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To our church family,

*Wishing you the miracle of hope,
the joy of sharing,
the comfort of fellowship,
and the blessing of peace.*

Merry Christmas

From your church staff.



WHAT CAN'T WAIT

ADVENT 2019

What Can't Wait

We are back at the beginning once again. Advent is upon us, and every year we seem to need it more than the last. Advent is my favorite time of the church year because I believe that relentless hope is the jet fuel of transformative spiritual growth. Deep change is not fueled by self-flagellation but by a prophetic imagination that proclaims the future can be different than the present. The violence, greed, despair and fear that dominate our present world is not our destiny. God has something better in store for us all, and I cannot wait for that future to come.

One of the great Advent hymns is Charles Wesley's *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*, which begins, "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee." Jesus comes into our world not to bring fear and punishment but

freedom, release and rest. This year I would rather have what he is bringing than a new watch. Speaking to God, St. Augustine famously said, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Advent is the season for those whose restless longings cannot be satisfied by presents or parties. God alone satisfies, and God's dreams are not just for a select few but for all. Advent hope insists that God's future is breaking into our world now.

During this Advent season, we are following the theme, "What Can't Wait" from *A Sanctified Art*. This is how they explain this year's theme:

Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together—what things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires our work and preparation? What is it that God can't wait for? Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation? Is it the end of suffering, isolation, and fear? This Advent, we invite you to join us in imagining, prioritizing, and preparing. As we wait, what can't?

With a daily devotional, original artwork, poetry and prayers, we will follow this theme through Advent into Christmas. I hope you will join us in worship and utilize the resources we make available, so that you might be a part of God's promised future being made visible here and now.

Pastor Joel

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

What a beautiful church service we enjoyed on Sunday, October 27, when 6 new members (actually 8 counting the Hartley children, Ayden and Eastyn) joined our congregation. The month of November would not be complete without thanking God for the blessing of their presence among us. Here is a little information about them:

Ruby Clay and her son Thomas became friends of our congregation during this past winter. They are now living on South Pickaway Street, but were former residents of Ashville. Ruby had been a member of Village Chapel Church there. She says she found so much love and generosity at Community Kitchen she wanted to become a part of our congregation. Ruby is called “Mom” by many people to whom she has extended a helping hand and heartfelt prayers. It is a joy to welcome Ruby as a CPC member!

Debby Cox is a former member of our church having served as a deacon and an elder. She is the mother of Jennifer (Steve) and Rob (Maria) who are both married. Debby has 3 grandchildren, Jayden, Mason and Layla. She is retired from PNC Bank and works part-time at Christopher & Banks at River Valley Mall in Lancaster. Debby has already renewed her membership with the Bell Choir and says she feels “right back home.” That is exactly how we feel, too, Debby!

Carolyn Free is a former member and elder from Frankfort Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, Ohio. She and husband Frank made the move to Circleville just over a year ago to be nearer Don, Julie and Grant Cline, their son-in-law, daughter and grandson. You may have already met Carolyn as she has faithfully assisted the Clines with Sunday ushering duties and other work of the congregation. She has found our congregation to be friendly and accommodating, and we are delighted to welcome her!

Mike and Jeri Hartley come to us from Trinity Lutheran Church. They have 2 children: Ayden who is 9 and in 3rd grade at Washington Elementary and Eastyn who is 6 and in first grade at Washington. Both Jeri and Mike are teachers at Logan Elm High School, Mike as an Educational Specialist and Jeri as a Math Teacher. Mike is also Varsity Cross Country and Track coach while Jeri coaches Varsity Girls’ Softball. The Hartleys felt an immediate warmth in our church that has brought them back Sunday after Sunday and we are surely glad they are here!

Ashley Thacker is the funeral director of Defenbaugh Wise Schoedinger Funeral Home. She is a graduate of Logan Elm High School and Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Her experiences with Pastor Joel and members of our congregation through work and Sunrise Rotary have been warm and lasting ones. She speaks positively about the friendliness of our members and is pleased to be starting her membership with us as she awaits the birth of her first child in December. We are pleased and excited that you are here, Ashley!



*Join Us In Celebrating
Marian and Zach Hallum's
73rd
Wedding Anniversary*

December 8, 2019 - Sunday
Circleville Presbyterian Church
134 Mound Street
Circleville, OH 43113
12:00 pm. - 3:00 p.m. Campbell Hall
Sandwiches and Cake provided

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

Chapel Hill

Anne Shilling (Paula Thomerson's mother)

Chillicothe VA

Jim Hartley

Glendora

Woody Jones

Logan Elm Health Care

Donald Maxson

Pickaway Manor

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Zach Hallum

Doris Luna

Sharon Ryan

The Inn at Olentangy Trail

Doris Gruebel

Wyngate

Sharon Sanders (Todd Tomlinson's mother)

Convalescing

Nancy Baldinger

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell

John Chumley

Judy Corbett

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Eugene Dowler

Mary Embrey

Martha Gearhart

Shirley Hall

Wally Higgins

Diana Jones

Kay Martin

Mitch McAlister

Jimmie McKelvey

Ron Rushley

Bruce Stevenson

Al York

Martha York

Also Convalescing

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Nate Mofield (Judy Spicer's son)

Becky Myers (Kim Williams' mother)

Betty Topliff (Libby Rushley's mother)

Karl Weitendorf (Sue Twingin's brother)

We are sorry if we have missed anyone! If you want someone added or removed, PLEASE call the church office.

15th ANNUAL MOUND STREET CHURCHES' FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, please consider participating in the 15th Annual Food Drive to benefit the Pickaway County Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry. Please drop off non-perishable items or make a monetary donation at any of the four churches on Mound Street, in Circleville, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Any non-perishable item would be appreciated. Items on the most wanted list include: peanut butter; jelly; saltine crackers; instant potatoes; hamburger helper; other boxed dinners; canned vegetables; canned fruit; canned meats; pasta; canned soups with meat; canned pasta with meat; and navy beans. Cleaning and personal products such as soap, detergent, shampoo, paper towels, and toilet paper also would be appreciated.

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contact the church secretary if you need to check on your pledge status to assist you in your year-end giving. To comply with the IRS report on your final 2019 Contribution Statement, only those gifts placed in the offering on Sunday, December 29, brought to the office through Tuesday, December 31, or postmarked no later than Tuesday, December 31 will be applied. January 2020 contributions will not qualify for 2019, even if your check was actually written in 2019. Final Contribution Statements will be available for **PICK-UP here at the church** no later than the middle of January. Out of state statements will be mailed.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again we invite members and friends to send or bring their Christmas cards to the church to post on our window. Pictures are welcome.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, December 15, 2019, immediately following worship, there will be a called congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers, amend by-laws, and terms of call.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO OUR ADDRESS DIRECTORY

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Worthington, OH 43085

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Circleville, OH 43113
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Amanda, OH 43102
740-497-0449

Carolyn Free
505 Lawnwood Ct.
Circleville, OH 43113
740-500-1071

Michael and Sierra Friend
118 Edison Ave.
Circleville, OH 43113

Mike and Jeri Hartley
25583 Shoemaker Rd.
Circleville, OH 43113
Jeri-740-497-0939

Robert and Margaret Parker—no land line

Ashley Thacker
320 Pontious Lane, #A4
Circleville, OH 43113
740-601-5477

Myron Rorick
Email: ucmyron38@gmail.com
Myron and Meg—no land line

LIGHT UP A LIFE PROGRAM



Tree lighting ceremony at the Pickaway County Courthouse begins at 7:00pm followed by a procession to the Circleville Presbyterian Church for a service remembering loved ones.



We offer our condolences to the family and friends.....

...of Sandra Kochensparger who is the daughter of Bonnie Rector.

...of Elaine (Burkhart) Greenlee, former member.

...of Bob Elsea who is the nephew of Steve and Paula Thomerson.

...of Mildred Dyer who is the mother of Blaine Keckley

THANK YOU

Mom, Mildred Dyer, died on October 14, 2019. She would have been 100 years old on December 10. Mom moved to Circleville in 2005 and has resided at Pickaway Manor facilities since that time. During the past fourteen years she has received many visits, cards, and gifts from church members. She greatly appreciated them as do Ann and I. I am also sure Mom would like me to offer a special thanks for the chocolate milkshakes. She will be cremated and buried with her daughter in Pennsylvania at a date to be determined.

Blaine and Ann Keckley

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Thank you for your many kindnesses during the time of my surgery.

Sandy Edgar



Candlelight
Service

Christmas Eve
6:45 p.m.
December 24, 2019



As part of our Christmas celebration,
The Presbyterian Church provides
the opportunity for the placement of
poinsettias in the sanctuary
for Christmas worship.

Individuals and families may place orders for plants
In Honor of or In Memory of loved ones,
whose names will appear in the worship bulletin.

If you would like to place an order, please complete an order blank and
include your payment of \$11.00 for each plant ordered.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th!



Donor's Name(s) _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Quantity & Color: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____

_____ total number @ \$11.00 each = _____

_____ Cash _____ Check

_____ I wish my plant(s) to be delivered to a shut-in person.

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after Christmas Eve Service on December 24 (evening).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Donald Lamb
Marian Hallum
- 8 - Kevin McMunn
- 10 - Andrew Hill
Hanna Edge
- 12 - Monica Gans
- 13 - Jonathan Corbett
Martha Gearhart
- 14 - Sarah (Hall) Winegardner
- 19- Josh Ray
- 20 - Nancy Baldinger
- 21 - Carol Campbell
Glen Gillespie
Marcia Smith
- 22 - Darrell Smith
- 23 - Carol Huffer
Darlene Julias
Sarah Johnson
- 24 - Betsy (Edgar) Weller
- 25 - Jesus
- 26 - Kathy Klingensmith
- 27 - Don Frank
Jacob August Landefeld
- 31 - Emily Smith

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Debra Dunkle
Thommie Allured
Kara Landefeld
- 2 - Maggie Lynn Parker
- 5 - Lucas McAlister
- 7 - Christopher Gans
Margaret Parker
Cole Bowling
- 9 - Tate Shannon
- 11- Sheri Clydesdale
Eastyn Hartley
- 17- Jeffrey Clydesdale
- 19 - Alexandria (Rushley) Caughell
- 22 - Diane Hill
- 23 - William Brooke
Atwood Jones
Rita Painter
- 28 - Colin Hedges
- 29 - Al Sheldon
- 30 - Katherine (Dixon) Dean
- 31 - Susanne Hardin
Susan Stevenson

A NEW YEAR AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The end of the year is almost here which brings thoughts of a new year and new beginnings. This is true for Hope House too. As of January 1, 2020, Hope House will be a shelter for men only. Several factors went into this decision, one not easily reached.

However, some things remain the same. Volunteers to help with meals, assist the staff during intake and other responsibilities are still needed. The Board is also looking for new members.

Perhaps you have skills and interests that are needed to help move Hope House forward. Or you have a neighbor or a friend who might have time to serve. Please ask if they've heard of Hope House and if they would want to help support the work of the shelter. There are many ways this can be done. Please refer them to Sam Wilson or Clare Hall, they will be glad to share information and answer their questions.

Our congregation has generously supported Hope House in many ways: by volunteering, giving needed supplies and clothing, with financial donations and by supporting various fund raisers. For that Hope House is very grateful. It is only a year since the doors opened and Hope House is not on solid ground yet. We ask for your continued support.

NEW ADDITION - IT'S A BOY

Jacob Allen Solovey born to Nate and Amy Solovey
Grandparents: Andy and Donna Solovey





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Looking ahead to.....February/March

February 26 Ash Wednesday

March 1 First Sunday of Lent
 8 Second Sunday of Lent
 Daylight Savings Time begins
 15 Third Sunday of Lent
 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent