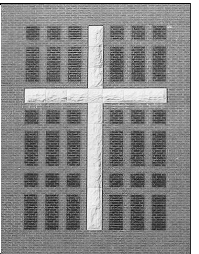


# The Central Visitor

December 2009



1434 W. Second Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274

## Rev. Lewis and Karen Wright to Begin Ministry

A special business meeting was held Sunday, November 8, 2009. The congregation voted to call Rev. Lewis Wright as the new senior minister of Central Christian Church. Rev. Wright is married to Karen and they are the parents of three children, Luke, Karis & Kavan. Luke is married to Nellie and they live in Indianapolis. Karis is married to Aaron and they live in California. Kavan is a college student and will be transferring to Indiana University in January. Karen is a sixth grade teacher in the Madison, Indiana, school system. Lewis and Karen will be moving soon to Seymour and they will begin their ministry with Central Christian January 1, 2010.

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## Church Family News

**Hospital** - Hospitalized in November in Schneck were Judy Rayl, Susan Settle and Bob Vierling. Hospitalized in area hospitals have been Dee Plumer, St. Francis, Mooresville, Indiana; Terry Byrns, outpatient cataract surgery in Columbus; Harold Lock, outpatient surgery in Columbus; Alice Meginnis, outpatient for cornea transplant; and Alvin Wilson, Clark Memorial. Alvin has returned to Scott Villa, Scottsburg, Indiana. Judy Rayl has gone to Covered Bridge Health Campus. Bob Vierling & Dee Plumer are home. Patty Ent remains home from outpatient foot surgery. Mary Hallett remains in the Lutheran Home following hip surgery. Sheila Haag is home from Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. John Abel, brother of Richard Abel, is home following a heart transplant in Indianapolis.

**Sympathy** - We express our sympathy to Eddie and Brenda Labie on the death of Eddie's mother, Sylvia Labie. Mrs. Labie died Sunday, November 15, 2009, in Concord, New Hampshire. Burial services were held Thanksgiving week in Newark, New Jersey. We also express our sympathy to Julia Thompson and family on the death of Julia's husband, Neil, who died Thursday, November 19, 2009, at home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Our sympathy is extended to Tennyson Pyle and family on the death of his uncle, Jim Maier, who died Saturday, November 21. Services were Tuesday, November 24, 2009, in Louisville, Kentucky. We also express our sympathy to John and Jacquie Sutphin on the death of John's brother, James Sutphin, who died Tuesday, November 24, 2009, in Maryland. Services were held Tuesday, December 1, in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

**Thank You** - On behalf of the staff at Anchor House Family, we thank you for the food items that came to help feed our clients.

Thank you so much for the prayers for Maxine Dove. They were greatly appreciated. - Patty Elmore



## **Church Family News, cont. . .**

**Thank You** - Dear Church Family and Friends, I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers, thoughts, cards, visits, and food during my recent hip surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Helen Horton and Nancy Baxley for bringing me the beautiful prayer shawl made by Judy Duncan. Marylon and I both use the shawl. Thanks to Leonard Bruce and Denver Gray for helping our daughters and son-in-law keep our yard mowed. Most of all I want to thank Rev. Jon for all of his numerous visits and prayers before, during, and after my surgery. Jon's kindness was comforting to our whole family. We often fail to realize how comforting little things like cards, visits and words are until we actually need them ourselves. Prayer works. Thanks for everything! - Louie Rumph and family

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all of you who completed an estimate of giving card for 2010. The estimate of giving is used in establishing a budget for the next fiscal year. If you have not yet turned in a card but would like to do so, there are cards available on the table in the narthex or you can see Janice Brock.

### **Perfect North Slopes Lawrenceburg, IN**

All High School & Middle School Youth

Wednesday, December 30: Leave at 10  
Return at 6

The cost is \$45 per person . . . food is an additional cost.  
Deadline with paid reservation: December 27



## **Advent Opportunities**

We will be offering opportunities for giving and serving during Advent. We have many groups in our community who have ongoing needs and Christmas is a good chance for us to help them. The following are the dates designated for specific items to bring:

- November 29-- We ask that you bring underwear and socks for The Clothing Center.
- December 6 -- We ask that you bring unwrapped toys that will be given to Sertoma.
- December 13 -- We ask that you bring gloves, mittens, and hats for the Anchor House.
- December 20 -- We ask that you bring diapers for the Pregnancy Center.

You will have the opportunity to bring your gifts and put them under the Christmas tree each of these Sundays during both services. Thank you for your spirit of generosity during the holiday season and throughout the year.

## **Looking for a Pianist Who Plays Hymns**

We are looking for a pianist to play for the Lutheran Home Chapel Service which is the first Wednesday of each month. The group gathers together at 11:00 a.m. to worship (sing hymns from our hymnbook), pray and partake of communion. If you play piano and can help out, contact Tom Zech, 522-7461. Thank you.

## **Habitat for Humanity Pizza Day at Papa John's**

All day Wednesday, December 2, the profit from any size pizza bought at Papa John's will be donated to Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. The proceeds will be used for our next build planned for April 2010. Please support Habitat and buy a pizza on December 2. Thanks!

## Prayer Requests

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| John Abel                           | (brother of Richard Abel, heart transplant)   |
| Karsen Allman                       | (health issues)   |
| Fannie Barker                       | (friend of the Emmaus Community, cancer)  |
| David Bassard                       | (brother of Earl, cancer)   |
| Nancy Baxley                        | (shoulder pain)   |
| Brooke Beatty                       | (serious injuries after a car accident)   |
| Barb Bentley                        |   |
| Beth Brackemyre                     | (wife of Chuck Brackmeyer, cancer)  |
| Brenda Berry & son                  | (twin sister of Brian Bridge, 11 month old son has MRSA)  |
| Terry Byrns                         | (cataract surgery recovery)   |
| Edna Carpenter                      |   |
| Craig Elmore                        |   |
| Patty Ent                           | (recovery after foot surgery)   |
| Norma Evans                         | (wife of Rev. Ron Evans, Universal Church, cancer)  |
| Joe Fish                            | (nephew of Mary Speer, injuries from a motorcycle accident)   |
| Flamanda                            | (1-year-old little girl from Haiti, hydrocephalic)  |
| Jeff Fugate                         | (friend of the Plumer family, melanoma)   |
| Tim Gill                            | (lung cancer, depression)   |
| Dot Glass                           | (friend of Jack & Nancy Baxley, Alzheimer's)  |
| Liam Gresham                        | (infant great-grandson of Gresham's, serious health issues)   |
| Sheila Haag                         | (cancer)  |
| Mary Hallett                        | (mother of Debbie Riley, recovery from a broken hip)  |
| Max Helmbrecht                      | (recovery after a fall)   |
| Pat Hutchinson                      | (mother of Brian Bridge, on ventilator)   |
| Gary Kellermeier                    |   |
| Howard Knox                         | (father of Linda Echard, chemotherapy)  |
| Bob Lamb                            | (multiple spine fractures)  |
| Alex Landis                         | (friend of Randy Ent, health issues)  |
| Bruce Layton                        | (father of Jill Maddox, cancer)   |
| Paul Leach                          | (friend of Phil Lacy, cancer, stroke)   |
| Molly Marshall                      | (friend of Melanie Hinze, cancer)   |
| Daniel Mason Bercininski            | (seriously injured, now in Walter Reed Army Hospital)   |
| Bud Mc Farland                      | (father of Debbie Raynor, severe back pain)   |
| Alice Meginnis                      | (cornea transplant recovery)  |
| Neal Murphy                         | (health issues)   |
| David Myers                         | (brother of Jim Myers, pulmonary embolism)  |
| Gary Myers                          | (herniated disc in his back, arthritis)   |
| Bill Patrick                        | (cousin of Jim Brock, cancer)   |
| Nancy Patrick                       | (wife of Bill Patrick, colon cancer)  |
| Tina Pearson                        | (fractured big toe and left ankle)  |
| Dee Plumer                          | (recovery from hip surgery)   |
| Gertrude Rucker                     |   |
| Mark Rundle                         | (friend of Ben & Amy Hart, pancreatic cancer)   |
| Louis Rumph                         |   |
| Angie Schepman                      |   |
| Pat & Ralph Scott                   | (serious health issues)   |
| Joe Sentz                           | (father of Mike Sentz, lung cancer)   |
| Vickie Sharits                      | (cousin of Dave Duncan, cancer/pneumonia)   |
| Dennis Shirar                       | (father of Amanda Huddleston, recovery form cranial tumor surgery)  |
| Calvin Smith                        | (cancer)  |
| Judy Stein                          | (health issues)   |
| Cindee Steward                      | (niece of Nancy Baxley, breast cancer, chemo & radiation)   |
| Mitzi VanBuren                      | (niece of Lois McKinney, melanoma, bone cancer)   |
| Bob Vierling                        | (cancer)  |
| Alvin Wilson                        | (health issues)   |
| Lynn Woodard                        | (friend of Patty Ferrell, double knee surgery)  |
| Families of:                        | Roland Berry, Robert Rowe, Sylvia Labie, Neil Thompson, John Guffy, Maxine Dove, James Sutphin, Jim Maier |
| <b>Serving in the Armed Forces:</b> | Chris Rainone, Afghanistan; David Blassingame, Iraq   |

## Turning Point Needs Help

The Turning Point office in Jackson County is looking for individuals who would be willing and able to help families in our community that are recovering from abusive situations this holiday season. Christmas can be a difficult time for families affected by domestic violence both emotionally and financially. Please contact the Seymour office, 523-3472, if you would like to sponsor a family.

## WOW Menu

**December 2:** Pizza, assorted salads and ice cream sundaes.

**December 9:** , Clam chowder, vegetable soup, cheese & Pimento sandwiches, garlic cheese biscuits, peanut butter and jelly, veggies and dip, assorted salads and desserts

**December 16:** Chili, hot dogs with toppings, assorted salads and desserts.

**December 23:** No WOW

**December 30:** No WOW

**WOW resumes January 13**

## **Gifts for Children of Inmates**

New Life Assembly has a ministry to the children of inmates in Jackson County Jail. They, along with others in the community, provide gifts for the children of inmates. These gifts are given from "Jesus." If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you may call Pastor Steve Hyer of New Life Assembly, 522-8273. He will give you the age of a child and you may purchase a gift for them. You may bring your gift to the church office or Pastor Hyer will pick it up. Thank you.

## **Ladies Bible Study—"Heart of the Problem"**

The ladies who meet in the library on Tuesdays will begin a new Bible study in January on the book "Heart of the Problem." This book gives encouragement to everyone who has ever faced a situation they felt was insurmountable. Pride, anger, and denial separate people from the solutions and comfort for which they long. By seeking God's answer, even the most complex problems can be solved once and for all.

Cost of this book will be \$15.00. If you have questions regarding the Bible study, contact Debby Stout, 522-3468.

## **Clothing Center Report for October**

Thank you, Tom & Katy Zech and Mary Schleibaum for working at the Clothing Center on Wednesday, October 7. They helped nineteen families and forty-nine individuals with 176 items.

Central Christian Church provides workers the first Wednesday of each month and pays one month's rent during the year. If you are interested in helping with the Clothing Center, contact Wanda Gray, 522-2043, or Mary Schleibaum, 522-4372.

The Clothing Center is in great need of children's clothing, size 5. They are also in need of children's winter coats. You may take these to the Clothing Center on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. The Clothing Center is located on North Pine Street, across from the American Legion parking lot.

## **Fifth Sunday Provisions**

Yes, it has passed - the fifth Sunday, which was November 29, but we are still accepting food for Provisions. We know how great a need there is in the community of Seymour. Your additions this week will help supplement the demand that is in the community. Please bring your food items (non-perishable) to the church and place them in the tote labeled "Provisions." Thank you.



## **Bell Ringers Needed at Walmart**



Central Christian Church has again accepted the responsibility of ringing the bell at Walmart. Sign up sheets are in the narthex and your help is greatly appreciated. You may sign up for a one-hour slot from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. We will be covering both doors and we will need at least 2-4 persons for each hour. It is fun to ring with someone; so if you want to find a buddy and sign up, you will be helping the Salvation Army, who is always in need of funds at Christmas time. This is a great way to give of yourself for others! Sign up today.

# Calendar for DECEMBER 2009

(Daycare daily Mon. - Fri., 6:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>Tuesday, Dec. 1:</u></b>   | 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CON) |
| 10:00 a.m. Senior Day Out (away)   |                               |
| 10:30 a.m. Daycare Executive (CON)   |                               |
| 5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (L)   |                               |
| 6:00 p.m. Loyal Devoir Christmas Dinner at Kensington Tea Room                 |                               |
| 7:00 p.m. Property Committee (Bell)  |                               |
| <b><u>Wednesday, Dec. 2:</u></b>   |                               |
| 11:00 a.m. Lutheran Home Chapel  |                               |
| 4:00 p.m. Bible Study on the Book of James (S)                                 |                               |
| 5:00 p.m. WOW Meal (FH) & other activities                                     |                               |
| 6:00 p.m. Small Group study on "The Shack" (L)                                 |                               |
| 6:15 p.m. <b>The Potter's Wheel Worship (S)</b>                                |                               |
| 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (S)  |                               |
| <b><u>Thursday, Dec. 3:</u></b>  |                               |
| 9:00 a.m. MOPS (Bell)  |                               |
| 1:00 p.m. Loyal Lydias luncheon at Theda Williamson's Home, 1551 Lakeview Dr.  |                               |
| 5:30 p.m. Zumba Class (FH/N) (Nursery provided)                                |                               |
| 6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)  |                               |
| 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (FH)  |                               |
| <b><u>Friday, Dec. 4:</u></b>  |                               |
| 10:00 a.m. Daycare Chapel (S)  |                               |
| 10:40 a.m. Angel Luncheon (away)   |                               |
| 3:00 p.m. Youth Pastors Meeting (L)  |                               |
| 4:00 p.m. Jackson County Library Christmas Party (FH)                          |                               |
| <b><u>Saturday, Dec. 5:</u></b>  |                               |
| 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Teachers meeting (FH)                                 |                               |
| <b><u>Sunday, Dec. 6:</u></b>  |                               |
| 9:00 a.m. <b>Morning Worship (S)</b>   |                               |
| 10:30 a.m. <b>Contemporary Worship Service (S); Christian Ed Opportunities</b> |                               |
| 2:00 p.m. Chrysalis Hoot (FH)  |                               |
| <b><u>Monday, Dec. 7:</u></b>  |                               |
| 5:30 p.m. Zumba Class (FH/N) (Nursery provided)                                |                               |
| 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Bell)   |                               |
| 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (L); Small Group Study (CON)                   |                               |
| <b><u>Tuesday, Dec. 8:</u></b>   |                               |
| 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CON)  |                               |
| 10:30 a.m. Daycare Meeting (CON)   |                               |
| 5:00 p.m. Mental Health Christmas Party (FH)                                   |                               |
| 5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (L)   |                               |
| 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting (L)                                       |                               |
| <b><u>Wednesday, Dec. 9:</u></b>   |                               |
| 4:00 p.m. Bible Study on the Book of James (S)                                 |                               |
| 5:00 p.m. WOW Meal (FH) & Other Activities                                     |                               |
| 6:00 p.m. Study on "The Shack" (L)   |                               |
| 6:15 p.m. <b>The Potter's Wheel Worship (S)</b>                                |                               |
| 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (S)  |                               |
| <b><u>Thursday, Dec. 10:</u></b>   |                               |
| 5:30 p.m. Zumba Class (FH/N) (Nursery provided)                                |                               |
| 6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S); Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study Group (L)           |                               |
| 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (FH)  |                               |
| <b><u>Friday, Dec. 11:</u></b>   |                               |
| 10:00 a.m. Daycare Chapel (S)  |                               |



## Christmas Eve Services

**7:00 p.m.**

**Cantata: "The  
Christmas Light"  
presented by the  
Chancel Choir**

**&**

**11:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight  
Communion Service  
Message by Pastor Jon:  
"Let There Be Light!"**

## Wanted: Sewing Machines

The Edna Martin Christian Center is in need of used sewing machines to teach sewing to underprivileged children. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please bring it to the church office. If you have any questions, contact Jerry Roberts, 521-1902. Thank you.

## **CALENDAR,**

**Saturday, Dec. 12:**

**Sunday, Dec. 13:**

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 14:**

5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15:**

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16:**

4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 17:**

9:00 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 18:**

10:00 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 19:**

7:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 20:**

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

**Monday, Dec 21:**

5:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22:**

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 23:**

7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 24:**

7:00 p.m.  
11:00 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 25:**

**Saturday, Dec. 26:**

2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 27:**

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 28:**

5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 29:**

**Wednesday, Dec. 30:**

**Thursday, Dec. 31:**

## **CONT.**

No Activities

**Morning Worship (S)**

**Contemporary Worship (S); Christian Educational Opportunities**

Friendly Crusader Christmas Dinner (FH/CHR)

Zumba Class (FH/N) (Nursery provided)

Habitat for Humanity (Bell)

Small Group Study (CON); Outreach (L)

Church Staff Meeting (CON)

Daycare Meeting (CON)

Ladies Bible Study (L)

Daycare Christmas Program (S/FH)

Bible Study on the Book of James (S)

WOW Meal (FH) & other activities

Small Group study on "The Shack" (L)

**The Potter's Wheel Worship (S)**

Chancel Choir (S)

MOPS (Bell/N)

Zumba (FH)

Praise Team (S); Small Group (L)

Cub Scouts (FH)

Daycare Chapel (S)

Staff Christmas Dinner

Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast (FH)

**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

**Morning Worship (S)**

**Contemporary Worship (S); Christian Educational Opportunities**

Zumba Class (FH/N) (Nursery provided)

Small Group Study (CON)

Church Staff Meeting (CON)

Daycare Executive Meeting (CON)

**NO WOW or POTTER'S WHEEL THIS WEEK – Winter Break**

Chancel Choir (S)

**CHRISTMAS EVE – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12:00 NOON**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S/N)**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service (S)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Private party (FH)**

**Morning Worship (S)**

**Contemporary Worship (S); Christian Educational Opportunities**

**Open House for Jon and Jan Carlstrom (FH)**

Zumba Class (FH/N) (Nursery provided)

Staff Dinner at Jim and Janice Brock's home

No Activities

No Activities

**Church Office Closes at 3:00 p.m. – No Activities**

## **Come Join Us!**

The Chancel Choir would like to invite all of you to join them in preparing and performing a Christmas cantata that will be performed on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals for "The Christmas Light" on December 2, at 7:00 p.m. The cantata will be performed at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We hope that many of you will consider participating in this worship experience.

## Serving in Worship December 6

**9:00 a.m. Worship:** Elders serving this Sunday: Debby Stout, Mary Sentz; Elder serving in the education wing: Garth Kovener; Elder for hospital visitation: Mike Sentz; Elders and diaconate for Home Communion: Debbie Raynor & Boyd Brown, Skip Green & Karen Werskey, Betsy McDonald & Cheryl Black, Marg Galloway & Joe Black; Diaconate Captain in December: Don Dahmen; Junior Diaconate Leader: Sandee Ramsey; Junior Diaconate serving in worship: Sydney Allman, Adrianna Bassard, Aaron Beckort, Macie Chase, Chandler Clark, Stephen Fleming, Seth Koons, Morgan Layne, Kirsten Meyers, Kyle Meyers, Mark Murry, Tyler Thias, Alt.: Megan Atwood, Mackenzie Wieneke; Acolyte Leader: Priscilla Wilson; Acolyte: Abbilyn Ebler; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Usher: Marie Beineke; Power Point: Nate Unterseher; Sound: Reuben Cummings; Lights: Phil Raynor; Camera: Jon Geuder; Preparation of Communion for December: Jacquie Sutphin; Opening and Locking up the church facility: Paul Ramsey; Bus Driver: Doug Ray; Nursery: Carol Brock, Molly Unterseher, Jean Standifer; Pre-school leader: Robin Cummings; Pre-K K 4-5: Kris Elmore; Elementary Grades 1-3: Corey Layton; Elementary Grades 4-6: Lisa Wieneke.  
**10:30 a.m. Worship:** Elder: Bill Everhart; Diaconate: Brandon Harpe, Natalie Harpe, Brad Emerson, Michelle Emerson; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Power Point: Steve Nay; Sound: Aaron VonDielingen; Lights: Greg VonDielingen; Nursery: Ben & Melanie Hinze, Patty O'Bier.

## Serving in Worship December 20

**9:00 a.m. Worship:** Elders serving this Sunday: Debby Stout, Brenda Labie; Elder serving in the education wing: Skip Green; Elder for hospital visitation: Marie Burgess; Substitute: Skip Green; Elders serving home Communion: Jerry Roberts, Kathy Gosser, Bill Burgess; Diaconate Captain in December: Don Dahmen; Diaconate serving in Worship: Kathy Bassard, Jaime Miller, Gary Plumer, Marvin Rumph, John Sharp, Carolyn Sharp, Nate Unterseher, Karen Werskey, Roger Brewer, Joe Black, Cheryl Black, Boyd Brown; Acolyte Leader: Priscilla Wilson; Acolyte: Elliot Clark; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Usher: Marie Beineke; Power Point: Les Chase; Sound: Reuben Cummings; Lights: Phil Raynor; Camera: Jon Geuder; Preparation of Communion for December: Jacquie Sutphin; Opening and Locking up the church facility: Paul Ramsey; Bus Driver: Doug Ray; Nursery: Molly Unterseher, Erin Reinhart, Jean Standifer; Pre-school leader: Angie Newberry; Pre-K K 4-6: Lisa Thias; Elementary Grades 1-3: Ginger Schneck; Elementary Grades 4-5: Sara Clark.  
**10:30 a.m. Worship:** Elder: Debbie Raynor; Diaconate: Patty Ferrell, Carol Brock, Brad Maddox, Jill Maddox; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Power Point: Steve Nay; Sound: Les Chase; Lights: Greg VonDielingen; Nursery: Ben & Melanie Hinze, Jean Standifer.

## Serving in Worship December 13

**9:00 a.m. Worship:** Elders serving this Sunday: Helen Horton, Bill Everhart; Elder serving in the education wing: Rexanne Ude; Elder for hospital visitation: Tom Rodenbeck; Substitute: Bruce Werskey; Elders serving home Communion: Doug Towriss, Mike Murry, Becky Brewer; Diaconate Captain in December: Don Dahmen; Diaconate serving in Worship: Mark Clark, Don Dahmen, Susan Dahmen, Judy Duncan, Jan Furlow, Don Furlow, Stephanie Johnson, Jill Maddox, Brad Maddox, Eric Meyers, Teresa Meyers, Becky Miller; Acolyte Leader: Priscilla Wilson; Acolyte: Mallory Thias; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Usher: Marie Beineke; Power Point: Nate Unterseher; Sound: Reuben Cummings; Lights: Phil Raynor; Camera: Jon Geuder; Preparation of Communion for December: Jacquie Sutphin; Opening and Locking up the church facility: Paul Ramsey; Bus Driver: Doug Ray; Nursery: Jean Standifer, Molly Unterseher, Jennifer Croquart; Pre-school leader: Jenny Rumph; Pre-K K 4-6: Eric & Stacy East; Elementary Grades 1-3: Sabrina Ebler; Elementary Grades 4-5: Lisa Wieneke.  
**10:30 a.m. Worship:** Elder: Matt Wieneke; Diaconate: Patty Ferrell, Carol Brock, Ben & Melanie Hinze; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Power Point: Steve Nay; Sound: Aaron VonDielingen; Lights: Greg VonDielingen; Nursery: Patty O'Bier, Jean Standifer.

## Serving in Worship December 27

**9:00 a.m. Worship:** Elders serving this Sunday: Garth Kovener, Marg Galloway; Elder serving in the education wing: Matt Wieneke; Elder for hospital visitation: Bruce Werskey; Substitute: Rexanne Ude; Elders serving home Communion: Mike Sentz, Debby Stout, Mary Sentz; Diaconate Captain in December: Don Dahmen; Diaconate serving in Worship: Mark Clark, Don Dahmen, Susan Dahmen, Jan Furlow, Don Furlow, Brandon Harpe, Natalie Harpe, Ben Hinze, Melanie Hinze, Stephanie Johnson, Brad Maddox, Jill Maddox; Acolyte Leader: Priscilla Wilson; Acolyte: Blake Koons; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Usher: Marie Beineke; Power Point: Linda Renbarger; Sound: Les Chase; Lights: Phil Raynor; Camera: Jon Geuder; Preparation of Communion for December: Jacquie Sutphin; Opening and Locking up the church facility: Paul Ramsey; Bus Driver: Doug Ray; Nursery: Jean Standifer, Jennifer Croquart, Carol Brock; Pre-school leader: Paula Stafford; Pre-K K 4-6: Lisa Wieneke; Elementary Grades 1-3: Robin Cummings; Elementary Grades 4-5: Jennie Chase.  
**10:30 a.m. Worship:** Elder: Betsy McDonald; Diaconate: John Sharp, Carolyn Sharp, Brad Emerson, Michelle Emerson; Welcoming Team: TBA; Sanctuary Greeters: TBA; Power Point: Jennifer Spencer; Sound: Les Chase; Lights: Greg VonDielingen; Nursery: Ben & Melanie Hinze, Patty O'Bier.

# Upcoming Messages

Join us in the coming weeks at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)  
for the following themes and messages.

## DECEMBER 6, 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

TITLE: "AND PEACE ON EARTH..."

TEXT: ISAIAH 11:1-10

THEME: Although Isaiah may seem antiquated, its message is relevant to us today. Isaiah declares to us the coming of the Prince of Peace who is the source of everlasting peace (shalom) which is needed by every human heart so desperately.

## DECEMBER 13, 2009 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

TITLE: "HAVE YOURSELF A MARY CHRISTMAS"

TEXT: LUKE 1:26-38

THEME: Let's consider Mary, the mother of Jesus, as a model for how God works in the life of ordinary people. Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant." God worked in and through the life of Mary to accomplish His will and purpose.

## DECEMBER 20, 2009 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE

TITLE: "UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS"

TEXT: MATTHEW 1:18-25

THEME: God has given us the greatest of all gifts. It is greater than any earthly gift and has a value that can not be measured. But many have refused to truly receive the gift of Christmas. Many believe in the gift, many know about the gift, many have learned the meaning of the gift; but there are many who have yet to receive and unwrap the gift.

## DECEMBER 24, 2009 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service featuring the cantata: "The Christmas Light" presented  
by the Chancel Choir.

11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service with a message by Pastor Jon  
"LET THERE BE LIGHT!"

## DECEMBER 27, 2009



TITLE: "THE FINAL INSTRUCTION AND THE NEW BEGINNING"

TEXT: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-24

## **December Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

1. Don Cummings, Marcia Cupp, Dave Duncan, Todd Gosser, Lane Mellencamp.
2. NONE.
3. Justin Fischer, Haley Gallagher, Jane Henley, Tom Lucas, Jack & Lisa McCory\*, Evan Unterseher.
4. Morgan Sanford, Phil & Debbie Raynor\*.
5. Bill Kemp, Tom Waldkoetter.
6. Caroline Haag, Gilbert VanWinkle.
7. Hgerian Fields, Susan Ponder.
8. Bob & Sherryl Lamb, Sandee Ramsey, Lori Reynolds, Annette Waldkoetter, Pinky Williams.
9. Kassidy Brock, Leonard & Carolyn Bruce, Joby Gossett, Tony Greathouse, Jean Standifer, Megan Swan.
10. Don Dahmen, Natalie Harpe, Greg Jones, Del Powell.
11. Kathie Clark, Harold Sweany.
12. Patty Elmore, Jerry Finley, Arv Koontz, Makenna Newberry.
13. Phil Gosser, Will Gray, Brian Hill.
14. Isaac Fletcher, Holly Hill, Rob & Jennifer Howe\*, Shelby Murphy.
15. Averie Brennan, Brady Harpe, Ross Mapes.
16. Nicole Elmore, Ron & Brenda Goss\*, Tom & Pat Henley\*, Kim Hirtzel.
17. Carol McKinney, Cody Schwade, Bethany Towriss.
18. Abbilynn Ebler, Brent Fleming, Skip & Venetia Green\*, Richard & Patty O'Bier\*, Del & Irene Powell\*.
19. Linda Rumph, Jill Waggoner, Mike Wieneke.
20. NONE.
21. Jacquie Sutphin.
22. Boyd & Audrey Brown\*, Gene Farrow, Brandon & Natalie Harpe\*, Ken Miller.
23. Mary Anders, David Crouch, Katie Higginbotham, Blake & Betty Huddleston\* (65<sup>th</sup>), Melody Jones Hicks, Kyle Gilbert.
24. Bill Burgess.
25. Jim Guinn, Andy Higginbotham, Mitch Murphy.
26. Nina Kendall.
27. Helen Gonzales, Mark Hays, Emma VanArsdall.
28. Elliott Clark, Dick & Patty Elmore\*, Mike & Melinda Murry\*.
29. Brailei Ernest, Jessica Talbert.
30. Lucas Bane, Jim & Linda Myers\*, Debbie Raynor, Mackenzie Wieneke, Jay Williamson.
31. Carina Cole, Paityn Gossett, Scott Shelton, Jane Lacy, John Williams.

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

## **Hear Ye, Hear Ye!**

This is the final call for the Haiti Mission trip scheduled February 9 - 16, 2010. The approximate cost is \$1,300. There are \$500 scholarships available for Central Christian Church members (\$700 scholarships for first-timers).

It's your opportunity to share God's love as well as your own, with the people of Haiti. Come be God's **hands and feet!**

Call Marie Burgess, 358-5650 for an application.

## Each One Precious in His Sight!

| <u>Attendance for:</u>                 | <u>11-01-09</u> | <u>11-08-09</u> | <u>11-15-09</u> | <u>11-22-09</u> | <u>11-29-09</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 worship service:                  | 339             | 428             | 283             | 304             | 290             |
| 10:30 worship service:                 | --              | --              | 55              | 70              | 60              |
| <b>Total:</b>                          | <b>339</b>      | <b>423</b>      | <b>338</b>      | <b>374</b>      | <b>350</b>      |
| The Potter's Wheel Service             | 28 (10-28)      | 25              | 31              | 22              |                 |
| Business Meeting                       | 140 (11-01)     | 283             |                 |                 |                 |
| Thanksgiving Eve/Hanging of the Greens |                 |                 |                 | 85              | 212             |
| C.E. Opportunities:                    | 205             | 214             | 105             | 86              | 102             |
| WOW:                                   |                 | 212 (11-04)     | 187(11-11)      | 187(11-18)      |                 |

| <u>Offering-week of:</u> |    | <u>11-01-09</u>  | <u>11-08-09</u>    | <u>11-15-09</u>     | <u>11-22-09</u>     | <u>11-29-09</u>    |
|--------------------------|----|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Operations               | \$ | 10,472.20        | \$ 8,785.00        | \$ 8,553.00         | \$ 8,165.16         | \$ 7,177.00        |
| Outreach                 | \$ | 948.50           | \$ 770.00          | \$ 909.30           | \$ 805.00           | \$ 921.00          |
| Building Fund            | \$ | 1,772.50         | \$ 1,061.00        | \$ 1,199.80         | \$ 1,087.00         | \$ 1,789.00        |
| Love Offering            | \$ | 166.00           | \$ 141.00          | \$ 284.75           | \$ 108.20           | \$ 65.00           |
| Youth                    | \$ | 30.00            | \$ 40.00           | \$ 35.00            | \$ 10.00            | \$ 25.00           |
| Thanksgiving offering    | \$ | 15.00            | \$ 40.00           | \$ 60.00            | \$ 425.42           | \$ 291.50          |
| Other                    | \$ | 10.00            | \$ 130.00          | \$ 60.00            | \$ 55.00            | \$ 20.00           |
| <b>Total</b>             | \$ | <b>13,414.20</b> | <b>\$11,007.00</b> | <b>\$ 11,101.85</b> | <b>\$ 10,655.78</b> | <b>\$10,288.50</b> |

### Needed per week in '09

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Operating Fund:</b> | <b>\$9,251.38</b> |
| <b>Building Fund:</b>  | <b>\$2,149.27</b> |

## Daycare Report from November

We have had a busy November. We have been getting ready for our Thanksgiving dinner that was held on Tuesday, November 24, and our Christmas program that will be on December 15. The children are so excited about singing their Thanksgiving songs for their families. We had about 175 children/families/staff show up for the dinner. It was a great success! I wanted to thank everyone that came out to help.

We have two new Staff members, Cathy Fouts and Sabrina Perry. Cathy is our new cook and Sabrina is our new afternoon aide. Please keep the daycare in your thoughts and prayers. -- Heather Depew

## Attention All Sunday School Teachers!

There will be a Sunday School teacher meeting Saturday, December 5. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. to discuss H.O.P.E. (Hour of Praise and Education) and how that may affect your Sunday School class beginning January 2010. Please R.S.V.P. by December 4 by calling the church office.

## Have You Seen Our New Website?

Take a look at our new website! You can send

- Send prayer request submission online;
- Print off a daycare application and other daycare forms; and
- Find information on our outreach ministry;
- Access the newsletter, NewSplash & the WOW brochure and look at
- many pictures!



[www.centraldisciples.org](http://www.centraldisciples.org)

## **Appreciating Central Christian**

Recently several of the staff went to a conference entitled: "Flourishing Congregations" hosted by the Center for Congregations. During this day-long seminar we were challenged to evaluate our church only in positives. One way we did this was through interviews using a process called *Appreciative Inquiry (AI)*. "AI is the process of studying what gives life and meaning to an organization when it functions at its best." We all enjoyed this process and new way of evaluating our church so much that we decided it would be great for our congregation to also participate in this experience. Each month we will be interviewing someone from the congregation and publishing it in the newsletter for everyone to see all the wonderful things that take place at Central Christian Church.

### **APPRECIATING CENTRAL CHRISTIAN from Linda Renbarger**

When asked to think back to when Linda decided to make CCC her church home, she said that it happened in January of 2003 when Linda's granddaughter, Jennifer, asked her mom and her grandma (Linda) to come to church. Linda and her daughter, Jean Standifer, and Jean's daughter, Jennifer, have been attending ever since.

When Linda was asked the question of when she felt like she truly belonged, Linda said it was getting involved in the Tuesday evening Ladies Bible study and volunteering with the office angels and the tech team that made her feel a part of the church. Linda has really enjoyed getting to know people through these different groups.

When asked what Linda wishes for the church, she stated that she wants to see it continue to grow. She said, "I want so much for the church to be the church for my grandchildren and great-

## **Hanging of the Greens - November 29**

The Hanging of the Greens Service, an annual service to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, will be held this Sunday, November 29, 2009. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. This family-oriented service is a service of celebration and preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. It will include the Elements of Jazz, drama, hand bells, children's choirs, children's story, a message by Pastor Jon along with all the wonderful Christmas carols of the season. We will decorate the sanctuary and trees in the narthex and sanctuary, as well. A tasting party follows in the fellowship hall.

Bring your favorite finger food and fellowship with your church family. Be sure to put this date on your

## **"Transformed" Coming for Middle & High Schoolers**

Central Christian Church will be hosting area youth and their parents for an exciting faith-based purity program. *Transformed* challenges both junior and senior high teens and their parents to, "Be no longer conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their mind" (Romans 12:2). The Pregnancy Care Centers of South Central Indiana will be presenting this educational program, designed to address tough issues regarding sexual integrity from a Biblical perspective.

An introductory parent session will be held January 10, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All interested adults are invited to attend. All additional sessions will be held the next three Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

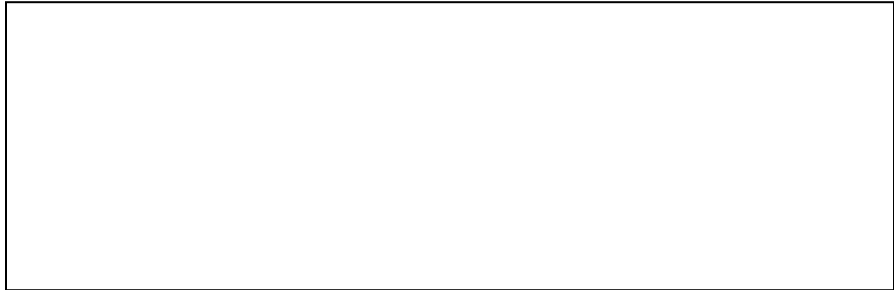
Please prayerfully consider participating as we strive to encourage, enlighten and empower Christian teens and their parents through God's truths. You may contact Robin or Lisa Newton (*Transformed*

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***“Fan into flame the gift of God.” (2 Timothy 1:6-7)***



## **Thank You to All!**

The World Outreach Committee hopes everyone who attended the annual mission chili supper and bake sale had a good meal and an enjoyable time. Thanks goes to everyone who helped with the bake sale and chili supper. A special thank you to all who baked their finest recipes for the great selection of desserts! Of course, a thank you to all of you who came to eat or take home a meal! The final net total was \$607. 69. This will help ship vital medical and dental equipment and supplies to Haiti. **You** each are missionaries doing God's will!

**WORSHIP TIME & OFFICE HOURS [www.centraldisciples.org](http://www.centraldisciples.org)**

**Church Office 522-4211**

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| Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .              | 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.               |
| Christian Educational Opportunities . . . . . | 10:30 a.m.                           |
| Monday-Friday, Office hours are . . . . .     | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.                  |
| Jon Carlstrom (525-9435) . . . . .            | Interim Pastor                       |
| Robin Everhart (358-3126). . . . .            | Youth Director                       |
| Lisa Wieneke (523-6355).. . . . .             | Coordinator of Children's Ministries |
| Melanie Hinze (522-3278) . . . . .            | Visitation Caller                    |
| Paula M. Kemp (522-2802). . . . .             | Administrative Assistant             |
| Claudia Huddleston (522-4211). . . . .        | Receptionist                         |
| Janice Brock (522-7459) . . . . .             | Financial Secretary                  |
| Heather Depew (523-5557) . . . . .            | Daycare Director                     |

**Newsletter Production Angels:** (Monday) Evelyn Wieneke, Barb Bentley, Pearl Fletcher, Rachel Findley, Nancy Chase, Sharon Wilson, Faye Kovener, Janet Wilson; **Monday Angels:** Evelyn Wieneke, Barb Bentley; **Tuesday Angel:** Nancy Baxley; **Wednesday Angel:** Donna Scott; **Thursday Angel:** Thelma Hurless; **Friday Angels:** Ruth Sweany, Evelyn Wieneke, Barb Bentley, Linda Renbarger; **Angel Substitutes:** Margaret Yeager, Linda Renbarger, Betty Cupp, Helen Pordan, Linda Lock, Carolyn Sharp; **Membership Clerk:** Barb Bentley; **Correspondence Clerks:** Emma Aikman, Donna Scott, Pinky Williams.

## **Congregation Invited to 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

'Twill be the day after Christmas  
When at Central Christian Church  
There will be an open house from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
To honor Blake and Betty Huddleston  
On their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

It's to be a **SURPRISE**, and so don't speak a word  
To the groom and bride.

But please do spread the word to family and friends.  
**NO GIFTS, PLEASE!**

If you would like, cards and notes can be sent  
To [abbaartist@aol.com](mailto:abbaartist@aol.com), or to

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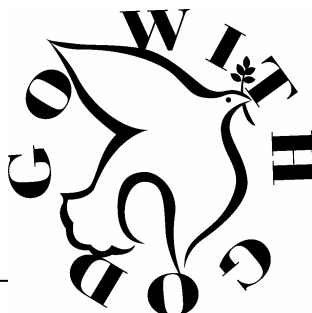
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A gift card (MC or Visa) will be given to the Carlstroms from the church.  
If you wish to contribute to the gift card,  
you may bring your monetary gift to the office.  
The gift is a surprise to the Carlstroms, so speak not a word, please!  
There will also be a basket for cards at the open house.  
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