



# CCC NEWS

APRIL 15, 2018

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please keep these  
people in your  
prayers.*

Marilyn Weaver  
for health

Ann O'Diam for  
continued  
recovery

Mike O'Diam,  
Ann's son, for  
health

Sena Dixon's  
sister, Sandy, for  
health



## Baby Dedication

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Join us during Traditional Service on April 22nd as we dedicate Peyton Wiley! Come and participate in dedicating this baby girl to grow and learn about Jesus!

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Central Christian Ladies,

You are invited to our Saturday Prayer Shawl Meeting. The third Saturday of this month, April 21st. Come join us to knit or crochet items for our service projects. We will be meeting at Jane Bernard's home: 1449 Abbey Park Place Xenia at 11:30 a.m.; please bring your own lunch.

Needed

We are in need of shirt size buttons or a little larger any color for baby sweaters for the Gabriel Project. If you have any you can donate, please put them in the CWF mailbox.

THANK YOU!

## Dragons Baseball!

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Christian Family Life will arrange for group seating at a Dragons Baseball Game in late June if there is enough interest. The dates we are considering are: Thursday, June 21st through Wednesday, June 27th. The weekday games start at 7:00 pm and Sunday's game starts at 2:00 pm. The tickets will be \$12 each. For families: Purchase 2 tickets and Christian Family Life will buy up to 2 more tickets for the family unit. Please respond to Darlene Rogers at [cdarlene@woh.rr.com](mailto:cdarlene@woh.rr.com) or 937-470-7779 and let her know your favorite day to go and also any date you cannot participate. Majority will rule, but if possible we will pick a date everyone is available. Tickets go fast, so please let Darlene know as soon as possible and no later than Friday, April 21st. She will inform each of you personally of the date picked before tickets are ordered.

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## Weekly Challenge

Our weekly Food Pantry challenges have been a great success, so let's keep that ball rolling! This week, the Food Pantry has a need for **Socks & Canned Meat**. We are able to feed 100 families every month from our surrounding community. Help this amazing ministry by donating just a few items. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Bates!

## Annual Meeting

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Mark your calendars! Central's Annual Meeting for 2017-2018 will be on Sunday, May 22nd after Traditional Service. Be sure to save the date! More details will be coming soon.

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# The Enlarged Heart

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*A devotional from “Beside the Still Waters” by Dennis Martin.*

I had been aware for some time that I had a leaking heart valve, but my concern heightened when I learned that my left atrium was enlarging as a result. Blood was flowing in reverse at a certain point in the heartbeat, putting back-pressure into that part of my heart. This condition likely would have become life threatening if ignored. A surgeon performed open-heart surgery and repaired my mitral valve. Through this God healed my spirit.

Did you know that in the spiritual realm, it is life threatening if our hearts are *not* enlarged? In the Scripture, Paul informed his readers of his enlarged heart for them. Then he called them (and us) to have enlarged hearts as well. Isaiah wrote of a time when the Lord in glorious light would arise upon His people. This would attract the Gentiles and even kings! As God’s people saw this, they would enlarge their hearts to receive these people who before had been strangers. This is being fulfilled today through Christ and His church.

An enlarged heart reaches out in love to help and bless as many individuals as possible. IT’s chief concern is for the spiritual welfare of those it endeavors to aid. Yet it does not ignore emotional, physical, or financial needs. It empathizes and sympathizes with the unfortunate and the bereaved. As it touches other peoples’ lives, it blesses them with the fruit of the Spirit. Have we sized up our hearts lately? If we find ourselves with small, hard hearts that are selfish and unconcerned about others, let’s remember that God is in the business of giving “largeness of heart.” He is this for Solomon and will do it for us too, if we repent and ask Him.

# *Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning!*

Do you want to be a part of the church? To be in fellowship with other congregants? We have groups that you can join to share in God's love and blessings!

## **Food Pantry**

Our weekly food pantry takes place every Monday from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. They serve several families each week from the surrounding community.

## **Prayer Group/Bible Study**

A time of thoughtful prayer and learning of God's Word. Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

## **Prayer Shawl/Quilters**

These groups of ladies dedicates their time to provide beautiful creations for those in need. Quilters meet every Monday at 9:00 AM. Prayer Shawl meets every Thursday at 9:30 AM.

## **Laudate Ringers**

Our Handbell choir graces us with beautiful music monthly during services and practices on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Ask the director, Sue Taylor, about openings in this group at 937-545-1976.

## **Chancel Choir**

Central's choir provides musical selections for our congregation every Sunday morning. Join them each week on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM.

## **Euchre & Dominoes**

Take time to have fun and get to know people during a night of games. This group meets the last Friday of every month at 7:00 PM.

### **Contact the Church Office!**

Monday thru Friday  
10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: (937) 254-2649

Email: [office@centralkettering.org](mailto:office@centralkettering.org)

### **Contact Pastor Green!**

Drop-in Hours: Mon. 3 PM-6 PM; Tues. & Wed. 10 AM-1 PM

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