

## *From The Pastor*

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### *A Place for Dreaming*

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Marion, became a place for dreaming during its Appreciative Inquiry Summit, October 17-18. We began the summit by sharing our most meaningful and favorite scripture passages. From there, we began to **Discover** our identity and core values. Along the way we had some fun, sang songs, enjoyed delicious refreshments, and were entertained by some interesting dramatic sketches.

Then on Saturday afternoon, we began to **Dream** about our future. And we asked ourselves:

*“What is God calling us to become?”* Here are our answers: Stay strong, have faith and be open with change. Disciples-witnesses of God’s love and “light” in this world to “shine” for Him. A church of change, to change our image in community and within. Starting out as a small congregation, we will grow larger, become very popular, stronger and active as a cohesive family of believers willing to seek and act on God’s Word while accepting each other’s differences without judgment. Possibly - less introversion! A church with more activities to bring new people in. We will be stronger in our faith. A church reaching out beyond our comfort zone. Open to change. Be more active in the community.

The next appreciative inquiry we made was this:

*“If you had three wishes for CCC, what would they be?”*  
Be more mission minded, abroad and in Marion. Encourage and appreciate giving of time and money. More Sunday school classes for all ages. Find a permanent minister to lead us. More young families attending. Relate more positive activities to the local newspaper, especially the Friday church-related section. More kids. Young families are our future. The congregation would keep a pastor. To become more active in our community.

Better communication, even by email. Continue the community breakfast and do more projects to help people (the poor) in the community. That more young families attend. We need children. To attract more members of all ages. Teach Disciples of Christ traditions better, more effectively and more regularly. Modernize the building. More colorful. Posters. More contemporary music. A different, more modern and “churchy” facility. To grow and have more young families. Improve our image. More community activities to obtain new members. To be able to feel the Lord more. More openness and patience with one another. Larger attendance from our members.

The last activity of our **Dream** segment was preparing beautiful posters depicting our hopes the future of Central Christian Church. They are wonderful and are now on the back display wall of the church sanctuary.

From our dreams, we began to **Design** a plan for our future and began to generate ideas that would help us **Deliver on our Destiny**. We still have a long way to go. But we made an excellent, grand and glorious start on becoming a more fun, caring, positive, joyful, prayerful congregation. As we move forward, let us continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit of God and the words of Philippians 4:8:

*“Whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things!”*

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[www.marionccc-disciples.org](http://www.marionccc-disciples.org)

We have a new website! Check it out!

And we give thanks to God for Will Camm, who did an outstanding job in getting our church out there in cyberspace. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

**THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER**

ELDERS:      Nov.    1 Dorothy Kay                      Jody Hodgins  
                       8 Sheryl Reeve                     Dorothy Kay  
                       15 Eva Reiff                         Sheryl Reeve  
                       22                                         Eva Reiff  
                       29 Dick Barnhart

DEACONS:        Betty Jo Bernow                    Janice Middaugh  
                       Mindy Bloomfield                Jacob Reynolds  
                       Laney Davis                        Tammy Shirk  
                       Frank Middaugh                   Robin Snyder

ACOLYTES: Nov.    1                                        Allie Seckel  
                       8                                        Alex Large  
                       15                                      Mickey Millisor  
                       22                                      Alisha Large  
                       29                                      Jaida Shuster

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**



The following Sundays are available to sign up for flowers.

Nov.    1  
           8  
           15  
           22  
           29

All dates are available to sign up to provide flowers on Sunday.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY**  
**November 1, 2009 - All Saints 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 begins following 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.



**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

**Ladies Exercise Group**

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

**Ruth Group**

1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5th, in the Social Room  
 Study leader: Eileen Stephenson Hostess: Arlue Holliday

**Gazette Deadline**

Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.  
 Anything submitted after that will be in the next *Gazette*.

**CMF Breakfast**

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
 7:30 a.m. at the Marion Diner  
 All men of the church are invited.

## **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Fellowship Hall was filled with much activity and the smell of good food for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornhole Tournament sponsored by Chi Rho. Because of the cold weather, the tournament was held INSIDE – we didn't want the 8 teams and cheerleaders to get too cold! For the second year, the 2009 Cornhole Tournament Champions are Gene Miller and Erik Reish!! Chi Rho reaped \$161 from the Tournament – through registration fees and money earned from selling “concessions”. Thank you to all who shared their cornhole sets for the event and also everyone who helped move the tables and chairs in and out of the Fellowship Hall. Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the Chi Rho took some of the money earned from the Tournament to buy items to fill two shoeboxes for the Shoebox Ministry. Again...

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **2009 CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS GENE MILLER & ERIK REISH**

### **AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC WITH JIM BESCH**

Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m. come and enjoy an afternoon of fine music offered by our very own Jim Besch! Guest performers will be Pat Mishler, Kraig Gibson, Gary Markus Hurst, Pastor Dave Brown, Grail and Vaughn Sizemore. The concert will be followed by a fellowship time of refreshments. A goodwill offering will be accepted, ½ benefitting the CCC choir and ½ going to James. Mark your calendar and bring family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of fine music!

### **SHOEBOX MINISTRY**

If we want to see happy children come Christmas we must plan ahead. Our church was so generous last year in giving 50 filled shoeboxes and I am sure you will be just as generous this year. As you shop pick up an item any child would appreciate. There is a brown basket in the library for the gifts or you may keep the gifts at home until you pack and fill the boxes. We have plastic shoeboxes covered with Christmas paper ready for you to fill in the library. Stop by today and get one, two or how

ever many you may want to fill. For those who have never packed a shoe box here are some suggestions: First, decide if your gift will be for a boy or girl and then choose ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Toys, school supplies, hygiene items: toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc., sunglasses, flashlight with batteries, ball cap, socks, t-shirt, hair clips, picture books, etc. **Deadline for the shoeboxes is Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions feel free to call Charlotte Miller at 383-6150.

### **Thanksgiving Special Day Offering**

We will be receiving contributions for this offering on Sundays, November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your name and/or regular offering envelope number must appear on it in order for it to be included on your individual record of giving.

### **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

Our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meat, potatoes, rolls, and juice will be provided. Bring your tableware service and a filled dish or two to share that would go along with the food provided. Come and join in the fellowship.

### **Coats for Christmas & Mitten Tree**

Don't forget our “Coats for Christmas” - the coats may be placed in the labeled box in the Fellowship Hall until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mitten Tree items will also be accepted - let's load the tree for Marion's needy kids with mittens, gloves, scarves and hats.

### **Care Closet**

We are asking for donations for the monthly Care Closet that UCC supports. People are referred by Job and Family Services, Turning Point, or any church. These donations provide products they are unable to purchase with food stamps. Items such as toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, tissues, paper towel, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and laundry items are needed. Donations may be placed in the marked box by the front door in the Fellowship Hall.

### **New Youth Praise *Band***

Well, we might come up with another name at some point, but this will do for now. The emphasis is on the word "***band***," as in a group that uses band type instruments, like you played in school. You know - trumpets, clarinets, etc. Actually, just about any instrument will do, even stringed instruments (it's Biblical!) like guitars and violins. Amateurs are welcome. We will be doing "contemporary, praise music," whatever that is. And we anticipate that most band members will be youth. But don't let that stop you. The band will be directed by Jim Besch and Pastor Dave. If you want to join the ***New Youth Praise Band***, let one of us know what you play and when you would be most available to rehearse. FYI, this is going to be fun!



### **Utilities for September 2009**

(Last month's was "Utilities for August")

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Columbia Gas | \$ 62.19                |
| Ohio Edison  | \$ 323.58               |
| Sewer/Trash  | \$ 245.03               |
| Verizon      | \$ 170.56               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b><u>\$ 801.36</u></b> |



### ***ADDRESS CHANGES:***

***Terry Beers***, 2903 Fairway Drive, Marion

***Martha Jennings***, 2184 Hedgerow Rd., Apt. D, Columbus,  
Ohio 43220

***Seth Peacock***, 677 Davids Street, Marion



***FOUND IN THE KITCHEN:*** a silver plain wide band ring.

### ***THANK YOU TO . . .***

• **Pastor Dave, Libby Davis, Betty Ferguson and Brenda Reish** for helping in the office.

### ***THANK YOU NOTES . . .***

To All,

I'd like to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, visits and love given to Mom during her illness and passing. We all appreciated it so very much.

**Sharon Evans and Family**

To all of you who sent me a birthday card - thank you very, very much!

**Marilyn Swartz, CCC Church Secretary**



### ***Prayer Concerns***

#### **Members**

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Patricia Curl  | Roger Kingsley |
| Bunny DeBolt   | Agnes Ryan     |
| Marilyn Epley  | Hilda Smith    |
| Marie Kingsley |                |

#### **Non-members**

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kathy Bradshaw ( <i>Lusch</i> )  | Don Sturgiss ( <i>Sizemore</i> )  |
| Rick Clark ( <i>Middaugh</i> )   | Helen Swinehart ( <i>Frye</i> )   |
| Dee Fryman ( <i>Van Gorden</i> ) | Agnes Thiel ( <i>Thiel</i> )      |
| Thelma Knapp ( <i>Middaugh</i> ) | Bob Walker ( <i>Sizemore</i> )    |
| Tom Smart ( <i>Middaugh</i> )    | Taylor Wilhite ( <i>Gilmore</i> ) |



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

**Brooke Lerner** (*Jay and Sara Lerner's baby daughter*)  
who passed away October 4, 2009

**CCC CELEBRATES  
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Birthday!*

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Kay Whitehead     | 16 Taylor James    |
| 4 Aaron Reeve       | 17 Earl Smith      |
| 5 Bruce Tidd        | 19 Brent Tidd      |
| Bruce Seckel        | 21 Robert Holliday |
| Braden Gruber       | 22 Harley Large    |
| 6 Lori VanGorden    | 24 Terry Beers     |
| 7 Eleanor Gibson    | 25 Shawna Butler   |
| 10 Ken Mishler      | 26 Bob Walczak     |
| 11 Joe Schertzer    | 29 Steve Miller    |
| 12 Bob Lusch        | Al Ryan            |
| 14 Scott Braumiller |                    |
| Sheryl Reeve        |                    |

“This poem was first printed in the November 2008  
*Gazette*, but bears repeating.”

\*\*\* Melba Huddlestun, CCC Librarian: ["See the Library Webpage" for latest News \(Click on this Link\)](#)

*Happy Anniversary!*

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 9  | Bob & Barbara Lusch      |
| 13 | Mickey & Tami Bloomfield |
| 15 | Ben & Katy Milligan      |
| 19 | Mark & Linda Whitfield   |
| 24 | Mark & JoEllen Field     |

*If you or someone you know in the congregation has a November 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.*