



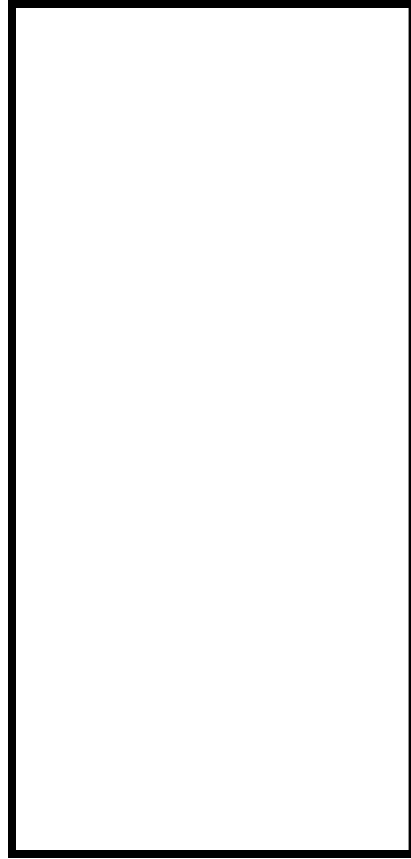
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*"Keeping Christ Central" Since 1835!*

## SUNDAY STUDY

*Seeing Gray in a Black & White World*

November 8–December 13

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?](#)

## Church Recognized for Downtown Improvements

In a November 10 Daily Record article the church was recognized for our work in transforming the lot at 355 N. Buckeye. Our improvement of this property will compliment the future renovation of a group of homes on Buckeye St. under the Howey House Project.

In addition Pastors and Trustees from the church recently attended the Annual Main Street Wooster meeting where the church was awarded recognition for our work improving the downtown area with our recent outdoor landscaping and sanctuary investment.

## Hanging of the Greens—November 29, 7:00 pm Carry-in Dinner at 6 pm

At this service we tell the Christmas Story and sing old familiar carols while transforming our Sanctuary into a beautiful Christmas Wonderland. We will then adjourn for light refreshments and an opportunity to visit with others. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy this meaningful evening and get the season off to a great start.





## PUBLICATION INFORMATION

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### Happy Birthday

#### **November 19—December 2**

Madalyn Moorhead November 19  
Verna Rumburg November 19  
Jolan Edington November 20  
Audra Aubin November 21  
Merri Pycraft November 21  
Regan Flinner November 22  
Zanne Randall November 22  
Kennedy Rutt November 22  
Pat Dinger November 24  
Sherrie Dennis November 26  
Rick Howland November 26  
Melanie Kline November 28  
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Corey Musselman December 1

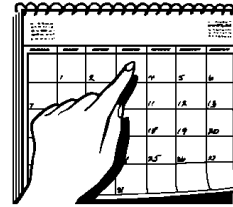
### Happy Anniversary

Dick & Joan Graham November 28  
Tom & Pat Dinger November 30

### C.W.F. Pizza Sales

Thanks to those who ordered pizzas. We sold 90 pizzas! They will be available for pickup Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10:30-12.

**NEXT CWF MEETING** is November 19 @ 7 pm, then December 10 at 7 pm.



## CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

*Updated & Printable Calendar Always Available*

[www.cccwooster.org](http://www.cccwooster.org)

<b>November 19</b> Thursday	6:30 pm Fusion Band Practice 7 pm Christian Women's Fellowship 8 pm AA
<b>November 20</b> Friday	1-4 pm Wooster Community Center Bridge
<b>November 21</b> Saturday	6-10 pm Couples Bridge Group
<b>November 22</b> Sunday	8 am Worship Service 9 am Hot Breakfast 9:30 am Seeing Gray Video Study 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 6 pm Disciple I Bible Study (Dining Rm) 6 pm Disciple III Bible Study (Fellowship Rm)
<b>November 23</b> Monday	5-7 pm Career Clothing Center Open 6 pm Cub Scout Meeting
<b>November 24</b> Tuesday	9 am TOPS 6:30-7:30 pm <i>Life of Mary</i> Video Study (Fellowship Rm) 6:30-7:30 pm Bridge Lessons 7:30 pm Special Official Board Meeting
<b>November 25</b> Wednesday	9 am Biographical Bible Study 10:30 pm Staff Meeting 1-4 pm Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster 7 pm Choir Practice
<b>November 26</b> Thursday	<b>THANKSGIVING-Office Closed</b> 9-4 pm Douglas Thanksgiving (Fellowship Hall) 8 pm AA
<b>November 27</b> Friday	8 am-2 pm Christmas Decorating 1-4 pm Wooster Community Bridge
<b>November 29</b> Sunday	8 am Worship Service 9 am Hot Breakfast 9:30 am Advent Workshop 10:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Children Worship & Wonder (k-4) 10:30 am Balcony Class (5th-8th Grade) 5 pm Carry-in Dinner 7 pm Hanging of the Greens Service

Attendance	8 AM	10:30 AM	Service Total
11/8	55	110	165
11/15	62	110	172



## 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](mailto: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, Mary Jolly, Dick Landis, Evelyn Leggett, Jane Leggett, Marge & Bob McCarter, Cal McCoy, Ella Miller, Ken Moon, Ducey Nester, Todd Patterson, 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), Kenny & 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), Grant Williams (Beth Pycraft), Barb Wolck (Mary Jolly), 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), Jim Daniels (Pat & Charlie Daniels), 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 Huber (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Jeremy (Deb Braden), Jennifer Johnson (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Al Kean (Kevin Phipps). James Leggett (Mike Flack), Susan Lewis (Penny & Kevin Phipps), Melanie (Stacey Chapman), Justin Martin (Tim Alaimo), Synonte Martin (Beth Cunningham), Dot Miller (Mariata Buchanan), Nancy Mower (Ruby Sutton), Nancy (Sue Wohlford), 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) - 6 -

## Children's Christmas Eve Program

Calling all children! We have a fun Christmas eve service planned for the 7 pm service this year, but we need your help! Fusion band, Children's Choir directors, and youth leaders will be working in conjunction to put on a Children's program as a part of the 7 pm service. The children will be involved in a live nativity during the service, the fusion band will be performing, children's choir singing, as well as a children's play. All of this along with congregational carol singing, and candle lighting.



### Children's Christmas Eve Practice Times:

- December 6, 5:30-7 PM
- December 10, 5:30-7 PM
- December 13, 5:30-7 PM
- December 17, 5:30-7 PM
- December 20, 5:30-7 PM

### December 24, 6:30 PM

Kids show up and dress in costumes—service at 7 pm. Service should last 45 minutes to hour.

### How you can help:

If you have children or grandchildren, the biggest help is to bring them to rehearsal each Sunday and Thursday evening in December from 5:30-7 pm. We will begin Dec. 6. We'd love to see a lot of Children this year as we have many parts, singing, and speaking parts for the older youth. We even need a few adults!

### ADVENT WORKSHOP

**November 30, 9:30-10:20**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Children one and all come and enjoy our annual Advent Workshop of holiday craft making. Stacey Dillon will again be leading us in this activity! Come enjoy making a Christmas craft as we prepare our hearts for the season the ahead.



## SKI CLUB

22 participants will be skiing this year! The cost is \$90 and payment is due to the church by the end of November, unless already paid or worked out.

Again, we have 6 participants from the neighborhood who are in need of financial support to ski. If you'd like to help support these youth your gift would be much appreciated and used to help build self-esteem and church relationships. If you'd like to support a youth please make a check payable to the church marked ski club.

In addition the annual fundraiser for this ministry, the **Pictures with Santa** event will take place Saturday, December 5 and will feature a Candy Land theme. This event not only offers free professional Santa pictures for neighborhood families, but also raises money for ski club.

We're looking for gift basket donations to use as raffle prizes to raise money, as well as individuals will to help the day of the event. Last year more than 300 people from the community attended and we are expecting more this year.

## Sunday Night Youth

(Ages K-12)

### Upcoming Schedule:

November 22 5-6:30 pm. Cookie Making for 'Bridges of Hope.'  
November 29—No Youth (Hanging of the Greens)

## BUCKEYE ST. GREEN

**THANKS TO** the hard work of our trustees and friends—we have developed a beautiful landscape at the Buckeye St. lot. Our thanks to STEPS and Main Street Wooster for the funding as well as the hours of labor donated by church volunteers. The Buckeye Green was recently written about on the front page of The Daily Record!

## 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,  
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*



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PEOPLE  
MINISTRIES

Thanks to all who have donated so much to the item of the week campaign for People to People. This week's item is:

**Complete pancake mix and syrup**

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL** Official Board Meeting Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 pm.

**ARE YOU INTO DECORATING?** Cheryl Moon is looking for people who would like to be involved with decorating the church for all of our festive and religious holidays. If you are interested please contact the church office.

**THE SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** has placed white recycling containers for plastic bottles, as well as, metal and aluminum cans in the upstairs and downstairs kitchens. There is also a blue recycling tub in the Gathering Room for paper (i.e. Bulletins) and cardboard. Notice the well crafted signs and help the kids with an effort they are truly knowledgeable about and passionate for.

**BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY MORNINGS** is back from 9:00 - 9:45 am. Christian Women's Fellowship is hosting these breakfasts. If you would like to help please sign up in the Gathering Room at the Information Desk. This is a fund raising opportunity for the Women's Ministries to send some of our members to the Quadrennial Gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ to be held next June in Greensboro, North Carolina.

### Upcoming Schedule:

November 22 Bacon & Eggs  
November 29 Stuffed French Toast  
December 6 Hash Brown Casserole  
December 13 Olde English Breakfast  
December 20 Christmas Morning  
December 27 Biscuits & Gravy

**WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE RECENTLY** welcomed into membership: Adam & Erin Buttacavoli, Weston Montgomery, and Stephanie Drake Cowert. We are excited to have you all a part of the church!

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Emmitt Tyo who passed away Sunday, November 15. Services will be held at the church at 2 pm on Thursday, November 19.