

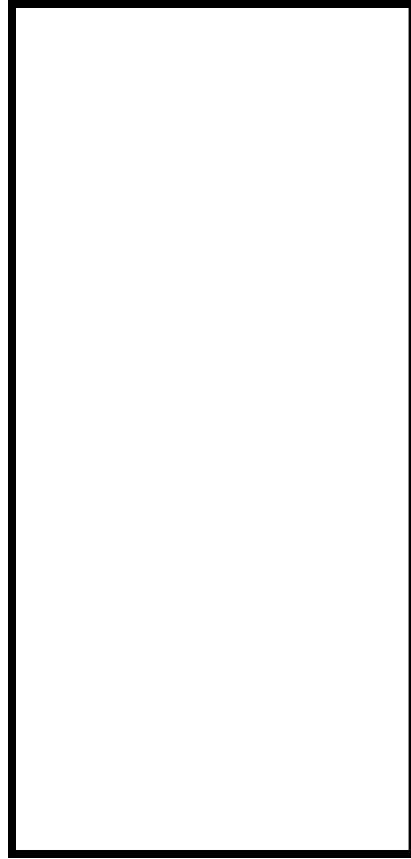


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## Boiler Project Nearing Completion

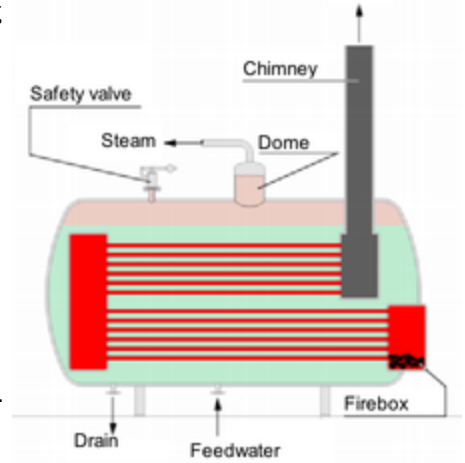
During the spring of 2009, those overseeing maintenance of Central Christian Church made a costly discovery. As a crew shut down the almost 30 year-old boiler system, which is used to pump steam heat through the pipes of the 145 year-old building, Tom Ewing, head trustee, knew it was time for a major overhaul of the current system.

"We knew there were a lot of problems with the old system," said Ewing. "We had others come in and take a look at it. They found there were serious safety concerns, and it was time for us to install a new system."

That is when Ewing and other church officials began learning about the process of installing a new boiler system for the north side of the church. After months of consultation and finalization of budgets, the building will have a new boiler and new pipes by mid-November.

"The piping in the north side of the building was close to original," said Ewing. "You are talking about 100 year old pipes that time had caught up with. There were a lot of small leaks and we needed to re-do the full infrastructure."

The church building has two systems on sight. The north side of the church will be heated with the new system. The south side of the church is heated with another boiler system. The boiler on the north side of the church was estimated to have been installed in the early 1980s, while the south side system was believed to have been installed in the late 1980s.



*Boiler Diagram*

"We hope we can get five to 10 more years out of the south side boiler," said Ewing. "Last year we spent several thousand dollars to make sure the south side system was working properly."

Boiler systems do have shelf lives and need proper maintenance. Experts say that the average lifespan of a system can be 15-20 years, with a maximum life of around 25 years.

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***Celebrating 175 years of Ministry and Service!***



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THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER will be mailed on October 20th. Contact Scott Willyerd @ [editor@cccwooster.org](mailto:editor@cccwooster.org) with any news to be included in The Messenger.

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**Need diabetes information?  
Do you feel alone because of diabetes?  
Is diabetes run in your family?**



### Diabetes for Disciples:

This is an informational and support group for anybody dealing with diabetes. This group meets the first Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall between 9:30-10:15am.

No RSVP or reservation required. This group is not limited to Central Christian Church members.

**Want to work on The Messenger staff?** Join Scott to help plan coverage, write articles, interview sources and create this bi-monthly document. Those interested will enjoy the craft of writing, reporting and storytelling—all while on deadline.



It is helpful to know about Central Christian Church, as this is our beat. Depending on interest, we may have a bi-monthly meeting to explore story ideas and even layout the edition. No prior journalism training is required as training will be provided. If interested please contact Scott, [swillyerd@gmail.com](mailto:swillyerd@gmail.com).

Messenger Readers,

This message was sent to Kevin Phipps by Richard Cordray, Ohio Attorney General. We wanted to pass along this note from Cordray. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the office of the Ohio Attorney General or visit the website outlined in the letter.

-Editor

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**RICHARD CORDRAY**  
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

October 2010

Central Christian Church  
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Dear Church Leader,

Last November, Ohio voters overwhelmingly approved Issue One, providing a modest payment to those who served our country during the Iraq, Afghanistan, and Persian Gulf wars. This Veterans Service Bonus is an honored tradition in Ohio, as voters approved similar financial recognition for veterans after World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

After announcing application guidelines for this payment, my office received many calls and e-mails with questions from service members and their families. Sadly, some were from Vietnam veterans who had never learned about their service bonus, which had long since lapsed.

Odds are good that you know an eligible veteran. An estimated 200,000 Ohioans qualify for the payment. To date, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services has received about 32,000 applications. Please help spread the word to all the men and women, and their families, who have made great sacrifices to protect our country and our rights. Here are the details:

- The service bonus pays \$100 per month to any member of the military who served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, up to a maximum of \$1,000.
- Service members who served in other parts of the world during these wars are eligible for \$50 per month of service, up to \$500 total.
- The families of service members who gave their lives in these wars can receive \$5,000.

For more information, visit [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/VeteransBonus](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/VeteransBonus) to find information about how to apply; locations that offer free notary service (applications must be notarized); and letters proving that the bonuses are exempt from federal, state and local taxes.

So please spread the word at church or community events. We are enclosing a flyer to help you do that. Our veterans have earned this benefit through their service to our country; now let us make sure they all know how to receive what they have earned.

Sincerely,

Richard Cordray  
Ohio Attorney General

## CWF PIZZA FUNDRAISER

We are selling pizzas from Sam's Pizza & Heroes in Smithville. The pizzas are unbaked. They will be ready to pop in the oven or freezer. They are quite tasty and freeze very well. Order some to enjoy that weekend and few to freeze for a later date. We will be taking orders through November 11. The pizzas will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, November 20 from 10:00-12:00. If you are unable to pick your order up on Saturday, we will put them in the refrigerator for pick-up on Sunday.

Complete the order and return it with payment to your CWF representative or to the church office.

Thank you very much for your support!

.....  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

	Cheese	Pepperoni	Pepperoni/ Sausage	Deluxe	Total
	\$10	\$10	\$11	\$12	
Amount					

Total Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to CWF.

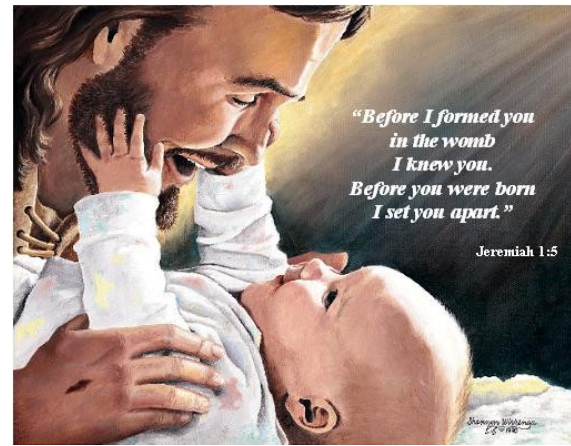


Church Family, I want to thank all of you for your prayers, concerns and support theses last few months, as well as the cards, food and helping to serve the memorial dinner. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

*-Ruth Smailes and Pocock Family.*

On Saturday, October 23, 37 children and their families enjoyed our annual Halloween party. Many thanks to all of you who donated candy and goodies for the party. Special thanks to Julie Kastner for co-organizing the event this year. Also, many thanks to all my other helpers, including John and Kayla Zimmerer, Bob, Bobbie, and Zanne Randall, Rob and Lindsay Kastner, Jan Douglas, Kelly Moorhead, Kevin and Penny Phipps, and David and Catherine Griffith.

*-Deb Griffith*



**Olive Elizabeth Ballentine**, born Oct 8 at 11:47 am, weighed 1 lb 9 oz, daughter of Brandi Parker and Ben Ballentine, granddaughter of Rick and Kristie Yenne – Olive is still in Akron Children's Hospital

**Lane Snyder** born Oct 29 at 11:58 pm, weighed 9 lbs 3 oz, daughter of Dustin and

April Snyder, grandparents are Dan and Jody Walter, great-grandparents are Cal and Maxine Favel.

## Quote of the Week

**"I need more help from you. If you are a tither, become a double-tither. If you are not a tither, become a tither. This ministry has earned your trust. This ministry has earned your help."**

–Crystal Cathedral founder Robert H. Schuller, in an emotional plea to worshippers on Sunday (Oct. 24) to help the Southern California megachurch overcome its current bankruptcy and multimillion-dollar debt.

## Religious Americans Enjoy Higher Wellbeing

Relationship holds when controlling for key demographics

PRINCETON, NJ -- A new analysis of more than 550,000 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index interviews conducted over the last year and a half finds that Americans who are the most religious also have the highest levels of wellbeing. The statistically significant relationship between religiousness and wellbeing holds up after controlling for numerous demographic variables. Higher levels of healthy behaviors, life evaluation, work environment perceptions, and emotional health affect religious Americans' high wellbeing.

### Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index Composite Score, by Religiosity

Controlling for age, gender, race and ethnicity, region and state of the country, socioeconomic status, marital status, and child-bearing status

	Very religious	Moderately religious	Nonreligious	Difference between very religious and nonreligious
Well-Being Index Score	68.7	64.2	64.2	4.5

Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index

### GALLUP

For the purposes of this analysis, an American's relative degree of religiousness is based on responses to two questions asking about the importance of religion and church attendance, yielding three specific groups:

- Very religious -- Religion is an important part of daily life and church/synagogue/mosque attendance occurs at least every week or almost every week. This group comprises 43.7% of the adult population.
- Nonreligious -- Religion is **not** an important part of daily life and church/synagogue/mosque attendance occurs seldom or never. This group comprises 29.7% of the adult population.
- Moderately religious -- All others who do not fall into the very religious or nonreligious groups but who gave valid responses on both religion questions. This group comprises 26.6% of the adult population.

Previous research has shown that religiosity, defined either as church attendance or self-reported importance of religion, is related to age, gender, race and ethnicity, region and state of the country, socioeconomic status, marital status, and child-bearing status. Because wellbeing is also related to these variables, all of these characteristics are controlled for in this Gallup analysis.

More information can be found : <http://www.gallup.com/poll/144080/Religious-Americans-Enjoy-Higher-Wellbeing.aspx>

## CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

updated & printable calendar available - [www.cccwooster.org](http://www.cccwooster.org)

### Thursday, November 4, 2010

2:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive  
7:00 pm Fusion Practice  
8:00 pm AA

### Friday, November 5, 2010

8:00 am Set up for Pancake & Sausage Day  
11:00 am Staff meeting

### Saturday, November 6, 2010

7:00 am—2:00 pm Pancake & Sausage Day  
6:00 pm Sister Chicks

### SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED !

### Sunday, November 7, 2010— Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:00 am Worship - *turn in commitments for 2011*  
9:30 am Lectionary Study—Open Circle Classroom  
9:30 am Prodigal God Study—Fellowship Classroom  
9:30 am Diabetes for Disciples—Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Worship - *turn in commitments for 2011*

### Monday, November 8, 2010

1:30-4:00 pm Afternoon of Bridge  
5:00-7:00 pm Career Clothing Center Open  
6:00 pm Christian Education Meeting  
6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #79

### Tuesday, November 9, 2010

8:30-10:30 am TOPS  
9:00-12:00 pm CWF Workshop  
12:00-2:30 pm Children Services Parenting Class  
7:30 pm Official Board Meeting

### Wednesday, November 10, 2010

9:00-10:15 am Biographical Bible Study  
1:00-4:00 pm Duplicate Bridge  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 11, 2010

4:30-7:15 pm Relay for Life Drive-by  
7:00 pm Fusion Practice  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

### Friday, November 12, 2010

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00-4:00 pm Wooster Community Duplicate Bridge



## 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:** Candace Adams, Barbara Burson, Judy Carson, Joyce Chapman, Scott Chapman, Jeanne Covert, , Bill Ewing, Laura Felton, Mike & Peggy Flack, Mrs. Florence Foreman, Shirley Freeny, Bernice Fry, Terry Gardner, Janice Guy, Dona Haycook, Betty Henning, Laura Holmes, Ralph & Donna Hutchins, Ann Jones, Evelyn Leggett, Jane Leggett, Marge & Bob McCarter, Ducey Nester, Jim Perret, Tom & Dorothy Purdy, Ollie Raeder, Nick & Annie Randall, Pete Raymond, Dick & Mary Robertson, Anne Ruggles, Lorain Schmid, Mason Shamp, Lora Snodgrass, Paul Stout, Esther Sweeney, Linda Taylor, Bob Weiler, Janet Welty, Ken & Juanita Westover

**Family:** Marge Baker (Nancy Dillon), Jean Barnes (Lisa Sanders), Joseph, Alexis & Madison Beer (Candace Adams), Phyllis Britton (Melanie Kline), Ben Chenevey (Carol Chenevey), Elizabeth Dillon (Chuck Dillon), Jenise Ewing (The Ewings), Brian Feather (Daria Chapman), Tuck Gustafson (Mark's mother), Dani Hershberger (Pete & Maggie Hershberger), Denny Hile, Jr. (Margaret Hile), Karen Hostetler (Jan Garver), Jennifer Johnson (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Mike Kirby (Anne Ruggles), Stan Kirkpatrick (Lucy Drabenstott), Lenore (Bonnie Adams), Kenny Louderback (Pat Kennedy), Madison McAfee (Sandy Spahr), Cindy McCoy (John Phillips), Mike (Lucy Drabenstott), Mary Rose Miller (Barb Morris), Justin Milligan (Marianne Bowden), Nathan Minton (Rob Kastner), Donald Minks (Ducey Nester), Jean Myers (John Phillips), Duncan Randall (Bob & Bobbie Randall), Harry & Carolyn Roesch (Tom Ewing), Bree Schneider-Salata (Cyndy Schneider), Lindsey, Matt and Ali Sayler (Beth Pycraft), Harold Shelly (Stacey Chapman & Shirley Raymond), Ron Sidle (Maxine Fravel), Linda Snow (Ken & Edna Chapman), Larry Wachtel family (Jan Bunting), Pat Walters( Carolyn Weaver), Deward & F. Sam Williams (the Rawson Family) Grant Williams (Beth Pycraft), Betty Yoder (Ruby Sutton)

**Friends:** Dave Adams (Misty Baker), Peggy Auckerman (Pat Kennedy), Mike & Nancy Burns (Amanda Gorfi), Clinton & Deloris Casto (Sandy Spahr), Ken Cochran (Jerry & Ann Jones), Friend (Mike Haycook), George (Steve & Mary Jolly), Karen Guarino (Pat Kennedy), Chris Huber (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Hunt Family (Lucy Ewing), Jim Immel (Misty Baker), Kathy (Melanie Kline), Lloyd (Dona Haycook), Whitney Lowe (Joy Mackey), Chris Massaro (the Phipps), Susie McGuire (Deb Braden), Richard Miller (Kelly Moorhead), Mimi Moore (Misty Baker), Nancy Mower (Ruby Sutton), Lorilee Myers (Sherrie Dennis), Mallory Paull (Suddie Leininger), Kathy Platoni (Marianne Bowden), Jeff Shepler Family (Merri Pycraft), Charles Schaffer (Judy Van Zile), Pauline Sheldack (Dorothy Reed), Nonya Slagmaker (Eva Holly), Vivian (Martha Rockwood)

## Perspectives & Opinion

### Christianity not to blame for anti-gay bullying

**\*\* by Jim Daily**

Bullies are, and always have been, a sad reality of life. They are also, courtesy of a [handful of tragic news stories in recent months](#), major headline-generators right now. In the wake of the highly publicized suicides of some young gays outed or taunted by bullies, those who pick on people they perceive as "weird" or "weak" have rightfully come under fire. But so has the Christian faith, and there's nothing right about that.

It has been suggested by some that Christianity itself is to blame for these tragedies - and that is its own separate tragedy. The train of thought goes like this: Churches and organizations [like the one I lead](#), which believe Scripture places homosexual activity outside of God's design for human sexuality, are responsible for the bullying of gay students and, by extension, their deaths.

As provocative as that narrative may be, and it certainly has ginned up quite a lot of controversy of late, it is not accurate. Not only is Christianity not to blame for attacks against gays and lesbians, when properly interpreted and practiced, it is the cure for and solution to the mistreatment and abuse of anyone, for any reason.

If there is a single golden thread woven through the Bible and the faith it informs, it is this: when it comes to human rights and how we treat each other, no person is superior or inferior to the next. Yes, sin exists; and God does not condone it. But he does embrace the sinner - and that means every one of us. Scripture makes it clear we've all fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), yet makes it just as clear (Romans 5:8) that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

So, to violate the dignity of another person, in any form or fashion, is to contradict the very basis of Gospel-centered living. And to suggest that an orthodox understanding of Christianity encourages abuse against homosexuals is a sad misreading of the very tenets of the faith.

Unfortunately, professed non-believers are not the only ones prone to misunderstanding and misapplying those tenets. The truth is, some self-described Christians do not act in Christlike ways toward those who are different than they are. Some think God sets certain behaviors aside as "super sins"; homosexuality, they believe, is of a higher (or lower) order than adultery or covetousness or lying or gossip; put more generally, they save their harshest judgments for the sins they don't struggle with themselves. That is not biblical Christianity in practice.

Those who earnestly seek to emulate Jesus understand it is a matter of applying both his word and his deeds to our lives; that's why Christianity is often described as a "walk" - it requires two legs, truth and grace, to make any forward progress. That means, since we've all fallen short of God's glory (his truth), we must regard each other as more than just the sum of our sinful behaviors (his grace).

In the end, it's the graceless behavior of bullies - against homosexuals or anyone else - that should serve to remind both Christians and non-Christians why Jesus came to earth at all: It is his way, exclusively, that provides the power to transform hearts, minds and actions.

**\*\* Jim Daily is president of *Focus on the Family***

The exact final cost of the boiler system installation was not known, but Ewing did say the total cost would be under \$150,000. Costs were muted by church members cleaning up boiler room themselves. It was estimated that \$10,000 was taken off the final cost by patching the walls and ceiling and covering the ceiling with a fire-retardant paint. Workers also poured their own concrete pad and cashed in on old scrap metal, which was used to pay for the floor.

"Older buildings need regular maintenance upkeep," said Ewing. "We really hadn't done much with the infrastructure on that side of the church since it was built. In the future, we don't want to be in the position where we have to wait until something breaks before repairing it."

Kevin and Joel,

Thank you so much for having the courage to include the commentary by Richard Hughes in the "Perspectives & Opinion" section of the most recent church messenger. It is so refreshing to hear someone defend the Christianity that I came to know during my time at Central Christian, and reject the hyper-partisan nonsense that has pervaded many areas of main stream Christianity. I am very concerned about the role that professed "Christians" are playing in today's politics, as their interpretation of Christianity is unrecognizable to me in many ways.



Again, thank you. As much as I dislike the mixing of politics and religion, this needed to be said.

Dan Raubenolt



Central Christian Church this year will formulate its yearly budget after receiving your Intention of Giving Cards. These cards have been mailed out. Commitment Sunday is November 7th. At that time, we will collect all Intention of Giving cards and begin formulating a budget for next year. If you are not an active

member of the church, but would like to make a gift pledge, please feel free to contact Scott Chapman, chairman of the Finance Committee.



### People to People Items of Week:

*Apple Sauce, Fruit cocktail, pork and beans, cereal and jell-O*

Donations can be placed in the collection bin located in the Gathering Room.



### Birthdays

Ellen Gustafson	November 4
Bonnie Adams	November 7
Jason Adams	November 8
Timothy Alaimo	November 9
Shawn Warden	November 10
Ashley Simons	November 12
Raymond Pocock	November 15
Bonnie Parker	November 17
John Stofer Jr.	November 17

### Anniversaries

Tom & Lucy Ewing	November 5
Rick & Debi Howland	November 5
Mark & Penny Edington	November 8



**PAUL GARVER**, a member of Central Christian since June 1988 passed away on Friday October 22nd at Cleveland Clinic after suffering a ruptured aneurysm. Visitation was held at McIntire, Davis and Greene and memorial services were held at the church on Monday October 25th.

## By the Numbers

ATTENDANCE			
	Oct 10	Average This Year	Average Last Year
8:00 Worship	56	57	59
10:30 Worship	104	115	107
OFFERING			
	Oct 10	Received in October	Budgeted Need for October
Local Ministry	4,213.25	9,975.28	18,504.85
Building & Improvement	581.68	1,104.68	1,575.00
Outreach	389.19	2,011.19	2,092.75