

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, December 10th: Youth will go ice skating. More information will be announced in the bulletin.

Wednesday, December 13th, 4:00 P.M. – Jr. Chi Rho (Kindergarten-5th grade) will meet at the church.

Friday, December 15th, 7:30 A.M. The Breakfast Club will meet at the church.

AGAPE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Agape Sunday School Class will have a Christmas party in Bish Hall at 5:00 P.M. Sunday, December 17th. We will go Christmas caroling and then come back to the church for an appetizer potluck meal. Please bring an appetizer or two to share!

KOINONIA CLASS CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The Koinonia Class will have their annual Christmas breakfast on Sunday, December 17th. All members are asked to contact Debbie Kendall or Carl Nunnelley for additional details.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Our Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 P.M. Sunday, December 24, 2017. 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.

POINSETTIAS

If you plan to place poinsettias in the sanctuary for the Advent season, please have them to the church by noon Saturday, December 9th.

Family Youth Resource Service Center Donations: Family-sized hygiene products can be placed in donation bins by the elevator and across from the church office. Items will be delivered to the local school system. Of course, smaller sizes are also appreciated.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

An expression of sympathy is sent to Gary & Cathy McCord and family in the death of their niece Sheri Evans, Williamsport, MD. Sheri died December 4, 2017.

An expression of sympathy is sent to Alice Nichols and family in the death of her sister Zola Houston Wilcox, Nicholasville, KY. Mrs. Wilcox died December 2, 2017.

---**Elizabeth Allison** sustained a knee injury last week....**Zeke Hollar**, grandson of Cooch and Brenda Hollar is recuperating from an ear procedure...

NEW ARRIVAL

A note of congratulations is sent to Aubrey and Clara Dye on the arrival of a son. Blake Walker Dye was born November 18, 2017. Paul & Christie Paynter are the maternal grandparents, Georgiana McClure and Robert Paynter the maternal great grandparents. Diane Browning is the paternal grandmother. He is welcomed home by his sister Allison and brother Derrick and Matthew. Congratulations and best wishes to the parents and their families.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Miracles happen in regional ministry

Miracles happen every day in all our regions as we:

Assist congregations and leaders in claiming their unique mission and ministry, and provide resources and support.

Call, commission and ordain new pastors, and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.

Revitalize existing congregations and plan for new congregations.

Connect Regional Disciples to give witness to ministries of justice, hope, and compassion.

Provide camps, conferences, and retreats where children and youth find hope and Christ's love and a community of faith that embraces "everyone."

Make visible the care for all of God's family through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.

Call and equip passionate leaders for today's church.

Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions. Your generous gifts make a difference! We will receive our Christmas Special Offering Sunday, December 17th & 24th.

Give the Gift of Warmth: Gently used, warm clothing items will be delivered to the Hope Center in Lexington. Adult men's and women's coats, gloves, scarfs, hoodies and blankets are always needed at this time of the year. Please wash items before donating.

There is also a box in the Sunday School room across from the church office to collect gently used children's clothing that will be given to local children by the Berry Christian Church.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

- 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 CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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Minister's Message:

Many of our Christmas carols mention "Peace on Earth," but we know that there is much unrest in our world. I remember a Peanuts cartoon with Lucy saying to Charlie Brown, "I hate everything. I hate everybody. I hate the whole wide world." Charlie says back to her, "But I thought you had inner peace." And she replies, "I do have inner peace. But I still have outer obnoxiousness." The yearning for peace is timeless and universal. At the birth of Jesus, an angel chorus sings about peace on earth. At Jesus' dedication in the temple, old Simeon prays, "Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen thy salvation." We remember Jesus tells his disciples that when they enter a house they should say a blessing, "Peace be to this house." When he approached Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus stopped when he saw the gates on Mount Zion. He wept and said, "If only you had known the things that make for peace." The first thing the Risen Christ said to his disciples was this, "Peace be with you." And when the Christians worshipped for the first time, they "passed the peace," repeating the words of Jesus when they shook hands, "Peace be with you."

This Sunday our sermon will be entitled, "A Wonderful Life...Waiting for Peace." Scripture lessons will be Matthew 3: 1-12 and Isaiah 11: 1-9. We will once again look into the life of our friend from the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey. Like an Old Testament prophet George calls on his community to address the needs of those around him with compassion and acceptance. He is concerned about the citizens of Bedford Falls, who are not at peace with themselves or one another. He wants everyone to turn and be of assistance to each other. In this Advent season, it might benefit us to turn away as well, turning away from self-pity, turning away from resentment and envy, turning away from judging others without trying to understand their struggle, and turning away from whatever part of life does not allow us to live in peace. See you Sunday. By the way were our youth not outstanding Sunday evening? A special thanks to Brad, Pam, Stephen, Rebecca, Brett, Kandi, Wayne and others who worked with them. It was a night to remember.

.....Larry