

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
587 Mt. Vernon Road  
Newark, Ohio 43055

### Worship Texts & Themes

**Our next Food Pantry Sunday is Aug 19th -- Remember that canned meats, soups, and box dinners are ideal!**

**Sunday, August 5** - we offer a service at the Hartford Fair at 8:30, plus our regular worship at the church at 8:30, Larry Iden preaching, & 10:30 am.

**Sunday, August 12** - John 6:35, 41-46 & John 6:47-51 "What is Jesus getting at, anyhow?"

**Sunday, August 19** - Food Pantry Sunday - 1 Kings 2:10-12 & 1 Kings 3:3-14 "The Source of Wisdom"

**Sunday August 26** - Psalm 84 & Ephesians 6:10-20 "Equipment Inventory"

**Monday, August 27** - FaithForward 7:00 pm we will use Ephesians 6.

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# The Newark Christian

Serving God's Transformation of Licking County



## Backpack Blessing

**Join us August 19<sup>th</sup> during the Children's message for a time of preparation for Back to School. This will include a blessing of backpacks. School can be challenging and we want to send our kids back to school equipped not only with supplies, but most importantly we want to send them back with the armor of God. All kids, even those heading back to college are welcome to participate in this. Bring backpacks with or without supplies.**

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## Graduate Recognition

**Ethan Yost**, son of Keith and Marilyn and grandson of Ken & Marilyn, graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice from Kent State University in June. All the best in the future to Ethan.

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Our mission:

- To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ
- To work through the Holy Spirit, and
- To understand through the Holy Bible.

We seek to:

- Grow in knowledge,
- Cultivate the grace of Christ,
- Strengthen the unity of all Christians, and be
- Always moving towards the Kingdom of God.





Newark Central Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship I received! It will be very helpful when purchasing books for my classes. I am grateful for the church's generosity.

-- Alyssa Gebhart

Newark Central Christian Church,

Thank you to everyone who brought food, sent cards or came to visit me while I was recuperating.

-- Cori Robinson

Dear Newark Central Christian Church,

Thank you for your donation to the Christian Youth Fellowship S.C.O.O.P. Offering. We are grateful for your generosity.

Your financial gift enables the regional church to support ministries in local congregations, Camp Christian, and through our regional church ministry teams. All of which offer opportunities for lives to be transformed in the name of Jesus Christ. Your giving makes a difference!

Peace,

John M. Richardson, Interim Regional Minister

### **Notes From My Knapsack** -- *Yes, Camp Christian is at risk . . .*

Bless you all for your time and attention you've let me spend this last year unpacking the puzzle of our Ohio Region finances and future . . . and for your willingness to listen and assist with the efforts we're all making together to secure some of the most important regional ministries, such as Camp Christian.

All things considered, camp's income matched revenues for the summer; we have costs from Labor Day through the end of the year, but we're looking solid enough with the move of the regional office out to camp, there on Maple Dell Road, to feel confident on that score. The mortgage the region took out on the camp property in 2013 is down to \$175,000 in principal still owed (we borrowed \$290,000, and are current on our payments). Thanks to the loving sacrificial efforts of our own children like Charlie with her dirt bike fund and Adam with his brothers offering book-marks "to help save camp!" add to the various "Coins for Camp" efforts around Ohio to knock off \$25,000 so far and more is coming in.

There will be a regional assembly at Gender Road Christian Church on Saturday, Oct. 6, to ask for approval by the congregations and clergy of a fairly dramatic plan moving forward to structure our common life as a region in a very simple and focused way. Mike Large will be asked to select a voting representative for the church, and I will vote as an ordained clergy member. Our proposals are simple: to work on rebuilding trust and cooperation around Ohio by keeping our fiscal matters transparent and above board, working together on matters we formerly left to regional staff, working with neighboring regions to support tasks needing specialized skills for the time being, and securing the future of Camp Christian as a year-round camp & conference center operated by an independent non-profit foundation.

That's about it! We may have more to share, but the gathering will be about keeping things simple, and spare, and focused on making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please keep everyone in regional leadership in your prayers as we move forward!

In grace & peace, Pastor Jeff