

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

Renita Lewis Whitaker

Office Manager

Anthony Shackelford

Custodian

Sue Taylor

Music Director

Dan Oliver

Bell Choir Director
Director of Audio/Visual

Lois Sutherland

Organist

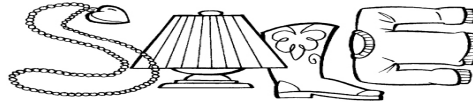
David and Lisa French

Bethany Choristers

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider

CWF RUMMAGE



October 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

You can bring in your donations for the CWF's Rummage Sale beginning Sunday, September 28th. Volunteers are needed during the week of September 28th through October 7th. If you can help please call Jane Bernard 901-4788. We are also looking for a Chairperson to train for our next rummage sale. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jane Bernard. There will also be a bake sale. If you wish to donate bake goods, please contact Veda Smith at 439-1875.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



On Sunday, September 28th the CYF will have a Progressive Dinner traveling to each others homes for food and fellowship. The congregation needs to mark their calendars for Sunday, October 5th for our first in a series of after church luncheons. This year CYF has some lofty goals. We have a number of youth planning to go on the UN Seminar, we want to send money to summer conferences for D.I.G., and we are planning a mission trip for the summer of 2009. (Don't know what D.I.G. stands for? Ask a youth - it will be a great ice breaking communication tool.) All of these things take funds. Watch this space for regular updates on the happenings of Central's CYF. We ask for your support and prayers as we grow and serve. Won't you please consider lending your support to our youth?

GOD SAID, NO!!

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No. - It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. - His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No.- Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. - I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. - Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. - You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. - I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said...Ahhhhh, finally you have the idea.

Serving in September

Deacon Captain: Mark Sigman

Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Tom Giles, April Parcell, John Willman, Ann O'Diam, Claudia McCall, Lora Davidson and Joe Albrecht.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lourdes Giles

Elders for Communion

Sept 21st Moniqua Suits and Don Ashbrook

Sept 28th Dan and Jamie Oliver

Lay Leaders

Sept 21st Molly Gross

Sept 28th Marty Robinson

Fellowship Hour

Sept 21st World Outreach/Social Concerns

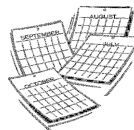
Sept 28th Joanna Group

The Week Ahead

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| Sunday, Sept 21st | 9:00 am | Morning Watch |
| | 9:15 am | Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class |
| | 10:30 am | Traditional Service Godly Play |
| | 11:15 am | Bethany Choristers |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hour Visitor/New Member Brunch |
| | 12:00 pm | Faith Seek/Faith Finders |
| | 6:30 pm | Chi Rho and CYF Youth Choir |
| Monday, Sept 22nd | 9:00 am | Quilters |
| | 12:30 pm | Senior Fitness Class |
| Tuesday, Sept 23rd | 7:00 pm | Elders Meeting |
| Wednesday, Sept 24th | 12:30 pm | Senior Fitness Class |
| | 7:00 pm | Experiencing God Kettering Toastmasters |
| Thursday, Sept 25th | 9:30 am | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| | 6:45 pm | Laudate Ringers |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir |

Wall Calendar

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



Experiencing God

(September 10th – December 4th)

If you are interested in participating in the study of the book, Experiencing God, led by Rev. David Turner, please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (September 10th – December 4th).

CWF

2008-2009

Members and Friends Directory

The 2008-2009 Members and Friends Directory is available and are located in the Narthex. If any of your information is incorrect, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Members and Friends

Hospitalized: Beulah Stockdale, Kettering.

Hospice Care: Pat Farnsley Home.

Long Term Care: Anne Walters, Sycamore Glen; Richard Teare, Sunrise of Oakwood; Marjorie Barkalow, Eugene Griffith, Summersville; Jim and Eleanor McNulty, Harborside Health Care; Garnia Moses, Trinity; June Tate, Autumn Health Care; Virginia Moore, Oaks of West Kettering; JoAnn Reichbauer, Spring Creek; Ruby Kreider, Thelma Harman, Robert and Frances Mayes; Earline Grice, Norma Kirkland, Marian Herron, Caryl Rentz, Mary Rothenbuhler and Robert Clayton, Home.

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, September 14th were given by Robert Ball in memory of Beverly Ball.

Please Pray For.....

Beulah Stockdale

Jennifer Boyer

Sis. V. Kay Rhodes

Everyone without power in Montgomery County and surrounding areas.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, September 14th, 2008

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| Christian Education | 23 |
| Nursery | 22 |
| Morning Watch | 21 |
| Traditional Service | 119 |
| Total Worship Attendance | 162 |

Our Offering (Operating Fund)

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| Sunday, September 7 th | *unavailable |
| 2008 Offering to Date | *unavailable |
| 2008 Expenses to Date | *unavailable |

*Due to power outage



Our food pantry is in need of more non-perishable food items particularly the following:

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| soup (small and large) | canned meats |
| spaghetti sauce | beef stew |
| canned fruit | canned spaghetti |
| peanut butter | jelly |
| cereal | canned milk |

Faith Seekers & Faith Finders

This is a youth group for children 3½ to 5th grade. Children 3½ to 1st grade are FAITH SEEKERS and children 2nd to 5th grade are FAITH FINDERS. We will have our first meeting on Sunday, September 21st at 12:00 p.m. It will run until 1:00 p.m. We will play games and do crafts, the younger group will explore how special they are to God and the older group will learn about the fruit of the Spirit (Self Control). If you have any questions, please contact Mary Mohr at 286-9158.

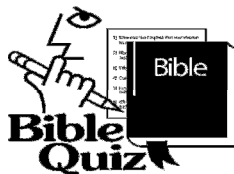
Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, October 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Read: Genesis 1:1-3; 24. Bring item for baby layette kit and can food for the food pantry.

Potato Sacks Needed



We are looking for potato sacks for sack races for the Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 18th. The sacks must be large enough for adults to use. If you have any that we may borrow, please contact Lourdes Giles by September 27th at 886-1686.



1. Who in the Bible could carry the title "The Strong Man?" (Judges 14-19)
2. According to the book of Proverbs, the beginning of knowledge is _____. (Proverbs 1:7)
3. What is greater than faith and hope? (1 Corinthians 13:13)
4. Which apostle was called "Doubting?" (John 20:24-29)
5. Abel did what for a living? (Genesis 4:2)

The Paradoxes of Life

When I spend myself — body, soul and strength — I find replenishment within.
When I extend kindness freely, I find kindness growing abundantly within.
When I give abundantly to God and charity, I find my resources increasing instead of diminishing.
When I exhibit happiness, I find mostly happy responses.
When I give or serve or share or provide, I receive or am served or shared with or provided for in return.
When I offer peace of mind to another, I discover it growing within myself.
When I feel at peace with God, I discover I am at peace with the world.

Regional Assembly



CROWN PLAZA 600 Metro Place North Dublin, OH

Friday, October 17, 2008

12:00 pm - Clergy Luncheon Seminar with Rev. Julia Brown-Karimu, Vice President Division of Overseas Ministries Disciples of Christ. Cost: \$20.00

12:00 pm - Laity Luncheon Seminar with Rev. Dr. Glenn Thomas Carson, President, Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Cost: \$20.00

5:00 pm - Banquet Disciple Merit Awards. Cost: \$25.00

7:30 pm - Opening Worship led by CYF and Advance with Rev. Cynthia Adcock and Rev. Jeffrey Wheeler, Northwest Christian Church.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Workshops: Congregational Transformation; Ohio Disciples Outreach; Church Management Systems to Strengthen your Congregations Mission; Faith and Politics: The Integration of Church and State in your life journey; Celebrating Our Global Ministries; The Future of History; and Working to Overcome Racism and Strengthen your congregation for Mission.

Women's Luncheon: 12:00 pm – Speaker: Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum. Cost \$20.00.

Men's Luncheon: 12:00 pm – Speaker: Gary Ochs. Cost \$20.00.

Business Session: 8:30 pm – Discussion forum

Youth Programs at Camp Christian: Bus Leaves Saturday at 8:30 am (grades 3-12).

Onsite Children's Ministry: Infants - 2nd grade available Friday & Saturday.

Closing Worship: 3:30 pm - Rev. Dr. William Edwards, Christian Church in Ohio Regional Pastor and President.

Forms - Adult Registration Form, Child & Youth Registration Form, Medical Forms for Minors and hotel information forms are located in the Narthex.

More Information - For more information on activities see registration information located in the Narthex or contact the Regional Office at (614) 433-0349 or www.ccinoh.org.

Thoughts for the Week

*God gives what's right,
not what's left.*

Only pray on days that end in Y.

SIN – Soul In need.

*Everyone wants to harvest,
but few want to plow.*

*Attend church weekly,
not weakly.*

The Last Word: *Special Storm Edition*
by David P. Turner

Have you noticed the words printed at the top of your Dayton Daily News for going on four days now? I guess you could say this is the “Special Storm Edition” of the Messenger. However, unlike the Dayton Daily News, we actually do have power – and never lost it. Needless to say, the church refrigerator, freezer and electrical outlets have been a lifesaver for many of us.

Who would have guessed that a hurricane would ever hit Ohio? I’m sure an actual hurricane would be much worse, but it’s the closest thing I’ve ever experienced. As I drive around, carefully negotiating the many intersections where traffic lights still aren’t working, the widespread devastation I witness is almost unbelievable. It’s no wonder the clean-up will be going on for weeks. Hopefully the same won’t be said about the loss of electricity. Although I don’t mind using my gas grill to cook meat before it goes bad (baby back ribs for lunch yesterday!), rambling around in the dark every night is getting mighty old. Hopefully that will change soon, but there are no guarantees. In the meantime, we read by candlelight and go to bed earlier and earlier. You know, maybe a little primitive living isn’t such a bad thing after all. But I wouldn’t want to live in this condition indefinitely.

Here are some things I learned over the past week:

--There is nothing like a catastrophe to bring neighbors together. Helping pull a tree limb out of your neighbor’s dining room ceiling tends to forge new and stronger friendships.

--When the power goes out at home, the first thing people think to do is go out for dinner. I’ve never seen so many people in restaurants. No thanks, I’ll just grill another hot dog.

--The world we live in and the things on which we rely are more fragile than we like to believe. I suspect I will be more prepared next time around.

--The church is a haven and a refuge. I believe this is always true (and has historically been the case through crises of almost every kind all around the world), but it was literally the case this time around. How we were spared is a mystery to me, but certainly a welcome one!

--Life goes on. The mess is cleaned up (at least the first phase). Friends and families and neighbors continue to lean on each other. Obligations and responsibilities once again rise to the surface and it’s back to life – not as usual perhaps – but something approaching normal.

The Good News has been, and will always be, that God dwells with us in the midst of all the storms of life, whether meteorological or personal. God has promised us love and life and hope and peace. It might do us all well to sit down quietly sometime this week and read or recite once again those great words, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want....”