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**Serving God's Transformation of Licking County**

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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.*

## **Congregational Meeting After 8:30 & 10:30 am worship Sunday, Dec. 1st**

One of the distinctive elements of our Disciples of Christ tradition is that the members of the church have the opportunity each year to vote on the officers of the congregational leadership team, and the church budget. This is an opportunity that is not the case in every denomination, and our work together in seeking God's vision for this body of believers is shown, in part, by this annual congregational meeting.

Of course, we meet and plan and fellowship and decide in many other times and settings, but there is both a practical and symbolic value to what we do every year in the congregational meeting.

Please plan to stay for a brief period following the benediction this Sunday; guests and visitors are welcome to stay and witness how we do this, or may leave, but we do encourage all members to plan to participate!

## Please Join Us

Christmas Tea, **December 1**, sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship for all women of the church. Starting at **2:00 pm** in the Jane Plummer Room.

**December 1 at 3:00 pm**, Liberty Middle School choir will present a Christmas Program in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Let's show them our support!

## Calling all youth...

On **December 8**, all youth ages **5 and up will meet from 1:30 to 4:30p.m.** Please bring \$5.00 for the event and dress for the weather. This will be a surprise event. Until then get ready to have a fun adventure.

## Youth Christmas Party to the Zoo...

**Saturday, Dec. 14**, all youth ages **5 and up will meet from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm.** We will travel to the Columbus Zoo and to McDonalds for dinner. Make sure to dress for the weather and bring money for dinner and the gift shop. If you would like to chaperone please let me know because extra transportation might be needed. If we have inclement weather we will just stay in Newark. Until then get ready to see the lights at the zoo! Samantha (364-1532)

## Happy Birthday

Tommie Kirkham turned 90 on November 19. Please feel free to send her a birthday card!

## Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in December. The next meeting will be **January 26 after the 10:30 service** in the parlor. Bring a sack lunch and join in the discussion of Mitch Albom's book, [The First Phone Call from Heaven](#). All are welcome to participate.

## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now -- Susanna Circle will host its annual Mission Dinner and Auction on **Saturday, March 29 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The Susanna sisters are working on the theme and a creative dinner menu and we promise an evening of fun and fellowship!

## Lydia Circle

Please join us for our Lydia Circle meeting on **Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.** We will be meeting at Bob Evans on 21st Street. We'll eat together at Bob Evans then adjourn to Sue Rintama's house for dessert and program.

## Dear Veterans

Veterans hold a special place in my heart. Freedom comes with a price. A price you paid – whether “In Country” somewhere or on the home front providing support. I was able to vote this past week, shared communion in a parking lot and prayed in public. Thanks to you all for my freedoms. Sincerely, Claudia Weaver.

## East Side Food Pantry...

... desperately needs the following items:

1. Large grocery paper bags
2. Clean plastic containers (margarine tubs, cottage cheese containers, peanut butter jars)
3. Plastic grocery bags
4. Saltine and Ritz crackers.
5. Mac and cheese

Your efforts are so appreciated. Blessings, Charlie Rhoads

## Scholarship Appreciation

Thanks for both the Hoover and Braden Scholarships. I really appreciate it. They really help with all the expenses of college. Sincerely, Erica Yost

*Thank you so much for your very kind and generous gift for my college tuition! I am so grateful for the financial assistance that the men and women of Central Christian have granted to me this semester. It has been a blessing to me in my studies. Thank you in Christ, Amber Walsh Komatsu (Carolyn Walsh's granddaughter)*

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.  
Live the life you have imagined.  
-Henry David Thoreau

Blessed. Such a simple word in its meaning and yet so powerful in how it can make you feel. I have been blessed in so many ways in my life and I have come to realize that many of those blessings have begun with you. When I was a child growing up at Central, I witnessed on a regular basis, what it meant to be a Christian. My grandmother Hazel always taught me to look around at those around me and to pay attention to their actions. She would say, "These are some of the best people you could meet and you would do well to learn from them." So I took that to heart and did just that. I heard my call to ministry when I was in high school and was nurtured and guided by so many of you, even when I strayed a little from the path. I always felt safe and loved in your presence.

As an adult, Central offered me my first job in Ministry as the Youth Director, a job that I wasn't sure I was ready for. In my first meeting with the trustees Elmer Crothers leaned over to me and said, "I've been trying to figure out who this Nicole Curet girl was. If they had just said it was Nicki Nelson, I wouldn't have asked so many questions." From that moment, I knew I could do it. I knew because I felt the love and support from the entire congregation each week. Because of this first opportunity, I have worked for a few more churches and have really begun to find my voice in ministry.

In October I finished a course at Lexington Theological Seminary called Faith Formation in Adolescent Women. What a fantastic course this was! I have spent a great deal of my ministry working with young girls and so I was very excited to delve into the topic on an academic level. What I discovered was unexpected. For my papers and discussion topics, I found myself reaching back to my own experiences as a teenager in the church. Instead of thinking about teens I had worked with, I was overwhelmed with memories and lessons that I gained at Central. Growing up there formed me into a strong, capable woman and a kind and compassionate Christian. I know that I would not be the person I am today with out your help and the support of my family.

As a seminary student and recipient of the Faith Van Horn Trust funds, I am incredibly grateful for your financial help. Even more specifically, I am thankful for the love and support that I continue to receive from so many of you. Whether it is a card in the mail, a hug or a kind word on Facebook, your confidence and belief in me is something I cherish. From the bottom of my heart I say, Thank you for helping to make my dreams come true and for your continued love and support. What a blessing it is to call you my first church family. We miss you and hope to make it down to visit soon.

In Peace and Love,  
Nicole (Nelson) Curet

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**Joys and Concerns**

- Michael Rarick recovering from testing in Columbus
- Jim Richey at home
- Randy Corder recovering at home
- Wanda Ewebank as she recovers at home after a bit of a scare Sunday
- Marie asks prayers for her mother Dorothy as she goes over to the James for surgery this week
- Happy Birthday to Lucille Peoples on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday
- all of us share in the joy of the triplets' first birthday this past weekend, and their robust health after a premature start into this world, so we joyfully lift up Asher, Bodie, and Cruz along with Katie and Adrian

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Nov	20	2 Timothy 3:10-17
	21	Matthew 1:1-17
	22	John 6:48-58
	23	Romans 12:9-15
	24	1 Samuel 16:1-13
	25	Romans 5:1-5
	26	1 Peter 2:9-12
	27	Colossians 1:9-14
	28	Ephesians 2:1-10
	29	John 21:15-17
	30	Matthew 9:1-8
Dec	1	Isaiah 52:1-10
	2	Deuteronomy 6:6-9
	3	James 1:17-18
	4	Psalms 150:1-6
	5	John 14:13-18
	6	Romans 7:14-25
	7	Matthew 11:25-30

(Taken from The Upper Room)

**Looking Ahead.....**

Sunday, November 24 – “A Kingly Cross”

Colossians 1:11-20; Psalm 46\*

(Community Thanksgiving Services will be at St Paul’s Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm)

\* The second text is only read at the 10:30 service.

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*Coming in December:*

Our Advent Study on Wednesday nights, 6:00 pm,  
Dec. 4, 11, & 18:

Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh (oh my!)

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Congregational Meeting

after 8:30 and 10:30 worship, December 1

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Saturday, December 21

Living Nativity program on church lawn  
and in Fellowship Hall, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Plan to participate in the Live Nativity this year. There are no lines to memorize, just follow the prompts from the Christmas story, which is recorded. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center or call Ron or Carol Thompson at 892-2219. We need two sets of characters to take alternating shifts. One shift will be on the hour and one on the half hour. We need adults, youth and children. Hope you can be part of this fun and important event or come to the parking lot and enjoy the presentation. Invite your friends and neighbors!

**Christmas Blessings**

On Christmas Eve the Crothers and Schmitt families will again sponsor our meals to the community. We cook, box and deliver meals to those in our community who may be in need of a hot meal on Christmas Eve (meals on wheels does not deliver on that day). Most of our meals go to the Senior citizen apartment buildings. Last year we were honored to fix 700+ meals. We expect our numbers to be higher this year. We need help in delivering the meals. It doesn’t take long, the routes are very well spelled out and normally you will be taking several meals to one location. Anyone is invited to help; being able to drive and take along a helper is a bonus. If interested in helping, please be at the Fellowship Hall between 11 and 11:15 am on Tuesday, December 24. We will leave with meals by 11:30 am. If you have questions please call: Judy Schmitt (403-1754) or Steve Crothers (438-4777) Blessings to all this Christmas season! God Is Good, All the time! Judy Schmitt