#### YOUTH NEWS

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Youth will host their Valentine's luncheon following the worship service. CYF youth are asked to bring lasagna, Chi-Rho will bring salad and dressings, Jr. Chi Rho will bring garlic bread and desserts.

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. – Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church.

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 A.M. – The Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

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**VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON, February 16<sup>th</sup>.** The youth will host a Valentine's luncheon Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The meal will consist of Lasagna, salad, garlic bread and desserts. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds going to purchase materials for a sign at Camp Wakon Da'Ho and assistance for Project Liberia.

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The CWF proudly announces that Mandy Gossett Thornton will lead a six-week yoga class, beginning on Friday, February 14, at 8:00 a.m. The one hour classes will be held in Bish Hall and the cost is \$10.00 per session. Mandy's an acclaimed instructor and willing to work with all level of participants, including those who've never done yoga before. Mats will be provided for those who don't have them. We are thrilled she's agreed to conduct these at our church and now let's get moving.... beginning next Friday, Feb. 14 at 8:00 a.m.

### SPRING LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! The CWF will host a Spring luncheon. The meal will be prepared by Food Network Star Jason Smith. More details to come!

**Heritage News:** In 2015, our Worship Committee published a booklet of Lenten devotions written by congregational members. The cover features the art of Wiley Benson. A copy is now in storage for preservation and several copies are available in the church library. Although this treasure is worthy of a second read, why not find and share your copy with someone new to the church? Copies can be dropped off and picked up at the round table in the library area. Lent begins Wednesday, February 26.

Thirty various personal Bibles found about the church have been donated to the Hope Center in Lexington. Additionally, the black-covered Bibles that were formerly used in the sanctuary pews have been distributed to the adult and CYF Sunday School rooms. Each has a donation label inside the front cover or within the first few pages: they make for interesting reading.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

----Billy Hayes is recuperating from surgery....

### NEW ARRIVAL

A note of congratulations is sent to Mike and Mindy Rath on the arrival of a son. Joshua Michael Rath was born February 2, 2020. He is welcomed home by his brothers John Mikel, Matthew and Daniel. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Debbie McKinley, Cynthiana, paternal grandparents, Denise and Steve Rath, Southgate, KY. Congratulations to the parents and their families.

### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"To the members of the Cynthiana Christian Church, the family of Peggy Dunn would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the visits, cards and prayers for Peggy for the last several years. Peggy was blessed in so many ways, but your church and members dedication to her were truly outstanding and much appreciated!" Thank you so much, the family of Peggy Dunn

### WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Today you were given a dried date. These fruits grow on date palm trees. Before it reached your hand today it went through countless other hands throughout the whole process of planting, growing, harvesting, and processing. This date in your hands was a long time coming. A date tree takes up to a decade from the moment it is planted until it bears this sweet fruit. It can take eighty to one hundred years for a date tree to reach its full height. The fruit that you taste today is the product of many years investment through work, resources, and time. Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> we will receive our special offering for Week of Compassion. Through this offering, we invest in programs that create opportunities, empowering people and communities, and yielding fruit for many years to come. When we join our hands together in prayer and in the sharing of our financial gifts, we join together as co-workers in service of the fruitful future God promises for us all. Take a moment to taste the sweetness of this fruit and to prayerfully consider how you are called to participate in the work of our wider church through Week of Compassion

### MORNING CIRCLE NEWS

The group will meet in Bish Hall at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to having Billy Hayes discuss his book, <u>Blessed to Be...One Man's Stories of the Bluegrass</u>. Billy has been involved in the horse industry for many years. All are invited (men too!)

### BARNABAS TEAM MEETINGS

**Barnabas Team # IV** will meet Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Elders are Kathy Brown, George Frazier and Cathy McCord.

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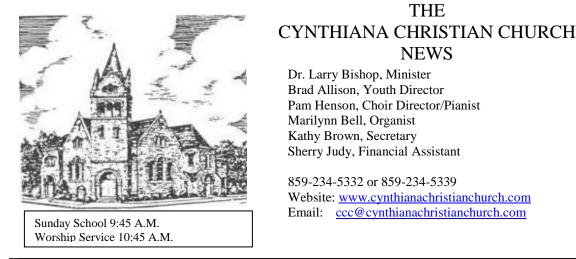
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**Green Chalice News You Can** Use: We are now collecting white, plastic hangers for a craft project. The white hangers need to be made entirely of plastic but can be either flat or tubular in style. A labeled collection bin is on the bottom shelf of the recycling area in the Communion Preparation Room. Thank you for being good stewards.

# YARD SALE, SAVE THE **DATE!**

The CWF will have a yard sale Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will be in the upcoming newsletters!



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### Minister's Message:

As all of us would affirm, there is something special about growing up on the farm. If we have had that opportunity, we should consider ourselves to be very blessed. Where would one ever start with all the gifts we found there on the farm? It could be playing in the creeks or ponds, rollicking through the fields, jumping from one hay bale to another. It could be imagined adventures in the barn or climbing the trees in the orchard or the picking of blackberries or strawberries. It could be the milking of cows or the feeding of the chickens or geese. Some tasks were not too pleasant, cleaning out the chicken house, cutting thistles and thorn bushes. But one fond memory I had above all the others, feeding the baby lambs with a bottle. It could be that a lamb's mother had died or she would not accept the responsibility of feeding her lamb. Granny would prepare the milk and put it in a Royal Crown Cola bottle. She would then give it to me and I was off to feed the lamb. You talk about some hungry little creatures. This Sunday we will be talking about Paul and his relationship with the Corinthian Church. He tells them they are mere babes in Christ, in need of milk, not solid food. "You are not ready for anything but milk." The scripture will be I Corinthians 3: 1-9 and the sermon will be entitled, "What's Not in the Picture?" Paul is saying to the Corinthian Church that all of us are important servants, everyone has a mission to fulfill. We are all called to plant seeds in God's kingdom, no one is more important than the other. Just like my little lamb friend we grow from babes to adults. Let us always remember how we are to grow as Christians. Take a few moments after reading this to recall some of your great times down on the farm.

.....Larry

**P.S.** Please don't forget about the youth Valentine dinner after church on Sunday. We are proud of their efforts and chosen projects.