

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 (Disciples of Christ)
 587 Mt. Vernon Road
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NEXT NEWSLETTER:
 Dec. 19 printing, so get your January/February info in soon!

Worship Texts & Themes

- Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent, "Promises & Prophecy" Psalm 25: 1-10 & Jeremiah 33: 14-16
- Wed., Dec. 5 – Advent Study: “The Songs of the Angels” in Job
- Dec. 9 - Second Sunday of Advent, "Promises & Prophecy" Luke 1: 68-75 & Malachi 3: 1-4
- Wed., Dec. 12 – Advent Study: “The Songs of the Angels” in Isaiah
- Sat., Dec. 15 – Living Nativity 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Dec. 16 - Third Sunday of Advent, "Promises & Prophecy" Isaiah 12: 2-6 & Zephaniah 3: 14-20
- Wed., Dec. 19 – Advent Study: “The Songs of the Angels” Luke & Revelation
- Dec. 23 - Fourth Advent/Christmas Sunday, "Promises & Prophecy" Psalm 80: 1-7 & Micah 5: 2-5
- Mon. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve [200th anniversary of Silent Night; 50th anniversary of Apollo 8 reading from Genesis]
- Dec. 30 - Another Year Is Over; "Prophecy Fulfilled (or, "Well, sure") Colossians 3: 12-17 & Psalm 148

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Living Nativity

Saturday, December 15th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm we will host our annual “Living Nativity” on the church front lawn. Animals and a manger and . . . You!

Sign ups begin Sunday, Dec. 2 for the roles in each half hour presentation, and we’d like to block out most of our Marys, Josephs, wise men and shepherds and such in advance. There’s always room for a last minute angel, though!

The Fellowship team will be calling for cookies from any and all, and preparing other food for the cast and crew and friends downstairs through the evening, and at about 9:00 am a crew will set up . . . And at 9:00 pm, a crew will need to take down. So there’s plenty for everyone to pitch in, or just make sure to invite someone to drive by, stop and watch, or even participate.

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Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th

We will have a concert of handbell/chime & choral music from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in the sanctuary, and the service itself, with communion, is from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please make plans to welcome the birth of the Prince of Peace into our world, and into our lives, on this holy and wonderful evening.

Church Office Hours:
Monday & Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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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.*





Dear Friends at Central Christian,

You are a blessing to me. I have felt your love as you lifted up my brother as he was receiving his transplant and as he was struggling with complications. You rejoiced with us and you grieved with us.

Thank you so much for your kind words and gentle hugs. We appreciate you love and support.

May God bless you,

Rollie & Marie Bailey and Family

Advent study

On Wednesday nights next month, at 6:00 pm on Dec. 5, 12, & 19 we will have an Advent study looking at "The songs of the angels" in Luke, Isaiah, Job, and Revelation -- join us for all or any part, but please consider coming to learn and reflect with your church family!

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Advent starts Dec. 2 with the theme of "Promises & Prophecy." We will also hold our annual congregational meeting on December 2 after both services.

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Our next Food Pantry Sunday is Dec. 16th -- Remember that canned meats, soups, and box dinners are ideal. And after the Angel Tree comes down, we start building our toilet paper tree; bring those packages to pile high!

Advent is coming!

Expectation or waiting is a dimension that flows through our whole personal, family and social existence. Expectation is present in thousands of situations, from the smallest and most banal to the most important that involve us completely and in our depths. Among these, let us think of waiting for a child, on the part of a husband and wife; of waiting for a relative or friend who is coming from far away to visit us; let us think, for a young person, of waiting to know his results in a crucially important examination or of the outcome of a job interview; in emotional relationships, of waiting to meet the beloved, of waiting for the answer to a letter, or for the acceptance of forgiveness.... One could say that man is alive as long as he waits, as long as hope is alive in his heart. And from his expectations man recognizes himself: our moral and spiritual "stature" can be measured by what we wait for, by what we hope for.

~ Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), in 2010 by way of Amy Welborn Dubruiel

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Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither.

~ C. S. Lewis, in "Mere Christianity"