

# 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

## Staff

**David P. Turner**

*Senior Minister*

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Director of Audio/Visual*

**Lois Sutherland**

*Organist*

**Jenny Garner**

*Nursery Care Provider*

## CYF ANNUAL SPAGHETTI LUNCH



**Come One, Come All!!** The CYF Annual Spaghetti Lunch will be held this Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> following the Traditional Service in lieu of the Fellowship Hour. All are welcome to attend this wonderful fellowship time. Proceeds will go toward the CYF mission trip being planned for this summer. The cost is \$5 per person with children under 12 years only \$3 each and a family maximum of \$18. Please join us for a fun event on what's sure to be a cold Ohio day! As always, the CYF thanks the congregation for their support! **Attention CYF:** CYF is reminded to come to the Morning Watch service so you can move to the kitchen to cook afterwards.

## THE INAUGURATION



When president-elect Abraham Lincoln headed to Washington, D.C., he called himself a "humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty." He spoke of America's citizenry as God's "almost chosen people." Wasn't that a lovely compliment? One suspects Lincoln was speaking as a good father speaks to children, wanting them to live up to their full potential. He surely wanted the "almost chosen people" to be servants of the living God. As God's chosen people, as well as Americans who soon will have a new leader, how can we live up to God's expectations for us? What can we each do to make our country a better place? And how can we share the good news with others that God has chosen us to live with him forever?

## CALL ON CHRIST

Early in the 20th century, Howard Bliss, a missionary to Syria, wrote an article about what Christ can mean to anyone who would take him seriously. Consider these insights:

Does Christ save you from your sin? Call him Savior!

Does Christ free you from the slavery of your passions? Call him Redeemer!

Does Christ teach you as no one else has taught you? Call him Teacher!

Does Christ mold and master your life? Call him Master!

Does Christ shine upon the pathway that is dark to you? Call him Guide!

Does Christ reveal God to you? Call him the Son of God!

Does Christ reveal ideal manhood to you? Call him the Son of Man!

In following him, are your lips silent in your incapacity to define him and his influence upon you? Call him by no name, but follow him!

## Serving In January

**Deacon Captain:** Lisa French

**Deacons Serving:** Jenness Sigman, April Parcell, John Willman, Andrew Green, Claudia McCall, Karen Smith, Andree Flynn, Laura Nolan and Lora Davidson.

**Deacon Prep/Clean Up:** Karen Smith and Andree Flynn

**Acolyte:** J.T. Merkle

**Elders for Communion**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** James and Sara Bond

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** Rusty Clifford and Rusty Clifford

**Lay Leaders**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** Jane Bernard

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** TBA

**Fellowship Hour**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** CYF Spaghetti Lunch

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** Public Relations

## 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

<b>Sunday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Unbinding the Gospel Class
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Traditional Service Godly Play
	<b>11:30 am</b>	CYF Spaghetti Lunch
	<b>11:40 am</b>	Bethany Choristers
<b>Monday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Faith Finders/Seekers
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Chi Rho and CYF
<b>Tuesday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Quilters
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Wednesday, Jan 21<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	Lydia Group
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Executive Board Meeting
<b>Thursday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	District 8 Ministers Meeting
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Saturday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Laudate Ringers
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Garner Gathering	

## 2009 Flower Calendar

If you would like to give flowers during the year in honor or memory of someone, please sign the Flower Calendar located across from the Parlor. The cost is \$30.00 due on or before the date you reserved on the calendar. Please be sure to mark "flowers" on the memo section of your check and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

## Food Pantry

Last week we fed **3** families through our food pantry. Many thanks for your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community. **Pantry Hours:** Mondays and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.



## Members & Friends

<b>Hospice Care</b>	-	Bob Ball (Home) Pat Farnsley (Home)
<b>Home Care</b>	-	Ruby Kreider Kathy Anderson Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Marian Herron Bob and Jean Thompson Doyle Ware Lillian White
<b>Autumn Health Care</b>	-	June Tate
<b>Harborside Healthcare</b>	-	Jim and Eleanor McNulty
<b>Liberty Retirement Home</b>	-	Ed Bausman
<b>Summersville</b>	-	Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
<b>Spring Creek</b>	-	JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	-	Anne Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	-	Garnia Moses
<b>Waterford Retirement</b>	-	Mary Rothenbuhler

**Our Sympathy and Prayers** are with the family of Mildred Dickerson (*sister of Marty Robinson*) who passed away on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, VA.



### Pray for...

Diane Price  
Our health - Our family – One another  
Peace in the world  
Adam Wiedeman  
David Sipple  
Cindy Taylor



## Contribution Statements for 2008

Financial statements for 2008 contributions were mailed January 10, 2009. If you have any questions or do not receive an expected statement by January 16, 2009, please call Chuck Bentley, Jr. at (937) 436-4914 or send an email to [cbentleyjr@yahoo.com](mailto:cbentleyjr@yahoo.com), subject "CCC Financial Secretary", detailing your request.

### Worshipping at Central

Sunday, January 11, 2009

<b>Christian Education</b>	22
<b>Nursery/Godly Play</b>	15
<b>Morning Watch</b>	20
<b>Traditional Service</b>	119
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	154

### Our Offering (Operating Fund)

<b>Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup></b>	\$5,549.00
<b>2009 Offering to Date</b>	\$12,163.00
<b>2009 Expenses to Date</b>	\$9,488.00

## Read. Share. Invite.

Each month the bookmarks found in the pews will change to reflect either the liturgical calendar, church events or ministry messages. The bookmarks can be used to invite a friend to church, to include with a note, or to mark our place in a favorite book. We hope you will be inspired by the messages and graphics to share with others how Central is an active part of your spiritual life.

## AED/CPR Training

Those who signed up to receive AED/CPR training (one day class) will be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Ann O'Diam at 836-8366 or the church office if you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the church office. If anyone is interest in receiving AED/CPR training but did not sign up for the class, please contact the church office for a possible available seat.

## Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Lyon.

## Is there a Tailor in the Church?



**Yes!** Our very own Gerald Jenkins does excellent tailored repairs.

### Can do:

Machine, hand or zigzag sewing.

Hems pants, slacks, trousers, skirts and dresses.

Replace pockets, zippers, buttons (makes button holes).

All types of alterations at a very low cost.

If you have items that need to be altered or repaired, please contact Gerald Jenkins at 252-1659.

## Biblical Word Search - Genesis

D	E	T	N	A	L	P	A	M	A	N	N	D	P
D	E	R	A	E	P	P	A	W	I	L	O	E	L
C	S	H	E	A	D	W	A	T	E	R	S	H	E
A	O	M	N	A	M	O	W	U	L	S	T	T	A
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T	D	E	E	E	O	M	E	E	I	L	O	T	H
E	S	R	R	S	A	R	N	D	M	E	D	B	E
U	N	C	I	T	S	E	A	G	D	T	O	H	I
F	I	N	I	S	H	E	D	E	S	W	I	F	E
H	T	N	E	V	E	S	D	E	R	E	T	A	W

Account	Euphrates	Pleasing	Appeared
Blessed	Finished	Woman	Knowledge
Planted	Created	Breathed	commanded
Nostrils	Middle	Seventh	Watered
Streams	Suitable	Headwaters	Aromatic

## A Little Biblical Humor

**It doesn't hurt to have a little biblical humor once in a while....**

**Q.** What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?  
**A.** Ruthless.

**Q.** What do they call pastors in Germany?  
**A.** German Shepherds.

**Q.** Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
**A.** Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

**Q.** Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
**A.** Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

**Q.** What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
**A.** Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

**Q.** Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
**A.** Samson. He brought the house down.

**Q.** What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?  
**A.** Your mother ate us out of house and home.

**Q.** Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?  
**A.** Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

**Q.** Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?  
**A.** The area around Jordan The banks were always overflowing.

**Q.** Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?  
**A.** David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

**Q.** Which Bible character had no parents?  
**A.** Joshua, son of Nun.

**Q.** Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?  
**A.** Because Noah was standing on the deck.

**PS.** Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? Yup, it's in the Bible. It says ... "He-brews"

## Thoughts for the Week

*To make a long story short – don't tell it.*

*The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up a congregation:  
"And in conclusion."*

*If God is your Copilot –swap seats.*

## **The Last Word...**

by David P. Turner

During the season of Epiphany, we often read and study the beginning of Jesus' ministry. One of the things we can see in these stories is that Jesus never stopped moving; he was always in action. After his baptism, we see one action word after another: he returns to Galilee, he teaches in the synagogues there, he travels to his hometown, he goes to a synagogue where he stands, explores the scroll from Isaiah, and then reads those amazing words from Isaiah 61 that are themselves words promising action: to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

After reading the text, Luke gospel gives us even more action words when he tells us that Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and then sat down. Those two last words would indicate to most of us that Jesus was finished – but actually Jesus was just getting started. Sitting down in the rabbinical tradition indicated that a rabbi was preparing to teach or preach on the scripture just read. We don't know everything Jesus said that day, but what we do know changed everything. Essentially Jesus was saying no longer were these prophetic words just words to be read and rolled up and put away; today these words were being put into action even as they heard them.

Jesus knew something about the folks in his hometown. He knew that they would be proud of their hometown boy – at least at first. But mostly he knew the majority of them were not prepared to hear his words and respond faithfully.

And he was right. Saying and doing are two different things – and the folks listening that day weren't too happy to be reminded of that.

People who study trends in today's churches have made one thing clear: the greatest indicator of a church that is alive and growing isn't its theological positions or the size of its building or even how well the preacher might preach. The greatest indicator of a healthy church is the level of participation. The greater the number of "ministers" with practicing ministries, the greater the health and growth. The fewer the "ministers," the greater the decline and danger.

Our church has set as its goals to better help people connect to God (Deep Christian Spirituality), to a community of faith (True Community), and to the needs of the community and the world (a Passion for Justice). All of those involve action. All of those involve moving off center and possibly trying new things. Let us resolve in this New Year not just to say – but to do. God (and our future as a church) is depending on it.