

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:** All youth will stay following the worship service for a celebration luncheon.

**There will be no youth meetings Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Jewelry and Accessory Exchange:** It's that time of the year. This year's exchange will include jewelry and purses, scarves, belts (men's and women's), ties, hats and gloves. Get a new look and clean your closets. The exchange will be in the fellowship hall before and after the worship service on **December 20**. Bring-One-Take-One or donation.

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**Collection of Hygiene Products:** The CWF morning circle is accepting donations for personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies to be distributed by the family resource center to our school children and their families. Suggested items include soap, shampoo, washcloths, towels, detergent and household cleaning supplies. Items may be in family size containers. A donation box will be in the hall outside the fellowship hall. The collection will continue through December 20.

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**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Our Candlelight Communion Service will be held Thursday, December 24, 2015. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be no newsletter published next week.**

**The church office will be closed Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

An expression of sympathy is sent to Bruce Florence, Laura Todd Simpson, Rachel Poe and their families in the death of their husband and father Virgil (V) Florence who died December 15, 2015.

---**Billy Joe Taylor** is recuperating from outpatient surgery....**Mary Beth McNutt** is undergoing tests....

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

"Thank you to my church family for your visits, prayers, cards and support during my surgery and continued therapy. A special thanks to the Helping Hands group for trimming my shrubs and raking leaves. My lawn looked great for my arrival home. It's great to be a part of such a caring church." Jeanne Moberly

**SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help with the sound system. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Jim McKee.

**BARNABAS TEAM MEETINGS**

**Barnabas Team # XII** will meet following the worship service Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Elders are Kristy Carey, Brett Hines, Carl Nunnelley, Charla Nunnelley.

**Barnabas Team # I** will meet following the worship service Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Elders are Brad Allison, Julie Edwards, Kandi Hines, Marty Simpson.

**Year-End Church Giving Opportunity**

On behalf of the church board, Gary Brunker appeared before the congregation on Sunday to announce the board's consideration of a 2016 capital campaign. The campaign would fund the extension of the fellowship hall to Main Street as well as a ground floor choir room and other church space needs. More details would be forthcoming, according to Gary. Church friends and members who would find it to their advantage to give to this potential underwriting before the end of the year may make their gift to the Cynthiana Christian Church Capital Campaign.

**CHURCH COOKBOOK**

Church cookbooks are available and would make the perfect gift! The cookbooks feature our beautiful stained glass windows. Check with Kathy in the church office. The cookbooks are \$10.00.

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We will receive our Christmas offering December 20<sup>th</sup> :  
**2015 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.



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

THE  
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**Minister’s Message:**

One of the Christmas songs we hear during this season is “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” I am not sure what is on your Christmas list but I thought I might share with you some cost of the twelve items. According to the PNC Christmas price index a partridge in a pear tree will cost \$ 208.00. Two turtle doves will cost you, \$ 125.00, three French hens \$ 182.00 and four calling birds, \$ 600.00. Five golden rings will set you back \$ 750.00, not to mention six geese – a –laying for \$ 360.00. It gets worse, seven swans – a –swimming will cost you \$ 7,000.00 and eight maids –a –milking come with a reasonable price tag of \$ 58.00. Sounds like a bargain. The last four items come with an expensive tag, nine ladies dancing at \$ 7,553.00, ten lords – a –leaping \$ 5,348.00, eleven pipers piping \$ 2,635.00 and twelve drummers drumming \$ 2,855.00 The grand total if you purchase, the twelve gifts, \$ 27,673.00.

This Sunday we will mention the historical and religious significance of this song. But most of our thoughts will be centered around the theme of the twelve voices of Christmas. Our sermon will be concerned with the voices of Zacharias, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph and Gabriel. We will also listen to the voices of the angels, shepherds, Simeon, Anna, Wise men, Herod and John. We will also be able to hear the beautiful voices of our choir. Hope to see you Sunday morning as well as Christmas Eve.

.....Larry

Merry Christmas to you and your family. May the joy, peace, and love of the season be with all.

Larry, Tim, Kathy, Sherry, Pam, Marilyn, Brad, Gary, Tina and Lauren