

# 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

### Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider

## CYF ANNUAL SPAGHETTI LUNCH



**Come One, Come All!!** The CYF Annual Spaghetti Lunch will be held on 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!

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP PROGRAM

A new program will be starting soon for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders that will take place following the Children's Moment during the Traditional Service. Susan Aebker will be leading the kids through a 4-6 week program where she will help them understand the different components of the traditional worship service. Each week, Susan and the kids will sit through a larger portion of the service, then leave and talk about what they've seen and what it all means. Watch this space for further details on the program!



Many Christian denominations celebrate Epiphany each year on or near January 6<sup>th</sup>. "Epiphany," which means "showing forth," celebrates the visit of the magi, or wise men, to the baby Jesus. These men, also known as kings, saw the star that led them to Bethlehem. The fact that these wise men were Gentiles, not Jews, teaches us an important theological lesson: Their search for the Savior shows that Jesus came for all people. In 1875, Philip Bliss wrote the hymn "The Light of the World Is Jesus." The first stanza captures the meaning of Epiphany, a season of light:

The whole world was lost  
In the darkness of sin,  
The Light of the world is Jesus!  
Like sunshine at noonday,  
His glory shone in.  
The Light of the world is Jesus!

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>** David and Margaret Lyon

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

**Lay Leaders**

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** Merle Kidd

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

**Fellowship Hour**

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** Naomi Group

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

## 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 11<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>	Fellowship Hour
	<b>11:40 am</b>	Bethany Choristers
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Faith Finders/Seekers
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Chi Rho and CYF
	<b>Monday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>		Senior Fitness Class
<b>Wednesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	Joanna Group
<b>Thursday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Kettering Toastmasters
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Laudate Ringers
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Christian Ed. Meeting (Youth)
<b>Saturday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Chancel Choir
	<b>10:00 am</b>	AED/CPR Training

## Faith Finders/Seekers

The Faith Finders and Faith Seekers groups will begin meeting again this Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:00 pm. The Faith Finders group (2nd through 5th grade) will have a parent's meeting as part of their first session. We look forward to a fun and exciting second half of the year -- please plan to join us!

## Christian Ed. Meeting (Youth)

The next Christian Education (Children and Youth) will be on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. An agenda will be forthcoming via email. If you have any questions or would like more information about this exciting ministry, please contact Melissa Moody.

## Members & Friends

<b>Hospice Care</b>	- Pat Farnsley Home
<b>Home Care</b>	- Ruby Kreider 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 Gladys Blowers, (*mother of Ray Blowers*) who passed away on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service was held on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Routsong Funeral Home in Centerville.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> were given by Jim and Marty Robinson in celebration of their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Memorial Fund

### General Fund

**In memory of Bill Ivan**  
Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Clifford

### Choir Fund

**In memory of Veda Smith**  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Baker

## Worshipping at Central

Sunday, January 4, 2009

<b>Christian Education</b>	20
<b>Nursery/Godly Play</b>	21
<b>Morning Watch</b>	22
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<u>138</u>
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>181</b>

### Our Offering (Operating Fund)

<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup></b>	\$6,199.00
<b>2009 Offering to Date</b>	\$6,199.00
<b>2009 Expenses to Date</b>	\$4,675.00

*Amen!*

## Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Birthday Party for Jesus a success! Thanks to our CYF youth for decorating the Fellowship Hall and to the Elders for providing a wonderful buffet of snacks. We hope that everyone enjoyed this time of Fellowship and celebration of the birth of our King. **Melissa Moody**

My loving church family,  
Thank you for all your cards, prayers and thoughts of concern for my family after the passing of my mother. Your loving support has given us much strength during this very difficult time.

**Love,  
Karen, Andrew and Sean**

Central Christian,  
Thank you for the lovely planter and the luncheon after the funeral. The church meant so much to Caryl. During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

**Caryl Rentz' Family**



January 1<sup>st</sup>, **Jim McNulty** celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Ruth Rintamaa** celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, **Eleanor McNulty** will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

## 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.

## Bethany Choristers

The Bethany Choristers will have their next practice on January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Taylor at 545-1976.

## Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the meeting room. Read: I Kings 19:1-18.

## 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.

## Food Pantry

In 2008, we fed over 100 people through Central Christian's Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community.

## 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.

## Without God

**Without GOD, our week would be:**

- Sinday
- Mournday
- Tearsday
- Wasteday
- Thirstday
- Fightday
- Shatteredday

**Don't spend a day without Him!**



## Pray for...

- Dennis and Barb Nichols
- Bob Ball
- The Shoupe Family
- Ruth Sempritt
- Marshal Bryant
- Virginia Perkins
- Elvira Roesch
- Rita Brookshire
- Danielle Schrank
- Mildred Dickerson
- David Sipple
- Cindy Taylor
- Love, peace and happiness for our country
- Ingrid Tartaglia
- Michael Bengé



## Thoughts for the Week...

*Strive to be first: first to nod, first to smile,  
first to compliment and first to forgive.*

*Your temper will improve the longer you keep it.*

*The fruit of silence is prayer  
The fruit of prayer is faith.  
The fruit of faith is love.  
The fruit of love is service.  
The fruit of service is peace.*

## The Last Word...

### **From the church office files.....The Duck & the Devil**

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved! In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching!

Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing. After lunch the next day Grandma said, 'Sally, let's wash the dishes.' But Sally said, 'Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen.' Then she whispered to him, 'Remember the duck?' So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, 'I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper.

Sally just smiled and said, 'Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help.' She whispered again, 'Remember the duck?' So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer.

He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, 'Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you.'

Thought for the day and every day thereafter?



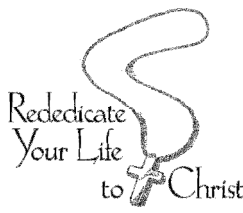


Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.)...whatever it is...You need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven.

He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

Go ahead and make a difference in your life today and always remember: God is at the window!

*God's Promise*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2  Church Office Closed	3  <i>Look for ways to glorify God.</i>
4  	5  9:00 am Quilters  12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program	6  7:00 pm All Ministry Meetings Worship Ministry Naomi Group	7  12:30 pm Senior Fitness  7:00 pm Inventors Council	8  9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:00 pm Property Meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	9   <b>EPIPHANY</b>	10  9:30 am Scrapbook Ministry  1:00 Cheers
11  1:30 pm Oakcreek Nursing Home  3:00 pm Walnut Creek Home	12  9:00 am Quilters  12:30 pm Senior Fitness	13  <i>God is greater than your greatest problem.</i>	14  12:30 pm Senior Fitness  1:30 pm Joanna Group  7:00 pm Kettering Toastmasters	15  9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:00 pm Christian Ed. Meeting (Youth) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	16  <i>Each day we choose who we will follow in life.</i>	17  10:00 am AED/CPR Training
18  11:30 am CYF Spaghetti Lunch	19  9:00 am Quilters  12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program	20  1:00 pm Lydia Group  7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	21  12:00 pm District 8 Ministers Mtg.  12:30 pm Senior Fitness	22  9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  6:30 pm Laudate Ringers  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	23  	24  2:00 pm Garner Gathering
25  Rho & CYF Laser Tag Challenge & Pizza	26  9:00 am Quilters  12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program  7:00 pm CWF Meeting	27  7:00 pm Elders Meeting	28  12:30 pm Senior Fitness  7:00 pm Kettering Toastmasters	29  9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  6:30 pm Laudate Ringers  7:30 pm Chancel Choir	30  <i>We are not saved by what we do but by trusting what Christ has done.</i>	31  1:00 Cheers

### Sunday Activities

9:00 am	Morning Watch	10:30 am	Traditional Worship / Godly Play
9:15 am	Christian Education	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	Crusaders Class	11:40 am	Bethany Choristers
	Max Lucado Class	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	Unbinding the Gospel	6:30 pm	CYF and Chi Rho

