



**Join us on  
Sundays!**

8:30am

Morning Watch

9:15am

Sunday School

10:30am

Traditional Service

11:30am

Fellowship Hour

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## Ujima - Collective Work and Responsibility

### *A Devotion from Pastor Green*

It is time for our annual practice of making resolutions. Each year, many of us make promises to ourselves, regarding our plans and hopes for the coming year. These commitments are often in areas of health, finances, and self-improvement. New Year resolutions are notorious for being so ambitious that they are often abandoned within a few months or even weeks.

I am concerned that a practice with great potential has become the butt of jokes and derisive statements. There is no concern that the practice is important or spiritually significant. My concern is that so many of us have so readily dismissed the idea that we could make and accomplish significant, or even frivolous, goals. I am endorsing the making of resolutions (and keeping them), with these guidelines:

Pray for direction, in deciding what to work on.

Believe that you can accomplish your goals.

Accept improvement, rather than expecting perfection.

Celebrate success throughout the process.

Examine possible reasons for disappointments.

Continuously reassess and recommit.

Keep praying.

If we allow for our resolutions to reflect our determination to improve ourselves, rather than to perfect ourselves, we have already succeeded. Believe in yourselves. God believes in you.

## Central Jazz Big Band



Our very own Ken Taylor and the Central Jazz Big Band will be expanding their offerings beginning this month! In addition to the Community Coffee House, which will be held on January 22nd at 7:30pm, they will also be offering a Jazz Jam on January 15th and 29th, both also at 7:30pm. The Jazz Jam provides a great opportunity for instrumentalists to play with a live rhythm section in a safe and fun atmosphere. Bring your instrument and join in or come listen to the talented musicians as they share their God-given gifts. Admission is one non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.

## Central Goes Social!

What does that mean? It means we are upping our Social Media presence! That's right – if you're out of town, or home sick, and can't make it to service on a given Sunday, you can still follow along from home! In 2018, we experimented with live-streaming the traditional service and received a lot of positive feedback. So...in 2019, our goal is to live-stream our 10:30 service every week! How can you watch? Just log onto Facebook, then like and follow our page: <https://www.facebook.com/cccket/>. Then, on Sunday morning, grab your cup of coffee, pull up our page on your laptop or mobile device, and enjoy the service as we run a "Facebook Live" video of the whole service!

A daily devotional is posted each day to provide some inspiration – and we are always interested in hearing your thoughts on those devotions! In addition, we try to post upcoming events on our Facebook page – if you can't make Sunday morning, feel free to join us for any of our additional activities and events!

Want to make a donation to the church? Visit our website at <http://centralkettering.org/> and select the "Give Online" option.

Would you like to help with our social media presence? We are looking for photographers, videographers and social media-savvy people to help us. Contact Melissa Moody at [mmoody5409@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoody5409@yahoo.com) to volunteer your time and talents!



## Prayer Shawl

Thank you so much for your support of the Prayer Shawl Ministry! During the recent Mini Bazaar, we made \$411.75, which enabled us to purchase more yarn to continue this wonderful outreach ministry!



## Recycling

Our recycling efforts generated \$220.30 for calendar year 2018. Thanks for bringing your recyclable cans to church to use towards youth camp fees. Thanks to Melissa Moody, Larry Green, Ben Williams and Chuck Bentley for donating their time and gas to come to church, collect the material, and deliver it to the recycling center. As a reminder, we accept CANS only for recycling. Thank you!



## Special Birthdays

- January 12 - Jean Wilson, 92
- January 12 - Alberta Sauer, 98
- January 19 - Betty Johnson, 97



## December Activities

Pastor Green led Advent Devotions during December. These were special times that helped to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ!

The Youth presented their Christmas Program during the Traditional Service on December 16th. Such talented youth!

We shared the love of Christ through song at our All Church Caroling on December 16th.

The Darkest Night Service, held on December 21st, was a special service of mourning with those who have lost loved ones. We were blessed to support one another.

As always, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was beautiful service preparing us for Christmas.

And on December 30th, we hosted the Fifth Sunday Songfest, which was a fantastic afternoon of song, fellowship, and food.

*... and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

*- Romans 5:5*

## Prayer Is Always the Answer - a devotion by Moniqua Suits

### Prayer Is Always The Answer

As we enter 2019, most of us have crafted or at least mulled over resolutions to provide a framework for our spiritual growth and joy. Prayer is a powerful spiritual discipline that draws us close to God and others. Emmett Fox is a favorite author of mine. His belief in the power of positive thinking caught my attention, yet his ability to bring out the riches of scripture has kept my attention. Enjoy his devotions on prayer. Happy New Year, Moniqua Suits

### The Presence of God

"The true knowledge of God is an actual experience-not a thing of the head, but of the heart-and this indeed is a Presence. If we pray regularly, gleams of intuition gradually strengthen into a definite sense of the Presence of God."

### Our Fortress

*Psalm 91 – I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust.*

"In Him I will trust. However worried or depressed you may be, however full of doubts

and misgivings, still the fact that you are praying means that you have at least enough faith for that. The faith to go on praying in the midst of doubts about results is the tiny grain of mustard seed that Jesus says is sufficient for practical purposes. Declaring in Him will I trust means that you have now determined to trust by ceasing to worry and fear. This is the legitimate and spiritual use of the will."

### Prayer Is Always The Answer

*James 5:16 - ...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

"Prayer is always the solution. No matter what kind of difficulty may be facing you, no matter how complicated your problem may seem-prayer can solve it. Of course you will always have to take whatever practical steps seem to be indicated, and if you do not know what steps to take, prayer will show you. Prayer is constantly bringing about the seemingly impossible, and there is no conceivable problem ...

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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.

***“Prayer Is Always the Answer” - by Moniqua Suits (cont’d from p. 3)***

that has not at some time been solved by prayer. When we remember that God really is omnipotent, untrammled by what we call time or space or matter, or the vagaries of human nature, it is easy to see that there can be no limit to the power of prayer. You can prayer about a problem and solve it at any stage, but of course the earlier you tackle it the easier will your work be.”

**Prayer Does Change Things**

*Proverbs 23:7- For as he thinketh in his heart, so he is.*

“Prayer does change things. Let us be perfectly clear about this. Prayer does change things. Many people say prayer is a good thing because it gives us courage and fortitude for meeting our troubles. They say that prayer often gets a man out of difficulty simply by giving him self confidence that he otherwise would have lacked. Of course, this is not spiritual Truth. The fact is that seeing the Presence of God where the trouble seems to

be does not merely give us courage to meet the trouble; it changes the trouble into harmony.”

**Don’t Dissect Prayer**

*Psalm 64:10- The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory!*

“Do not dissect things too much. By the time you have dissected a living thing you have killed it. Take a rose out of the bowl, pull its petals apart, count them, weigh them, measure them, and then, while you will have certain interesting information, you no longer have a rose.

There is a place for analysis, but it is apt to be quite fatal in prayer and meditation. Do not dissect the love of God, but feel it. Do not dissect divine intelligence, but realize it. Do not wonder how God can possibly solve this problem, but just watch Him do it in His own way-and He will if you will give Him a chance. You know that God is Love. So go ahead on that, and do not get theoretical about it.”

# January 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center"><b>Sunday Schedule</b>  <b>8:30a.m.</b> Morning Watch  <b>9:15a.m.</b> Christian Education  <b>10:30a.m.</b> Traditional Service  <b>11:30a.m.</b> Fellowship Hour</p>		<p><b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> Office Closed</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 7:00pm Inventor's Council</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30am Prayer Shawl</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:30pm Group Interaction</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00am Girl Scouts 9:00am Weigh 2 Go</p>
<p><b>6</b> 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Food Pantry 4:00pm Group Interaction Board Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Property Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting 7:30pm Central Jazz Big Band Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30pm Prayer Group/ Bible Study 7:00pm Toastmasters</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30am Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Laudate Ringers 7:00pm Focus Photo Club 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:30pm Group Interaction</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00am Weigh 2 Go</p>
<p><b>13</b> 1:30pm Oakcreek Service 3:00pm Walnut Creek Service 6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Worship Ministry Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 12:00pm District 8 Clergy Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm Central Jazz Jam</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30pm Prayer Group/ Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30am Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Laudate Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:30pm Group Interaction</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:00am Weigh 2 Go 1:00pm CHEERS</p>
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