

SHINE!

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This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

What day am I talking about? Well, every day! But there are some days in particular that will really be days in which to rejoice. One of them was Easter. And as the Avery and Marsh song says, “every morning is Easter morning from now on.” Another day of rejoicing will be Pentecost Sunday, May 23, when we will celebrate the birthdays of our church library and “The Church.” The fires of Holy Spirit will burn in our hearts as we sing “Shine, Jesus, **Shine!**”

Another great day to celebrate will be when you receive your new pastor. The days of rejoicing are at hand! But for them to truly be times of rejoicing, we need to keep preparing ourselves - spiritually! And we do that by reading our Bibles, praying, coming to church, being of service to God, doing good works and letting our lights **SHINE!**

As for your new pastor, your Pastoral Search Committee is working hard to find just the right person. Pray for them. May the light of Christ shine through them as they meet with prospective candidates. And when your new pastor does arrive, that will be a great day of rejoicing in a day that the Lord has made. You will certainly be glad and rejoice on that great day for that day will signal a new beginning in the life of the Central Christian Church, a day when you will let your light **shine** before all people, being a beacon of hope and joy for your community.

You may recall that I have used **SHINE** previously as an acronym for the third and final stage of interim ministry. That time is now! Easter began that phase! This is a time for Central Christian Church to put its best foot forward in attracting the best possible candidate for its future. And again, all five of the developmental tasks of interim ministry come into play:

- S**-strengthening your denominational connections, celebrating your
- H**- history, building upon your strengths, lifting up and promoting your new
- I**- identity, creating unity toward new mission directives, trusting
- N** - new leadership with responsibilities for guiding the church, generating
- E** - energy for your new leaders, new pastor and new future!

Jesus said, “Let your light **SHINE** before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

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Ruth Group

Thursday, May 6th; 1:30 p.m.

Study Leader is Gen Seckel; Hostess is Melba Huddleston.

All women of the church are invited to come.

“Then Sings My Soul”

Come learn about and listen to your favorite hymns. They will meet Tuesday, May 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room.

Lunch will be served.

CMF Breakfast

Saturday, May 15th, 7:30 a.m.; Marion Diner

All men of the church are invited.

“Expanding the Table”

Pentecost Special Day Offering will be received on Sundays, May 16th and 23rd. Please identify your offering so it may be included on your individual giving record.

Summer Gazette Deadline is Tuesday, May 18; 11:00 a.m.

♡ Please join us as we celebrate a very special occasion . . . ♡

The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ken and Pat Mishler

Saturday, May 22nd, 1 - 4 p.m. at Central Christian Church

Welcome A New Member

On Easter Sunday, April 4th, Alisha Large was baptized into our church. We welcome her and celebrate this special day in her life-long spiritual journey of faith!

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### **Utilities for March, 2010**

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Columbia Gas | \$1225.44               |
| Ohio Edison  | \$ 251.23               |
| Verizon      | \$ 182.48               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b><u>\$1659.15</u></b> |

### **The Joy of Giving**

**Direct Deposit** of your monthly contributions to the General Fund is available. This direct deposit may be arranged through the Finance Committee and your bank. Authorizing direct deposit will eliminate the need to make up your contributions if you are unavailable to drop it in the collection plate. Please let the office know if you would like to make these arrangements.

**Planned Giving** to the church in conjunction with the Christian Church Foundation is available to you. Opportunities are available for:

- Bequests
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Trusts
- Steward’s Bank

In addition the foundation offers guides to writing a will, establishing a permanent fund, instructions for pre-funeral service arrangements, as well as other suggested ways to recognize the church.

Brochures on the above items are available at the Information Center. The web site [www.disciples.org/ccf](http://www.disciples.org/ccf) describes additional opportunities for planned giving through the Christian Church Foundation.

### **Fellowship Hall!**

At the end of our Appreciative Inquiry Summit last fall, a group of folks started talking about refurbishing our Fellowship Hall. We are now ready to move forward on this project. If you would like to help out, please sign up at the service station. If you have ideas, suggestions or questions, please talk to Pastor Dave, Jan Borden and Kathie Sizemore.



## SCOOP UP SOME GOOD READING

Children's Book Week begins May 10 and will be observed in our Children's Library on May 16. On that Sunday, the young reader who has read the most books during the Reading Lifts You Up program will receive a certificate and there will be a treat for all children visiting the library.

Our new reading theme will be Scoop Up Some Good Reading and each child will have an ice cream cone on our "reading wall". A scoop of ice cream will be added each time a book from our library is read. Who will have the tallest cone in May of next year?

Get started with some of these new books:

OHIO THUNDER (Denise Dowling Mortenson)...a story in rhyme of a storm that rolled across an Ohio farm. (ages 4-8)

LINDY BLUES- The BIG SCOOP (Dorian Cirrone)...Lindy Blues is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade reporter who is trying to solve the mystery of an ice cream shop that keeps disappearing. (ages 7-9)

SAILING HOME: A Story of a Childhood at Sea (Gloria Reed)...

A story based on a real family's adventures on the John Ena, a sailing ship that carried cargo all over the world in the 1880s. (ages 6-8)

THE BOY WHO SAVED A CAPE COD TOWN (and other Cape Cod Stories) (Admont G. Clark)...fourteen exciting true stories of Cape Cod history. (ages 9 and up)

- Our library has all flavors of reading treats -



## HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY !

### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library at Central Christian was dedicated May 1, 1960. It was located in the parlor and began with 150 books. The first title entered in the accession record is Hand and Hand: Mother, Child, and God, by L.M. Evans. After the fire in 1975 the books were moved to the alcove in the Fellowship Hall. At that time there were 700 books on the shelves. As the library expanded more space was needed and in 1988 the congregation voted to enclosed the east porch to be finished as a library/meeting room.

Our new library was dedicated September 15, 1991. By then, 1775 books had been processed. At the present time that number is 4388. The last book placed in the library is Great Poems (by various authors). It has been given in memory of Frieda Duckworth, who first had the dream of a library for our church and led the efforts to make it a reality; and Donna Kelly, who served well as our first Librarian.

We will celebrate our library's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 23. There will be a display of pictures and library memorabilia in the bench area. We'd love to have any memories or items you are willing to share.

Following the worship service please take the opportunity to browse in our library and choose books to check out for your reading pleasure, then come to the Fellowship Hall for birthday cake.

Melba Huddlestun, CCC librarian

## FROM YOUR SEARCH & CALL COMMITTEE



On Sunday, February 21, 2010 the congregation, the Search Committee and the Region all pledged to work together as a team in the search & call process and were reminded that it takes time to do the job right. We celebrate the concern & commitment each group has demonstrated to date and ask that everyone recommit themselves to this team effort.

Members of your Search & Call Committee are Tami Bloomfield, Maria Ford, Mary Kirk, Janice Middaugh, Eva Reiff, Don Ryan and Craig Schertzer. These folks have been working diligently and faithfully, making every effort to call the person God would have lead our congregation into the future. Please acknowledge their efforts with a kind word of encouragement and support through your prayers.

On Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, committee members met and reviewed taped (both audio & video) and written sermons submitted by two of the three candidates currently selected for a closer look. A meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, to review the third candidate's materials. Criteria for these evaluations is based on information gathered during the Appreciative Inquiry Summit last Fall, congregational questionnaires, comments committee members have received from members of the congregation and, lastly, committee members' individual reactions to the materials reviewed.

## THIS 'N THAT

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

#### **ANNUAL RADIOTHON**

This annual 12-hour on-air auction and benefit for the American Red Cross will be broadcast live on Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tune in on WMRN 1490 AM or WYNT 95.9 FM. Details are posted on the narthex bulletin board.

#### **WEATHER RADIOS AVAILABLE**

Tornado season in our area is just around the corner. Self-powered digital AM/FM/SW/NOAA weather radios with RDS, S.A.M.E., flashlight, siren, solar power and cell phone charger are available for purchase through the American Red Cross. See details posted on narthex bulletin board.

### **OUTREACH REPORT**

We are now in receipt of a report outlining this congregation's 2009 contributions to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Disciples Mission Fund.

CCC's recent contributions to DMF:

|      |           |
|------|-----------|
| 2006 | \$6362.61 |
| 2007 | \$4633.30 |
| 2008 | \$5875.86 |
| 2009 | \$5754.20 |

Here are some examples of the ministry our congregation's contributions supported in 2009:

\$2305.32 to Christian Church in Ohio

\$757.41 to Disciples-related colleges, universities, seminaries & divinity houses

\$636.06 to the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM)/Global Ministries

\$513.77 to Disciples Home Ministries (DHM)

\$231.94 to the Office of the General Minister and President (OGMP)

\$109.27 to Ethnic Ministries  
 \$124.68 to the Pension Fund  
 \$120.62 to the Disciples Benevolent Services  
 \$108.78 to OMGP Communications Ministries  
 \$213.94 to Church Extension  
 \$71.14 to Higher Education and Leadership Ministries  
 \$57.97 to Council on Christian Unity  
 \$36.48 to the Disciples Historical Society  
 \$30.30 to Ecumenical Ministries  
 \$72.30 to the International Disciple Women's Fellowship (IDWF)  
 \$13.60 to related organizations of the church  
     National City Christian Church Foundation  
     Christmount Christian Assembly  
     World Convention of the Churches of Christ  
 \$90.16 to the Council of General Ministries  
 \$260.46 to the Treasury Services, the Office of Promotion, and the Office of Stewardship Ministries

Over the coming months, we will highlight the work of each of these ministries in our newsletter. For more information about DMF, you may visit the Disciples Mission Fund website:  
[www.disciplesmissionfund.org](http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org)

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The portion of our DMF contribution distributed in 2009 to our region (Christian Church in Ohio) was \$2305.32 for ministries such as nurture and care of congregations and pastors, help in securing pastoral leadership, youth camps & conferences, lay training events, new church development ministries, spiritual enrichment, Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Men's Fellowship retreats, and other services to congregations. For more information about our region's outreach, you may contact our Regional Minister William Edwards, 355 E Campus View Blvd, Suite 110, Columbus, OH 43235.

**THANKS TO . . .**

- **Libby Davis** and **Brenda Reish** for helping in the office.
- **everyone** who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- **all** who helped with the Lenten and Maundy Thursday services, Easter devotion, Easter breakfast and decorations.
- **Bob and Betty Jo Bernow, Callie Boblenz, Carolyn Files, Maria Ford, Jody Hodgins, Cheryl Obenour, Brenda Reish, Gen Seckel and Kathie Sizemore** for preparing Easter breakfast.

**THANK YOU NOTES . . .**

To Janice, Frank, Chi Rho and Ruth Circle - thank you for the "stuffed" bunnies and the beautiful cards. We deeply appreciated them and enjoyed the goodies.

**Betty Leib, Dora Hudson**



**Prayer Concerns**

**Members**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Genevieve Beers _____   | Charlotte Miller        |
| Dorothy Kay             | Carolyn Owen            |
| Roger & Esther Kingsley | John Roush              |
| Betty Leib              | Search & Call Committee |
|                         | Hilda Smith             |

**Non-members**

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Vern Bosh ( <i>Obenour</i> )          | Pearl Rogers ( <i>Besch</i> )      |
| Becky Brown ( <i>Pastor's wife</i> )  | Shirley Seckel ( <i>Middaugh</i> ) |
| Ellie Carter ( <i>Besch</i> )         | Helen Swinehart ( <i>Frye</i> )    |
| Margie Gillenwater ( <i>Obenour</i> ) | Dan Weary ( <i>Tidd</i> )          |
| Kathy Longstreth ( <i>Besch</i> )     | Sandra Webb ( <i>Files</i> )       |
| Warren Reish ( <i>Reish</i> )         | Genevieve Widmer ( <i>Beam</i> )   |



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

**Louise (Cyders) Patrick**  
 who passed away April 1, 2010

**CCC CELEBRATES  
MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Anniversary!*

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 3  | Bob & Betty Jo Bernow   |
| 20 | Grant & Ann McAllister  |
| 24 | Derek & Amy Barkley     |
| 25 | Al & Barb Ryan          |
| 31 | Robert & Arlue Holliday |

*Happy Birthday!*

|    |                |    |                  |
|----|----------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | CCC Library    | 16 | Drayson Ryan     |
| 2  | Andy Shirk     |    | Pastor Dave      |
| 5  | Laney Davis    | 17 | Clyde Cole       |
|    | Joel Reeve     |    | J.T. Field       |
|    | Diane Tidd     |    | Becky Brown      |
| 6  | Mary Camm      | 20 | Tim Butler       |
| 7  | Mark Field     |    | Lauren Field     |
|    | Bryanna Volk   | 21 | Patsy Krider     |
| 11 | Taylor Wilhite |    | Vince DeGood     |
| 12 | Edwin Merrell  | 22 | Corey Obenour    |
| 13 | Robin Snyder   | 23 | Amy Wilhite      |
|    | Richard Epley  | 24 | Clayton Baughman |
|    | Peggy Large    | 25 | Kathryn Milligan |
| 14 | Debbie Minser  | 28 | Debbie Bowers    |
| 15 | Caden Hord     | 29 | Katie Minser     |
|    |                |    | Sidney Barkley   |
|    |                | 30 | Charlotte Miller |

*If you have a May birthday  
or anniversary that is not  
listed here, please notify the  
church office. Thanks!*