



Christian Church in Ohio

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on the new mission frontier of our own communities.*

Congregational Leaders Mailing – December 2014

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Please print off and post any flyers/posters contained in this packet so that the congregation is informed of Regional events.

In an attempt to save your download time (if you are receiving this via email) I am moving to a link system. Each of the listed items below in blue is a direct link to the corresponding document online. All other documents will be included in order in the download.

Message from Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards

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Camp Christian Ministry Associate

Please share with anyone who might be interested.

They do not need to have gone to CYF Conference to apply.

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YEAR END GIVING

Year end is going to be here before you know it. Are you ready to close the books on another great year? Contributions made by check that you wish to be included in 2014 giving reports must be dated no later than December 31, 2014 and **postmarked** no later than Saturday, January 3, 2015. [Online](#) contributions must be given no later than December 31, 2014. Although, earlier is of course better. Information must be compiled by your CCIOTeam and sent to Indianapolis soon thereafter.

If you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Rich Haines at 614-433-0343 or rhaines@ccinoh.org.

Please Note: The Open Church List will now be available to Ministers upon request. Email jstoddart@ccinoh.org or call 614-433-0343.



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December 2014

"What Gifts Shall We Bring?"

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As we prepare to enter this Advent season, celebrating the glorious coming of Jesus Christ as Savior to this world, I pray God's continued blessings upon your lives and ministry. I praise God for your leadership and the faithfulness in which you fulfill your call to ministry in Ohio.



2014 Christmas Offering
for Regional Ministries
December 14 and 21
www.disciplesmissionfund.org

The biblical text and theme of 2014 Christmas offering is **Matthew 2:11 - "What Gifts Shall We Bring?"** I praise God for the **gifts** brought and offered by our Regional Church. Across the life of the Christian Church in Ohio, there are exciting stories of gifts brought to Christ by God's people through new congregations being established, existing congregations being renewed and transformed, and leaders being equipped for ministry. Great things are taking place as we are joining God in God's mission for the sake of the world.

For 2014, the Regional Church Council approved a budget with a goal of \$60,000 for the Christmas Offering. Together, we can answer God's call to be a **"covenant network of congregations in mission"** by supporting current and future ministries through the annual Christmas Offering.

With deep appreciation for your previous Christmas Offering contributions, we are asking that you prayerfully consider setting your own congregational goal for this year's collection. The Regional Church Office has a number of customized materials available to help you promote the Offering--from a downloadable PowerPoint presentation to bulletin inserts to a Congregational Planning Guide. These materials are available by either contacting the Regional Church Office at 614.433.0343 or visiting the Web site at www.ccinoh.org.

Please allow me to also use this opportunity to express deep appreciation for all the ways you support God's work in the Regional Church, be it through prayer, leadership and attendance at regional events, or financial offerings. Many people's lives have been blessed with through your support of the Christian Church in Ohio.

I look forward with great anticipation of what God will do through us as ministers of the Gospel and leaders in Christ's church in the days ahead.

May God's Blessings be with you,

Bill

Regional Pastor and President
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Please note these are dates that are confirmed as of 12/1/14.

More will be added as they are confirmed and all calendar items are subject to change.

December

- 9 RCO Staff Meeting and Christmas Celebration
- 12 New Church Team Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 14 & 21 Christmas Offering Sundays
- 16 NIRF Development Planning Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 12:00pm
- 24 *Christmas Eve, RCO Closed***
- 25 *Christmas Day, RCO Closed***
- *26 – 28 [Advance Ministries Winter Retreat @ Camp Christian](#)

January 2015

- 1 *New Year's Day, RCO Closed***
- 7 RCO Staff Meeting
- 10 Ohio Women's Ministries Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 1:30pm
- 12 Interim Ministers Working Group Conference Call
- 13 Commission on Ministry Meeting @ RCO 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 17 Anti-Racism Team Meeting @ First Christian Church, Ashland, 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 19 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day, RCO Closed***
- 20 ODEC Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 11:30am
- 20 Congregational Transformation Team Conference Call @ 2:00pm
- 21 Ohio Disciples Outreach Conference Call @ 10:00am
- *24 [Prayer Forms Retreat @ Camp Christian 10:00am – 4:00pm](#)
- 27 Commission on Ministry Meeting @ RCO 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 29 Finance Team Conference Call @ 1:30pm

February

- 2 Spiritual Life Team Meeting @ Camp Christian, 7:00pm
- 3 – 5 Spiritual Life Retreat for Ministers @ Camp Christian
Spouses & Retired Ministers are also invited to attend.
- 7 Disciples Fellowship Retreat Planning Team Meeting
- 10 Personnel Team Conference Call @ 1:30pm
- 11 RCO Staff Meeting
- 12 Regional Elders Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- *20 – 28 [United Nations Seminar for Youth in New York and Washington D.C.](#)

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March

- 3 Executive Team Meeting @ RCO, 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 4 RCO Staff Meeting
- 5 Finance Team Conference Call @ 1:30pm
- 11 – 12 DOC/UCC Partnership Standing Workshop @ Camp Christian
- 13 – 15 CYF State Convention @ Bethany College, Bethany, WV
- 18 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ RCO, 10:00am
- 21 Regional Cabinet Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 24 New Ministers Orientation @ RCO
- 25 Anti-Racism Standing Workshop @ Camp Christian
- 26 Ethical Boundaries Standing Workshop @ Camp Christian
- 28 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian

April

- 1 RCO Staff Meeting
- 3 *Good Friday, RCO Closed***
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 7 – 9 Interim Ministry Training @ Camp Christian
- 8 – 10 College of Regional Ministers in Indianapolis, IN
- 10 – 12 Advance Ministries Spring Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 11 – 14 General Board Meeting in Indianapolis, IN
- 17 – 18 Youth Commission @ Camp Christian
- 18 Ohio Women’s Ministries Convocation @ Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester
- 20 IMWG Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 21 ODEC Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 12:00pm
- 22 Ohio Disciples Outreach Conference Call @ 10:00am

May

- 2 Camp Christian Counselors Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 8 – 9 Ohio Disciple Men’s Spring Work Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 12 Retired Ministers Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 13 RCO Staff Meeting
- 20 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ RCO, 10:00am
- 22 – 24 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 25 *Memorial Day, RCO Closed***
- 30 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing @ Scioto Reserve, Powell

June

- 2 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 7 – 10 Ribbit Junior Camp @ Camp Christian
- 7 – 13 Chi Rho Week #1 @ Camp Christian
- 11 RCO Staff Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 14 – 20 CYF Week #1 @ Camp Christian
- 15 – 19 Adult Conference @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 21 – 27 Otter Junior Camp @ Camp Christian
- 28 – July 4 Chi Rho Camp Week #2 @ Camp Christian

RCO = Regional Church Office
*** Online Registration is now available**
For the complete online calendar go to
<http://www.ccinoh.com/regional-calendar.aspx>

Prayer Concerns

If you have anything to put in the Prayer Concerns, please email them to ccio@ccinoh.org or call the Regional Church Office. Prayer Concerns are emailed out as needed and included in every Congregational Leaders Mailing.

Deaths

Frances S. Polizzi, Mother of Rev. Carol Vaccariello, died on August 10th. Frances was a teacher at St. Margaret Mary Catholic School for over 20 years and volunteered for the Medina Health Department for many years. Carol serves at HeartSpace United Church of Christ in Litchfield, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Assoc., 6100 Rockside Woods Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44131. Frances' obituary may be viewed at

http://www.waitefuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2629077&fh_id=11203

Rev. Debra Hayden died on September 1st at Licking Memorial Hospital. Deb was a Retired Pastor who had served many Congregations around the Region over the years. Services were held at the Central Christian Church in Newark. Messages for Deb's husband Rick and the rest of her family may be sent to rick.hayden.bsnet@roadrunner.com or through the Church at Central Christian Church, 587 Mt Vernon Rd., Newark, OH 43055. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research.

Deb's full obituary may be viewed at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newarkadvocate/obituary.aspx?n=debra-susan-hayden&pid=172335208>.

Jack Garrett, father of Julie Bentley died on September 24th at Trinity Community in Beavercreek. Jack is the Father-in-Law of Regional Associate Minister Rev. Stephen Bentley and also the Grandfather of Rev. Heather Hicks. Services were held at the Tobias Funeral Home in Beavercreek. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or the Hospice of Miami Valley or St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Messages for the family may be sent to 7371 Birdie Ln, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 or via email to jbentleysec@insight.rr.com (Julie), sbentley@ccinoh.org (Steve) and orianna7@hotmail.com (Heather).

Jack's obituary may be viewed at <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Jack-Garrett&lc=6927&pid=172588943&mid=6134871>.

Judith Gail Hooks (Beatty), mother of Rev. Deanna Straw, died on October 9th. Services were held at the Lewis- Gillum Funeral Home in Jackson. Deanna is the Pastor of the First Christian Church in Athens. Messages for Deanna and her family may be sent to deanna@thestraws.net or to 138 Lamar Dr., Athens, OH 45701. Memorial contributions may be made to The Laurels of Athens Activities Department.

Judy's full obituary may be viewed at

http://www.jagersfuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2741068&fh_id=13446.

Rev. Dr. William L. Land died on October 14th in Austin, Texas. Bill had been the Pastor at the First United Christian Church in Xenia before his retirement a few years ago. There were services in both Texas and in North Carolina for Dr. Land.

In lieu of flowers, contributions and expressions of love should be addressed to:

William L. Land Bereavement Fund
C/O Ministers for Racial Social and Economic Justice
8302 Candlegreen Lane
Houston, Texas 77071

Phyllis Ann Metzler died on November 6th in Kettering, Ohio. She is the mother of Donna Channell and mother in law of Camp Christian Superintendent, Al Channell. A private family graveside service was held with Rev. Stephen Bentley officiating. Messages for the family may be sent to 10299 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, OH 43040 or to Al at achannell@ccinoh.org. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Phyllis' memory to the American Diabetes Association.

An obituary for Phyllis may be viewed at <http://www.newcomerdayton.com/obituary/91833/Phyllis-Metzler/Dayton-Ohio>.

Sylvia Van Heyningen, wife of former Associate Regional Minister Rev. Terry Van Heyningen, died at their home on November 13th. A memorial service for Sylvia was held at the Blaine Christian Church, 7018 Putney Rd, Arcadia, MI 49613. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Blaine Christian Church, BACN (Benzie Area Christian Neighbors), or volunteer for an organization of your choice. Messages for Terry and the rest of the family may be sent to 1027 Miller Rd., Beulah, MI 49617 or to tjvanhey@hotmail.com.

Sylvia's obituary may be viewed at <http://www.jowettfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Sylvia-Van-Heyningen/#!/Obituary>.

Prayer Concerns

Rev. John Longard had heart surgery in October. John is the Pastor of the Disciples Christian Church in Hamilton. Messages may be sent to John at johnlongard@hotmail.com or through the church at:
Disciples Christian Church
2047 Tuley Rd.
Hamilton, OH 45011.

Joys

Rev. Melanie Harrell Delaney & Rev. Tyler Delaney welcomed **Clayton Lamar Harrell Delaney** into their family on October 4th. Clayton was born 8lbs 13oz on Saturday and everyone is doing fine. Melanie and Tyler are both DOC pastors. Melanie is the Pastor at Good Shepherd Christian Church in Macedonia and Tyler is a Spiritual Coordinator for Heartland Hospice in Independence. Messages for the whole family may be sent to Good Shepherd Christian Church, 9571 Shepard Rd, Macedonia, OH 44056 or to pastor.gsc@gmail.com.