

Christian Temple Disciples of Christ



Volume I, Issue 8

TEMPLE TALK



August/September 2010

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1st** Elders Meeting 8:00am
- 5th** Food Pantry Delivery 12:00 noon
- 10th** CPR training at Christian Temple
- 11th** Community hot meal/Choice Food Pantry 5:30-7:30pm
- 14th** Bible Study breakfast at Eat N Park in Elyria 9:00am.
- 16th** Golf outing
- 21st** American Heart Assoc. Heart walk

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 8th** Community hot meal/Choice Food Pantry 5:30-7:30pm
- 11th** Bible Study breakfast at Eat N Park in Elyria 9:00am.
- 13th** Golf outing
- Wolf Den meets every Wednesday 6:00-7:00
- Webelos every Thursday 6:30-7:30
- Music Team rehearsals every Sunday @ 8:30am*

AUGUST ELDER'S SCHEDULE

- 1st** Jim White & Debbie Wright
- 8th** Missy Nunamaker & Jim Long
- 15th** Dan Cecil & Beverly Kavalac
- 22nd** Bob Kromer & Don Duell
- 29th** Rick Lewis & Cheryl Lewis

SEPTEMBER ELDER'S SCHEDULE

- 5th** Jim Long & Mary Long
- 12th** Missy Nunamaker & Mary Long
- 19th** Jim White & Debbie Wright
- 26th** Dan Cecil & Beverly Kavalac

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART WALK

The Fairview Parish Nurse Program is participating in the American Heart Association HEARTWALK on Saturday, August 21st in Cleveland. Cardiovascular disease affects one person every 34 seconds in the United States. This walk is raising money to help fight cardiovascular disease and stroke. This walk is also an opportunity for you to improve your health and to learn more about cardiovascular disease. Gayle, Brad, and I are walking and I would like to have a group of walkers from this congregation participate in this walk. I can fit five people in my car so if you would like to walk please let me know and we can go into Cleveland together. There is a flyer on the parish nurse bulletin board in the back hall. If you are unable to walk but would like to support this cause, donations can be placed in the parish nurse mailbox or given to me.

COMMUNITY HOT MEAL AND PANTRY

The next community hot meal and pantry will be held on August 11, 2010. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

We are grateful to our friends from Washington Ave. Christian Church who cooked the meal in July and will return to prepare the meal in August.

If we are going to continue the Hot Meal portion of this ministry, we need to establish a rotating meal preparation team. Please prayerfully consider if you might be called to this ministry.

As a point of interest, the statistics for July were:

414 persons served in the food pantry

109 Households

188 people served meal

220 plates of food.

The next delivery is scheduled for August 5, 2010, at 12 noon.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS, AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010

REV. DR. BRAD DONAHUE

The Rev. Dr James Forbes, retired minister of Riverside Church, New York City, has written a new book about the issues of our age. Dr. Forbes says in the forward of the book that he decided some years ago that given the present state of the world that there was no longer “anytime for foolishness.”

I was struck by Forbes’ words. They had for me a prophetic ring. For Forbes was stating what we all know. There is a lot of foolishness in the world. There is a lot of time wasted, a lot of resources wasted, a lot of strain among nations, families, friends, and churches over the foolish things of life.

That focus on foolishness distracts us from what we really need to be about.

The Bible has a lot to say about foolishness. The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible tells us that foolishness has a range of meanings including folly, vile things, outrage, and stupidity. Fools and sages are contrasted in the Bible, a fool is everything that sage is not, Imprudent, stupid, lazy, perverse in speech, even wicked.

David said to God, “I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, I pray you, take away the guilt of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.” 1 Chronicles 21.3-13

The psalmist writes: **Psalm 38.5:**

My wounds grow foul and fester
because of my foolishness;

Jeremiah writes: **Jeremiah 4.22:**

“For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.”

The psalmist again weighs in with this final observation. **Psalm 14**

To the leader. Of David.

Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

There is no time for foolishness in the world today. There is way too much need for the light of the church and the proclamation of the gospel. Let us prayerfully examine our lives and like David may we repent from all forms of foolishness.

Dr. Brad

FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

Dear family and friends,

August is a good time to consider aspects of family life, and this month, I would like to focus on family stress and coping. Stress affects us as individuals and as a family.

Why are families experiencing so much stress today?

Stress in the family is related to many different factors. First, the roles of men and women have been changing. In many families, both adults work outside of the home. Second, many families are caring for both young children and older parents. Third, many families live apart from all other family members. Fourth, the busyness of daily life leaves little time or energy to invest in our families. Fifth, financial concerns continue to be a major cause of family conflict. When we think about the severity and frequency of these pressures, we can't help but be moved by the support the family usually offers.

How can families ever hope to cope with all these pressures?

There are several positive things Christian families can do to improve their ability to cope with stressors. We can place Jesus as the head of our family. Second, we can pray for the Lord's guidance for our family and pray for one another. We can trust that our family can handle the pressures with the help of God. If we feel totally helpless, then we can't mobilize the resources we need to tackle our problems. Often, workable solutions are within our grasp. We can develop a realistic plan for resolving our problems and stick with it. It is important to include in the development of the plan, everyone who will be affected by it. We can seek outside help when we need it. Seeking social support and other outside help is a sign of family strength because it means we are committed to conquering our problems.

If I can be of any assistance to you or your family, please call me. I pray God will bless all of us in our family lives.

Peace,

Merryann Werley, RN, Parish nurse

Golf outing-Our next scheduled outing will be on September 13th and October 4th (weather permitting and if the courses are still open).

In the spring, I collected surveys from the church members and several members expressed an interest in CPR training. There will be CPR training here on August 10th, time to be determined. I will have a sign up sheet on the parish nurse board in the back hallway. If you are a caregiver for either your grandchildren, children, or parents or if you want to learn CPR for your own knowledge this is the course for you. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. More information will be posted in the upcoming bulletins.

WITH GRATITUDE

The family of Mary Biggs wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and attendance at her memorial. Sincerely, The Biggs, Lassen Family.

IN MEMORY

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Walter A. Glick, Sr., who passed away Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Services were held at Christian Temple on June 19, 2010, with Dr. Donahue officiating.

THANK YOU

My deepest thanks to the congregation, the Board of Elders, and to all who surprised me with the wonderful coffee hour to celebrate my fifteen years at Christian Temple and my thirty years in the ministry. Your gift, and most of all, the words of appreciation expressed in writing and in person were a blessing to us. I look forward to the next few years together. Dr. Brad

WITH MANY THANKS

Our Brothers and Sisters, we must thank God at all times for you. It is right for us to do so, because your faith is growing so much and the love each of you has for the others is becoming greater! That is why we ourselves boast about you! What a beautiful gift! El Faro is so thankful! Blessings from all of us! Crucita Marrero, Pastor

CHURCH SECRETARY

Marc Donahue, who has been filling in as church secretary for the last few months, has left that position. We are not intending to fill that position in the immediate future. If you have announcements for the worship folder or newsletter, please leave them in the black mail box by the office or email them to Dr. Brad at revbjd@gmail.com.

MUSIC



August/September 2010

After a 15 week break from singing during worship the Lorain Christian Temple Music Team returns to sing on Rally Day, Sunday, September 12th which is also the start of our 2010-11 programmatic year.

At our Christmas in July rehearsals we began work on a series of medleys which included *Christmas Tree Carol* and *Candlelight Carol*. Here are some of the other chorals we have begun rehearsing:

Shine on Me

This Little Light of Mine

How Great Is Our God

Blessed Assurance

Stained-Glass Music: Dr. Brad has provided me with an interpretation of the stained-glass windows and I'll play music inspired by each one.

There's music in the air...

Linda Bohnert, Organist/Music Team Leader

End of the year Financial Report

As reported to the Administrative Council at the July 18th meeting.

Totally unified receipts for 2009-2010 : \$ 111, 519.39.

Total disbursements : \$113, 672.33

Difference: 2, 152.94

Books were closed for the year. All bills are current.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Faculty and Graduating Class of The Ohio State University announce that Robert J. Kromer graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Conferring of degrees on Sunday, June 13, 2010, Twelve o'clock noon at the Ohio Stadium. RJ plans on continuing his education by attending Graduate School at OSU.

Lorain Community Music Theater

The Lorain County Community Music Theater will be presenting *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on August 5-8 2010 at the Stocker Arts Center, Lorain Community College. Tickets are available by calling 440-366-4040.

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FIFTH SUNDAY MEAL

The Worship Team will host the next Fifth Sunday meal on August 29, 2010 immediately following worship.

GOLF OUTINGS

A group of us has been having a great time honing our golfing skills. Our next outing will be August 16th. We gather at 6:00 p.m. The course will be announced in the worship folder.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2010

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio will be October 15 and 16 at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the preacher for the opening and closing sections of the assembly. Registration for the assembly is now available on line at ccinoh.org.

Prayer Group and Bible Study

August 14th will be our next Prayer Group and Bible Study. We will meet at 9:00am at Eat 'n Park in Elyria. We are continuing our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Our September meeting will be on September 11th, at 9:00am.

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