



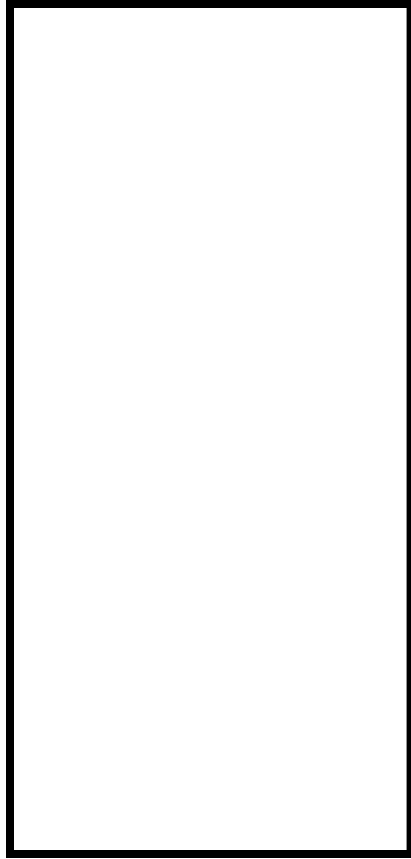
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I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who came to the church on more than one *cold and windy day* to sort out,

hang and decorate. The whole building, inside and out, looks incredible and it would not have happened with out you.

Thank you again,
Cheryl Moon

ps. The take down date for decorations is Tues. Jan 4th at 9:00 am.

Offering Envelopes

If you have asked for offering envelopes they are available in the Gathering Room. If you would like to have envelopes but have not asked for them, please let Melanie Hochstetler (treasure ext.102) or the office know.

Poinsettias

If you ordered Christmas Poinsettias you may take them home after church services on January 2, 2011. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE ANY FLOWERS FROM THE RED POINSETTIA TREE** . If you can not pick up your flowers on that Sunday you can pick them up in the Gathering Room starting January 5th.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

updated & printable calendar available - www.cccwooster.org

Friday, December 31, 2010

OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's Eve

1-5:00 pm Community Center Bridge

Sunday, January 2, 2011

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Lectionary Study—Open Circle Classroom

9:30 am Christianity's Family Tree Study (Fellowship Class)

9:30 am Diabetes For Disciples

10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 3, 2011

4:00 pm Ski Club

5:00 –7:00 pm Career Clothing

6:00—8:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

8:30 -10:30 am TOPS

9:00 am Taking down all of the Christmas Decorations

7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

9:00 am Bible Study

1-5 pm Wooster Duplicate Bridge in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 6, 2011

7:00 pm Fusion

8:00 pm AA

Friday, January 7, 2011

1-5:00 pm Community Center Bridge

Sunday, January 9, 2011

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Lectionary Study—Open Circle Classroom

9:30 am Christianity's Family Tree Study (Fellowship Class)

10:30 am Worship



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: Candace Adams, Jack Bennett, Judy Bennett, 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, Jane Leggett, Marge & Bob McCarter, Ducey Nester, Jim Perret, Tom & Dorothy Purdy, Ollie Raeder, Bobbie Randall, 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: Joseph, Alexis & Madison Beer (Candace Adams). Phyllis Britton (Melanie Kline), Ben Chenevey (Carol Chenevey), Elizabeth & Charles Dillon Sr. (Chuck Dillon), Jenise Ewing (The Ewings), Tuck Gustafson (Mark's mother), Dani Hershberger (Pete & Maggie Hershberger), Denny Hile, Jr. (Margaret Hile), Karen Hostetler (Jan Garver), Jennifer Johnson (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Paul Smith (Melanie Kline), Mike Kirby (Anne Ruggles), Virginia Markley (Jason Woodruff) 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 Saylor (Beth Pycraft), Harold Shelly (Stacey Chapman & Shirley Raymond), Linda Snow (Edna Chapman), Larry Wachtel family (Jan Bunting), Pat Walters (Carolyn Weaver), Winnie Weaver (Carolyn & Ron 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 Sphar), Ken Cochran (Jerry & Ann Jones), Friend (Mike Haycook), George (Steve & Mary Jolly), Mark Gooch (Craig Sanders), Karen Guarino (Pat Kennedy), Pete Hill (Amanda Gorfi), Holsky Family (Sue Wohlford), 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), Jim Ross (Pat & Charlie Kennedy), Jeff Shepler Family (Merri Pycraft), Charles Schaffer (Judy Van Zile), Pauline Sheldack (Dorothy Reed), Nonya Slatmaker (Eva Holly), Ted & Doris Straka (the Randalls), Vivian (Martha Rockwood), Beth Wake (Craig & Lisa Sanders)



Quote of the Week

"I probably had about four beers and five wines. I don't know, but I (was) kinda listening to Billy through the haze of alcohol."

—Former President George W. Bush speaking on the radio show "Focus on the Family" about a visit by evangelist Billy Graham to his father's Maine home. The following day, he went on a walk with Graham that eventually led him to quit drinking and embrace Christianity. He was quoted by CNN.com.

General Minister and President among those who urge President Obama to help strengthen families, focus on peace for Christians in the Middle East

Last Updated Nov 30, 2010

General Minister and President Sharon Watkins and other Christian leaders met with President Barack Obama on Monday, Nov. 1, where the group urged the president to help implement domestic and international policies that strengthen families and fight poverty.

The meeting at the White House brought together nearly 20 religious leaders from both the National Council of Churches and Church World Service. The group thanked the president for his work with the faith community, while also pressing him to take a strong stance on behalf of families facing poverty and hunger. The delegation also discussed with the president their concerns about hazards faced by Christian minorities in the Middle East.

"We visited the White House at the President's invitation to acknowledge together the 100-year history of the modern ecumenical movement, especially through the National Council of Churches and its predecessor organizations," said GMP Watkins. "We also took the opportunity to remind the President of our common faith and values related to extending God's love to all our neighbors, and to work toward improving the lives of those in need."

During the meeting, Church World Service, which annually sponsors fundraising CROP Hunger Walks in 2,000 communities across the nation to assist local and global hunger programs, highlighted the repercussions of the severe economic crisis which extend beyond the borders of our country.

"As families in the U.S. find their household budgets more and more strained, families in the developing world are hurting too, said John McCullough, president and CEO of Church World Service. "We asked for the President's leadership in crafting policies that ensure men, women, and children have access to nutritious food and that we invest in diversified agriculture and ongoing community-based nutrition education."

The delegation also asked the President to prioritize a number of issues, including strengthening the 'safety net' of services, extending unemployment benefits as the economy continues to falter, and lifting people out of poverty with a focus on job creation, for those in poverty, job training and education.



Birthdays

Craig Sanders	December 30
Judy A. Davis	December 31
Martha Sidle	January 1
Kyle Zion	January 1
Edna Chapman	January 2
Peggy Kiel	January 2
Scott Chapman	January 3
Audrey Jewell	January 3
Pearl McKinley	January 3
Joyce Chapman	January 7
Robin Myers	January 9
Drew Gorfi	January 10
Terry Jones	January 10
Pete Hershberger Jr.	January 12
Linda Swartzentruber	January 12
Lyndsey Yoder	January 12

Anniversaries

Tim & Kelly Moorhead	December 30
Bob & Bobbie Randall	December 31

With winter weather & holiday hustle & bustle already causing a dip in blood donations the Red Cross is asking for more blood donors. Bad weather has caused the Red Cross to lose the opportunity to collect the number of units they need to meet their *needs and goals*. While the weather changes, the need for blood remains constant. If you are able please consider giving blood. You can contact the American Red Cross at 330-264-9383 to find out where and when you can become a donor.

By the Numbers

ATTENDANCE			
	Dec 19	Average This Year	Average Last Year
8:00 Worship	71	58	59
10:30 Worship	112	115	107
OFFERING			
	Dec 19	Received in December	Budgeted Need for December
Local Ministry	6,255.92	13,722.37	15,345.51
Building & Improvement	573.62	1,257.12	1,575.00
Outreach	933.46	1,682.14	2,092.75

support we receive from the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) and individual Disciples Congregations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia, and many other states.

The Cleveland Christian Home relies on the generosity of the community to provide more than 10 percent of its funding. To help or find out how you can volunteer visit CCH's website at cchome.org or call 216-476-0333.

Source: CCHome.org

Intention of Giving

If you were not here for the ***Intention of Giving Service*** and would like to turn in your card you may do so during worship or at the office any time. If you need a card, they are available from the usher. *Please make sure they are received in the office as soon as possible as our budget for 2011 will be based on your intention of giving.*

Remember In Your Prayers...

Starting on January 2, 2011 we will be clearing the names from the **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** list.. This is a practice we have been doing every 6 months. We will be more than happy to continue and include any name that you wish, just please let the church office know what those names are.

Youth Events

Our Grapple group (4-8th Grade) will be meeting Sunday, January 16 from 6-7:30 pm in the Church Youth Center.

Little Disciples will meet January 16 from 4:30-7:30 pm in the upstairs classrooms on the 2nd floor of the Milham - Perret Education Building.



People to People Item of Week:
canned fruit, canned soup & laundry soap

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

The Primate of the Armenian Church of North America, Eastern Diocese, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, told the President of the group's concerns about hazards faced by Christian minorities in the Middle East. An attack on the Syrian Catholic cathedral in Baghdad on Oct. 31 left 58 people dead and 75 injured. The attack came during Sunday worship when people were praying. Michael Kinnamon, an ordained Disciples pastor and general secretary of the National Council of Churches, noted the Church's faithful witness is needed now more than ever. "We cannot stand by while people of goodwill are baselessly attacked for their faith, their political beliefs, or their identity. We have no reason to fear or demonize those who are different from ourselves. Today, tomorrow, and into this next Congress, our country needs to come together and reclaim our values of justice and equality," he stressed.

Watkins stressed that Disciples have played a major role within the NCC since its founding. Disciples have been instrumental in helping the NCC live out its mission of being a leading force for ecumenical cooperation among Christians in the United States. The NCC's member faith groups - from a wide spectrum of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African American and Living Peace churches - include 45 million persons in more than 100,000 local congregations in communities across the nation.

"We went as Christians to celebrate 100 years of ecumenical cooperation, to talk together about how to partner in reaching out with God's love to our neighbors in need, and to pray with and for the president as he continues to lead our nation," said Watkins.

The NCC/CWS delegation that met with the President also included Rev. Peg Chamberlin, president of the National Council of Churches; Bishop Johncy Itty of Church World Service, Bishop Mark Hanson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop John R. Bryant of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr. of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Stanley J. Noffsinger of the Church of the Brethren, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of The Episcopal Church, Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Church of America, Rev. Gradye Parsons of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller of the Moravian Church, Thomas Swain of the Religious Society of Friends, Rev. Wesley S. Granberg-Michaelson of the Reformed Church in America, Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader of the United Methodist Church, Metropolitan Jonah of the Orthodox Church in America, Rev. Geoffrey Black of the United Church of Christ, and Dr. Walter L. Parrish III of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

The delegation presented the President with a Saint John's Bible, a framed sampler of statements commemorating 100 years of ecumenism, and a plaque commemorating President Obama's and the government's new "Feed the Future" initiative.

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Compiled from reports from the National Council of Churches, Church World Service and Faith in Public Life

CCC Raises \$1400 for Cleveland Christian Home

During Christmas Eve services at Central Christian Church, a love offering was taken for the Cleveland Christian Home. We are happy to report that more than \$1400 was raised for CCH.

The Cleveland Christian Home exists as a haven for hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse or neglect. CCH helps with residential treatment for children with emotional and behavioral disturbances, adoption for the neediest children, counseling for at-risk children, independent living program for teen moms, and in-home therapy for families in crisis. CCH brings hope and healing to hundreds of children and their families each and every day. Together with our supporters, we are helping broken children heal and find strength.



Cleveland Christian Home was founded in 1900 when Rev. Henry Timme, a pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), took in a family of children left on his doorstep. Word soon spread that Rev. Timme's home was a safe haven for children, and other abandoned or orphaned children followed. Soon, Rev. Timme was running an orphanage from his home near Broadway & Aetna Avenues in Cleveland.

In 1905, the Home moved to the Bosworth farm on Lorain Avenue, and the orphanage expanded to care for 60 children. In 1924, with the help of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the farmhouse was replaced with a modern brick building, complete with recreation rooms and dormitories. This building, which still stands today on Lorain Avenue on Cleveland's near west side, eventually cared for 100 orphans from babies to teenagers. By the 1960's, fewer children were orphaned, and Cleveland Christian Home found itself instead taking care of many children who had been the victims of abuse or neglect. To better care for these children, CCH transformed its orphanage on Lorain Avenue into a residential treatment center for abused and neglected children, which it remains today.

Over the next 30 years, Cleveland Christian Home expanded its ministry and mission to include additional programs and services for children and families in need, including foster care, adoption, an independent living program for teens, outpatient counseling, school-based counseling for at-risk youth and family preservation and reunification services.

Although CCH is today a non-denominational organization, receiving the bulk of our client referrals through county health services, we continue to be called Cleveland Christian Home to honor our heritage. We continue our Covenant with the Christian Church (D.O.C.) and are grateful for the ongoing

How Real Interfaith Dialogue Works

I've thought for some time that if more Americans had personal contact, even friendships, with their fellow Americans who are Muslims there might be less mistrust and misunderstanding about the role Islam plays in their lives. The years have convinced me that interfaith dialogue, particularly the one-on-one variety, is a more viable way to break down barriers between people than large-scale efforts.

Now, before we go any further: Yes, within a worldwide population of more than 1 billion Muslims (which include a few million in the United States) there are those who, for a variety of reasons, hate the United States, would do it harm or support such action.

But when the subject comes up, the American Muslims I've met – whether they were born here, emigrated from traditionally Muslim nations or converted from other faiths – remark how America, even amid the tensions of recent years, affords them the freedom to live, work, study and raise their children, as their neighbors do, and, importantly, worship in the way they choose, as their neighbors do.

Young people tend to be less-jaded and, as such, more open to getting to know “the other.”

As an example, I'll point to our daughter (we'll call her “M”), who recently made a trip home from college and brought along a friend (we'll call her “A”). “M” is proud of her Jewish heritage. “A” is equally proud of being Muslim; so much so that she wears a hijab. They make quite a pair and not just because they have a similar sense of humor.

The two young women must have made quite a sight when they attended the Jewish festival in the city where they go to school. “M” wore a t-shirt that read “Shabbat. Just Do It” with the swoosh logo. “A” wore, well, her hijab. There were stares, but these young women did not care.

The point is that, as friends, they talk about each other's religion and respect the role it plays in each other's life.

“M” once declared interfaith activity to be her mother's domain. Now we, her parents, chuckle at that memory and take pride in having a daughter who looks past stereotypes. When you get to know the “other” it becomes harder to accept generalizations and easier to look at the individual.

I hesitate to conclude with a comment by the President of the United States, knowing how his own religious heritage has at times been a point of controversy, but in India recently President Obama made the following relevant comment in a speech to college students:

“Whatever may be your religion we can treat each other with respect as per some of the universal principles. Young people like you can make a huge impact in reaffirming that you can be a strong observer of your faith without putting somebody else down. How you respond to each other is probably as important as any speech a president makes. It's necessary in a world that's getting smaller, where more and more people of different backgrounds, race and ethnicities are interacting, innovating and working.”

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