

From The Pastor

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life.

One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with religion. He argued,

"What are people going to learn from someone who decided their best option in life was to become a minister? Religion causes more conflict between people and nations than it solves."

To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a minister, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied,

"You want to know what I make? (She paused for a second, then began...)

Well, I make people work harder than they ever thought they could.

I make service to others feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

I make kids sit through 60 minutes of worship when their parents can't make them sit for 5 without an I Pod, Game Cube or movie rental.

You want to know what I make? (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table)

I make people wonder about the majesty of God's creation.

I make them question their purpose in life.

I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.

I teach them to think about faith and then I make them act on their faith.

I make people read their Bibles and pray to a higher being.

I make them live out their faith with works.

I make them bring liberty and justice to the poor and oppressed.

I make them work for peace on earth, good will toward all.

I make them use their God-given brains to learn everything they need to know about other cultures, nationalities, religions while preserving their unique identities.

I make my church a place where all people feel safe, loved and welcome.

I make people laugh and find meaning and fulfillment for their lives.

I make my parishioners stand, and sing the songs of our faith with their hearts and their minds.

I make people to understand the difference between right and wrong.

I make people know that they are loved by God and other people.

I make people learn that love, gratitude, patience, respect, humility, forgiveness, a sense of humor, justice, and compassion are qualities of life worth more than anything money can buy.

Finally, I don't really make people do anything. I encourage them to think for themselves, so that they can make intelligent, loving choices. And I help them understand that if they use the gifts they were given by God, work hard, follow their hearts, and love one another, they will be truly happy and blessed. And I would hope that I actually do inspire some people to know that who they are is God's gift to them, but what they make of themselves is their gift to God. For you see, it's more important to make a life than to make a living, and it is more blessed to give than to receive.

(Bonnie paused one last time and then continued)

Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because I believe God is pleased with what I make. Being a minister is the most rewarding and fulfilling occupation in the world.

But if you still want to know what I make, here it is:

For Christ's sake and yours, I MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN APRIL

ELDERS:	Apr.	4	Jody Hodgins	Kraig Gibson
		11	Dorothy Kay	Jody Hodgins
		18	Sheryl Reeve	Dorothy Kay
		25	Eva Reiff	Sheryl Reeve

DEACONS:		Amy Barkley	Nettie Borders
		Colton Bloomfield	Carolyn Files
		Ann Borders	Tom Files
		Ellen Borders	Pat Schertzer

ACOLYTES:	Apr.	4	Laney Davis
		11	Allie Seckel
		18	Alex Large
		25	Mickey Millisor

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Chancel flowers during April are being provided by:

Apr.	4	Easter Flowers
	11	Available
	18	Available
	25	Available

APRIL 4, 2010 - EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER DEVOTION & BREAKFAST - 8:00 a.m.

EASTER WORSHIP - 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday school classes for children or youth.

VALET PARKING - offered by Kathie Sizemore

FOOD PANTRY - offers a chance for you to help feed the area's hungry. Please bring food staples to help us continue our support of this community ministry.



“Do You Believe In Me?”

Easter Special Day offering will be received on Sundays, March 28 and April 4. Please identify your offering so it may be included on your individual giving record.

Ruth Group

The Ruth Group of Christian Women's Fellowship will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Social Room. Study leader will be Dorothy Kay. Hostess will be Arlue Holliday.

CMF Breakfast

Saturday, April 17; 7:30 a.m. at Marion Diner
All men of the church are invited.

Prayer Concerns Lists

Just a reminder of our new policy regarding printed prayer concerns lists - in the bulletin and in the *Gazette*. On May 1st all names will be removed from our prayer concerns lists and will begin again. If you would like to keep your name or the name of someone you have placed on these lists, all you have to do is notify the church office of your wish by April 20, 2010. Of course, anyone can be added at any time.

The Joy of Giving

Your Finance Committee, through this series of articles in the *Gazette* will inform you of how your church is using your financial donations. Someone once said we have three things to give: **TIME, TALENT and TREASURES**. We will concentrate on **TREASURES**.

This month we will discuss Central Christian's service to others through the **Outreach Ministry**. Many believe this is one of the most important functions of our church. Your generous and consistent donations to Central Christian allows us to devote over 5% of our general fund budget, as well as your designated donations, to this important ministry.

Through the denominational missions of the Disciples of Christ, you are contributing to support first responders to natural disasters throughout the world. Locally the money we give to Love, INC helps to supply the needs of people in very real and tangible ways - ie: prescription medication, rent, utilities, gas, food and other living expenses. Your support of Habitat for Humanity gives us the opportunity to meet housing needs that may otherwise not be met and shelter families in clean, warm, homes. These are only three of the ways Central Christian is able to help others.

Your giving is appreciated very much.



Utilities for February, 2010

Columbia Gas	\$1921.06
Ohio Edison	\$ 405.31
Ohio American Water	\$ 96.59
Verizon	\$ 183.53
Sewer/Trash	\$ 240.36
Total	<u>\$2846.85</u>



BOOKWORMS
Can turn into
BUTTERFLIES



Just as a caterpillar bursts from its cocoon and flies away a beautiful butterfly you can break out of your shell and rise to new heights of understanding, enjoyment, discovery, and spiritual growth by reading books from our library. Come in and check out some of these new ones:

THE BIBLE MAKES SENSE (Walter Brueggemann)... a different approach to Bible study that includes questions for reflection and discussion and scripture passages for meditation following each chapter.

NO ACT OF LOVE IS EVER WASTED: The Spirituality Of Caring for Persons with Dementia (Jane Marie Thibault and Richard L. Morgan)...a book for those who provide care for persons with dementia. It offers information about the types of the disease, suggestions for spiritual care, questions to think about, and tips for worship services.

THE BIG 5-Oh! (Sandra D. Bricker)... Olivia Wallace can't remember a birthday that wasn't marked by illness, tragedy, or both. As she approaches the big 5-0, she's determined to change her streak of bad luck. With the help of her best friend, escapes a snowy Ohio winter and runs away to the Florida sunshine. Amidst a crazy cast of characters that includes a rogue alligator and a flirtatious octogenarian, God surprises her with the best birthday gift of all---a second chance at love. ...from the back cover.

LAUGHTER FROM HEAVEN (Barbara Johnson)...April is National Humor Month and a good time to read about "joy and laughter inside the Pearly Gates". You'll also want to check out some of this favorite author's other humorous books. They are located in the 817 section on the west wall.

Thank You To . .

- **Libby Davis and Brenda Reish** for helping in the office.

Thank You Note . . .

Thank you for all the visits, cards and prayers during my illness.

Betty Denney



Prayer Concerns

Members

Sarah Beam	Betty Leib
Genevieve Beers	Charlotte Miller
Eleanor Gibson	Louis Patrick
Wanda Jarvis	John Roush
Dorothy Kay	Search & Call Committee
Roger & Esther Kingsley	Hilda Smith
Mary Kirk	Hal Zug
Peggy Large	

Non-members

Joe Acker (<i>Jane's son</i>)	Amanda Noble (<i>DeGood</i>)
Judy Adcock (<i>Maurer</i>)	Pearl Rogers (<i>Besch</i>)
Kathy Bradshaw (<i>Lusch</i>)	Elaine Scarlett (<i>Zug</i>)
Suzanne Harris (<i>Reeve</i>)	Wayne Schaber (<i>Middaugh</i>)
Elaine Kelly (<i>Middaugh</i>)	Janis Swepston (<i>VanGorden</i>)
Thelma Knapp (<i>Middaugh</i>)	Helen Swinehart (<i>Frye</i>)
Kathy Longstreth (<i>Besch</i>)	Dan Weary (<i>Tidd</i>)
Fred McFarland (<i>Reeve</i>)	Kim White (<i>Besch</i>)
David Merrick (<i>Middaugh</i>)	Pete Zimmerman (<i>Besch</i>)



OUR SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF . . .

Dale Kaiser

who passed away February 28, 2010

Clarice England (*Bob's mother*)
who passed away February 28, 2010

**CCC CELEBRATES
APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Will & Lisa Camm
- 7 Fred & Sharon Evans
- 12 Bill & Debbie Bowers
- 21 Dana & Anndalene Queen
- 22 Tony & Lisa Burke
- 29 Andy & Sarah Shirk

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 | Bev Cole | 16 | Rebecca Thiel |
| 2 | Tiffany Butler | 19 | Dorothy Bobst |
| 3 | Maria Ford | 20 | Nancy Snyder |
| 5 | Cyd DeGood | 29 | Mark Kingsley |
| 7 | Renee Miracle | | Genevieve Beers |
| 8 | Arlue Holliday | 30 | Alyson Baughman |
| 9 | Brenda Schertzer | | |
| 10 | JoEllen Field | | |
| | Alex Large | | |
| 12 | Shannon Davis | | |
| 13 | Sarah Bushatz | | |
| 14 | Eva Reiff | | |

*If you have a
birthday and/or an
anniversary in April and it
does not appear on the list
above or if the information
printed is incorrect, please
contact the church office
immediately so we may
update our files and include
it in the future. Thanks!*