

## YOUTH NEWS:

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:** All youth and parents will meet at El Paricutin Restaurant in Harrison Square following the worship service. Please check with Brad for more information.

**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.-** Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church.

**Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 A.M. –** Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

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## NEW BIBLE STUDIES TO BEGIN SOON

We presently have two adult Bible studies here at the church. The women's Wednesday morning bible study meets in the conference room weekly at 9:00 a.m. Next week they will begin a new study on "The Minor Prophets." We would welcome all ladies to come and be a part of that group. Our other bible study group that meets during the week is the men's bible study. They meet every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the fifth-sixth grade Sunday school room. They also will begin a new study next Saturday, "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture." This is an excellent group to be a part of. If you are looking for a way to improve your Bible knowledge, these are two opportunities that you might want to take advantage of. We might add the men eat breakfast together at their study every week.

We might also take this opportunity to put in a note of encouragement for our adult Sunday school program. We have excellent adult classes for you to be a part of. We have our Koinonia Class which meets down in the basement. This is a wonderful group of people who weekly study lessons from "The Wired Word," these lessons relate to contemporary issues as viewed through strong Biblical principles and texts. The group is led by Debbie Kendall. The Agape Class meets in the fellowship hall and includes persons of all ages. They also have excellent lessons led by Gary Dearborn, Charlene Dawson, Donna Jacobs, Marilyn Bell and Mary Ron Moore along with others. The Discussion Class meets in the conference room and consists of an excellent group of individuals striving to improve their biblical knowledge. It is a group that is strong on individual participation and whose studies would be of benefit to all. Last, we have the Young Disciples group that meet in the minister's office. The class deals with issues from family, to faith, to friends, to fellowship. All of these adult classes would welcome anyone to come and participate. While we are mentioning Sunday school, we also suggest to you that our youth Sunday school classes are deserving of the highest accolades. Each class has a teacher or teachers that will allow the experience of your child to be a very positive one. One of the goals of our Christian faith is to grow in our knowledge. Bible studies and Sunday school classes are an important part of that goal.

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you for all the cards, prayers, visits, and get-well wishes. A special thanks to the Discussion Class for the flowers and the Lord's Lunch group for lunch on Thursday. We truly appreciate your care and concern." William and Mary Ron Moore

"We want to thank everyone for their prayers and hospital visits while our son Terry was in the hospital." Charles and Lois Isaac

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to the family of Phyllis Wyles. Ms. Wyles died January 2, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 P.M. Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cynthiana Christian Church. Memorials may be made to the Cynthiana Christian Church Scholarship Fund.

**Harrison Memorial: Phyllis Cooper** was admitted for tests and observation....**Mary Owen** was also admitted for tests and observation....

----**Jon Hoskins** is recuperating from ankle surgery....**Carol McDanell** underwent a heart catheterization Monday....**Karen Faulconer** is undergoing tests.... **Dwayne Gillispie**, son of Donnie & Beverly Cooper is recuperating from hand surgery....

## NEW ARRIVAL

A note of congratulations is sent to Austin and Tiffani Sparks on the arrival of a son. Cooper Sparks was born January 4, 2016. Shain and Rebecca Stephens are the maternal grandparents, Judy Stephens and the late Danny Stephens the maternal great grandparents, Ray and Jenny Sparks the paternal grandparents. Congratulations to the parents and their families.

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## Renovation Update –

Your Church has gone through an extensive renovation of parts of the Church as a result of water damage from last year's ice storms. Water damage both inside and outside the Church brought about the need for repair work to our beautiful structure.

The outside work that has taken place to this point includes;

1. Installation of new guttering on the original structure
2. Painting and caulking of all windows
3. Metal trim protection on all windows
4. Replacement of faded plexi-glass on some of the stained glass windows
5. Replacement of deteriorated window sills

The inside work that has taken place to this point includes;

1. Complete renovation of the Diaconate room.
2. Patching of several ceiling and wall leaks
3. Painting of those walls and ceilings that underwent repair

The work is approximately 60% complete and hopefully good weather will allow Waits Drywall to finish the work soon. The Property Committee would like to thank the membership for their patience and understanding during this period of time. We will have a finished product that will rival any church in its beauty!

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**ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE  
HARRISON COUNTY  
CLOTHING CLOSET!**

The Harrison County Clothing Closet is asking for donations of new packages of underwear for men, women, and children. There will be a box located inside Bish Hall for your donations.



Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

**THE  
CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NEWS**

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**Minister’s Message:**

Main topics for New Year’s resolutions include weight and exercise, sorting out finances, making more time for family. Just to be safe one had better throw in a few religious themes, be more diligent in meditation, examine one’s priorities. We now can say we only have 51 more weeks to keep these resolutions. Or I guess you could keep going strong with the resolutions for five weeks, but when Ash Wednesday comes, you can give them all up for Lent. I appreciate the comments of Episcopal priest, Neil Chappell:

“I must confess I come at this from the wrong angles.

The dreams are so big that the disappointment is equally huge. I spend from March till December telling myself that next year is going to be an amazing year because I’m going to make huge changes. And then within 5 days of a new year I know it is all bluster and hot-air. The trouble is my dreams are still too big.”

Maybe our dreams at the beginning of a new year are too big. Why not take one step at a time? Why not take small manageable steps, celebrate little achievements? We can use those efforts as stepping stones for the future. This Sunday’s lectionary lesson is about the baptism of Jesus. Baptism is a time to be a recipient of the Holy Spirit. As a New Year’s resolution, why not just invite the Holy Spirit into your heart, to clean out that which may be hindering you from a meaningful life. It appears to me that if we are faithful in the little things, then one of the bigger dreams will come to a moment of reality. Little things include the prayer, the study, the kind deeds, the moments of worship. Who knows you may even lose a few pounds as well. I love the cartoon where Charlie Brown is saying to one of his gang, ‘Resolutions me? You think I need to change? Well buddy, as far as I’m concerned, I’m perfect the way I am.’ Sorry Charlie, we all need to make changes. Those changes are usually made not through big dreams but small steps.

.....Larry