

Minister's message cont'd

That movie would be Elf starring Will Ferrell. That final scene for Ralphie's family represents for me what the church should be, times of singing, breaking bread together, and serving one another.

.....Larry

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, December 15th: All youth will meet following the worship service for lunch and play practice. See below for more information on the Christmas program.

Due to Christmas break, there will be no Jr. Chi Rho or Breakfast Club the next couple of weeks.

Men, Please Note: The men are invited to the church for a potluck breakfast at 8:00 A.M. prior to the toy sale on December 14th. **Please note the change in location of the breakfast.**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Youth Christmas Program: Sunday, December 15th: 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

Please note: The 1st through 4th grade Sunday School classes will be going to Grand Haven Nursing Home on Sunday December 22nd during Sunday school to deliver Christmas gifts. We will be collecting gifts until that Sunday. Suggestions for their gift bags include socks, hygiene products, cards, etc. for both men and women. If you would like to contribute please leave donations in the 3rd/4th grade classroom. Thank you for supporting our project and brightening the lives of many residents!

Backyard Ministries Craft Sale/Bake Sale: December 15th. If you would like to donate any baked goods or food item and or craft item, please contact Kathy Brown.

Barnabas Team # XI will meet Sunday, December 15th. Elders are Beverly Cooper, Gary Carter and Jon Hoskins.

Barnabas Team # XII will meet Sunday, December 22nd & 29th. Elders are Brett Hines, Carl and Charla Nunnelley and Larry and Kristy Carey.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Cindy Davidson and family in the death of her sister-in-law Barbara Robinson Wilson who died December 5th and sister-in-law Janet Rogers Wilson who died December 8th.

---**Charlie Antle** is at Cedar Ridge for rehabilitation following recent surgery....**Virginia Coy** is recuperating from a heart procedure....**Layne McIlvain** is recuperating from hand surgery....**Dale Matthews** is home following a stay at HMH for tests and observation.... **Rick Everett** is recuperating from surgery....**Tracy Letcher**, daughter-in-law of Judy Letcher is recuperating from surgery....

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“I would like to thank everyone for the kind wishes and prayers following my surgery. I love my church.” Amy Woodrum

“A sincere note of thanks to every individual who helped make the annual CWF banquet a resounding success. From the beautifully decorated tables, to the inspiring devotion, the outstanding meal, the handsome servers, and to everyone who bought tickets, each of you epitomize “a people who care.” And of course that was Part 1 of our wonderful evening. Part 2, the entertainment, was an event all unto itself! Thank you, Pam, for securing our talented singers and thank Emily, Bella and Emma Spencer, Tracy Childers, Charla Nunnelley, Wayne Conner, Sarah Allison, Eleanor McCauley, Jon Hoskins and Cindy Hill for blessing us with your incredible voices. The banquet truly kicked off the Advent Season in a most enjoyable and meaningful manner.” The CWF Board

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Our Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 24, 2019. Special music will be provided by the church's choir under the direction of Pam Henson. Conducted by Dr. Larry Bishop 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.

Heritage Stained Glass Window Trivia: The 1901 building has 68 stained glass windows. Congratulations to Sonia Frazier, who guessed 67. Eleven of the memorial windows can be seen from the sanctuary. The other was placed in the basement's “ladies parlor,” now the hand bell room. It is decorated with a sheaf of wheat. In 1901 the average cost per memorial window was \$98.58. The other 56 windows are less decorative and cost an average of \$7.86 per window. Almost all windows, even the memorials, have a sash or hinged section so they can be opened. Sonia receives a copy of the 2012 CWF cookbook.

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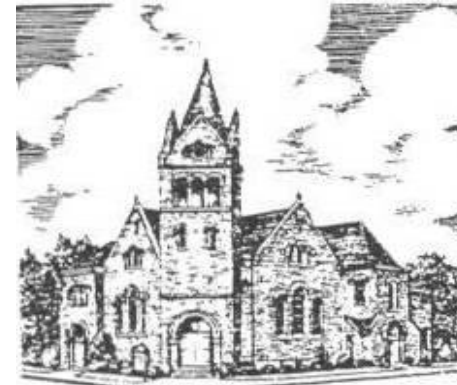
If you plan to place poinsettias in the sanctuary for the Advent season, please have them to the church by noon Saturday, December 14th.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

(December 9th – 16th)

- Dec. 9th: David Henson,
Lance McIlvain,
Michelle Foster
- Dec. 10th: Dale Matthews,
Andrea Fizette
- Dec. 12th: Robby VanHook
- Dec. 13th: Cooch Hollar,
♥Dr/ M Larry
Bishop
- Dec. 14th: Donna Jacobs,
Johnna Carey,
Joan Hobday
- Dec. 15th: Brandie Dawson,
Gary Brunker,
Ed Lanthorn,
♥ M/M Josh Hamm
- Dec. 16th: John Dawson,
Sean Owsley,
Jennifer Lemmings,
John Lemmings

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.

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Minister's Message:

For the third Sunday in Advent we will address the subject, "Christmas Classics, The Christmas Story." The top ten scenes of the movies are as follows, Number ten, it is when Ralphie is getting dressed for school and he responds to his over-concerned mother, "I can't move my arms now." Top scene number nine, Ralphie's mother and teacher yelling, "You'll shoot your eye out." Scene eight, everyone remembers this one, Flick sticking his tongue to the flag pole. Even police cars and fire trucks came to see this one. In seventh place, we find the scene of the fight. Ralphie says a lot of things to the bully while beating him up, he finally had enough. Popular number six slot is occupied by the dogs destroying the turkey. The dogs that the old man is enemies with destroy the Parker dinner. They jump up on the table, grab the turkey and are off and running. Number five has to be the scene when Ralphie has to wear the pink bunny suit provided by Aunt Clara. It was a scene that one will never forget, especially Ralphie. The greatest fear of all in the movie, scene four, Ralphie actually shoots his eye out after trying out his new gun. A shot hits the board and races back toward Ralphie and gets him in the eye. The third most popular scene in the movie, Santa Claus at the store. This Santa was rather evil, but the family actually forced Ralphie to jump into Santa's lap, only to get pushed down the slide. Second most popular scene in the movie, the broken lamp. It is a sad scene when the old man tries to glue the leg lamp back together after an accident. The number one scene is this, the Chinese restaurant dinner scene. The waiters try so hard to assist with the disappointment of the family. They attempt to sing carols and provide a festive atmosphere. It was a Christmas evening to remember. This is all I have been finding around here at the church. The Christmas programs, past and upcoming, the food baskets and the toy sales project, our upcoming Sunday School program, people enjoying Christmas dinner and Christmas breakfast. Everyone has such a spirit of true joy and optimism. Let me assure you that you and your family are an important part of these times of rejoicing. You are a major part of these memories. Please plan on being a major part of every activity that goes on around here. What other Christmas movie did Ralphie provide a brief cameo appearance? It is another one of your favorites.