## SERMON SERIES

"The Tress of Advent"

December 13<sup>th</sup> "The Fig Tree...Hope"

December 20<sup>th</sup> "The Olive Tree...Peace"

Christmas Eve "The Redwood Tree"



Our gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions. Please make checks payable to Cynthiana Christian Church.

# **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Carole Harris** was admitted to HMH for tests and observation, her address is 206 Licking Valley Rd.....**Mike Buis** is undergoing further tests, his address is PO Box 245..... **Nancy Ward**, daughter of Peachie Herrington will undergo surgery December 14<sup>th</sup>.... **Wendy Swinford Ross** is recuperating from an eye procedure, address 169 Majestic Prince, Danville, Ky 40422...

## **OFFICAL BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM**

The Official Board will meet by Zoom on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Zoom # 362 021 4158 No password. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joan Hobday will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send her a birthday card, her address is 6013 Oddville Sunrise Rd.

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# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to Marie Hehr Park for a drive-in Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Gates will open <u>at 10:00 P.M.</u> and the service will begin <u>at 11:00 P.M.</u>

Upon entering the park, you will be given a program with hymns, candles and communion. Everyone should remain in their cars in order to practice social distancing. The service will be broadcast over your car's radio (WCYN).

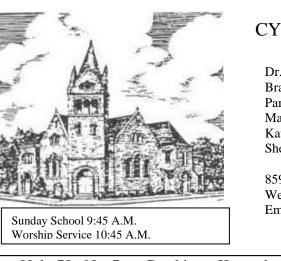
Bring hot chocolate and snacks and enjoy being together at the park for this opportunity to celebrate our Savior's birth.

# SANTA

Reminder that Santa will be at the church on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M. Come to the covered drop off and bring your child's letter to Santa. Santa will have goodies bags for the children.

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# THE CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Larry Bishop, Minister Brad Allison, Youth Director Pam Henson, Choir Director/Pianist Marilynn Bell, Organist Kathy Brown, Secretary Sherry Judy, Financial Assistant

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#### Minister's Message:

Last evening I was waiting outside my office to meet with a young couple that is getting married in less than two weeks. I was a little early so I was just sitting in the car listening to the radio, when I saw something I could not believe. I looked outside my driver's window and spotted a huge bunny rabbit heading toward the outside doors that lead to the offices. He hopped away, but then turned and came back not once but three times. It was as if he was saying, "I am here for church but no one is here to let me in." I started thinking about St. Francis of Assisi and how he used to preach to the animals, I am not sure about rabbits. But most of you know I am very fond of rabbits, seems like a great transition from my teenage years when I loved to come home from school and go rabbit hunting. But this little fellow safely disappeared into the dark night.

As I talk to each of you, I think we have that desire that seemed to be expressed by our little furry friend, to get inside the church. I hear you lament about how much you miss church and more specifically how much you miss each other. There is simply nothing that can take the place of being in fellowship with friends and family. I anxiously await that day when we can be together in some degree of normality, hugging one another and singing together with one another. As a young mother reflected to me the other day, "We just don't know how much something means to us until we do not have it any longer." This time apart from one another has helped us realize how meaningful the church is, our faith is, fellowship is, Christian service is, and being united as a Christian community is. But as last week's sermon suggested, like the palm trees we will stand strong and no storm will bend us, we shall rise again. Hope to see you and your children or grandchildren on Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 P.M. when Santa will be present at the covered drop off area. Children, don't forget your lists. Until then, be safe and God bless. ......Larry