



# Temple Talk

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January 2012

## Lorain Christian Temple Disciples of Christ, Lorain, Ohio

### Elders for January

Worship at First Congregational	1
Dan Cecil and Jim White	8
Beverly Kavalac and Bob Kromer	15
Rick and Cheryl Lewis	22
To be assigned	29

Worship Team: Dorsey, Glick, Markley

### Church Office Hours

- \* The pastor is generally in his study Monday-Thursday from 9:00-12:00 noon with afternoons used for calling and meetings
- \* The Administrative Assistant is in the office on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.
- \* The church office is closed on Friday and Saturday

## New Years' Day Worship

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On New Years' Day we will be join the congregations of First Congregational UCC and St. John's UCC in worship at First Congregational. Worship time will be 10:30 a.m. This joint worship experience is the first of three that we will have in the first quarter of 2012. On Febuary 5<sup>th</sup> we will be worshipping at Christian Temple and on March 4<sup>th</sup> we will be worship-

ping at St. John's UCC. We are gathering to-



gether because we are churches which share a common reformed heritage and share common concerns about the community and the future. For those you do not know the United Church

of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are partner churches and have been for many years. On the national level we share in such areas as Global mission and have a joint insurance board. Ordained Ministers in the UCC and the Disciples can receive standing in the partner denomination if they meet the required criteria. Please plan on attending our joint worship times as we get to know our UCC sisters and brothers better.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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The 2012 celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on January 22,

2012 at 2:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel. A fellowship time will follow the service. Plan on joining with our sisters and brothers from both

Protestant and Catholic churches as we seek to worship God together.

## Music @Lorain Christian Temple

Music @ Lorain Christian Temple  
January 2012

Thanks to all the members of the Music Team for singing and chiming the sounds of the season all through Advent/Christmas.

Thanks also to the members of El Faro who added to the musical fun.

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And

there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Gen. 1:5

Happy New Year

Linda Bohnert,

Organist/Music Team Leader

no rehearsal Christmas Day or New Year's Day

rehearsals resume January 8, 2012

Looking ahead: Music from Taize' during Lent

Linda's notes

Today's piano was originally called a pianoforte, which literally means 'soft-loud' because piano means soft and forte means loud. The name refers to the volume of sound produced when the pianist presses the keys with a light or heavy touch. The pianoforte was developed after the harpsichord, another keyboard percussive instrument that didn't allow for as much expressive control of each key.

## Youth Group News

Youth Group

Advent has been a busy time for our Youth Group. Some of our youth led the Christian Temple portion of the Advent Walk. On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> a group of twelve youth along with some parents and the adult advisors caroled at Anchor

Lodge and at the homes of a couple of members. Following caroling they returned to the church for a Christmas party and gift exchange.

The youth group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be January 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

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## Financial Update

Financial Update

At our November administrative council meeting it was reported that to the end of November we had received \$43,449.41 in offerings and distributed \$49,392.70 for a year to date deficit of \$5,943.29. **Please remember to receive credit for charitable de-**

**ductions for 2011 all checks must be dated by December 31, 2011.**



## Pastor's Ponderings

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It is a new year. 2012. We are more than a decade into the Twenty-first century. As this new year begins we have ceased to be a major military presence in Iraq, We are working on leaving Afghanistan. The economy is showing some signs of recovering in some places. We can see a glimmer of hope in the new year.

Hope is a essential component of life. When people lose hope, people lose the will to continue. When people lose hope people lose the strength to continue. When people lose hope despair and depression often rule the day.

Dr. King, whose birthday we celebrate later this month, in the midst of the civil rights struggle taught his followers, "We must accept finite disappointments, but we must never lose infinite hope."

Dr. King was wise. There is great

disappointment in the world.

There are many things that make us shake our heads and cause us to say "Oh My..., many things which burden our hearts. There are many things which disappoint us and make us wonder if anyone is in charge.

Fortunately, we are loved by a God of hope who has promised us the victory over the things of this



Keyboard Group at Christian Temple

world.

The psalmist tells us: **7 'And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.**

As we enter the new Year let us believe that our hope is in the Lord.

Happy New Year

Dr. Brad

## Flag Ministry

I have been asked since the war in Iraq has concluded if we will be continuing the Memorial Day Flag Ministry. The answer is yes. We will continue to honor the fallen and pray for peace. Plan on participating with us on Memorial Day Weekend 2012.

## Food Ministries

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We are pleased to announce that Second Harvest has approved our two meals as 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest sites. Our pantry was approved as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest site some months ago.

Our feeding programs include:  
Wednesday Morning Breakfast

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Choice Pantry and Hot Meal doors open at 5:30 p.m. Next choice pantry and hot meal will be held on January 11th

Fifth Sunday Meal which is held on the Fifth Sunday of the month following worship. The next Fifth

Sunday Meal will be held on January 29, 2012

Volunteers are needed for all of these ministries.

Our thanks to our sisters and brothers of El Faro who work with us particularly in the pantry ministry.

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## Calendar January 2012 Happy New Year!!

Jan.1st-Worship at First Congregational Church at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 4th Youth Group at 7:30 p.m

Jan. 8th –Elder’s Meet at 8:00 a.m.

Spiritual Formation Team after worship

Jan. 11th-Choice Pantry and Hot meal at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 15th - Administrative Council following worship

Jan 18-Youth Group

Jan 22-Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Sacred Heart Chapel at 2:30 p.m.

Jan 29th –Fifth Sunday Meal Following Worship

Music Team at 8:30 a.m. No Rehearsal New Years Day

### Walking the Lord's road

The Lord's new road is not a railroad to run people over, and it is not filled with closed up cars all rushing off to their own destinations. It is a place for walking together toward the common destination of dignity, balance, freedom, and a fair share for all.

Stephen Hamilton Wright

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