

# 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*

## Stewardship Kickoff 2009

The Stewardship Campaign for support of Central Christian Church during 2009 is now underway. The official kickoff for this year's campaign will be Sunday, September 28th. All members and friends of the church will soon be receiving a letter with an *Estimate of Giving Card* enclosed. This year's continuing theme is "People with a Vision - Flourish" as we continue toward the vision and goals set forth by Central's Executive Board. The Stewardship Ministry and the Executive Board members are delighted with the response that has been shown with your financial support for accomplishing that vision. During the first eight months of 2008 we have seen an increase in membership as we promote *individual spirituality, church community involvement, and social justice*.

The Stewardship Ministry fully understands these times of economic stress that have hit many of us in this geographic area. However, we also understand that God has promised to take care of us if we place His church and a love for others in the forefront of our financial planning. Remember God owes us nothing, but has given us everything! We pray for your continued generous support of the Central Christian program for 2009.

Upon receipt of the above mentioned letter, we would appreciate your early return of the *Estimate of Giving Card* containing your financial commitment to Central Christian during the coming year.

**Terry Sigman**  
**Stewardship Chair**

## CWF FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Bring your donations for the CWF's Fall Rummage Sale this Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The sale will begin on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed during the week to assist with the sale. If you can help, please call Jane Bernard 901-4788. We are also looking for a Chairperson to train for our next rummage sale in the spring. 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.

## CYF NEWS



On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> the CYF will participate in a Progressive Dinner. Please meet at the Turner's for appetizers. We'll then travel to Matt Pence's for the main dish, and then to Alexis Garybush's for dessert. Parents should bring their CYF'er to the Turner's at 3:30 p.m. and pick them up at Alexis's about 6:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided in between. Questions - call Mary Lou Pence, 434-8157.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>** Dan and Jamie Oliver

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** Doug and Mary Lou Pence

**Lay Leaders**

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** Marty Robinson

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** John Mohr

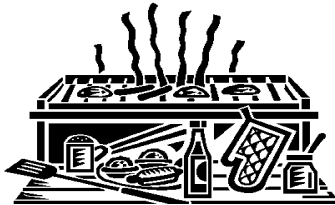
**Fellowship Hour**

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** Joanna Group

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** CYF Cookout

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sunday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Traditional Service Godly Play
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Bethany Choristers
	<b>11:30 am</b>	Fellowship Hour
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Faith Seek/Faith Finders
	<b>3:30 pm</b>	CYF Progressive Dinner
<b>Monday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Chi Rho Youth Choir
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Quilters
<b>Wednesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class Experiencing God Kettering Toastmasters
<b>Thursday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	CWF Rummage Sale
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	Laudate Ringers
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>Friday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	CWF Rummage Sale
<b>Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	CWF Rummage Sale



## CYF Cook Out

**Mark Your Calendar!!!** Please join the CYF for a COOK OUT - in lieu of Fellowship Hour - on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll serve up hotdogs, hamburgers, and brownie sundaes. The cost is \$5 per person with children under 12 years old only \$2 each. Plan on staying for this fun filled fellowship time.

## 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.



## Members & Friends

<b>Hospitalized</b>	-	Wanda Riggs (MVH)
<b>Hospice Care</b>	-	Pat Farnsley Home
<b>Home Care</b>	-	Ruby Kreider Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Norma Kirkland Marian Herron Caryl Rentz Mary Rothenbuhler Robert Clayton
<b>Autumn Health Care</b>	-	June Tate
<b>Harborside Healthcare</b>	-	Jim and Eleanor McNulty
<b>Heartland of Beavercreek-</b>		Beulah Stockdale
<b>Oaks of West Kettering</b>	-	Virginia Moore
<b>Summersville</b>	-	Margarie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
<b>Sunrise of Oakwood</b>	-	Richard Teare
<b>Spring Creek</b>	-	JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	-	Ann Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	-	Garnia Moses



## Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> were given by Tammy Turner in honor of church family.

## Please Pray For.....

*Prayer of thanks to the Elders and their Spouses  
Everyone without power  
Delmas, Roy and Ray Davidson  
Virginia Hawk-Back  
The injured firefighter  
Michael Bengé in Iraq*

## Worshiping at Central

Sunday, September 21, 2008

Christian Education	28
Nursery/Godly Play	18
Morning Watch	22
Traditional Service	133
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>173</b>

## Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	3,205.50
<b>2008 Offering to Date</b>	<b>202,701.00</b>
<b>2008 Expenses to Date</b>	<b>206,068.00</b>

## Special Thanks Your

(Church Food Pantry)

A special thank you to the members of Central Christian who donated their time to clean and reorganize the food pantry. You did wonderful job! A special thank you to Velma Fansler for overseeing this project.

**Our food pantry need of more non-perishable food items, particularly the following:**

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

**Please place all donations on the table in the Narthex.**

## Potato Sacks Needed

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



## Regional Assembly

**CROWN PLAZA 600 Metro Place North Dublin, OH**

**Friday, October 17, 2008**

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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Once Upon A Time...

Once upon a time there was a girl who had four boyfriends. She loved the fourth boyfriend the most and adorned him with rich robes and treated him to the finest of delicacies. She gave him nothing but the best.

She also loved the third boyfriend very much and was always showing him off to neighboring kingdoms. However, she feared that one day he would leave her for another. She also loved her second boyfriend. He was her confidant and was always kind, considerate and patient with her. Whenever faced a problem, she could confide in him, and he would help get through the difficult times.

The girl's first boyfriend was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining her wealth and kingdom. However, she did not love the first boyfriend. Although he loved her deeply, she hardly took notice of him! One day, the girl fell ill and she knew her time was short. She thought of her luxurious life and wondered, 'I now have four boyfriends with me, but when I die, will I be alone.'

Thus, she asked the fourth boyfriend, 'I loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'No way!', replied the fourth boyfriend, and he walked away without another word. His answer cut like a sharp knife right into her heart.

The sad girl then asked the third boyfriend, 'I loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'No!', replied the third boyfriend. 'Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to marry someone else!' Her heart sank and turned cold.

She then asked the second boyfriend, 'I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!', replied the second boyfriend. 'At the very most, I can only walk with you to your grave.' His answer struck her like a bolt of lightning, and the girl was devastated.

Then a voice called out: 'I'll go with you. I'll follow you no matter where you go.' The girl looked up, and there was her first boyfriend. He was very skinny as he suffered from malnutrition and neglect. Greatly grieved, the girl said, 'I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance!'

In truth, you have four boyfriends in your lives: Your fourth boyfriend is your body. No matter how much time and effort you lavish in making it look good, it will leave you when you die.

Your third boyfriend is your possessions, status and wealth. When you die, it will all go to others.

Your second boyfriend is your family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for you, the furthest they can stay by you is up to the grave.

And your first boyfriend is your spirit. Often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world. However, your spirit is the only thing that will follow you where ever you go. Cultivate, strengthen and cherish it now, for it is the only part of you that will follow you to the throne of God and continue with you throughout Eternity.

## Thoughts for the Week

**Remember, when the world pushes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position to pray.**

## **The Last Word:**

by David P. Turner

In today's Dayton Daily News, a local 101 year old woman was interviewed about being without electricity for 8 days. She was very gracious, but she also commented on the fact that this power outage was unlike anything she'd ever experienced before. And at 101 that is saying something!

The electricity in my house was out for six days (it only felt like a month). But I know there are still many who are still without power, some without water, and many who are getting by without Internet, cable or telephone service. When I asked for a show of hands on Sunday morning of folks still operating by candlelight, I would say at least a quarter of the congregation raised their hands.

If you are still walking into rooms and futilely flipping light switches out of habit – we know how you feel. Hopefully by the time this reaches your mailbox (or email inbox) you'll be up and running again.

Sometimes we don't realize how much we take for granted until it is taken away. That has certainly been the case for many of us in the past week. But it should also be a reminder of some of the other things in our lives we sometimes take for granted – our health, friends, family – even the church.

The great preacher Fred Craddock tells a story about his father that somehow seemed appropriate. He writes, *My mother took us to church and Sunday school; my*

*father didn't go. Sometimes the preacher would call, and my father would say, "I know what the church wants. Church doesn't care about me. Church wants another name, another pledge, another name, another pledge. Right? Isn't that the name of it? Another name, another pledge." That's what he always said...*

*One time he didn't say it. He was in the veterans' hospital, and he was down to 73 pounds. They'd taken out his throat, and said, "It's too late." They put in a metal tube, and X-rays burned him to pieces. I flew in to see him. He couldn't speak, couldn't eat. I looked around the room, potted plants and cut flowers on all the windowsills, a stack of cards 20 inches deep beside his bed. And even that tray where they put food, if you can eat, on that was a flower. And all the flowers beside the bed, every card, every blossom, were from persons or groups from the church.*

*He saw me read a card. He could not speak, so he took a Kleenex box and wrote on the side of it a line from Shakespeare. If he had not written this line, I would not tell you this story. He wrote: "In this harsh world, draw your breath in pain to tell my story."*

*I said, "What is your story, Daddy?"*

*And he wrote, "I was wrong."*

It is easy to fall into the habit of taking for granted the things that really matter in our lives. Sometimes we don't even see it until it's too late. Don't let that be your story.