

YOUTH NEWS:

Sunday, December 18th: All youth will meet for lunch following the worship service.

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!

CHRISTMAS 2016 FLORAL MEMORIALS

In Memory: **Given By:**

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| Prentice Burgan family | Inez Burgan and family |
| Ernie and Libby Skinner | David, Jane and family |
| John and Elizabeth King | Family |
| David Ishmael | Family |
| Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dawson | Dawson family |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McCauley | Dawson family |
| Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dawson | Dawson family |
| Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill | Dawson family |
| Betty Jean Hill Withers | Dawson family |
| Virgil and Pauline Florence | Bruce and family |
| Judge Edward and Kathleen Hill | Bruce and family |
| V Florence | Bruce and family |
| Thomas and Virginia Bell | Family |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Mary Todd Ashbrook and family in the death of her grandfather Rex Ecklar who died December 10, 2016.

---**Mary Bell** sustained a broken wrist in a fall...**Catie Bridges Walz**, niece of David and Kathy Grear is recuperating from surgery....**Ruth Smith** is back at Cedar Ridge following a stay at HMH....

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“To My Cynthiana Christian Church family, Becoming a member of this church family has blessed me many times over. Thank you all for being there! You are a People Who Cares.”
David Mallory

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Sunday, December 18th & 25th we will receive our special Christmas offering. **The Invitation at Christmas is to BELIEVE AGAIN.** The Word from the church is to Believe in a Deeper Hope that moves beyond the “wrappings” of Christmas around us. We proclaim a Hope that brings Good News, Joy and Compassion for all of God’s people. Please check your insert for more information. Envelopes are in the pew pockets for your donation. Please make checks payable to Cynthiana Christian Church.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CABINET OR OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: THOSE SERVING THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

- Elders:** Brad Allison, Kandi Hines, Ann Owsley, Wayne Stewart
- Diaconate:** Robbie Cox, Ch’m; Kay Cox, Brandie Dawson, Lindsey Florence, Barbara Lanthorn, Ed Lanthorn, Gary McCord, Mark Thomas
- Greeters:** Dale Matthews, Mattie Ammerman, Joyce Courtney, Virginia Coy
- Communion Preparers:** Gary & Cathy McCord and Buddy & Eva Renaker
- Sound System:** Marty Simpson

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

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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.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY,
PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no Men's Bible study until January 7th.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY,
PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no Women's Bible study until January 4th.



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

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Minister's Message:

When it comes to Christmas pageants, shepherds rank low on the list of desirable parts. The most coveted parts of course are Mary and Joseph, followed by the angels, and of course the wise men. Wearing those fancy robes and bringing gifts to the Christ child gives one a great degree of attention. If you are a shepherd in a church nativity scene, you get to wear a bathrobe and blankets over your head. You do not get to wear wings or crowns like the angels. While the angels are coming in from the heavens, shepherds hang out in the hills with the sheep and the dogs. That does not seem to be too important, except the gospel writer Luke thinks that it is.

We will examine Luke's passage 2: 1-20 as our sermon will be entitled, "The Angel's Message to the Shepherds." Shepherds in the time of the birth of Christ were not looked upon very favorably. They were rough kinds of people and were not quite looked upon as upper class. From the world of Charlie Brown, Pigpen would have been an excellent shepherd although Lucy gives him the role of Innkeeper. Of course, Linus already has a blanket to throw over his head. The angel's message came to ordinary people, individuals like us. It was then they had to make a choice as to what they were going to do. Would they leave immediately for Bethlehem? Who was going to take care of their sheep, their life's security? How did they know that the message of the heavenly hosts was reputable? They could have ignored the message, but did as they responded and became some of the world's first evangelists. They shared the story about the Christ child. What will we do about the message that comes to us? Will we wait for a convenient season? Let us go at once and travel to Bethlehem. See you on Sunday morning. I also hope to see you on the evening of our Christmas Candlelight Service and Christmas Day as well. We will have Sunday School and church on that date the same time as we always do. Slow down this week and maybe hear the message that is being sent to you.

....Larry