

YOUTH NEWS:

Sunday, November 22nd: All youth will meet following the worship service for play practice.

Please note: There will be youth meetings November 25th, November 27th, or November 29th.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.: Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church.

Saturday, December 5th, 1:30 P.M. – All youth will meet for play practice.

Sunday, December 6th: All youth will stay for play practice following the worship service. Pizza will be served. The Youth Christmas play will begin in the sanctuary at 6:00 P.M. A potluck appetizer meal will begin at 5:00 P.M.

Green Chalice News You Can Use: Christmas is on the horizon and some of us are already making wish lists. Just as Christmas is the story of the birth of Jesus, the purchases we make tell a story. Our spent dollars affect people in our community and around the world, and as Christians, it's our responsibility to make sure that our impact is a positive and just one. It takes effort and resolve to make a conscious decision to buy ethically. But every day, the dollars we spend are a vote for the kind of world that we want. How can we become ethical shoppers? Buy locally, choose handmade goods that support individual people, support companies that empower mothers in developing countries, select fair trade products, patronize companies that give back. There are many web sites to help us make wise dollar decisions. BetterWorldShopper.org grades companies A-F based upon 5 issues: human rights, environment, animal protection, community involvement and social justice. MicahChallengeUSA.org includes an extensive ethical shopping guide. This group is guided by Micah 6:8 "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." We will continue this conversation after Thanksgiving. Until then, create community: enjoy Cynthia's weekly Friday festivities and buy locally.

News from the Worship Committee

The year is coming to a close and along with that the upcoming holidays and the season of Advent. One of the purposes of the Worship Committee is to make worshiping in our church more meaningful. This note gives you an outline of extra ways you and your family can enjoy. Who knows maybe a new Christmas tradition will begin.

1. On Saturday, November 28, beginning at 8:00, the Worship committee will be decorating the church. We welcome all.
2. This year families of young children can pick up a small booklet about Advent and what it really means. The children, as in years past, will be given an Advent calendar in their Sunday School class. Using this book along with the calendar may bring more meaning for the holidays.
3. Also available this year is a "Daily Advent Devotional" from the Society of St. Andrew. This society is very active in the mission of feeding America's hungry. These will be available for pick up at the church. They are free but if you want to make a monetary donation to this society you can do so on the form enclosed in this booklet.
4. Available on our church website is the Advent devotional published by our church last year. If you choose to view this devotional, please remember the dates as seen will be off by one day.
5. Our church has recently ordered 25 new Chalice Hymnals. If you would like to donate a hymnal to the church in memory of a loved one please contact me or Kathy Brown.

Please have a joyous holiday season! Charla Nunnolley, Worship Committee Chairman

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Deanna Lunsford, Jeff Beagle, Dudley Beagle, Joel Beagle and Belinda Honican and their families in the death of their father Benny Beagle who died November 16, 2015.

An expression of sympathy is sent also to Al and Vickie Stakelin in the death of Al's brother Mike Stakelin who died November 15, 2015.

NEW ARRIVAL

A note of congratulations is sent to Taylor Mallory & Ashley Wells on the arrival of a son. Luka Jae Mallory was born November 7, 2015. Paternal grandparents are David Mallory & Tracy Shrout, maternal grandparents, Larry Wells & April Spears. Congratulations to the parents and their families.

FOOD BASKETS: During the month of December all donations of food and/or cash will be kept at the church to make food baskets that will be prepared in December. Items needed for the food baskets are instant potatoes, canned green beans, corn, peas, fruit, jelly, peanut butter, pinto beans, jiffy cornbread mix, cereal, macaroni & cheese and cookies. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Cynthia's Christian Church.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Youth Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 6th. A potluck appetizer meal will begin in Bish Hall at 5:00 P.M. with the program in the sanctuary at 6:00 P.M.

'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES AT OUR CHURCH', Annual CWF Christmas Banquet, Thursday, Dec. 3.

When thoughts turn to Christmas, no doubt so many of our thoughts also turn to Cynthia's Christian Church. Here, we gather to worship, work, mourn, reflect – and to celebrate. The church is indeed an integral part of our lives and this year's CWF Christmas Banquet theme will emphasize that devotion. Entitled "Christmas Memories at our Church", the tables will reflect activities and memories here at Main and Mill Streets, as interpreted by their creative decorators. In addition to the beautiful tables, we'll also be inspired by this year's talented Les Jongleurs, a select group of vocalists, including our 'own' Emily Cooper Spencer. This vocal ensemble, based in Central Kentucky, performs works of widely varied styles, themes, and eras. Plan to kick off your holidays by inviting friends and family to join us on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:00 p.m. for the catered dinner, followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14.00 each and will be on sale Sundays, Nov. 22 and 29th. And we also encourage you to continue your musical weekend by attending the Licking Valley Singers' concert on either Friday evening, Saturday afternoon or Saturday evening, where you'll hear several more of 'our own' singers, including Susan Dearborn, Karen Adams, Lee Stritesky, Kelly Kendall, Eva Renaker, Bill Helsabeck, Rick Dycus and Mary Bell.

CHURCH CABINET MEETING: The Church Cabinet will meet at 6:00 P.M. Monday, December 7th.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING: The Official Board will meet at 7:00 P.M. Monday, December 7th.

PLEASE NOTE: THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Elders: Brad Allison, Debbie Kendall, Kandi Hines, Cathy McCord

Diaconate: Ray Partin, Ch'm; Billy Hayes, Susan Hayes, Shara Hoskins, Sherry Judy, Jennifer Renaker, Joe Rorer

Greeters: Dale Matthews, Mary June Bruner, Ginny Ashbrook

Sound System: Marty Simpson

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CMF Toy Sale: The 29th annual Christian Men's Fellowship toy sale will be held Saturday, December 12th. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please make checks payable to Cynthiana Christian Church.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Cynthiana Christian Church will host a pancake breakfast for the Cynthiana, Harrison County First Responders on Saturday, November 21st from 8:00-11:00 A.M. Volunteers would be appreciated. Please call the church office if you would like to help.

ANGEL TREE ANGELS

Angels from the Community Education Center will be on a table in Bish Hall this Sunday. Please make sure to put your name and phone number with the number of the angel on the form that will be on the table.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR (Dec. 2nd – 6th)

- Dec. 2nd: Lauren Brown, Judy Marsh
- Dec. 3rd: Jesse Cook
- Dec. 4th: Kevin Barnett, Christy Tappel, ♥M/M Jeff Jenkins
- Dec. 6th: Matt McCord

The remainder of the December birthday calendar will be in the next newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH.



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

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Minister's Message:

All of us are still rather numb as we continue to hear and view the atrocities that occurred recently in Paris, France. We are not only concerned about the acts of terrorism in this particular city, but those in many parts of the world. When such injustices occur it seems that appropriate words are difficult to bring forth. We are almost left speechless. Last evening I came across a statement that I believe is indeed one of inspiration, one that might give to us an unbelievable perspective. It comes in the form of a letter from Antoine Leiris, a Parisian whose wife was killed in the Paris terrorist attacks on Friday. Leiris in his post, addresses an unnamed person or group of people in the second person. His message to the terrorist group responsible for these acts was one of strength. His message was:

“Friday night, you took an exceptional life. . The love of my life, the mother of my son, but you will not have my hatred. I will not grant you the gift of my hatred. You are asking for it, but responding to hatred with anger is falling victim to the same ignorance that has made you what you are. You want me to be scared, to view my countrymen with mistrust, to sacrifice my liberty for my security. You lost. I don't have any more time to devote to you. I have to join son, Melvil who is waking up from his nap. He is barely 17 months-old. He will eat his meals as usual, and then we are going to play as usual, and for his whole life this little boy will threaten you by being happy and free. Because no, you will not have his hatred either.”

The words of the grieving husband and caring father should be an inspiration to all of us. In my human spirit, I am not sure my response would be so Christ-like. I would like to think so. I still find words hard to come by, but I am thankful for the strong affirmation shared by Antoine Leiris.Larry