



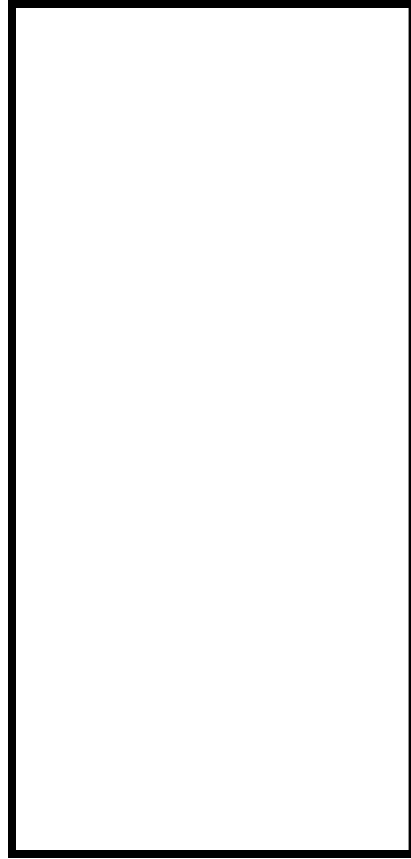
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Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Services

7 pm Service

A combination of a children's Christmas pageant and traditional candle lighting, this service is especially family-friendly. Our children will be featured in a live nativity Christmas pageant. There will be congregational carol singing, readings, and the traditional candle lighting ceremony and communion. The service should last approximately an hour.

11 pm Service

Bring in Christmas as we count down to midnight. A service of lessons and carols with scripture readings, special music featuring the Chancel Choir, and the traditional elements of candle lighting and communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE "OPEN HOUSE"

This year, the Phipps' will again host an Open House between services on Christmas Eve. We will have Penny's soups and Kevin's chili plus other goodies to go with them. Kevin is also planning on baking cookies for the event. You are most welcome to come and enjoy yourself any time between those services.

Several folks mentioned last year that they would be happy to help with this event. If you are willing to help us out, please let Penny know by phone or e-mail. Her e-mail address is pjmickey@sssnet.com.

Christ In You

Angelus Silesius (aka Johann Scheffler), born in Germany in the 17th century, was a physician, priest, hymn writer and poet. He knew Christ as far more than a historical figure. Silesius allowed Christ to dwell in his heart and to guide his life as completely as possible. He wrote this poem about allowing Christ to be born and live in each of us.

Though Christ a thousand times
in Bethlehem be born,
If he's not born in thee,
thy soul is still forlorn.
The cross on Golgotha
will never save thy soul;
The cross in thine own heart
alone can make thee whole.

**Merry Christmas from
your Church Staff!**



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Happy Birthday

December 17—30

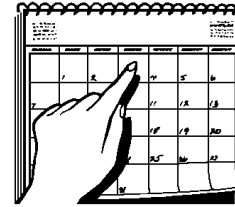
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Chuck Dillon December 27
Debi Howland December 28
Debra Rice December 28

Happy Anniversary

Donald & Bettie Daugherty
December 20

Upcoming Breakfast Schedule:

December 20 Christmas Morning
December 27 Biscuits & Gravy



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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December 17 Thursday	1:30-5:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 pm Children's Rehearsal for Christmas Eve 6:30 pm Fusion Band Practice 8 pm AA
December 19 Saturday	6:30 pm Couples Bridge Group
December 20 Sunday	8 am Worship Service: Choir Cantata 9 am Hot Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Service: Choir Cantata 10:30 am Children Worship & Wonder (k-4) 10:30 am Balcony Class (5th-8th Grade) 3-5 pm Church Christmas Caroling 5:30-7 pm Children's Christmas Eve Practice 6 pm Disciple I Bible Study (Dining Rm) 6 pm Disciple III Bible Study (Fellowship Rm)
December 22 Tuesday	9 am TOPS 6:30-7:30 pm Bridge Lessons 6:30 pm Fusion Special Practice
December 23 Wednesday	9 am Biographical Bible Study 10:30 pm Staff Meeting 1-4 pm Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster 7 pm Choir Practice
December 24 Thursday	7 pm Christmas Eve Service Phipps Goodies in Fellowship Hall in Between Services 11 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 25 Friday	Christmas Day—Offices Closed
December 27 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) 6 pm Disciple I Bible Study (Dining Rm) 6 pm Disciple III Bible Study (Fellowship Rm)

Attendance	8 AM	10:30 AM	Service Total
12/6	64	100	164
12/13	50	120	170



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, Barbara Burson, 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, Marsha Porter, Milton Purdy, Tom & Dorothy Purdy, Nick Randall & Annie Day, Ollie Raeder, Nancy Rastetter, Marjorie Rinard, Verna Rumburg, Loraine Schmid, Mason Shamp, Martha 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*), Sandy Daniels (*Lora Snodgrass*), Jenise Ewing (*The Ewings*), Judy & Mike Gerig (*Joyce Chapman*), Robyn & James Hernandez (*Kevin & Penny Phipps*), Sara Hudson (*Randy Hudson*), 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*)

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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 Practice Times will be
December 17, 2009 5:30-7 pm
December 20, 5:30-7 PM—Dress Rehearsal

CHRISTMAS EVE



HELP NEEDED!!

Sunday morning breakfast has been well-attended and enjoyed (we hope!). But, we have just about the same group of people who are helping every week. In order for us to continue after the first of the year, we need to have more people join us in set-up, serving and clean-up. We realize that many of you believe that you cannot fit this into your schedule, but if you'll read further, we believe you will find out how you can fit it in. Our set-up can be done before or during first service and only takes about 15-20 minutes. Serving can be done for 15-20 minutes as well, allowing you to have breakfast and make your way to Sunday School if you would like. Clean-up begins at 9:45 and will easily get you to second service or on your way home by 10:15. For the most part, breakfasts are easy serve and clean-up. Most of the clean-up is washing trays and the last of the serving items. We are fortunate that Dona Haycook is willing to wash and clear tables, but we're sure she would like some help.

A sign-up sheet is available on the serving table or you can call Penny Phipps at 330/345-5429, e-mail pjnmickey@sssnet.com. Please consider this opportunity seriously.

While this is a fund-raiser for Quadrennial Assembly in June, breakfast is a ministry in which we can all participate. Quadrennial Assembly is not just for those women who are involved in Christian Women's Fellowship, but all women. Money that is raised can benefit any of our women who would like to attend this life-changing event.

Central Christian Church—

I would like to thank all our church family for the many cards I received. Also for the wonderful goodie bag for Thanksgiving with cookies, candy, and fruit.

Edna Chapman

Central Christian—

We want to thank you so much for remembering us with bags of fruit & candy. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. We hope we will be seeing you all soon. Al is starting to drive again but not going far. We wish you all a merry Christmas & again thank you for your kindness and remembering us. A special thank you to the women who put the bags together. Thank you so much.

Al & Verna Rumburg

Dear Fellow Worshipers—

Thank you all for the abundant goodie bag that you sent me. The treats really brightened my day and the love and remembrance shown to me with this gift made my mood even brighter! Thank you again for your loving generosity.

Lois Yocum

175th Anniversary-2010

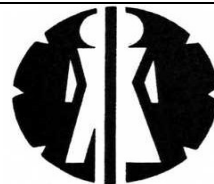
Upcoming dates:

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*

Central Christian—

Thanks for the thanksgiving treats. Thomas was in the hospital over Thanksgiving and now is in the nursing home, hopefully getting strong enough to come home.
In Christian Love,

Dorothy & Thomas Purdy



PEOPLE
TO
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:

Crackers & Jelly

Each week People-To-People tell us what food item they need the most for that particular week. It is only a guideline if someone wants do some specific shopping. Any and all non-perishable and canned food donations are greatly appreciated and gladly accepted by PTP. So donate whatever food you can even if it is not the item of the week.

For your information the following are the 15 most needed food items:

Pork and Beans
Jell-O
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Crackers
Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Noodles
Dry Cereal
Complete Pancake Mix
Syrup
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Canned Fruit
Apple Sauce

THIS SUNDAY, December 20, children are invited to take part in making a Christmas wreath during the 10:30 am service. Family members of Steve Purdy will be helping the children make wreaths in his memory—something he looked forward to doing with the children.

THE YOUTH ARE SPONSORING a Christmas Caroling trip this Sunday from 3-5 pm. Meet at the church at 3 pm and we'll head off from there to visit some of our church shut-ins and members at both homes and nursing homes. Anyone interested in singing/visiting is welcome—especially any deacons or elders who might wish to come carol and then stay to visit with some of our shut-ins. Dinner will be provided at the church afterwards, between 5-5:30 for those finishing caroling or coming for the children's Christmas eve rehearsal at 5:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL HOWLAND on winning best of show in Ohio Ice Classic- Ice Sculpting Competition in Smithville.

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING on Sunday December 27. Enjoy the time with family!