

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** All youth will go to Marie Hehr Park from 4:00-5:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00-5:00 P.M.** – Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church. If weather permits, the youth will go to Marie Hehr Park and then return to the church at 5:00 P.M.

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 A.M.** – The Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

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**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

For youth through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children’s church is held every Sunday. All youth may leave the sanctuary following the doxology. Children’s church is held in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School room across from the church office.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	Storytelling	Elder
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	Bible Bowl	Brandie Dawson
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	Craft Sunday	Volunteers
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Jr. Handbell Practice	Lindsey Florence
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Bible Video	Laura Todd Simpson

Youth 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday School room. Please note that this group does not meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

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**RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

The 2015 Reconciliation Offering will be received in congregations on **September 27<sup>th</sup>** and **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Special Offering is used to fund our Church’s mission imperative to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing the tools experiential education (training), inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering providing for programs of leadership development ,curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. The year 2015 has catapulted the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us! Envelopes will be in the pew pockets for your donation. Please make checks payable to Cynthiana Christian Church.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Harrison Memorial: Mary Jane Bell**, sister of Jim Snodgrass was admitted for tests and observation.

---**Donnie Cooper** is recuperating from surgery....**Elizabeth Allison** is scheduled for knee surgery Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.... **Benny Beagle** is back at Edgemont following a stay at HMH...**Billie Jean VanHook** is recuperating from eye surgery....

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**NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

“Happiness is when the Choir is back each Sunday-- It gives so much meaning to my Sunday morning.” Sue Williams

Connie Kennedy wishes us to express her appreciation for the meals, cards, visits, and anything anyone from our church has done for her. She really misses being able to come to church.

“I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, messages and cards sent during my surgery and recovery. Also I would like to thank the lovely ladies of the church for the lunch they prepared me and Mr. Carey for delivering it. Thanks to Larry for coming to visit with Chris while I was in surgery. I am truly blessed to have such a loving church family thank you.” Deanna Lunsford

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**BARNABAS TEAM MEETING**

Barnabas Team # VI will meet in the conference room following the worship service Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Elders are Gary Brunker, Charlene Dawson and Jerry Dawson.

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**ELDER’S BREAKFAST**

An Elder’s Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.

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**CEDAR RIDGE SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Visit the church website to read the recent and archived newsletters and listen to the church services:  
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Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

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### Minister's Message:

Within the Bible, we find certain stories regarding individuals that we feel sorry for. It is as if we want to announce, "This is not fair, the story should have a different ending." We may try to understand those stories but I must admit that at times we are still a little confused about their meaning or application to our lives. Could I begin by mentioning to you the older brother of the prodigal son? He had stayed at home on the farm for years upon years, working faithfully for his dad. Then one day his younger brother took off with some of his father's funds, only to return home when the fun and the funds ran out. His dad threw a lavish party, but the older son did not feel this was needed. What about a party for him? Or do we recall Jesus visiting in the presence of Mary and Martha? Martha is in the kitchen toiling to get the meal prepared while Mary is out sitting at the feet of Jesus. This did not sit well with Martha. None of us can forget the parable Jesus told about people working. Some went to work early in the morning, while some went to work late in the day when the work was almost over. Guess what? That's right, they received the same pay. God and His generosity is quite amazing, is it not?

I also feel a bit of sympathy for the main character in this week's sermon presentation. The sermon is entitled, "He Went Away Sad." Of course we are making reference to the rich young ruler, a story told by Jesus that is included in three of the gospels. At least we find that the young man was an honest man. We find that he was married to his material possessions, and divorce from them was impossible. This Sunday we will talk about what it means to be rich. When we have such beautiful days around us, wonderful families, and caring friends, it is easier to reaffirm how rich we are. This is why it is sad we are not able to let go of some parts of life that may hinder us from feeling this state of contentment. May you remain rich in the blessings of God through Christ Jesus.

.....Larry