

# 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

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## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET SUNDAY

Through CWS Tools and Blanket Program, you can make a world of difference for people in need in some 80 countries and the U.S. You can help provide the right tool at the right time! For...

**\$25** can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a disaster.

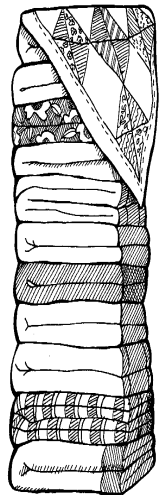
**\$120** can enable three women to attend a literacy class for a year and change their lives forever.

**\$200** can provide a struggling farm family with a water buffalo - a "living tractor" to significantly increase their food production and carry their produce to market.

**\$250** can provide a sewing machine to a young mother learning to support her family.

**\$5000** can drill a deep water well, protection against drought for a village.

This Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is Blanket Sunday. Please support CWS Tool and Blankets Program by donating \$5.00. Make your check out to CWF (Christian Women Fellowship). Your donation will make a world of difference in the lives of a family or community – be the tool for a better tomorrow.



## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



Beginning Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Larry Merkle will begin teaching a new Sunday school class. Larry recently moved to the Dayton area from Terra Haute, Indiana where he was an assistant professor of computer science and software engineering at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Larry is a long time Disciple of Christ and has led or been a part of many book studies and Sunday school offerings. He brings a love for teaching that Central Christian is sure to enjoy. Larry will be facilitating an informal gathering that will meet in the fellowship hall for a study of the book, Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese. This book is the study that the elders embarked on last year and is about evangelism and building relationships in the church community. This book is part of a three part series by Martha Grace Reese. Rev. David Turner will be using her second book, Unbinding Your Heart as a study during Lent. This is a great opportunity to prepare for this study. Child care is available during the Sunday school. Books will be available for the first class which will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

## Serving In October

**Deacon Captain:** Lisa French

**Deacons Serving:** Barbara King, Jim King, Tom Giles, Shirley Wilcox, Don Wilcox, Andrew Green, Joe Albrecht and David French.

**Deacon Prep/Clean Up:** Lourdes Giles and Laura Nolan

### Elders for Communion

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Doug and Mary Lou Pence

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** Steve and Pam Bowser

### Lay Leaders

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Margaret Merkle

**Oct 19** Doug Pence

### Fellowship Hour

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** Technology

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** Christian Education (Youth)

## 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.



## The Week Ahead

<b>Sunday, Oct 12<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>11:30 am</b>	Fellowship Hour
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Faith Seek/Faith Finders
	<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>9:00 am</b>	Quilters
<b>Monday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Tuesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Executive Board Meeting
	<b>Wednesday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Experiencing God
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:45 pm</b>	Laudate Ringers
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Chancel Choir
	<b>4:30 am</b>	Fall Harvest Festival

## Executive Board Members

We are rescheduling the October meeting to Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. October devotions will be given by Christian Education (Children) and Youth and Technology. If you are unable to attend, please find someone who is willing to step in for you for devotions. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Lyon at 429-4672.

## Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed **4** families. 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>	- 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
<b>Arbors at Dayton</b>	- Wanda Riggs
<b>Autumn Health Care</b>	- June Tate
<b>Harborside Healthcare</b>	- Jim and Eleanor McNulty
<b>Oaks of West Kettering Summersville</b>	- Virginia Moore Margarie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
<b>Spring Creek</b>	- JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	- Ann Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	- Garnia Moses



**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> were given by Temple Ann Hanson in celebration of Rollin Hanson's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Grand Piano Flowers:** The grand piano flowers on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> were given by Elwood Byrkett in memory of Vivian Byrkett.



## Thank You

*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. A special thank you for the lovely caring luncheon, the beautiful flowers, and the service by Rev. Turner.*

*The family of Dennie Sligh*

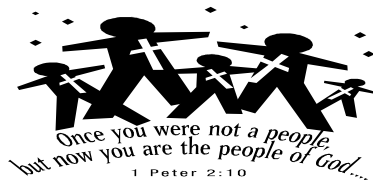
## Worshiping at Central

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Christian Education	26
Nursery/Godly Play	14
Morning Watch	21
Traditional Service	140
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>175</b>

### Our Offering (Operating Fund)

<b>Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	\$10,409.00
<b>2008 Offering to Date</b>	\$213,110.00
<b>2008 Expenses to Date</b>	\$216,407.11



## Property Ministry

- 1) The roof damage from hurricane Ike has been repaired. There were shingles missing from 30 to 50 different sites, mostly on the Southside of the Education Wing and the Sanctuary. One vent was missing. We are grateful for the mild temperatures and the very little precipitation.
- 2) Spring cleaning 2009 has begun. Please discard all items of no further use to the mission of central. Please tag/mark all items with 1) organization responsibility; 2) name of knowledgeable person, and 3) date to be discarded. Untagged items will be discarded May 1, 2009.

Lynn Rogers, Property Chair

## Good Morning

**When I say good morning I mean to say:**

God  
Offers us His  
Outstanding  
Devotion to

Make us  
Obedient &  
Ready for a  
New day with Him.  
Inspire others please, and  
Never forget  
God loves you!

## HAVE A BLESSED DAY

### Holy Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

His father smiled and replied,

'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?'

The son replied, 'I do know!'

'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?'

'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly,

'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.

'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared,

You'll get your quilt.'

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor

stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said 'Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fun Festival

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening as we celebrate the culmination of a wonderful summer together at Central's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fun Festival. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30. We will once again be serving dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by fun fall activities for young and old. Inside there will be a door prize, BINGO with prizes, and crafts. Outside there will be a bonfire with marshmallows and s'mores, corn hole, a hayride, scarecrow building, pumpkin decorating, a crawl box pumpkin maze, a cookie walk, and sack races. Following is the planned schedule of events:

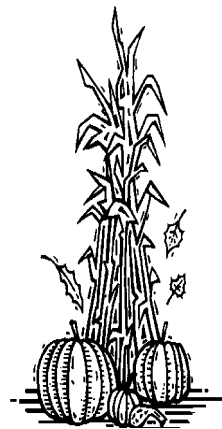
**4:30-6:00** - Dinner Served.

**5:00-7:00** - Hayrides, Scarecrow Building, Corn Hole, and Crawl Box Pumpkin Maze

**5:00-8:00** - Bonfire with Hot & Cold Beverages, S'mores, and Marshmallows.

**5:30-6:30** - Cookie Walk, Pumpkin Decorating, Sack Races, and Crafts

**5:30-7:30**-BINGO with Prizes for adults and children! Dinner options will include sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, apple slices with caramel sauce, and for dessert - brownies and pies.



Each family will be encouraged to think of one of the ways God has blessed them, write it on a fall leaf and place it on our tree of blessings in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12. There will be a \$15 maximum charged per immediate family. Tickets will be available for sale after both Morning Watch and Traditional Worship services on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> or can be purchased at the church office October 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Alternately, tickets will be sold at the door for \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 3 to 12, with a \$20 maximum charged per immediate family. This event has been a favorite for those who have come out in previous years. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for everyone. If you wish to sit comfortably around the fire pit, please bring lawn chairs to supplement the bales of straw that will be scattered around the fire. This event is sponsored by Christian Family Life and Christian Education Ministries. If you have questions please contact Sara Bond at 885-7989.



## Thoughts for the Week

*Hem your day with prayer,  
you'll be less apt to unravel at the edges.*

*Have a God day.*



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

by David P. Turner

I've always loved the story about the minister who made a telephone call to a family in his church only to have their four year old son answer the phone. The little boy picked up the phone after the first ring and said, "Hello." And the minister said, "Hello, is your Daddy there?"

"Yes."

"Can I talk to him?"

"No, he's busy."

"Well, then is your Mommy home?"

"Yes."

"Can I talk to her?"

"No, she's busy."

"Well, if your Mom and Dad are busy, is there anyone else around?"

"Yes, the fireman."

"Okay, can I talk to the fireman?"

"No, he's busy."

"Is there anyone else there?"

"Yes, the policeman."

"Can I talk to him?"

"No, he's busy, too."

"Well, if all those people are at your house, what in the world are they doing?"

"They're looking for me."

As some of us know only too well, little boys and girls can get themselves into lots of trouble – sometimes intentionally and sometimes by accident. But the same thing could also be said about a lot of us older ones, too. As children grow into adults, they just find more and more complicated ways of getting lost or into trouble.

And that is one of the reasons we gather together each week in worship and prayer – because we need guidance – we need a shepherd.

Before the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus looked at the crowds that had followed him and his disciples into the countryside and scripture tells us "Jesus had compassion on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd..." Sheep without shepherds, like lost four year olds, are in need of real help – whether they know it or not. Sheep without shepherds are lost, in danger, and will wander aimlessly forever unless they are gently led back home.

Recognizing our need for God and asking God for help is one of the most important steps that any of us every take. For those who seek God's help, God will lead them to green pastures and beside still waters – God will restore their souls.

Do you sometimes feel lost and alone? Come and gather with the rest of us sheep as we sit each week at the feet of our Good Shepherd.