, please contact committee members with your questions or ideas: Jane Bernard, Scot Burnett, Carley Ingram, Anne Keeton, Merle Kidd, Joan Norman, Dan Oliver, Moniqua Suits, Lynn Rogers Chairman, Margaret Lyon and Rev David Turner, ex-officio.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Economically speaking, 2009 was a dreadful year for many families around the world. Some lost homes, cars and jobs. Many are unable to fund college educations for their children, and bank accounts have dwindled. What will 2010 bring: movement toward less of everything or toward a more hopeful future?

Here's a good resolution to make: "Our family will pay close attention to our income, our savings and our necessary purchases. We will keep a record of every dollar spent and every dollar saved."

Money accumulated, invested and given wisely will bring peace of mind and the ability to contribute more to the church and people in need. Families must develop a healthy attitude toward money. Scripture doesn't condemn money; it simply warns against loving it or making it an idol (1 Timothy 6:10).

With God as our mentor, nearly every family can avoid having crushing debt. Wise stewardship brings relief and unbridled joy to those who practice it. As economist George Humphrey said, "I don't think you can spend yourself rich."

Serving In January

Deacon Captain: Lora Davidson
Deacons Serving: Margaret Merkle, Greg Moon, April Parcell, John Bucy and Melissa Moody
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Andree Flynn and Laura Nolan
Elders for Communion
Jan 3rd Susan Aebker and Jane Bernard
Jan 10th Don Hagerty and Brenda Shoup
Lay Leaders
Jan 3rd Margaret Lyon
Fellowship Hour
Jan 3rd Joanna Group
Jan 10th Deacons

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get your activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan 3rd	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class History of the Disciple- Church Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 pm	Faith Seeker/Finders
Monday, Jan 4th	2:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Meeting
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF
Tuesday, Jan 5th	9:00 am	Quilters
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
Wednesday, Jan 6th	7:00 pm	All Ministry Meetings Naomi Group
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness
Thursday, Jan 7th	7:00 pm	Inventors Council of Dayton
	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday, Jan 8th	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday, Jan 9th	7:00 pm	Group Interaction
	7:00 pm	Cheers

Severe Weather Conditions

During the weather months we can expect days with unsafe driving conditions. To be informed if a church activity has been cancelled watch channels **2** and **7** for church cancellations

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Christian Education	24
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Nursery/Godly Play	9
Morning Watch	19
Traditional Service	<u>117</u>
Total Worship Attendance	145

Members & Friends

Hospitalized	- Jim Robinson (KMC)
Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	Henrietta Farrow Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Bob and Jean Thompson Dorothy Ryan Doyle Ware
Autumn Health Care	- June Tate
Bethany	- Millie Molz
Harborside Healthcare	- Eleanor McNulty
Liberty Retirement Home	- Ed Bausman
Lincoln Park	- Merle Ryan Kathy Anderson
Summersville	- Marian Herron
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrkett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Marjorie Barkalow who passed away on Friday, December 25th. A memorial service was held at Central Christian on Sunday, December 27th.

Chancel Poinsettias on Sunday, December 20th and 27th were given by Mary Catherine Stewart in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Needles and Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Stewart.

Poinsettias were also given by Chris, Mark, Kirsten and grandchildren in honor of Glen and Pat Buell's 48th wedding anniversary



Congratulations...It's A Girl

Isabella Grace Blowers was born on December 15th to Ryan and Katie Blowers. Grandparents are Ray and Diana Blowers.



On Saturday, January 2nd, **Ruth Rintamaa** will celebrate her 93rd birthday.

On Thursday, January 7th, **Eleanor McNulty** will celebrate her 93rd birthday,

On Tuesday, January 12th, **Alberta Sauer** will celebrate her 90th birthday.



Congratulations to Molly Gross and Robert Hudson who became engaged on Christmas Day.

Music Director Resigns

December 22, 2009

Rev. David Turner, Senior Minister
Mrs. Margaret Lyon, Executive Board Chair
Central Christian Church of Kettering

Dear David Turner, Margaret Lyon, and Congregation:

This is a letter of resignation from my position as Music/Choir Director for Central Christian Church, effective immediately.

As you know, I have had multiple heart-related problems this year, along with some other miscellaneous health issues. I believe it is time to scale back my activities, especially since my full-time job requires up to sixty hours per week and increasing travel.

I have enjoyed my association with Central Christian over the last several years and wish you the best as you seek a replacement.

Have a blessed holiday season!

Yours truly,
Sue Taylor

The congregation is asked to include Sue in your prayers.

2010 Flower Calendar

Dates are still available on the 2010 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to provide a floral tribute for our worship services in honor or in memory of a loved one, to the glory of God, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special event. The cost is \$30.00, due on or before the date reserved. Please mark "flowers" on the memo section of your check and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Central Christian's Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed 6 families thanks to your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community by donating. Below is a list of the food items we need for our food pantry. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex marked "Food Pantry." We also accept monetary donations.

Note: We are in need of paper bags.

cans of green beans	cans of corn	macaroni & cheese
cans of sweet peas	cans of vegetables	pack of hotdogs
cans of tuna	cans of chicken	pack of baloney
cans of meat	cans of soup-large	hot dog buns
cans of soup-small	cans of fruit	boxes of rice
spaghetti (bag/box)	spaghetti sauce	boxes of cereal
cans of milk	jars of peanut butter	jars of jelly
loafs of bread		

Giving Made Easy

Visit Central Christian website at www.ccc-ket.org and click on the Giving tap to donate to your favorite ministry. This is a secure site that accepts credit card payments. Be sure to tell your friends and family.

A Winning Pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

"You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all."

Biblical Word Search

"Ten Commandments"

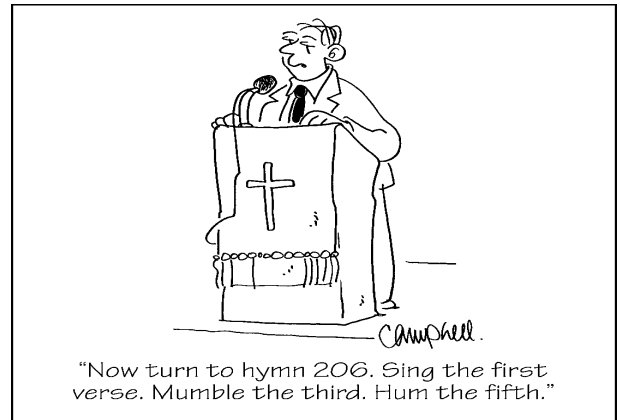


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Church Cartoon



The Last Word...

From the church office files.... EPIPHANY

January 6th marks the day of Epiphany, the arrival of the three wise men (Magi), but **"What does the Bible say about the three wise men (Magi)?"**

Answer: We assume that there were three wise men because of the three gifts that were given: gold, incense, and myrrh ([Matthew 2:11](#)). However, the Bible does not say there were only three wise men. There could have been many more. Tradition says that there were three and that their names were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but since the Bible does not say, we have no way of knowing whether the tradition is accurate.

It is a common misconception that the wise men visited Jesus at the stable on the night of His birth. In fact, the wise men came days, months, or possibly even years later. That is why [Matthew 2:11](#) says the wise men visited and worshiped Jesus in a house, not at the stable.

We know that the magi were wise men from "the East," most likely Persia, or modern-day Iran. This means the wise men traveled 800 to 900 miles to see the Christ child. Most likely, the magi knew of the writings of the prophet Daniel, who in time past had been the chief of the court seers in Persia. [Daniel 9:24-27](#) includes a prophecy which gives a timeline for the birth of the Messiah.

Also, the magi may have been aware of the prophecy of Balaam (who was from the town of Pethor on the Euphrates River near Persia) in [Numbers 24:17](#). Balaam's prophecy specifically mentions a "star coming out of Jacob."

The wise men were guided to look for the King of the Jews by a miraculous stellar event, the "Star of Bethlehem," which they called "His star" ([Matthew 2:2](#)). They consulted with King Herod in Jerusalem concerning the birth of Christ and were so directed to Bethlehem ([Matthew 2:4-8](#)). They followed God's guidance joyfully ([Matthew 2:10](#)). Their gifts for Jesus were costly, and they worshiped Him. God warned them in a dream against returning to Herod, so, in defiance of the king, they left Judea by another route ([Matthew 2:12](#)).

So, the magi were men who 1) read and believed God's Word, 2) sought Jesus, 3) recognized the worth of Christ, 4) humbled themselves to worship Jesus, and 5) obeyed God rather than man. They were truly wise men!

