



# TEMPLE TALK



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 2011

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

**3rd** Bible Study breakfast at Grilled in Avon Lake 9:00am.

**4th** Elders Meeting 8:00am

Youth Sunday School 9:00am

**7th** Youth Group Bible Study 7:30pm at Christian Temple

**11th** Spiritual Formation Team meeting following Worship.

**14th** Choice Food Pantry and Hot Meal 5:15pm to 7:30pm

**18th** Administrative Council Meeting immediately following worship

Blood Pressure Screening before and after Worship

Youth Group Christmas Caroling and Party

**24th** Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm

**25th** Christmas Day, Worship 10:00am

**\*Music Team rehearsal Sundays @ 8:30am in the Parlor**

**\*Community Breakfast Wednesdays 9:00am @ Christian Temple**

## DECEMBER ELDERS SCHEDULE

**4th** Cheryl Lewis and Rick Lewis

**11th** Beverly Kavalac and Dan Cecil

**18th** Michelle Nowlin and Jim White

**24th** Debbie Wright and Bob Kromer

**25th** Cheryl Lewis and Rick Lewis

*Music @ Lorain Christian Temple  
December 2011*

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God... Luke 1:20*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent our LCT singers and chimers will present special music during morning worship and at the Advent Walk as we lead into the season of light. The choir plans to sing on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year. Flute/guitar music, 'stained-glass' music, and piano jazz are also scheduled throughout the season.

*Christmas is the season where we give tokens of love. In that house we received not tokens, but love itself. --John-Boy Walton (Narrator)*

The Homecoming: A Christmas Story

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Attendance at Youth Group has been good. The group is currently learning how to crochet. They hope to make Prayer Shawls. We are also making Christmas cards which will be distributed in December. The recently enjoyed a bowling outing at Rebman's.

They are planning a Christmas party for December 18th after they go to distribute Christmas cards and Carol. More information will be coming regarding the time.

Just a reminder for Summer Camp. Here are the rules:

1. Be a member of Christian Temple.
2. Have regular church attendance. (At least twice a month)
3. Participate in a mission project during the year.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS  
DECEMBER 2011  
REV. DR. BRAD DONAHUE

To you and yours, Gayle and I wish you a Merry Christmas and the most blessed of New Years. For your Christmas and Advent reflections, I share a favorite poem of mine from a favorite theologian and fellow CRDS graduate. A poem that reminds that there is more to the holiday than we always remember.

**The Work of Christmas**  
*by Howard Thurman*

**When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the Kings and Princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins.  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry  
To release the prisoner,  
To teach the nations,  
  
To bring Christ to all,  
To make music in the heart.**

Merry Christmas,  
Dr. Brad and Gayle.



## Christmas Offering

### Christian Church in Ohio

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**A covenant network of congregations in mission:**

We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities

### 2011 Christmas Offering

#### ***Good News of Great Joy***

***“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...” – Luke***

**2:10**



Sometimes we get to be the angels who sing out Good News of Great Joy:

“I’ve been so inspired by changes afoot at my church!”

“I’m going to Camp Christian this summer!”

“We’ve just called a new pastor!”

“I’ve decided to become a minister! “

“Help is on the way!”

“There really are people who care!”

“We are a covenant network of congregations in mission!”

A song of celebration is certainly appropriate when we reflect on the ministries brought to fruition through our efforts as the Christian Church in Ohio.

Collectively, like an angel choir, we inspire the best in congregations; in gatherings of youth; in candidates for ministry; in mission to the world. 100% of this offering will stay in our Region as a collective witness to our shared faith.

Make your Special Day Christmas offering today. Your generous gift will sing God’s praise. And the many ways it strengthens our regional ministries will lift Good News of Great Joy throughout the coming year.

*Food Ministries Updates*

As we move into December we wish to thank all who volunteered who have helped at our food ministries. These ministries depend on our volunteers and we are grateful for the time and resources donated.

Our food ministry schedule for December is as follows:

Wednesday Morning Breakfast at 9:00am. Volunteers please be at the church at 8:30 am.

Choice Pantry is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 5:30 pm. If the weather is bad we will open the doors at 4:30 pm. and seat people in the chapel. We particularly need people who are willing to help the shoppers.

Our thanks to El Faro and Pastor Crucita who recently conducted a food drive and donated almost three hundred cans of food to the pantry.

*Team Sign Up*

*Community Breakfast December 2011*

Date: every Wednesday volunteers come at 8:30 a.m. and serve generally until 10:30 a.m.

Duties: Serve breakfast; no food preparation involved.

12/7 \_\_\_\_\_

12/14 \_\_\_\_\_

12/21 \_\_\_\_\_

12/28 \_\_\_\_\_

*Hot Meal*

Duties: Food Preparation, serving, cleanup

Time to report depends on menu for the evening.

Dec.14 \_\_\_\_\_

*Choice Food Pantry*

Duties: Registration, Greeters, Chapel Monitors, Pantry Workers

Time: 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to the church office or email your choices to: [christiantemple@centurytel.com](mailto:christiantemple@centurytel.com).

Thank you.



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### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS WITH CARDS!**

During the upcoming Holiday Season, what better way to remember somebody, than with a greeting card! We have a list of our shut-ins' names and addresses in the church office. Send a card and make a smile happen!

### **CHRISTIAN TEMPLE ON FACEBOOK**

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.

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

The next Bible Class will meet on December 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Grilled in Avon Lake. We will be studying the little apocalypse of Mark 13, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-5:11, and 2 Thessalonians 2.

### **Hats and Mittens**

Our thanks to all who contributed to this year's collection of Hats and Mittens. They have been distributed to Hawthorne School.

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