

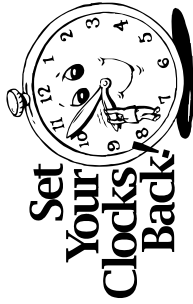


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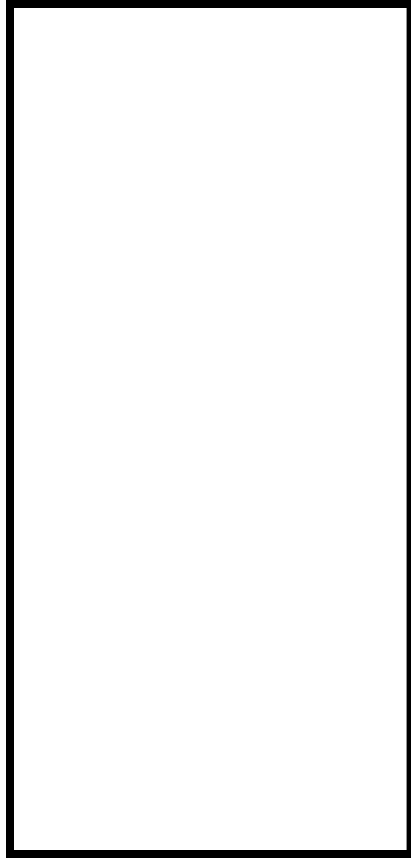
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JOEL'S JOTTINGS

We've all seen them on TV or even read their books. The world is full of preachers who teach that 'if we give to their ministry—God will bless financially.' One televangelist was quoted as saying, "God will begin to prosper you, for money always follows righteousness."

Admittedly, its difficult for mainline churches' like ours to talk about stewardship and giving. We become afraid that we may

be labeled fanatics or worse, imposters.

But the flipside to that coin is that the Bible does talk a lot about giving. Jesus himself said, 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (Luke 6:38).

So what then are we to say about giving? Surely, God does promise that as we give—we will be blessed. I think where I come down is that it's not just about money. We give not only of our money, but also our time, prayers, talents, spiritual gifts, and abilities. In return, we often receive not only money, but also time, gifts, health, and much more that becomes immeasurable.

But too often money becomes the hardest thing to give. It gives us a strong sense of security in life—and thus often becomes the hardest thing to give. The good news found in Jesus' words, though, are that as we take a risk and give more than we might be comfortable with—God pours more into our laps. As we 'let go' more is given. As Consecration Sunday approaches, this Sunday, may we all take a risk and give more than we might be comfortable with at first, and in so doing challenge God to make His words truth in our lives.

Joel S. Egan

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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Tom Davis October 22
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Happy Anniversary October 22—November 4

Trista & Jason Woodruff October 26

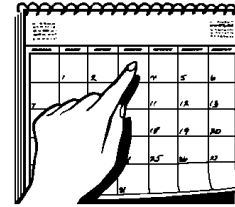
Family Study

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

Mary Jolly & Merri Pycraft 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.

C.W.F. Pizza Sales

Christian Women's Fellowship will be selling frozen pizzas as a fundraiser. Cheese or Pepperoni pizzas are available for \$10 and deluxe pizzas for \$12. Order forms are available at the Information Table or from a CWF woman. Payment is due upon ordering and pizzas will be available for pickup Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10:30-12, also the day of the Ohio State/Michigan game! The pizzas are unbaked when purchased. It takes 20 minutes to bake them. Great to freeze!



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Updated & Printable Calendar Always Available

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October 22 Thursday	10 am 'Give it All You've Got' Bible Study 6:30 pm Fusion Band Practice 7 pm Christian Women's Fellowship 7 pm Relay for Life Planning Meeting 8 pm AA
October 23 Friday	1 pm Community Center Bridge
October 24 Saturday	5-7 pm Church & Neighborhood Halloween Party
October 25 Sunday	Consecration Sunday 8 am Worship Service 9 am Hot Breakfast 9:30 am Max Lucado 'Fearless' Bible Study 9:30 am Family/Intergenerational Study 10:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Children Worship & Wonder (k-4) 10:30 am Balcony Class (5th-8th Grade) 1:30 pm Youth Pumpkin Trip -Leave from El Campesino 6 pm Disciple I Bible Study (Dining Rm) 6 pm Disciple III Bible Study (Fellowship Rm)
October 26 Monday	5-7 pm Career Clothing Center Open 6 pm Cub Scout Meeting
October 27 Tuesday	9 am TOPS 5:45-6:30 pm Tuesday's Together Meal: Pizza 6:30 pm Fusion Worship Service 7:15 pm Sisterchick Meeting
October 28 Wednesday	9 am Biographical Bible Study 10:30 pm Staff Meeting 1-4 pm Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster 7 pm Choir Practice
October 29 Thursday	6:30 pm Fusion Band Practice 8 pm AA Meeting
October 30 Friday	6-8 PM Engman Open House
October 31 Saturday	8:30 am Work Day at Buckeye Street Lot
November 1 Sunday	Day Light Savings Time (Fall Back an Hour) All Saints Day 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



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, Scott Chapman, 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), Harold Shelly (Stacey Chapman & Shirley Raymond), Bob Smailes (Ruth Smailes), Linda (Chapman) Snow (Ken & Edna Chapman), Roy Viall (Tom & Lucy Ewing), Grant Williams (Beth Pycraft), Betty Yoder (Ruby Sutton)

Friends: Don Birtsch (Carol & Bill Ewing), Chad Bowers (Kevin & Penny Phipps), 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), 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)

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY

Fearless Bible Study

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:20
Open Circle Classroom, 1st Floor
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 Mattering
- * Fear of Disappointing God
- * Fear of Death
- * Fear of Global Calamity
- * Fear of God Getting Out of Your Box

Led by David Bowden

UPCOMING SUNDAY STUDY

Seeing Gray in a Black & White World

November 8-December 6
Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:20
Open Circle Classroom, 1st Floor

Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

This 5 session video study will feature Hamilton teaching the following topics:

- [Where Faith and Politics Meet](#)
- [Christ, Christians and Culture Wars](#)
- [How Should We Live? The Ethics of Jesus](#)
- [Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray](#)
- [What Would Jesus Say to America?](#)

175th Anniversary-2010

Upcoming dates:

Saturday, April 10, 2010 - kick off, 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 Rick & Laura Hall of Drew Carey's *Whose Line Is It Anyway*

Attendance	8 AM	10:30 AM	Service Total
10/11	52	120	172
10/18	55	118	173

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, and spooky fun! To help or for more information contact Deborah Griffith. Costume Party at 5:15 pm with games and crafts to follow, along with a new Trick or Treat Alley!

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.

SKI CLUB

Ski Club will begin the beginning of January, and this year, we will be heading to Snow Trails in Mansfield. Cost is \$90 per participant ages 8 and up. Signup Forms and Information are located at the Information Table or can be emailed to you (by Rev. Engman-joel@cccwooster.org). We'll be leaving Monday nights at 4 pm and returning at 9 pm. Forms are due by October 26 and payment can be made to the church by the end of November.

Sunday Night Youth

(Ages K-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

1:30-6:30 pm, October 25

We're taking a trip to Stoney Creek (near West Salem) for pumpkin picking, weenie roasting and a hayride. Afterwards we'll head over to Morlock Pavilion to carve pumpkins. We'll be meeting at El Campesino at 1:30 and leaving for Stoney Creek Farm. Bring \$5-10 for a pumpkin, hot dog, or marshmallow for roasting over the fire. Parents are encouraged to come along!

November 1, 4-5 pm

We'll be participating in the church wide Broomball game at the Ice Arena, no regular youth group at the church that evening.

BUCKEYE ST. GREEN

MAIN STREET WOOSTER & STEPS have generously granted the church \$4000 to beautify and landscape the Buckeye St. Neighborhood Green. A site plan is located at the Information Table in the Gathering Room. **A WORK DAY** is planned for October 31 beginning at 8:30 am. Men & Women from STEPS and the Lorson House will join us in laboring together to improve the property. The trustees are asking for as much help as possible to get much of the work done yet this year. Bring a shovel, work gloves, and a smile!

2010 Stewardship Campaign

'Give It All You've Got' Campaign

*We have finished our focus on the theme **Give It All You've Got!** We looked at how we can use the money which God gives to us for his purposes. Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). It is God who generously gives us all things so that, when we give, we are simply returning to him what he already has given to us. Our willingness to give is a reflection of the depth of our faith and the condition of our hearts. Through God's grace, we can have grateful and generous hearts. We are discovering that God calls us to **give it all we've got** with our time, talents, and money.*

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 solely reflect the sum of giving indicated. 'Intention of Giving' cards we're mailed out earlier this week. If you did not receive a letter and card, and would like one, please let the church office know. We look forward to celebrating all that we each give to make the ministry of the church possible.

CONGRATULATIONS to DAVID STOUT, previous minister of Central Christian, on finding someone to share his life with in his recent marriage! Rev. Stout now pastors St. Joseph Riverview Park Christian Church in Michigan. The churches' address is: 2929 Niles Rd, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

JOEL & EMILY ENGMAN will be hosting an open house at their home, 234 Clark St. on Friday, October 30 from 6-8 pm. Everyone interested in the recent remodel is welcome! Food and beverages will be provided. Clark St. runs one way between Walnut and Grant, south of Bowman. Street parking is available along Walnut and Clark St.

SISTERCHICKS will be meeting Tuesday, October 27 at 7:15 pm in the Parlor to discuss plans for the year. Contact Merri Pycraft for more information.

FUSION WORSHIP UNPLUGGED will be offered Tuesday, October 27 in the parlor. Come enjoy pizza together in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 pm and then participate in worship 'unplugged' in the parlor at 6:30 pm. The service should last about 45 minutes.

WE ARE INVESTIGATING the possibility of doing a Live Nativity this December. If you are interested in participating contact Rev. Engman. WE ARE especially interested in anyone who has animals or knows anyone who might let us borrow their animals for one evening in December.