

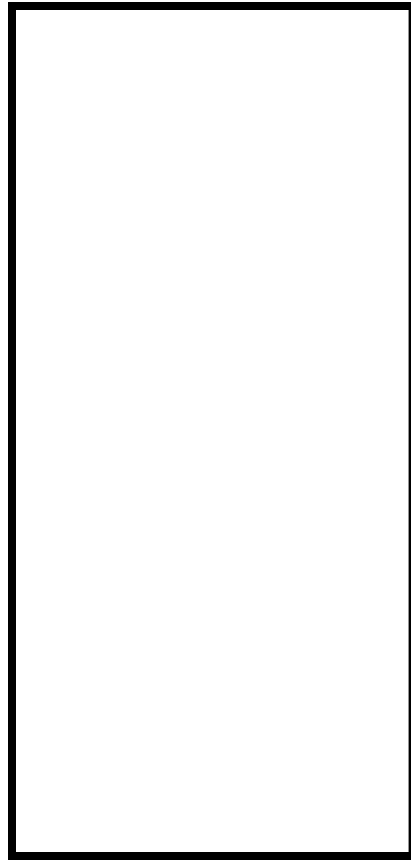


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Tornado Hits Wooster; Church Reports No Damage

On Thursday September 16th at approximately 5:30 p.m., a tornado touched down in Wooster destroying property around Secrest Road and Sylvan Road in Wooster. There was significant damage done to facilities at the OARDC. An email received from an OARDC official states that as many as 1,000 trees could have been destroyed. Fortunately, there were no major injuries reported.



Pastor Phipps reports there was no damage suffered to the Central Christian Church building and it was vacant when the storm hit. Disasters, by their inherent definition, strike at anytime sometimes leaving communities struggling to meet basic needs.

"My concern in disasters like this is the quote that always seems to come, 'God was with me because it missed me' - implying that God was NOT with those that were hit," said Phipps. "I believe God is in the midst of everything that happens to us and it is the power and Spirit of God that gives us the strength, courage, generosity, and provisions we need to help those who have been affected by the storm. And for those who are affected, it is my prayer that they know God is with you as your struggle to put the pieces of your lives back together."

Phipps said that some church-goers did report some trees being down, but no members were injured during the storm. While there have been no reports of a tornado ever hitting Central Christian Church, the neighborhood around the building has been damaged in the past few years. A tornado touchdown was reported back in 2003. Several church neighbors on Buckeye St. sustained serious property damage in a twister back in 2006.

The National Weather Service classified this storm as an EF2. Tornadoes are categorized by the Enhanced Fujita Scale or EF Scale. There are six designations of tornadoes. An EF0 is a minor tornado while an EF5 is the most severe. EF2 tornadoes pack wind speeds between 111 and 135mph. Only about 11% of all tornadoes are classified as EF2 twisters.



People to People Item of Week: Noodles, Jello, Crackers

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



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September 23—October 6

Birthdays

Julie Gilson	September 23
Ron Pycraft	September 23
Ben Johnson	September 24
Belle Kersten	September 24
Carol Chenevey	September 26
Hunter Taylor	September 26
Dave Leininger	September 29
Jason Cowart	September 30
Delores Stevens	September 30
Dorothy Hershberger	October 5
Shelby Mackey	October 6
John Scott	October 6
Dana Warrick	October 6

Anniversaries

Timothy & Jan Burnison	September 23
Dan & Amy Raubenolt	September 25
Joe & Carol Chenevey	September 27
Chris & Tricia Pycraft	October 6

THE CHURCH STAFF has moved Staff Meeting to Friday Morning at 11 am. If you have items you'd like to run in the Sunday bulletin please let the office know by this time.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

updated & printable calendar available - www.cccwooster.org

Thursday, September 23, 2010

2:30-6:30 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship
7:00 pm	Fusion Practice
8:00 pm	AA meeting

Friday, September 24, 2010

11:00 am	Staff meeting
6:00—7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting

Saturday, September 25, 2010

9:00 am -3:00 pm	Elders Work Shop
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Sunday, September 26, 2010

8:00 am	Worship
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
4:00 pm	Rev. Phipps' Pastoral Relations Committee meets

Monday, September 27, 2010

5-7 pm	Career Clothing Center Open
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Tuesday, September 28, 2010

8:30-10 am	TOPS
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Wednesday, September 29, 2010

9:00 am	Biographical Bible Study
1-4 pm	Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster
7 pm	Choir Practice

Thursday, September 30, 2010

7:00 pm	Fusion Band Practice
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Friday, October 1, 2010

11 am	Staff Meeting
6-8 pm	Cub Scout Pack #79
6:30 pm	Stuart-Pedrotty Wedding Rehearsal (Joel)

Saturday, October 2, 2010

4:30 pm	Stuart-Pedrotty Wedding (Joel)
6:30 pm	Sister Chicks

Sunday, October 3, 2010

8:00 am	Worship
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
6-7:30 pm	Grapple (4-8th Grade) Group—Youth Center
6-7:30 pm	CYF Small Group @ Howlands



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, Brian Bradford, Barbara Burson, Judy Carson, Joyce Chapman, Scott Chapman, Jeanne Covert, Stephanie Cowert, Bill Ewing, Laura Felton, Mike & Peggy Flack, Mrs. Florence Foreman, Shirley Freeny, Bernice Fry, Terry Gardner, Janice Guy, Dona Haycook, Betty Henning, Pete Hershberger, Evelyn Leggett, Jane Leggett, Marge & Bob McCarter, Ducey Nester, Jim Perret, Virginia Pocock, 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, Bob Weiler, Janet Welty, Ken & Juanita Westover

Family: 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), Tuck Gustafson (Mark's mother), Dani Hershberger (Pete & Maggie Hershberger), Karen Hostettler (Jan Garver), Jennifer Johnson (Bill & Bonnie Adams), Mike Kirby (Anne Ruggles), Stan Kirkpatrick (Lucy Drabenstott), Kenny Louderback (Pat Kennedy), 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), Carolyn Roesch (Tom Ewing), Lindsey, Matt and Ali Saylor (Beth Pycraft), Harold Shelly (Stacey Chapman & Shirley Raymond), Linda Snow (Ken & Edna Chapman), Larry Wachtel family (Jan Bunting), 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), 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), Chris Massaro (the Phipps), Susie McGuire (Deb Braden), Richard Miller (Kelly Moorhead), Mimi Moore (Misty Baker), Nancy Mower (Ruby Sutton), Kathy Platoni (Marianne Bowden), Jeff Shepler Family (Merri Pycraft), Charles Schaffer (Judy Van Zile), Pauline Sheldack (Dorothy Reed)

Acquire the Fire, Youth Event, November 5-6th



Collisions happen all the time. It's part of our human experience. Some are accidental, others intentional; they can be physical or emotional. Either way, people get hurt. Some collisions are trivial,

like stubbing your toe or skinning your knee. Others are devastating—being constantly bullied at school or harshly abused at home. Injuries from most collisions leave prominent scars, but the most traumatic collisions take place inside and leave wounds no one will ever see. Countless people live in broken families with broken hearts. Everywhere people are used, abused, ridiculed, rejected, ignored, and abandoned. They live with the hurt, pain, and destruction of these collisions everyday. You may see it in their eyes, you may notice it on their arms, or you may not notice it at all.

Acquire The Fire is confronting collisions head on. Young people from coast to coast will hear that God wants to comfort, heal, and put them back together. Jesus binds up the brokenhearted, proclaims freedom to the captives, and releases prisoners from the darkness. God is the only one who can restore a soul, heal a heart, and change a destiny. God will mend the broken at this year's Acquire The Fire.

We have reserved 25 tickets for this Friday-Saturday event, held in Cleveland. We'll be staying overnight Friday night and hanging by the pool, ordering pizza and chatting. **All this for only \$40!** Get your tickets now by signing up at the Information Table in the Gathering Room.

Acquire the Fire events always feature: inspiring worship, live bands, relevant speakers, biblical teaching, and compelling drama. If you've never been—YOU SHOULD!



Regional Assembly Meeting Oct 15 & 16

The Christian Church in Ohio will hold the Regional Assembly meeting on Friday and Saturday October 15th and 16th at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. Various speakers and panels will be held on both days. For more information visit www.ccinoh.org or visit the information table in the church lobby.

Children & Youth Update

After the first week of gatherings our Little Disciples (ages 0-8) had 9 participants, our Grapple Group (4-8th grade) had 12 participants, and our High School Small Group (9-12 grade) had 4 participants. We're off to a great start. If you didn't attend the first meeting its no problem—join us soon!

Little Disciples meet again October 17, 4:30-7:30 pm Topic: Fear
Grapple Meets again October 3 from 6-7:30 pm, contact Rob Kastner for login access to the special website to catch up on what's going on.
High School Small Group Meets again Oct. 3 from 6-7:30 pm @ Howlands

Sunday Morning Christian Education Electives

Beginning September 19

9:30-10:15 am

Diabetes for Disciples—Fellowship Hall

Bobbie Randall, Facilitator

September 19—October 24 (6 weeks)

A spiritually based 6-week program for anyone, whose life is touched by diabetes, families and friends included. This series focuses on meal planning strategies and techniques for healthy living for persons living with or without diabetes. Facilitated by Bobbie Randall, Registered, Licensed Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator, Church Elder Call 330-262-8777 for information.

Lectionary Study—Open Circle Classroom, 1st Floor

Rev. Phipps, Facilitator Ongoing

Join the Open Circle class for a discussion of the weekly lectionary readings, especially focused on the scripture passage being preached from each Sunday. This discussion will be led by Rev. Phipps each Sunday morning in the Open Circle Classroom located across from the church offices on the 1st floor.

The Prodigal God—David Bowden, Facilitator

Fellowship Classroom—2nd Floor off Elevator

September 19—October 31 (7 weeks)

In this compelling six-session DVD study, pastor and best selling author Tim Keller presents a new way of looking at this well known parable. Where most teaching focuses just on the younger “wayward” son, Dr. Keller challenges us to consider both the role of the elder brother and the father as well. Even Jesus began his parable with “a man had two sons” so, you see, the story is not just about the younger son who leaves home and squanders his inheritance before eventually returning home. The story is as much about the elder brother as the younger, and as much about the father as the sons. To this end, Dr. Keller contends that the story might better be called “Two Lost Sons.” Session titles include the following:
The Parable, The People Around Jesus, The Two Lost Sons
The Elder Brother, The True Elder Brother, The Feast of the Father.

The Prodigal God Book will be available for purchase for \$15 and is encouraged to be read as a part of this study.



WANTED: Church Memories

We need your memories, favorite stories, favorite scriptures, etc. for the commemorative booklet that is being compiled for Central Christian Church's 175th Anniversary celebration this year. Please write memories on this sheet and return to the church office by Sunday October 17th. Email responses can be filed with Debi Howland via email debischneider@aol.com.

YOUR NAME: _____

SOMETHING TO SHARE

(i.e. favorite story or memory at CCC, favorite scripture and/or its interpretation, favorite personal prayer, favorite prayer for our church, etc.)

I AM INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AN ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET:

- Hardcopy Paper Format
- Electronic PDF Format



What a great bunch of helpers! I want to thank all of you again for another successful year at the *Chicken BBQ*. It could not have been done

with out you. Thanks again ! *Jean Musselman*

Church Family,

Thanks so much for your concern and prayers this past year. It has helped me get through my difficult times.

Special thanks for those that provided food and helped serve the Bereavement Dinner. Thanks to the Sisterchix that provided flowers for the tables in Fellowship Hall. Thanks one and all for the many cards we received.

Ruth Smailles & Family



PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DAY 2010 will be Saturday, November 6. Mark your calendars!

LAURA HALL CONCERT

Perhaps best known for her stint on the television show *Whose Line is it Anyway*,



Laura Hall and her husband Rick will be performing with friend Luke Hannington on Sunday October 17th. There will be only one 10 am service.

The three will perform a special concert for the church and community at 2 pm.

Stay after the service for a carry-in luncheon and a meet and greet with Laura, Rick and Luke. This is the final 175th Anniversary Celebration event.

Perspectives & Opinion

From the Editor:

I'd invite you to submit your opinion pieces, poems, prayers and thoughts on your walk with Christ. In each issue, it will be this section's goal to try and provide thought-provoking commentary for readers. We hope that you will enjoy this section in the weeks ahead. Mark D. Roberts is the guest writer this week. He is a Scholar-in-Residence at Laity Lodge, a multifaceted ministry in the Hill Country of Texas. He has written several books including *No Holds Barred: Wrestling with God in Prayer and Dare to be True*. Roberts holds a Ph.D. in New Testament and Christian Origins from Harvard. You can read more of Roberts' writings at blog.beliefnet.com/markdroberts.
-Scott Willyerd

Are You in Good Hands?

I can still hear the television commercial's promise echoing in my memory: "You're in good hands with Allstate." In fact, this slogan was created by David Ellis, the general sales manager for Allstate Insurance Company in 1950, along with the familiar logo of two hands holding a car. Since 2004, Allstate's advertising campaign asks the question: "Are you in good hands?"

So, are you? Are you in good hands? I'm not thinking here of whether your personal property is adequately insured. Rather, is your life in good hands? Is your soul in good hands? Are you relying on protection and strength from something—better, someone— who is truly reliable?



I've been a Christian for forty-five years, a pastor for the last twenty-one years. You might think I'd be able to answer the questions I just asked affirmatively. Surely there have been times when I could truly say that I rely fully on God, that I have placed my life in his hands. But I must confess my tendency to slip out of God's hands so that I might put my faith in something else, like my job, or my family, or my insurance policies(!), or my country, or my investments. It's not wrong to trust these to an extent. But if I find my sense of security in something other than God, then I have set myself up for disappointment, because they will inevitably fail.

When I consciously and consistently put my life in God's hands, when I live each day with the knowledge that I am relying on him and living for his purposes, I feel extraordinary peace. I am set free from fear of things I cannot control. The fact is that you and I will only be in "good hands" when those are the loving, strong, trustworthy, tender, protective, nail-scarred, gracious hands of our Lord.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: So, are you in good hands? Are you living each day with an awareness of God holding you?

PRAYER: O Lord, how good it is to entrust my life to you, to place my future, my hopes, my fears, indeed, all that I am, in your hands. Thank you for protecting me, guiding me, empowering me, healing me, and holding me. I am truly in good hands when I entrust all that I am to you.

Help me, dear Lord, to live each day "in your hands." When I am tempted to trust something other than you or when fear threatens my confidence, keep me in your hands. All praise be to you, gracious Lord, for your good hands! *Amen*.

By the Numbers

ATTENDANCE

	Sept 12	Average This Year	Average Last Year
8:00 Worship	180	58	59
10:30 Worship		115	107

OFFERING

	Sept 12	Received in September	Budgeted Need for September
Local Ministry	3,269.05	7,181.05	15,345.55
Building & Improvement	231.00	739.00	1,575.00
Outreach	367.88	787.88	2,092.75