

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, December 2nd & December 9th: All youth will meet after church for play practice. Lunch will be served.

Wednesday, December 5th, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.- Jr. Chi Rho meeting

Friday, December 7th, 7:30 A.M. – Breakfast Club

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 1st: The Worship Committee and volunteers will meet at the church at 8:00 A.M. to decorate the church for the holiday season.

Thursday, December 6th: CWF annual Christmas banquet. More information is listed in the article below.

Saturday, December 8th: CMF toy sale, men will meet at Bianckes for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. and then return to the church for the toy sale that begins at 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, December 9th: Backyard Ministries bake sale/craft sale. If you would like to donate a baked good and/or a craft, please contact Kathy Brown.

Sunday, December 9th: Youth Christmas program, An appetizer potluck meal will begin at 5:00 P.M. in Bish Hall with a program to follow in the sanctuary at 6:00 P.M. A special guest will be in Bish Hall following the program

TOY SALE

The 32nd annual Christian Men's Fellowship toy sale will be held from 10:00- A.M. – 12:00 Noon, Saturday, December 8th. If you would like to make a donation of a new toy or donation of cash, you can bring to the church office at any time.

FOOD BASKET DONATIONS: 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. Donations of cash are always helpful to purchase other items. Please make checks payable to Cynthiana Christian Church. If you know of someone in need of a food basket, please contact the church office. Please have the food to the church by Sunday, December 2nd.

“Oh Christmas Tree”, CWF Christmas Banquet, Thursday, Dec. 6th

Join us on Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 P.M. in Bish Hall for our themed evening, “O Christmas Tree.” Guests are in for a treat this year as Food Network Star, Chef Jason Smith, the gourmet chef catering the Farm to Table dinner in Cynthiana earlier this year will prepare a delicious meal. The evening's musical entertainment will follow in the sanctuary at 7:30 P.M. and will be provided by individuals within the community and our own church. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this time-honored tradition.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Elizabeth Whitson and Peggy Whitson and their families in the death of their brother-in-law Ray Whitson who died November 19, 2018.

---**Cathy Bruner** is recuperating from hip surgery....**Blanche Asbury** is recuperating from a broken rib....**Camryn Florence** is recuperating from recent surgery.... **Martha Frazier**, mother of George Frazier is recuperating from a stroke....

NEW ARRIVAL: A note of congratulations is sent to Brad and Ashley Marshall on the arrival of a son. Hank Avett Marshall was born November 14, 2018. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Donna Marshall, maternal grandparents, Jim and Judy Carriker of Carlinville, IL.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The family of Greg Kearns would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food and cards received during his recent illness and death. We appreciate it so much.

Bodie Woodrum would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers following his recent surgery.

“I want to thank everyone for prayers said, concerns shared and cards sent before and after my heart procedure. Thanks to Bro. Bishop for his prayers and visit before.” Joan Lawson

“I would like to thank all for the prayers, food, flowers, cards and concern since my surgery. A special thanks to the Lords Lunch group for the delicious meals! A real blessing! Thanks to Kathy and Larry for checking on me. God bless you all!” Paula Burden

CHURCH CABINET MEETING: The Church Cabinet will meet at 6:00 P.M. Monday, December 3rd.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING: The Official Board will meet at 7:00 P.M. Monday, December 3rd.

PLEASE NOTE: THOSE SERVING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Elders serving at the table: Mary Bell, Bruce Florence

Elders helping with shut-in communion: Gary Bruner, Gary Carter

Diaconate: Ray Partin, Ch'm; Billy Hayes, Susan Hayes, Terry Johnson, Steve Judy, Ed Lanthorn, Melissa Partin, Joe Rorer

Greeters: Dale Matthews, Mary June Bruner, Ruthie Antle, Ginny Ashbrook

Communion Preparers: Rebecca Crowther, Sandy VanHook

POINSETTIAS

If you plan to place poinsettias in the sanctuary for the Advent season, please have them to the church by noon Saturday, December 8th.

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Green Chalice News You Can Use:

You have two recycling opportunities this holiday season. We accept strands of nonworking Christmas lights and all greeting card fronts. Labeled bins are in the Communion Preparation Room. Almost every part of the light strands can be recovered and used again. Your Christmas card fronts from last year have been recycled into new Christmas cards and will be available, with new envelopes, at the craft event on December 9th. Thank you for being good stewards of God's creations.

BARNABAS TEAM MEETING

Barnabas Team # XI will meet Sunday, November 18th & 25th. Elders are Beverly Cooper, Gary Carter, Gary Dearborn and Jon Hoskins.

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTE:

Due to changes at our local post office, please make sure that you use our post office box number when you are mailing to the church. **Our number is PO Box 236.**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Dec. 2nd: Lauren Brown,
Judy Marsh,
Sam Marsh
Dec. 4th: Kevin Barnett,
Christy Tappel,
♥M/M Jeff Jenkins
Dec. 6th: Matt McCord
Dec. 8th: Kelley Bruner

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



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

THE CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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Minister's Message:

I hope you will be with us on Sunday for our first Sunday of Advent. If during this season of Advent you want to read about the birth of Jesus from one of the gospels, you will make two discoveries. First, no one gospel tells you everything about this birth, and secondly, some gospels do not tell you anything about the birth of Jesus. Matthew's account begins with a genealogy, reaffirming that the story of Christmas is rooted in history. When you turn to Mark, you notice that he begins with the ministry of John the Baptist, not the birth of Jesus. According to Mark, we cannot properly celebrate the birth of Christ until we are repentant, thus his gospel challenges us to change parts of our lives. The Gospel of Luke is where we are most comfortable with the Christmas story. It is from the Gospel of Luke that we discover that the story of Christmas invites our worship. It is here we find worshipping shepherds and the singing of the heavenly host. Then we have the Gospel of John. John does not begin with the birth of Jesus, nor the ministry of John the Baptist, but with the words, "In the beginning." John's gospel is similar to Mark in that he makes it extremely personal. During the Advent season we will examine the various gospel writings and see what each is saying to us and how they are challenging us. Sermons will be as follows:

December 2	"Christmas at Matthew's House" Matthew 1
December 9	"Christmas at Mark's House" Mark 1:14-15
December 16	"Christmas at John's House" John 1:1-14
December 23	"Christmas at Luke's House" Luke 1:26 – 2:20
December 24	Christmas Eve "Christmas at Your House"

Hope you can be a part of our Advent worship services as well as all other meaningful events at the church during Christmas. Those would include the C.W.F. banquet, C.M.F. toy sale, the preparation and distribution of food baskets, and the youth Christmas play and dinner. You will not want to miss any of these.

.....Larry