YOUTH NEWS:

Sunday, March 19th: All youth will help with the luncheon following the worship service.

Wednesday, March 22nd: 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. – Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church.

Friday, March 24th; 7:30 A.M. – Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

CAMP FORMS: Camp forms are available in the church office. Please have the forms along with a copy of the insurance card (both front and back) turned in to the church office as soon as you can.

LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 19th the Young Disciples Sunday School Class and friends will sponsor a luncheon following the worship service. Baked spaghetti, salad, bread and desserts will be served. The youth will help to serve the meal. A freewill offering will be taken for the purpose of supporting Robert and Ashley Peak in their exciting venture of adopting a young son from the country of China. His name is Luke and we look forward to having him as a significant part of our church family.

Cleaning out for a Cause

Every time I open certain drawers I automatically think 'yard sale'. And then I promptly close them, convincing myself that a yard sale is too way much trouble and I don't have time for it. Nor do I want to deal with it. I bet I'm not alone! This year, however, my attitude is different. I do have time for it as I'm cleaning out for a cause. And that cause is Luke. As many of you know, friends and fellow church members Robert and Ashley Peak, along with Addie and Dawson, are in the process of adopting Luke, who will be coming to us from China. Adoption comes with an extremely large price tag and thankfully many fund-raisers are being planned to assist in getting Luke to his forever home in Cynthiana. One of these is a yard sale, to be held at Cheers (the old Tussey building, next door to Dr. Jason McIlvain's office), and scheduled for Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, beginning at 8:00 AM. Please join as 'a people who care' in helping get Luke here by also cleaning out for a cause. Donations will be received at Cheers, between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 30. And you don't even have to price your items as the sale will be on a donation basis (unless you wish to indicate a fair value on any of your specific 'treasures'). If you need for your items to be picked up, just give Robert Peak a call at 588-2949 and he'll do so. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this very worthy cause. Anna Bishop

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Robby VanHook, Beth Coleman, Patricia Gaines and their families in the death of their mother Billie Jean VanHook who died March 12, 2017.

NEW ARRIVAL

A note of congratulations is sent to Mark and Michelle Barnes on the arrival of a daughter. Josaphine Pearl Barnes was born March 11, 2017. She is welcomed home by her brother Burley. Martha Barnes and the late Jim Barnes are the paternal grandparents. Tony and Goldie Stipe the maternal grandparents. Congratulations to the parents and their families.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Jeff and Rebecca Jenkins would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, food and prayers since Max's accident. Your caring acts at UK Medical Center, Cardinal Hill and now on Bridge Street are deeply appreciated and cherished.

CWF Circle Meeting: The Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 10:00 in Bish Hall to assemble Easter Baskets for members of our church community. If you wish to donate an item for baskets, please contact the church office.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Cynthiana Christian Church Relay for Life team will have a Family Fun Night at the home of Tim and Bonnie Teater Saturday, March 25th at 5:00 P.M. There will be Euchre for adults, games for the kids (and adults if they don't know how to play Euchre!). A meal will also be provided. The cost for the event is \$ 10.00 per adult, \$ 5.00 children or \$ 25.00 per family. There will be limited space so sign up as soon as possible. Contact Kathy Brown if you would like to participate.

CEDAR RIDGE SUNDAY

Sunday, March 26th is our Sunday at Cedar Ridge Health Campus. Please meet at Cedar Ridge at 2:00 P.M. for an afternoon of fellowship with the residents.

HAZEL GREEN

Donations of clothing, small appliances, etc. may be brought the church beginning Monday, March 20th. The truck will be loaded to take to Hazel Green on Wednesday, April 6th.

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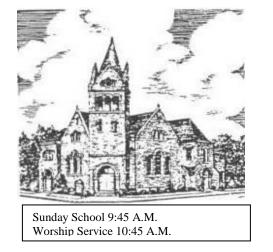
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BARNABAS TEAM MEETINGS Barmahas Taom # VLu

Barnabas Team # VI will meet in the conference room following the worship service Sunday, March 19th & 26th. Elders are Gary Brunker, Charlene Dawson, Jerry Dawson and Donna Jacobs.



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Minister's Message:

For our third Advent sermon, we will center our thoughts around the subject, "The Prayer of St. Teresa of Avilia." The scripture for study will be John 4: 5-42. St. Teresa was an amazing woman and a great saint, identified as a mystic, reformer, author, and spiritual guide. We can still benefit from her writings that came forth some 500 years ago. Her spirituality is fresh and relevant. It is of extreme benefit to anyone seeking a stronger prayer life and a more intimate relationship and union with the creator.

The books she wrote on prayer and the spiritual life are still considered today to be classics and I would encourage you to look deeper into them. St. Teresa was born in Spain and spent her early life as a nun, a member of the Carmelites. After some years she joined a different convent, one where they engaged in a simple hermit lifestyle, with one goal in mind, deeper lives of prayer. She made several suggestions to us regarding the subject of prayer. They are extremely insightful in our spiritual lives:

.... Prayer is nothing more than spending a long time with the one I know loves me.

... We must have a determined determination to never give up prayer.

 \dots Look for Christ our Lord in everyone and you will then think of yourself as everyone's servant.

St. Teresa also gave us a prayer that we will share on Sunday morning. It is within the context of this prayer that you and I are reminded of how God works through us. We are the hands of God, the voices of God, the hearts of God. We have a responsibility to look for the image of Christ in every person we meet, everywhere we travel, in everything we do. And if need be, we should be willing to accept this role as servant, the role accepted by the one we call our Lord. See you Sunday morning.

.....Larry