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**Join us on
Sundays!**

8:30 AM

Morning Watch

9:15 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Traditional Service

11:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

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Ujima - Collective Work and Responsibility A Devotion from Pastor Green

One of the descriptors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is that we operate through three “manifestations” of our denomination, without being hierarchical. Each of these manifestations plays a distinct role in forming our identity. The General Church provides the legal and structural identity for our denomination in the United States and Canada. The Regional Church oversees ordination and continued standing for the Order of Ministry, as well as promoting interaction among congregations. The Local Church is the locus of our people and is understood to be the highest human authority in our denomination.

All of our members are members of each of the three manifestations and are encouraged to operate on all levels. During this month, we are participating in expressions of each of the three manifestations, as well as sharing with the Church Universal by observing World Communion Sunday.

The General Church, through the Church Extension Fund, is providing guidance and administrative support for our upcoming Capital Campaign. Additionally, we will be supporting the General Reconciliation Ministry by collecting and submitting contributions for this work.

The Regional Church is undergoing significant transition, as we gather on October 6th for our Regional Assembly. Camp Christian

will continue to be owned by the region, but will be operated as an autonomous entity, for purposes of administration and accounting. We will celebrate the ministry of Camp Christian by observing Camp Christian Day on October 21st.

In the Local Church we are doing so much that I will not pick which things to name. A quick glance at your calendars will find that we have meetings and events nearly every day. Our purpose is not to be overburdened with busyness, but to faithfully provide a sufficient variety of ministry to include the strengths and interests of all.

These few moments of perusing the ways that Christ is being celebrated here convince me that Elisha Hoffman must have been thinking about Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) when he began the song “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” with the phrase “What a Fellowship.”



We are working on compiling a new Members and Friends Directory. Please call or e-mail Aimee in the Church Office with any changes or corrections as soon as possible.

Kairos Prison Ministry - "In God's Time" - a devotional by Moniqua Suits

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." – Galatians 5:25

"... it is not enough that we cease to do evil, but we must learn to do well. Our conversation will always be answerable to the principle which guides and governs us" – Matthew Henry Commentary

"I was amazed and grateful to know people who did not know me were praying for me during this weekend. It showed me a love I had not known existed."

"We arrived scared, depressed, uncertain...we are leaving feeling loved by God, Jesus, and people who do not know us."

"I now have Jesus and a Kairos sisterhood to help me."

"I came to realize I was a family's worst nightmare and my actions had impacted them forever. Kairos has given me a chance to know Jesus and to share His Love with other women in prison. For the past four years, I have worked to change my life with the courage from Jesus."

These are just a few of the conversations I experienced while attending the closing program for the four-day, 8am to 8pm, Kairos Prison Ministry program held at the Dayton Correctional Institution.

I had no idea of what to expect and seeing a line of people waiting to be cleared to enter surprised me and even more when I learned they had come to encourage and support new and existing Kairos graduates and leaders. Board smiles and shouts of "Cupcake Lady" from the guards went up when one woman entered and I learned she had served many years as a weekend leader and now came to "Pray and Share" on Thursdays to encourage Kairos women on their faith journey. I met a family from Hillsboro and a couple from Cincinnati who

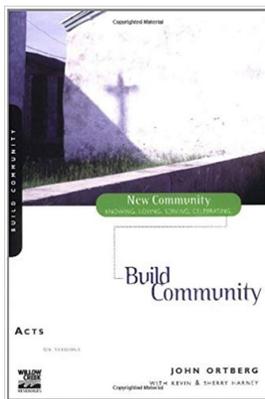
had come to be part of the sisters and brothers in Christ welcoming these women.

There were tears, looks of disbelief, and joy as this group of 42 women entered the gymnasium totally unaware that close to hundred people, mostly strangers and previous graduates, would be there to sing them in with "When The Saints Go Marching In" and celebrate their decision to accept Jesus as their Savior. Each participant introduced themselves and their group name (Ruth, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Esther, Martha); then their group leader shared answers to three questions about the weekend. Many shared their testimony of what the weekend meant to them and for most, it was their first time speaking in front of a group. Scared, nervous, and uncertain; yet participating in this program had given them such an experience, a new perspective, that they forged ahead with the faith God was present and considered them valuable. Sweetness abounded when their Kairos sisters stood up to surround or lay hands to show support.

I learned the leaders (including our Rev. Betty Green) had given up six weekends to become trained, in addition to the 8am to 8pm four-day ministry program. Each day, she had to enter and depart the prison following a required lengthy process: go through a security check, enter and depart at least two holding areas (with clanging locking doors), again show her identification and hand stamp, climb two sets of indoor and outdoor stairs, walk (tightly escorted by guards) at least two blocks to the designated area and be escorted to the restroom or any other area by a guard at all times. If there were prisoners walking nearby, guards required visitors to stop an appropriate ...

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New Bible Study



growth with the growth of the family that worships in this house.

Pastor Green will be starting a new Bible Study class on October 16th. The class will meet on Tuesdays at 11:00am for 6 weeks. This study will focus on the Acts of the Apostles, using the book Acts: Build Community by John Ortberg. The books are available through the Church Office or Pastor Green at a cost of \$8.50 per book. Our focus on growth will continue with this study, combining personal



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REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2018

All members of Central are invited to attend the Regional Assembly on October 6th from 9am-4:15pm at Gender Road Christian Church in Canal Winchester, OH. Visit the website at www.ccinoh.com for registration information. Pre-registration is available until October 5th. In a change from past assemblies where we send delegates to vote on our behalf, all those in attendance are invited to vote on the resolutions that are presented.

Looking Back at September

On Labor Day, we enjoyed a time of fellowship with clients we serve through the Food Pantry.



The OWM Fall Retreat was on Saturday, September 8th. The theme for the day was "Blooming Where You are Planted."

On September 9th, we enjoyed a great Ministries in Motion Sunday!



Coming Up in October



October 11-13

Set-up begins on October 8th; contact Jane Bernard at (937) 901-4788 for more information.

October 15 - Infant and Pregnancy Loss Service at 7pm.

October 21 - Fall Fest from 4pm-7pm. This family friendly event will include games and other activities, all free of charge. Come on out and join the fun!



October 27 - Make a Difference Day from 9am-noon. Central will be hosting the City of Kettering. Come meet our neighbors and help make cards for local nursing homes and military serving overseas.

Thanksgiving Dinner

It's that time of year! We are hosting our annual community Thanksgiving dinner again this year on Thursday, November 22. In past years, we have been able to feed around 300 people! We expect to serve at least that many again this year. In order to make it a success, we need your help! In the coming weeks, there will be Thanksgiving Dinner envelopes available to make a financial contribution to support the dinner. (You can also note in the memo line of your check that it is to be designated for the dinner.)

Ben Williams has graciously agreed to coordinate the dinner again this year, and we will need plenty of help in the days leading up to the dinner to help prepare not only the food, but our Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work – if you can spare even an hour to help out, it will be greatly appreciated! Please contact the church office to volunteer – let Aimee know when you're available to help, as well as the best way to reach you. The dinner team will be in touch with you to let you know where you will be needed.

All are welcome at the dinner, and RSVPs are greatly appreciated since it will help us to ensure we have plenty of food. You can RSVP to the church office – they just need a name and a total number of people in your group that will be attending.



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Our Mission is to be a Christ-centered people:

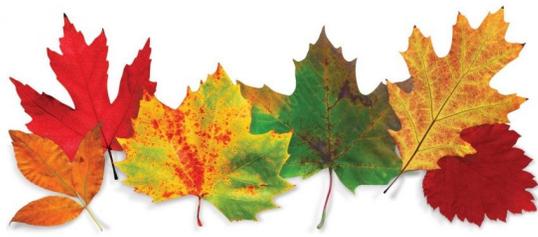
- LOVING** one another because God is love.
- FORGIVING** one another as Christ forgives us
- GROWING** spiritually in prayer, worship, and study
- SHARING** our Faith Journey through stories
- SERVING** the needs of others using God’s abundant blessings
to touch ALL through God’s unconditional love.

“In God’s Time” - a devotional by Moniqua Suits (cont’d from p. 2)

... distance and interaction was not allowed. Staying on an outlined walkway they were allowed to continue on to the designated room. Then, leaders could begin delivering the four-day program to introduce and create a Christian community to their small group who may, or may not, have ever heard of God and Jesus. What they were able to accomplish in four-days is truly amazing and God led. The three comments that still resonate with me involve prayer, forgiveness, and God’s time. God blessed our prayers to impact these women spiritually and emotionally which was shared in their comments multiple times - please continue to keep them in prayer. I also heard the strength of forgiveness in action. One graduate spoke of earning her cosmetology license so she can gift inmates – who do not know or like her – with hair services. When they ask her why, she shares it is the love of Jesus which allows her to in turn love them. . .powerful. She has learned carrying resentment and hatred are useless and does not serve God. She also was awakened to her need to be forgiven involved forgiving others. The impact of God’s forgiveness of her teaches her

forgiveness is “as I forgive others”. The most surprising comments centered on these women getting Kairos, which is taught as God’s Time. So many testimonies demonstrated a light going on with this concept which was impressive. Through events, they became convinced this weekend was not a coincidence but God’s blessing of conditions “right for the accomplishment of a crucial action”.

I want to say ‘thank you’ to Central members and friends for their generous donations of money, cookies, artistic talent, and prayers. Together and as a part of other faith communities, we made a difference this weekend and opened a door for our members to become involved on many different levels. For more information about volunteer opportunities, spiritual aspects, and reduced rates of recidivism produced by the Kairos Prison Ministry for women, men, and youth, visit: www.kairosprisonministry.org or talk with Rev. Betty Green.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00a.m. Quilters 1:00p.m. Food Pantry 3:00p.m. Group Interaction 7:00p.m. Property Ministry Meeting 7:00p.m. Stewardship Meeting	2 4:00p.m. Organ Lessons 7:00p.m. Elders Meeting 7:30p.m. Jazz Music Ministry	3 4:00p.m. Organ Lessons 6:30p.m. Prayer Group/ Bible Study 7:00p.m. Inventor's Council	4 9:30a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30p.m. Focus Photo Club 6:30p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:30p.m. Chancel Choir	5 7:30p.m. Group Interaction	6 8:30a.m. Weigh 2 Go
7 6:30p.m. Youth Group	8 Columbus Day ← Rummage Sale Set-Up → 9:00a.m. Quilters 1:00p.m. Food Pantry 6:00p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting	9 4:00p.m. Organ Lessons 7:30p.m. Jazz Music Ministry	10 4:00p.m. Organ Lessons 5:30p.m. Toastmasters 6:30p.m. Prayer Group/ Bible Study	11 9:00a.m. Rummage Sale 9:30a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30p.m. Laudate Ringers 7:30p.m. Chancel Choir	12 9:00a.m. Rummage Sale 7:30p.m. Group Interaction	13 8:30a.m. Weigh 2 Go 9:00a.m. Rummage Sale
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