

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER:
 Nov. 28 printing, so get your December info in by Nov. 26

Worship Texts & Themes

Sunday, Nov. 4 - Time Change Weekend & All Saints Observance.
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 & Psalm 146
 "Generations in the blood"
 District 10/11 Men's Rally @Lodge, 3 pm

Sunday, Nov. 11 - Armistice/Veterans Day 100th Annv. end World War 1
 Psalm 127 & Hebrews 9: 24-28
 "The war to end all war"

Sunday, Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday!
 Congregational meal to follow 10:30 Service
 Mark 13: 1-8 & Psalm 16
 "Setting the boundary lines"

Sunday, Nov. 25 - Christ the King Sunday
 Psalm 93 & Revelation 1: 4-8
 "The Mark of the Maker"

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Thanksgiving and Advent

We have multiple opportunities ahead to turn our hearts towards home in the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent! And before we jump into those, please note that we'd love to have the Operation Christmas Child boxes back in by Nov. 11; Nov. 18 at the latest as the shipment to the operations center leaves Licking County on Monday the 19th. If you would like to donate \$18 and have someone shop for and fill your box for you, let us know in the church office, because we have willing volunteers for that.

Route 66 Bible Study is wrapping up our look at I John (and glimpses into II & III John) on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall on November 7 & 14, with a pause for the day before Thanksgiving so no study on Nov. 21, but we will come back to sum up what we've learned from the Word on Nov. 28.

Then on December 5, 12, & 19 we will have an Advent study, also 6:00 pm each night, looking at "The Songs of the Angels" from Luke, Isaiah, Job, and Revelation -- come join us for any one or all of those evenings! (By the way, the annual Living Nativity is planned for the evening of Saturday, Dec. 15th.)

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Grace and peace to all who participated in our "Sharing Sundays" and presented commitment cards for the 2019 stewardship education effort. The finance committee will be meeting soon, and the General Board of the congregation will meet on Wed., Nov. 28 at 7 pm (following Route 66 Bible Study at 6 pm) to review and approve a church budget for the coming year.



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.





Thanks for making my day!

Thank you Central Christian Church for your generous donation this month on Food Pantry Sunday to the East End Pantry. Your love and kindness in donating was the best ever and filled four boxes overflowing. Thank you so much again.

Blessings from Charlie Rhoads, Private, East End Pantry Volunteer.

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Many thanks to all who sent cards and lifted me up in prayer before, during and after my surgery. The procedure went well and your kindness was very much appreciated.

Thanks Again, Jim Untied

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.

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is Nov. 18th -- Remember that canned meats, soups, and box dinners are ideal!

Notes from my Knapsack

A pastoral note:

I will be taking Thursdays as my day off starting with Nov. 1, which perhaps appropriately is All Saints Day in the wider Christian calendar. Part of my plan for this Thursday is to spend some time reading Jeremiah & Lamentations (tradition holds that Jeremiah is the author of Lamentations, and that the two books are reflective halves of a complete whole) and reflecting in prayer on the losses our church and my own life have had over the last two and a half years, not the least of which being the loss of the full use of my voice! Having reached the conclusion of my responsibilities to the Ohio region, it was startling to take a deep breath, to look back, and to realize from May of 2015 just how many deaths and conclusions and endings I've been a part of, and how much that's taken out of me.

As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we are part of a Restoration Movement in the church, and restoration is a theme I want to explore both pastorally and personally. If you feel moved to join me Thursday in even a partial reading from Jeremiah and Lamentations, I would suggest the first and thirty-first chapters of the former (Shirley read on Sunday a few verses from Jeremiah 31). And this Sunday in both services we will hear a reading in worship of the members of our church family who have passed since last Nov. 1, as Willard Guy liked to put it, "from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant!"

In grace & peace,
Pastor Jeff