

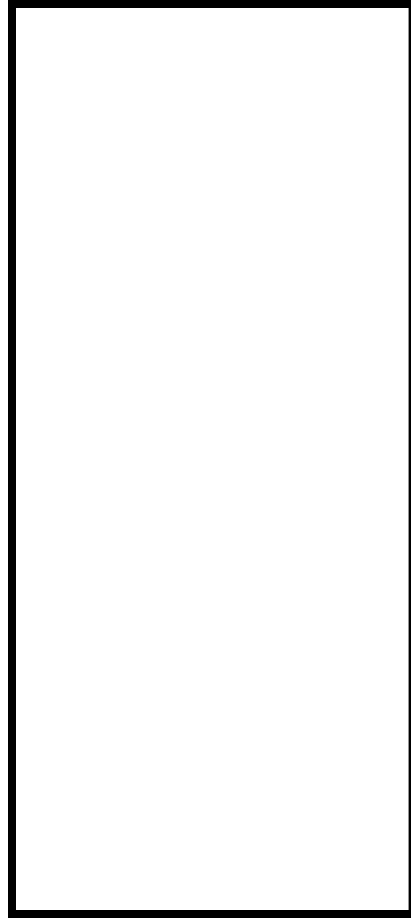


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"Keeping Christ Central" Since 1835!

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Some of us have been a little uncomfortable these past few weeks as our Stewardship Campaign, *Give It All You've Got*, has been the theme of our worship life and several Bible studies. We really do not like to talk about stewardship – and we believe Central Christian Church has a long tradition of NOT talking about money. I thought so too until Maxine Fravel did some detective work and found this article from *The Little Messenger* in 1928:

If we announced in the Little Messenger that "ALL THE NAMES AND PLEDGES MADE TO THE CHURCH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MESSENGER NEXT WEEK," would it make a difference in the size of our pledge? Perhaps it would. Why? Because we are more concerned about what men think of us than what Our Father thinks about it. Remember this is His work. We are asking you to pledge to Him. He will know whether it is large enough or too small. Do not tip the Lord. Get a systematic manner of giving a real contribution to the Lord. "Will a man rob God?" It is not a question of how much you will give but how much of God's money are you going to keep for yourself? Respond Sunday as though you actually believed this work to be the work of God.

It's good to know that our journey in 2009 connects so closely with our journey of 81 years ago. You will be asked to make your intention of giving on Sunday, October 25. Cards will be mailed to you early the week prior. Our 2010 budget will be based upon our intentions to give.

It is not comfortable to talk about money – but it is a great gift to talk about the miraculous works God is doing in us, and through us, and for us – many made possible by our financial gifts. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and thank you for the opportunity you give me to be your Pastor.

SIXTH ANNUAL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE DAY



ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

Menu includes: whole hog sausage, homemade apple-sauce, red beets and eggs, pancakes, relish plate, and beverage.

Saturday, November 7, 2009

7 am - 2 pm Adults - \$7, 6-12 \$4, under 6, free



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Happy Birthday

October 8—21

Nathaniel Myers October 9
Naomi Biggs October 10
Bryan Ehrlinspiel October 14
Frank Stevens October 16
Jaymi Allen October 17
Amy Scott October 17
Whitney Braden October 18
Ashley Gilson October 19
Richard Gurich October 20
Margaret Hile October 20
David Geitgey October 21
Courtney Mullen October 21
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Happy Anniversary

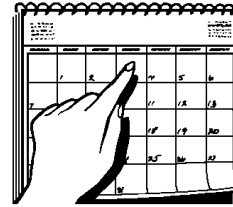
October 8—21

Rich & Sandy Oliver October 9
Rob & Julie Kastner October 14
Pat & Wilma Chirdon October 17
Ron & Carolyn Weaver October 21



THE SYMPATHY of the church is extended to Jason & Trista Woodruff on the death of Jason's father, Galen Woodruff.

THE SYMPATHY of the church is extended to Clifford Elliott and family on the death of Clifford's granddaughter, Andia R. Shisler.



**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
CHURCH CALENDAR**

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October 8 Thursday	10 am 'Give it All You've Got' Bible Study 1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 pm Fusion Band Practice 7 pm Christian Women's Fellowship 8 pm AA
October 10 Saturday	11:30 am Retaining Wall Rebuild Project
October 11 Sunday	8 am Worship Service 9:30 am Max Lucado 'Fearless' Bible Study 9:30 am Family/Intergenerational Study 9 am Hot Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Children Worship & Wonder (k-4) 10:30 am Balcony Class (5th-8th Grade) 11:45 am Ski Club Informational Meeting 5-6:30 pm Sunday Night Youth Program (k-12) 6 pm Disciple I Bible Study (Dining Rm) 6 pm Disciple III Bible Study (Fellowship Rm) 6 pm 'Give it All You've Got' Study (Parlor)
October 12 Monday	1:30-4 Afternoon of Bridge 5-7 pm Career Clothing Center Open 5 pm Girl Scout Leader Training 6 pm Cub Scout Meeting
October 13 Tuesday	9 am TOPS 5:45-6:30 pm Tuesday's Together Meal 6:30 pm 'Give it All You've Got' Bible Study 7:30 pm Official Board Meeting
October 14 Wednesday	9 am Biographical Bible Study 10:30 pm Staff Meeting 1-4 pm Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster 7 pm Choir Practice
October 15 Thursday	10 am 'Give it All You've Got' Bible Study 6:30 pm Fusion Band Practice 8 pm AA Meeting
October 17 Saturday	8 am-1 Red Cross Blood Drive 6 pm Couples Bridge Group
October 18 Sunday	8 am Worship Service 9 am Hot Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Children Worship & Wonder (k-4) 10:30 am Balcony Class (5th-8th Grade) 5-6:30 pm Sunday Night Youth (k-12) 6 pm Disciple I 6 pm Disciple III 6 pm 'Give it All You've Got' Bible Study



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

If you'd like to add a name to our prayer list or have one removed please call the church office, or email Jan Douglas at jdouglas@cccwooster.org

Those who worship with us: Tim Alaimo, Marilyn Barnes, Les Berry, Judy Bonk, Brian Bradford, Mike & Peggy Flack, Mrs. Florence Foreman, Shirley Freeny, Terry Gardner, Janice Guy, Dick Landis, Evelyn Leggett, Jane Leggett, Marge & Bob McCarter, Cal McCoy, Duce Nester, Jim Perret, Milton Purdy, Tom & Dorothy Purdy, Nick Randall & Annie Day, Ollie Raeder, Nancy Rastetter, Marjorie Rinard, Verna Rumburg, Loraine Schmid, Mason Shamp, Martha & Clarence Sidle, Sandy Spahr, Kay Summers, Esther Sweeney, Linda Taylor, Megan Taylor, Morgan Taylor, Emmett Tyo, Bob Weiler, Juanita Westover, Lois Yocum

Family: Ruby Adams (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Jean Barnes (Lisa Sanders), Jack Jr. & Dyke Bennett (the Jack Bennett Sr. family), Deb Beer (Candace Adams), Jim & Jamie Beer (Candace Adams) Joseph, Allis & Madison Beer (Candace Adams). Mike Bricker (Linda Swartzentruber), Greg Buchanan (Marita Buchanan), Ruben Butler (Nancy Rastetter), Mike Clason (Lucy Drabenstott), Sylvia Crago (Kay Crago Harmon), Jenise Ewing (The Ewings), Judy & Mike Gerig (Joyce Chapman), Robyn & James Hernandez (Kevin & Penny Phipps), Jenn Johnson (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Lynn Jolly (Steve Jolly), Stan Kirkpatrick (Lucy Drabenstott), Jenny Louderback (Pat Kennedy), Helen Mark (Marika Buchanan), D. J. Myers (Ralph & Donna Hutchins), Beverlee Pavkov (Judy Van Zile), Arleen Pycraft (Jeff & Ron Pycraft), Duncan (Bob & Bobbie Randall), Ron Rogers (Diana Kobs), Karl Rohner (Sandy Spahr), Ruth Roudebush (Sandy Spahr), Bob Smailes (Ruth Smailes), Linda (Chapman) Snow (Ken & Edna Chapman), Roy Viall (Tom & Lucy Ewing), Grant Williams (Beth Pycraft), Galen Woodruff (Trista & Jason Woodruff), Betty Yoder (Ruby Sutton)

Friends: Don Birtsch (Carol & Bill Ewing), Donna Braun (Nancy Rastetter), Barbara Burson (Marvelene Landis), Olivia Carpenter (Pete & Shirley Raymond), Marcia Davis (Al Rumburg), Rae Ann & Richard Dye (Misty Baker), Scott Enterline (Bob Randall), Mary Ewing (Misty Baker), Karen Fraizer (Marita Buchanan), Jeremy Garberichs & family (Marita Buchanan), Pam & Dale Gerber (Deb Braden), Roy Hunter (John Douglas), Marcia & Glen Huffman (Pat Kennedy), Chris Hubner (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Jeremy (Deb Braden), Jennifer Johnson (Bill & Bonnie Adams), James Leggett (Mike Flack), Melanie (Stacey Chapman), Justin Martin (Tim Alaimo), Dot Miller (Mariata Buchanan), Nancy Mower (Ruby Sutton), Michelle Novelli (Debi Howland), Mable Parker (Marita Buchanan), Shawn Potter (Amanda Gorf), Josh Seidel (Brent Dillon), Charles Shafer (Judy Van Zile), the Shepler Family (Merri Pycraft), Warren Shoenfelt (Bob Randall), Larry Swartzentruber (Misty Baker), Terrice Toney (Pat & Charlie Kennedy), Cathy Tyo (Melanie Kline), Aubree Wade (Debbie Wise), Genny Wagers (Jan Garver), Sher Waver (Linda Swartzentruber), Major Mary West (Friend to All)

175th Anniversary Celebration

The 175th Anniversary Task force has been working hard to begin planning for celebration activities in 2010. Here are some upcoming dates:

Saturday, April 10, 2010 - kick off barbershop quartet concert featuring our own Wayne Gilkey
Sunday, May 9, 2010 - Mother's Day celebration - children's play
Sunday, June 20, 2010 - Father's Day celebration - children's play
Sunday, June 27, 2010 - Strawberry social
Sunday, July 25, 2010 - Charter signing, congregational photo and video
Sunday, September 12, 2010 - Homecoming celebration (the Sunday of the fair)
Sunday, October 17, 2010 - Finale celebration with Laura Hall of Drew Carey's Whose Line Is It Anyway

Breakfast is BACK!

Thanks to C.W.F. our Sunday morning Breakfast program is back! They are asking for a \$4 donation for breakfast to cover costs and make a little extra to help send women to the Quadrennial Disciples Women's' event. To make this work on a weekly basis—they will need our help serving. Signup sheets to help are available at the Information Table in the Gathering Room.

Fearless Bible Study

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:20
September 27 – Nov. 1

Exploring your fears and finding the solution is easier than you think. Let Max Lucado help your small group explore and find a spiritual solution to the growing minefield of fear. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? In these six stand-alone DVD sessions, Fearless addresses some of your biggest fears and shows you how the solution may be easier than you think.

Topics Include:

- * Why are you afraid?
- * Fear of Not Matterring
- * Fear of Disappointing God
- * Fear of Death
- * Fear of Global Calamity
- * Fear of God Getting Out of Your Box

Led by David Bowden, Fellowship Classroom

Family/Intergenerational Study

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:20
October 4 – Nov. 1

Mary Jolly will be leading this family study exploring our gifts and talents and how we might use them. This will be a hands on learning experience for families with children. In the coming weeks the group will be discussing 'Bridges of Hope' a community effort to address poverty and how we might help.

Church/Neighborhood Halloween Party

Saturday, October 24, 5-7 pm.
Come dressed in costume ready to have a good time with plenty of games, candy, prizes, and spooky fun! To help or for more information contact Deborah Griffith.

Broomball @ Alice Noble

Sunday, Nov. 1, 4-5 pm

\$5/person donation to help defray the churches' cost.

The most anticipated church competition of the season is soon upon us! A rematch of last year's game. Grade school children will be playing on one side of the arena while adults and older youth will be playing on the other. Bring your icepacks, layered clothing for protection, and pain medication of choice! This year we'll be using colored jersey's to differentiate teams. If you missed playing or watching last year it's a blast! Wear tennis shoes to slide around in. There's nothing like watching grown men and women slide around, fall down, and make fools of themselves by trying to hit a big ball with brooms.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in helping with the retaining wall project for a local family we'll be meeting at the house on Bever St at 11:30 am this Saturday, Oct. 10, eating lunch, and then getting to work. Families/friends are welcome for lunch. If you can help please contact Rev. Engman.

Sunday Night Youth

5-6:30 PM—Beginning
Sunday September 27

WE'RE MULTIPLYING!

The first week of Youth we had 8 attendees, the second week—we had 16! Can we make it 32 the third week? Invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to come have a good time!

We're taking an all new approach to youth meetings this year!

We're opening up the youth meeting time to all youth and children grades K-12. We'll be playing fun, high energy games, learning together, serving together, and snacking together. Throughout this year there will be a number of opportunities for our children and youth to serve the church and others as they learn what it means to be disciples of Jesus. Don't miss this fun time together! Invite your friends and neighbors!

This ministry will be led by Rob & Julie Kastner, Joel & Emily Engman and assisted by Mary Jolly, Debbie Braden, Erin Berkey, and Tiffany Green.

Upcoming Schedule:

October 11—Hiking @ Wooster Memorial Park

October 25—Trip to Stony Creek (near West Salem) for pumpkin picking, weenie roasting and a hayride. Afterwards we'll head over to Sherlock Pavilion to carve pumpkins.

2010 Stewardship Campaign

Making the Most of our Time

One thing most people agree upon is that "time flies!" A common complaint is, "There just aren't enough hours in the day!" Although these expressions are true, we all receive the same 24 hours in a day and seven days in a week. The difference is due to how we spend our time. It isn't the lack of time that is the problem but rather how we spend it. To give it all we've got in our stewardship of the time that we receive from the Lord, we must be careful in what we do with the time God gives us. It is our responsibility not to waste time and to use it for God-pleasing purposes.

Time is one of God's most precious gifts to us. Our time comes from God, and it is in his hands (Psalm 31:15). Are you using your time wisely? We can't add years to our lives, but we are, for the most part, in control of what we do with the time God gives us. To get productive use of our time, we need to get time under control. The keys to controlling time are setting goals, deciding on priorities, and making plans. If we do not plan wisely, we will ask the question, "Where did the time go?"

How we spend our time shows what is important to us. Whatever we enjoy and value as being important will take up our time. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). If we were to examine our calendars and/or daily planners, they would demonstrate what we value the most. What we do with our discretionary time speaks volumes about our interests and what we view as important.

'Give It All You've Got' Campaign

Consecration Sunday—October 25, 2009

Following 5 weeks of sermon, study, discussion, and discernment we are asking church members and friends to consider how they might support the church financially by submitting an 'intention of giving' card on October 25. The churches' budget for 2010 will reflect the sum of giving indicated. 'Intention of Giving' cards will be mailed out and should be received the week prior to October 25.

Attendance	8 AM	10:30 AM	Service Total
9/27	54	125	179
10/4	68	88	156