

From The Pastor

COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent is a time:

- to prepare for the coming of Christ into your home
- to come home to Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior
- to come back to your home church for Christmas
- to celebrate the coming of Christ Jesus into the world
- to invite the Christ to be born again in our hearts

Christmas is when God comes to be with us through
Jesus Christ.

No matter where your life journey has taken you, we want
you to come home to Central Christian Church.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a movement
for wholeness in a fragmented world.

As part of the body of Christ, we welcome all to the
Lord's table, as God has welcomed us.

Central Christian Church is your church family home.
You are always welcome here.

Come home and enjoy our friendship and hospitality.
Experience the excitement of being a disciple of Christ,
of worshiping the Prince of Peace,
of true community and deep spirituality,
of serving Christ and loving your neighbor.

Every Sunday, Jesus Christ invites you to his table
in his home, the King Jesus mansion.

We have prepared a place for you.
God still loves you through Jesus Christ.

God wants you to know
the *hope, peace, love and joy* of

Coming Home for Christmas.

THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN DECEMBER

ELDERS:	Dec.	6	Scott Braumiller	Dick Barnhart
		13	Maria Ford	Scott Braumiller
		20	Kraig Gibson	Maria Ford
		24	Jody Hodgins	Dick Barnhart
		27	Eva Reiff	Kraig Gibson

DEACONS:	Ben Acker	Aaron Reeve
	Callie Boblenz	Tyler Reeve
	Jamie Boblenz	Al Ryan
	Pat Mishler	James Ryan

ACOLYTES:	Dec.	6	Laney Davis
		13	Allie Seckel
		20	Alex Large
		24	Jaida Shuster
		27	Mickey Millisor

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Chancel flowers during December are being provided by:

Dec.	6	None Scheduled
	13	None Scheduled
	20	Christmas Poinsettias
	27	Christmas Poinsettias

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009 - Peace Sunday

VALET PARKING is offered by Kathie Sizemore at 8:30 a.m.

COFFEE HOUR begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children's message will be given during the 9:30 a.m. worship. Sunday School for all ages follows worship.

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.

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### **Millennial Class**

Youth 14 years old and older  
every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the church parlor

### **Chi Rho Group**

Youth 9 years old and older  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 4-5:30 p.m. in the church parlor

### **Community Breakfast**

A community breakfast is offered the last Sunday  
of each month from 8 - 9:30 a.m.

### **Ladies Exercise Group**

every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

### **The Prayer Blanket Group**

every Thursday at 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor

### **Ruth Group**

1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Social Room  
Christmas reading by each person. Hostess: Arlue Holliday

### **CMF Breakfast**

Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. at the Marion Diner  
All men of the church are invited.

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS, 2009**

### **Sunday, November 29**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. The Worship Ministry has decorated the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Each Sunday School class is asked to decorate their own room.

### **Sundays, November 29 & December 6**

Poinsettia orders and donations will be taken in the Fellowship Hall by Pat Schertzer or Pat Mishler.

### **Thursday, December 3**

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All children (must be accompanied by an adult) affiliated with Central Christian are invited to attend. Parents and grandparents are also welcome. Each child is asked to bring something for our "Mitten Tree" - mittens, gloves, scarves or hats. Parents, please bring two dozen cookies and a gift for your child(ren) - \$10.00 limit per child - wrapped, with your child's first and last name in LARGE LETTERS on the outside of the package. This party is sponsored each year by the Mothers' Forum.

### **Sunday, December 6**

We will again be participating in the Live Nativity Scene at the Marion County Fairgrounds this year. This will take place 6-10 p.m. on Sunday night December 6<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to sign up as characters for the live nativity scene. Costumes are provided. Please sign up for this at the Service Station at the back of the sanctuary. And when you go to the event, please take notice of our new sign there, beautifully redesigned and artistically repainted by Katy Milligan.

### **Sundays, December 13 & 20**

We will be receiving contributions for the Christmas Special Day Offering. Your name and/or regular offering envelope number must appear so it is included on your record of giving.

### Sunday, December 13

The choirs of First United Church of Christ and Peace United Church of Christ will join with our choir to present a Christmas cantata at 3 p.m. at Central Christian Church on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Hear the Christmas story in song narrated by the Rev. Joel Fetter. The choir will be conducted by the Rev. Gale Green and accompanied by Jim Besch. Come and bring your friends.

### Sunday, December 20

Christmas caroling at 3:00 p.m. Stay tuned for exciting details later.

### Christmas Eve, December 24

Our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. will be a birthday party for Jesus, the Christ, the son of the Living God. We will sing several Christmas carols and be inspired by a variety of special musical offerings including our choir, brass, new youth band and the fabulous piano styling of our own Jim Besch. This Christmas, come home to Christ and Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



#### Mitten Tree

Mitten tree items will be accepted - let's load the tree for Marion's needy kids with mittens, gloves, scarves and hats.

#### New Youth Praise Band

The emphasis is on the word "**band**," as in a group that uses band type instruments. You know - trumpets, clarinets, etc. Any instrument will do, even stringed instruments (it's Biblical!). Amateurs are welcome. We will usually be doing "contemporary, praise music." But in December, we will be doing Christmas music. We anticipate that most band members will be youth but if you are older and want to join us, don't let that stop you. The band will be directed by Jim Besch and Pastor Dave. Rehearsals are Sundays 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., December 6, 13 and 20. Then we will take two weeks off and resume January 10. Invite your friends and join in.

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

**Patricia Curl**, Marion Manor - Harding Way, Rm. 27, Marion  
**Kim Price (Ryan)**, 3643 Benzler Road, Marion

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Utilities for October 2009

Columbia Gas	\$ 257.36
Ohio Edison	\$ 271.47
Ohio American Water	\$ 74.13
Verizon	\$ 184.35
Total	<u>\$ 787.31</u>

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### Prayer Concerns

#### Members

|               |                |             |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| Patricia Curl | Marilyn Epley  | Hilda Smith |
| Bunny DeBolt  | Roger Kingsley |             |
| Betty Denney  |                |             |

#### Non-members

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kathy Bradshaw ( <i>Lusch</i> )      | Pearl Rogers ( <i>Besch</i> )     |
| Rick Clark ( <i>Middaugh</i> )       | Ed Rogers ( <i>Besch</i> )        |
| Stormy Cushing ( <i>Braumiller</i> ) | Tom Smart ( <i>Middaugh</i> )     |
| Gary Davis ( <i>Middaugh</i> )       | Don Sturgiss ( <i>Sizemore</i> )  |
| Dee Fryman ( <i>Van Gorden</i> )     | Helen Swinehart ( <i>Frye</i> )   |
| Suzanne Harris ( <i>Reeve</i> )      | Bob Walker ( <i>Sizemore</i> )    |
| Thelma Knapp ( <i>Middaugh</i> )     | Kim White ( <i>Besch</i> )        |
| Fred McFarland ( <i>Reeve</i> )      | Taylor Wilhite ( <i>Gilmore</i> ) |
| David Merrick ( <i>Middaugh</i> )    | Pete Zimmerman ( <i>Besch</i> )   |

### OUR SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF . . .

**Blanche Burnette** (*Agnes Ryan's sister*) passed away Oct. 25

**Dorothy Thew** passed away Nov. 2

**Agnes Thiel** (*Mike's mother*) passed away Nov. 12

**Earlene Schertzer** (*Bill's sister-in-law*) passed away Nov. 15

**Dick Green** (*Jane Acker & Susan Braumiller's brother*) passed away Nov. 17

**Marie Kingsley** passed away Nov. 23

**THANKS TO . . .**

- **Libby Davis, Mary Kirk, Eva Reiff, Brenda Reish and Don Ryan** for helping in the church office.
- **those who supported** the Thanksgiving dinner and all the great help!
- **Katy Milligan** for redesigning the CCC church Christmas sign display at the Fairground.

**THANK YOU NOTES . . .**

The Ryan family wishes to express their sincere thanks to our pastor and the many friends for the cards and phone calls. God bless you all.  
**Agnes and Don Ryan**

Dear Central Christian Church,  
Thank you for your letter and we are sure the “gifts” you receive will be put to good use. We love the tree planted in Mr. Hamilton’s honor. You have a great group of members and we love them. Gene worked at the office with Tom Files and Libby Davis. We are settled in our new retirement home close to our son and his family. God bless you all.

Sincerely, **JoAnne Galloway**

My thank you’s are many! Some are overdue; the neat cards from Chi Rho I really enjoy, and the Middaugh’s wonderful cards ... appreciated more than you know! Thank you for the birthday cards from Charlotte and Gene Miller, Diane Tidd, Pastor Brown and CCC family. Last but not least, thank you to the ladies for giving all of us the lovely reception and, of course, to all who gave us the afternoon of talented performances!  
God Bless, **Dorothy Besch**

Central Christian Church,  
I can never thank you enough for the help in our Samaritan Purse Project. We were able to buy plastic shoeboxes for the children and cover all 73 boxes with Christmas paper. The money came in to even pay the postage. Again, thank you, thank you and God bless each one of you. **Charlotte Miller**

**CCC CELEBRATES  
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Birthday!*

|    |                       |           |                   |
|----|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1  | Dorsel Denney         | 13        | Marlene Temple    |
| 2  | Fred Evans            | 15        | Kyson Bailey      |
|    | Pat Schertzer         | 17        | Alexis DeGood     |
| 3  | Judy Smith            | 19        | Carolyn Files     |
| 4  | Rosella Fulton        | 21        | Haley Palm        |
|    | Olivia Niles          | 22        | Dale Kaiser       |
| 10 | Joe Burns             |           | Frank Middaugh    |
|    | Bunny DeBolt          | <b>25</b> | <b>Jesus</b>      |
|    | Taylor Hecker         | 26        | Jody Schertzer    |
| 11 | Brian Braumiller      | 28        | Bill Vance        |
|    | Janice Middaugh       | 29        | Sue Kofsky        |
|    | James Peacock         | 30        | Laura McCrery     |
| 12 | Brayden Volk          | 31        | Michelle Baughman |
|    | Rev. Michael Sinclair |           |                   |
|    | Mason Stitt           |           |                   |

*Happy Anniversary!*

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|----|------------------------|
| 11 | Jerome & Ann Borders   |
| 19 | Ron & Linda Shafer     |
| 30 | Vern & Kathie Sizemore |
| 31 | Paul & Bonnie Obenour  |

*If you or someone you know in the congregation has a December anniversary and/or birthday that does not appear in this list, please contact the church office immediately so it appears in the future. Thanks for your help in keeping these lists as accurate and up-to-date as possible.*

*CHRISTMAS 2009 - HOMEBOUND MEMBERS*

*Marion Addresses:*

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464 James Way

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Partners of Marion  
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Hilda Smith  
Partners of Marion  
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524 James Way

Earl Smith  
386 James Way, Apt. B

*Marion Addresses contd.*

Betty Leib  
408 Normandy Drive

Dora Hudson  
408 Normandy Drive

Sally Roush  
498 Uhler Avenue

Dorothy Besch  
561 Hane Avenue

Ed Merrell  
238 Sara Avenue

Patricia Curl  
Marion Manor  
Harding Way, Room 27

Don Creviston  
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