

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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NEXT NEWSLETTER:

June 22 printing, so please get your July 2020 info in by June 21st!

Worship plans ahead --

Friends, we wish we had a clearer view of the future than we do, but we can affirm that God is in control, and that we have a large at-risk population which is where the Lord is calling us to be faithful to right now!

Currently, our expectation is that worship will largely be on-line through the summer, as our building layout and logistics make in-person worship according to the best guidelines difficult if not impossible. Our hope is to have at least one "outdoor" & drive-in service each month out at the lodge, 503 Eleanor Parkway off Cedar St., and even then we will still offer an online worship for those Sundays (and in case of inclement weather anyhow). Those technological & practical issues are still being worked out.

Please consider sharing our online Worship service links on your own social media, or by email with friends -- we are still called to evangelism even when we're needing to stay close to home!

Newark Central YouTube Playlists:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7opxsRkX0ZEgVNfxrfnj8g/playlists>

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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.



Notes From My Knapsack *"Memorial Day"*

Sisters & brothers in Christ, and all who read these words: grace to you and peace in the powerful name of Jesus, who gives us strength for the day and bright hope for tomorrow!

Personally, the loss of a traditional Memorial Day is a double blow for me, because it's a day that was incredibly meaningful to my dad. His work as a Civil War historian and re-enactor led him to revitalize my old hometown's Memorial Day, which had been largely set aside until then, and with a group called the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), he got new or in some cases first time markers placed for Civil War veterans in Porter County, Indiana and across the northern part of the state, combining archival research and practical work and finally a ceremonial honoring.

In more recent years he greatly enjoyed coming to Licking County to attend our well-supported Memorial Day observances here. So I will note his absence along with honoring the sacrifices he taught so many to honor on that day, this coming Monday.

We all are having to make adjustments and adaptations, electronically and personally and sometimes just by way of absence or cancellation, and none of it comes easy. What this does do is force us to mark what's important, what we want to hold onto, and what we can carry forward in uncertain times. Returning to a gathered Memorial Day, as much as Sunday assembly, is high on that list, but remembering is something we can do anywhere, every year.

In grace & peace, Pastor Jeff

Please join our church in communicating messages of hope and love and encouragement to Charlie Palur, who is having a rough time with this season of restrictions and isolation -- you can send cards or notes to her through Larry & Vicki who will get them to her:

5973 Marion Rd., Newark OH 43055

Many thanks for prayers and what you can put in the mail!

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Since we are holding off on releasing a calendar here are the birthdays and anniversaries. We know that this is an important piece to our fellowship that we want to continue.

June Birthdays

4 Deonda Simpson
7 Elviria Engle
11 Joshua Halter
12 Will Blount
17 Connie Bell
17 Vickie Bope
17 Justin Halter
20 Erica Yost
21 Suzie Bell
24 Ann Collins
25 Betty Johnson
27 Randy Comisford
28 Tom Quickle

June Anniversaries

4 Earl & Claudia Stevenson
4 Ken & Jane Beeney
5 John & Jan Tomlinson
8 Larry & Betty Lou Iden
9 Charles & Catherine Rhoads
14 David & Zenda Stewart

Joy and celebration are given and received from the marriage of Jim McPeck & Bonnie Rolletta on May 18th in front of the Midland Theatre; we rejoice in their love and the plans they have for the future here in Newark. They hope to hold a more general celebration later in the year or early in 2021.

Congratulations to Amber Ritchey, who graduated from Lakewood High School this past week! Monica and Todd are working through the same "virtual" graduations that so many are dealing with, and we would add our actual blessings and best wishes to the very real and earned diploma she now has.

In a few weeks, we hope to honor a number of college graduates; if you have one connected to our church family please let the office email or voicemail know so we can mark their honors as well.

We continue to ask prayers for Shirley H. up in Toledo, Chris S. in Cleveland, and others dealing with COVID-19 and its aftermath; we've heard about a few other testing and recovery situations that we're asked to keep confidential, but there's a number of cases out there. For John B. after chemo now at home, and Rick C. back home after ankle surgery from a break, and anyone else having to deal with immediate treatment and distanced support from family & church, we call on the Lord to bless them and heal them. And for anyone impacted by the recent spring flooding in Licking County and beyond!

The Wednesday night Route 66 Bible Study is now going on through a 4:30 pm Zoom conference, and the opportunity for discussion on the "Route 66 Bible Study" Facebook page (just type the words in quotes into your FB search bar and you'll find us). We have a church official account, so starting this week we're not limited to 30 minutes of discussion and reflection!

And if you aren't on the "Nudge" mailing list, make sure to send an email to secretary.newarkcentral@gmail.com and we will get you on there, so you can see the latest updates. Next week we have more complete information to share about online giving, and worship plans and schedules into the summer months.