

YOUTH NEWS:

Sunday, December 11th: There will be no youth meetings.

Wednesday, December 14th: Jr. Chi Rho will meet at the church from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Friday, December 16th: All youth will meet for lunch following the worship service.

POINSETTIAS

If you plan to place poinsettias in the sanctuary, please have them to the church by Saturday, December 10th.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Our Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 P.M. Saturday, December 24, 2016. This year, the 30 plus year traditional service will be preceded by a 20 minute candlelight Christmas concert by the church’s Bel-Lair Hand Bell Choir (10:30 P.M.) These quiet and worshipful services will emphasize with their devotional nature and candlelight, the meaningful peace of the Christmas season, as well as share the love to be found at the Lord’s Table for all believers in the Christ Child.

Special music will be provided by the church’s choir under the direction of Pam Henson, in addition to the hand bell choir and others. Conducted by Dr. Larry Bishop and Dr. Tim Teater, the services are gifts of love to Cynthiana and Harrison County given by the Cynthiana Christian Church, “A People Who Care.” May all who come be blessed in the quietness of the historic sanctuary, decorated and lighted with Christmas hope, love, peace and joy.

CWF Circle: The Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 20, for brunch and fellowship. Note, we will meet at Biancke’s, not the church. Join us and bring a friend!

Green Chalice News You Can Use: Once again, we are accepting strands of Christmas lights for recycling. The collection bin is in the Communion Preparation Room.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Sally Kurz and family in the death of her husband Carl. Mr. Kurz died December 3, 2016.

UK Hospital: Max Ogden continues to recover from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Harrison Memorial: Susan Lemons is recuperating from surgery.

---**Gary Carter** is recuperating from knee surgery....**Steve Alexander** is undergoing tests for back issues....**Lois Isaac** is recuperating from shoulder surgery....**Shearl Moore** is recuperating from outpatient surgery....**Barbara Yearsley**, daughter of Virginia Coy is recuperating from hip surgery....**Bonnie Matthews**, mother of Hannah Matthews is recuperating from surgery....**Becky Cook Williams** is recovering from outpatient surgery. **Dale Matthews** is recuperating from cataract surgery.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Members, During J. Leslie’s illness, we both came to look forward to the delivery of your delicious lunches each Thursday. I have always been amazed at the dedication of the Thursday Lunch group.” Most sincerely, Sue Walker

“Dear friends at Cynthiana Christian Church, Thank you for the support and care that you have shown us during this time. The cards and prayers have been appreciated. Those who came to visitation really went the extra mile. The donation to Jeffersontown Area Ministries was very thoughtful. Thank you for being there for us.”

Yours in Christ, Phillip & Elizabeth Cook

Make Another Life Brighter: We are collecting gently-used and cleaned, warm outer clothing and blankets/afghans for the Hope Center and family-sized hygiene products for the Family Resource Center. Collection bins are in the hall by the elevator and in the Sunday School room across from the church office. Donations can be made through the end of the month. Contact any Discussion Class member for more information.

Give to Those Truly in Need: Most of the people on our Christmas list, like us, have more than they need and more than they use. Change your shopping habits this Christmas, show your loved ones you care and spend your money wisely by giving to those truly in need. Make a donation to one of our outreach ministries in honor of the loved ones on your Christmas list and receive a decorative gift card unique for each ministry. They easily slip into a stocking or your own Christmas cards.

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY
CALENDAR
(Dec. 16th – 31st)**

- Dec. 16th: John Dawson,
Sean Owsley,
Jennifer
Lemmings,
John Lemmings
- Dec. 17th: Bill McNutt,
Calvert Duffie
- Dec. 19th: Michael Partin,
Dec. 20th: Tracy Lair Barnes,
Rusty Whitson,
David Sheakley
- Dec. 21st: Carl Nunnelley,
Blanche Asbury
- Dec. 22nd: Cindy Moore
Dec. 24th: Peggy Lair,
Joe Thomas,
Luanne Wilson
- Dec. 25th: Deanna Lunsford
Dec. 27th: Jeremy Beagle
Dec. 28th: Jaxon Woodrum,
Paul Foster,
♥M/M Ishmael
Hopkins,
♥M/M Robbie
VanHook
- Dec. 29th: Hayden Lunsford
Dec. 31st: Georgiana
McClure,
♥M/M Peachie
Herrington



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

**THE
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NEWS**

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Minister's Message:

Megan, age four, was drawing a picture of the nativity. We all know how hard it is to entertain this particular age group. What better plan than to draw a picture of the Bethlehem stable. The little artist stayed with the effort for a long amount of time. She then showed it to her mother, who was a minister. Megan carefully explained each figure and character. She had drawn the shepherds and sheep. The three wise men and their loaded camels made an appearance in her artwork. In the center of course was Mary and the Christ child. The stable even had cows and horses, and a dog and a cat portrayed. Her mother noticed that someone was missing. She then asked, "Where's Joseph?" She assumed that Megan would immediately remember and sketch him in very quickly. Instead, Megan gave a look of exasperation and defiantly asked, "Who needs Joseph, anyway?"

It seems that Megan has the making of a great feminist theologian someday. We must admit that Joseph's role in the nativity is traditionally secondary. Over the years there is not much literature about him. When one searches the hymnal over all the advent and Christmas hymns, you can only find one mention of Joseph. It is from a hymn we don't sing, "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph." And yet I believe that Joseph is important to our faith. His example is one that you and I need to appreciate. Theologian William Willimon says if Mary is "Blessed among women," Joseph is "Embarrassed among men." After his dream from the angel, Joseph does something unlikely, almost outrageous. He intentionally puts aside his wounded pride and marries Mary. Joseph totally trusted the dream. We will talk about Joseph this Sunday morning as the sermon will be entitled, "The Message of the Angel to Joseph." A note of thanks to Brad, Pam, and our young people for their inspiring Christmas program. They are deserving of the highest accolades. See you this Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent.

.....Larry