

Christian Temple Disciples of Christ



TEMPLE TALK

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August/September 2011

AUGUST CALENDAR

21st Administrative Council Meeting immediately following worship.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1st Choice Food Pantry delivery
12:00 Noon

10th Bible Study breakfast at Athena's in Avon Lake 9:00am.

11th Spiritual Formation Team Kids meeting immediately following worship

18th Administrative Council Meeting immediately following worship

21st Missionary Potluck with Elena Huegel at Christian Temple 6:00pm

AUGUST ELDERS SCHEDULE

7th Jim Long and Mary Long

14th Bob Kromer and Beverly Kavalac

21st Michelle Nowlin and Don Duell

28th Debbie Wright and Jim Long

SEPTEMBER ELDERS SCHEDULE

4th Cheryl Lewis and Rick Lewis

11th Beverly Kavalac and Dan Cecil

18th Debbie Wright and Bob Kromer

MISSIONARY POTLUCK

Mark your Calendars! On September 21st, we will be hosting a missionary from Chile. Elena Huegel has served with Global Ministries for 15 years. She serves with the Pentecostal Church of Chile (IPC). She serves as an environmental and Christian education specialist. Her focus is in Environmental and Peace Education and spiritual Development. This has been a joint appointment by the Common global Ministries board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. All Disciple and UCC churches in Lorain County and the West Side of Cleveland are being invited to join us.

The schedule is as follows: 6:00pm, Potluck

7:00pm, Elena's Presentation

Music @ Lorain Christian Temple

September 2011

Summer Memories: The 2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was in Nashville and John & I were among the thousands of disciples who gathered there in July. The theme of the assembly was *Tell It!* On the way home we stopped at Cane Ridge Meeting House, the place from which the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) traces its 1800's origin.

And, a group of us from church went to a Lorain County Ironmen game. Members of the Music Team, including Dr. Brad, Jean & Bob, Mary, Don, John and me, sang *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* right on the Pipe Yard field.

Welcoming Autumn: Chorals we're preparing right now include *Lift Thine Eyes* (masterwork) *I Lift My Eyes Up* (P&W song), *Panis Angelicus* (classic choral) *Camp Meeting* (American folk hymn medley), *Joy in My Heart* (African American spiritual), *Keep on Following That Star* (new original gospel work), *Bethlehem Wind* (sacred choral composition) *The Wexford Carol/The Snow Lay on the Ground* (traditional Irish carol medley), and *A Welsh Noel* (words adapted from a New Year's poem). Music Team rehearsals are on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the parlor.

Linda Bohnert

Organist/Music Team Leader

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS
 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011
 REV. DR. BRAD DONAHUE

It has been a long, hot summer. Temperatures have been above normal and tempers have been short.

The mess in Washington has gotten us all a little peeved. In addition, we have lost through death several church members who were important to us leaving a dark void among us.

Yet the work of the church has gone on in the midst of heat, partisan wrangling, and our losses. We continue to worship each week, feed the hungry, and provide comfort to the sick and distressed. We take the words of our Lord seriously.

Yet we cannot help but feel discouraged at times. Little that we do makes much of a difference or so it seems. The problems that we confront as a church such as the economic disparity of the community, the grime and the crime of this city, the general bad behavior of so many from our leaders on down drains us. Hope is tarnished, yet God is not dead. We hear the bells

Reflecting on the tragedy of the American Civil War and mourning the death of his son who was killed in the war, the great American poet Longfellow penned these word usually sung during the Christmas season that speak to our despair and to hope that is in Christ.

<p>I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), 1867)</p> <p>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.</p> <p>I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.</p>	<p>And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."</p> <p>Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men."</p> <p>Till, ringing singing, on its way, The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good will to men!</p>
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"A liberation theologian speaks of "making little moves against destructiveness". By that, she means that it is difficult to change behavior and hearts but there are victories ,lives are changed in large and small ways.

Paul writes to the church at Galatia these words which encourage us also.

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

As enter the fall season of the church, let us not grow weary in doing right.

Dr. Brad

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mack Long, who passed away after a lengthy illness on June 24, 2011. A service, with Dr. Donahue officiating, was held for Mack at the church on June 27, 2011. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Long family during this time.

THANK YOU

As I thought of how to thank my Blessed Church family for six weeks of transportation to Radiation Therapy, I come back to this. Friends like you are a real treasure. Thank you for all you have done.

Blessings,
Mary Smith

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH KIDS:

There will be a meeting just for kids following church on Sept. 11th. We need your ideas for this coming year so we can plan a retreat. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Pizza will be served following our discussion. We hope to see all of you. Sandra

NURSERY CRIB

Some of you may have noticed that we no longer have a crib in the nursery. The crib that we had was a drop side crib; those types of cribs are dangerous and are no longer sold or manufactured. The crib was removed and will be replaced with some other type of safe crib in the near future.

SEPT 18TH SPECIAL MUSIC

The Folk Medleys will be with us on September 18th during morning worship. We are pleased to have them back with us. Pat Fellure is a member of the group.



CHOICE FOOD PANTRY

The dates for the September Choice Pantry is as follows.

September 14th -doors open at 5:30 p.m. The last client is registered at 7:00 p.m.

Truck delivery is generally the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon. Changes in the schedule will be announced in the worship folder.

In July we served, 95 Families, 192 Adults served, 121 Children served for a total of 313 people served.



We need your help to volunteer. Please join us in this wonderful ministry.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on the following dates:

August 21, 2011, immediately following worship and September 18, 2011, immediately following worship.

PRAYER SHAWL TEAM

The Prayer Shawl Team will resume meeting on the third Wednesday of the month in October 2011. The date for the October meeting will be October 19, 2011.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The next Bible Study Class will be on September 10, 2011, at 9:00am. We will be meeting at Athena's on Lake Road in Avon Lake. During the next few months, we will be studying Daniel and Revelations. Everyone is welcome!

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<p><u>CHRISTIAN TEMPLE ON FACEBOOK</u></p> <p>Did you know that we have a Facebook Page? Go to Lorain Christian Temple Disciples of Christ on Facebook and see our latest posts. Daily Devotions are posted daily except Sunday or during the Pastor's vacation.</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>A community breakfast is being offered at 8:00am until 9:00 am each Wednesday. Volunteers need to be at the church at 7:30am for set-up.</p>	<p><u>PRAYER BEAR MINISTRY</u></p> <p>You are invited to take a prayer bear to a friend, co-worker or family member who is going through a time of illness, or struggle. These stuffed animals have attended worship and have been lovingly given so that they may go forth as a witness of Christ's love.</p>
<p><u>REMINDER</u></p> <p>We are now locking the side door during worship. If you arrive after 10:00 a.m., please enter through the main doors. Also, please be aware that the narthex is under video and audio surveillance before and during the worship hour.</p>	<p><u>STAFF EMAILS</u></p> <p>Dr. Brad: revbjd@christiantemple.net or revbjd@gmail.com</p> <p>Linda, Organist/Music Team: temple.music@live.com</p> <p>Lora, administrative assistant: christiantemple@centurytel.net</p> <p>Website: www.christiantemple.net</p> 	