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# The Messenger

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**“Greet one another with a holy kiss.” Romans 16:16**

Benjamin West was just trying to be a good babysitter for his little sister Sally. While his mom was away, Benjamin found some bottles of colored ink and proceeded to paint Sally's portrait. When Mrs. West returned home, ink spots stained the table, chairs, and floor. She looked at the mess without saying a word until she saw the picture. Picking it up, she exclaimed, "Why, this is Sally!" And she bent down and kissed her young son.

Later Benjamin West became one of the most celebrated artists of the late 1700's. He was best known for historical paintings of Americans and the British Royalty. Commenting on his start as an artist, he said, "My mother's kiss made me a painter."

Mrs. West shows the importance of a “mother's kiss.” And throughout life, kisses are meaningful. They are an expression of affection, love, and adoration. Although they may also evoke a negative connotation such as the “kiss of death.” And kisses are significant in the Bible. During the month of February when kisses are abundant because of Valentine's Day, we will examine three specific kisses recorded in the New Testament to discover their meaning for our lives. Our “Kisses” sermon series will feature:

February 10 “Kissing Cousins” – I Corinthians 16:19-20  
February 17 “The Kiss of Death” – Matthew 26:14-16; 47-50  
February 24 “Seal It with a Kiss” – Luke 7:36-50

Come join us for worship each week and learn the importance of a kiss.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Steve

## **Annual Congregational Meeting-Sunday, February 10th**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 10th** immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Reports will be given and Election of Officers will be held. A quorum is necessary for the meeting to be official so all members should plan to attend. Child care will be provided during the meeting. This is an important date in the life of our church; please mark your calendar and plan to be here.

## **Incoming New Officers**

Officer Ordination and Installation will be held on **Sunday, February 24th** during the Worship Service and all new officers are to be present that day.

## Upcoming Events

Sun., Feb. 3rd  
10 AM Worship  
"Souper Bowl"  
Sunday  
Please bring canned  
goods with \$1 bill  
wrapped around the  
can

Sun., Feb. 10th  
10 AM Worship  
Annual Congregational  
Meeting  
following Worship  
\*Childcare will be  
provided

Sun., Feb. 24th  
10 AM Worship  
Installation/Ordain of  
New Officers  
11:30 AM Deaconess  
Meeting in the Parlor

### Financial Statistics through December

Income for Month	\$ 53,501
Expenses for Month	\$ 36,006
Surplus for December	\$ 17,496
Year to date Income	\$ 355,007
Year to date Expenses	\$ 334,785
Surplus through Dec. 31, 2018	\$ 20,222

### December Attendance

Sunday Worship—137  
Children's Sunday School—21  
Total Sunday AM— 158

## APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Session and Pastor want to thank everyone for your gifts to the Lord this year. As reported in the January Messenger we did fulfill our 2018 commitments to all our missionaries and pay all of our expenses with income received this year. Because the December offerings were exceptionally high, we finished the year with a \$20,222.00 surplus. This surplus gives the Session the ability to maintain existing ministries and move forward into the new year.

The Session and Pastor also want to thank you for your extra giving for the air conditioner. Only \$1,300.00 is needed to pay for the project and we believe sufficient funds will be received. Any additional funds above the needed \$15,000 will be put in the Capital Fund for future improvements. Best Furnace has already begun installing the new air conditioner between other jobs and will be paid after all our funds are received. Thanks again, for your giving for this special project.

## From Cheri Smith, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

**Pull out your calendars! It's time to fill them up with exciting events that you could be a big part of!**  
**Sunday, February 3:** Elementary and Teens trip to Beech Creek Gardens in Akron. We will leave from the church at 12 noon and arrive back at 4 PM. We will be outdoors handfeeding the adorable, brave chickadees, enjoying a campfire with cocoa and marshmallows, hiking trails, and enjoying time in the "playviary" (a fun/educational bird related activity center). Cost is \$5 per person. Permission forms and money due January 30th.

**Monday, February 18:** Middle School and High School trip to Punderson State Park in Newbury for sled riding. **NO SCHOOL!** Bundle up, bring your sleds and let's go! It's FREE! Leave from church 12 noon and arrive back at 4PM. (Trip will be canceled if there is no snow.)

**Sunday, March 3:** UTURN Teens are hosting a Bake Sale to raise money to go to Seneca Hills Church Camp in the summer. We will be in the Lobby after church. All baked items are donations only. Please consider helping by baking or buying yummy goods.

**Sunday, March 3:** UTURN Children, Teens and Church Family all invited to go to Swine Creek Park in Middlefield for Saps-A-Rising. Leave from church at 12:30 and arrive back at 4PM. This event is FREE and outdoors. We will be hiking through the woods collecting tree sap from the Maple trees and carrying it to the horse drawn sleigh to empty our buckets. We will also get to watch how maple syrup is made and taste free samples. February 27th is when the permission forms are due.

**Tuesday, March 5:** Teens are hosting a Bake Sale to raise money to go to Seneca Hills Church Camp in the summer. They will be in the Lobby from 12 noon to 6PM, during the same time the Red Cross is here. Again, if you would be willing to donate baked items for them to sell, please let me know.

**Basketball is Back!** Thanks to Coaches John Russell, John Barnhart and Charlie Stingel Basketball will be available every **Thursday** from **4:00-5:30 PM** in the Gym. This is for High School Boys only.

**Wednesday, February 20th** is the last day to turn money in to get your UTURN t-shirt. Each shirt is burgundy with white lettering and cost \$10 each. UTURN is the new logo for our children's and youth programs. Wearing these shirts helps promote our church and helps support our teens. The proceeds from purchasing these shirts will go towards UTURN activities. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and size that you would like and turn it in to Joy Ratell or me.

**UTurn T-shirt  
Fundraiser  
Example of the  
t-shirt**



**Please continue to pray for Youth and Children's Ministries. We value your support and your prayers!**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

04/01 Lois Warren	1220 Center West 44481	83
04/02 Dave & Fran Russell	4641 Bond NW 44483	59
04/10 Nancy Bollenbacher	-Cham. Estates, 1 Windsor Place 44483	86
04/23 Jean Boyd	Windsor House, 202 Glendola East 44483	100
04/25 Lenore Callihan	4080 Leavitt Dr NW 44485	87

Skilled Care Nursing Homes

Caprice Healthcare-North Lima– Jimmy Prikryl

Windsor House - Martha Barnhart

Betty Fucci Jean Boyd Shirlee Fritz

Armstrong Memory Unit– Terry Martin

Assisted Living Champion Estates -

Mary Troughton

Community Commons - Dick Bush LaJune Cook

Shepherd of Valley - Nancy Bollenbacher

*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Missionary of the Month –Angela Gianakos

Angela Gianakos, our Missionary of the Month for February, serves with ReachGlobal in Greece. Angela, who is a member of Champion Pres, began her second year of service in Kypseli, a suburb of Athens, Greece, this past October. Last summer Angela helped lead “Operation Joshua” teams in July distributing Greek New Testaments throughout villages in northern Greece. In total, over 100,000 New Testaments were distributed in 865 villages by over 400 participants. Angela serves at a Community Center in Kypseli. Just this past December, they held a Christmas program for which twenty-eight neighborhood children showed up. They were treated to a puppet show, music, hot chocolate, popcorn, and much more. Each child received a “Christmas Bag”, filled with toys, toiletries, and candy. During February they are launching a “New Kids Program” at the Community Center. Angela hopes to continue sharing Jesus’ Love with both kids and adults in Kypseli through August if her support continues. So please lift up Angela with your prayers, and generously support her, that she may continue saying “Yes, to Jesus!” in

Local Missionary of the Month– Emanuel Lutheran Church

Emmanuel Lutheran Church’s Mission, run by Lucille Bickel, is our local mission for February. The following are foods she really needs: spaghetti sauce; cereal, canned fruit, soup, and vegetables; pudding; jello; crackers; toilet tissue; paper towels; shampoo; deodorant; dish soap; and bar soap. Items may be dropped in the baskets in the Narthex near the Missions Map all this month.

**IN THE MILITARY****FL: Jack Ridge****OK– Bret Larson****OK: Bryan McCausland****GA: Michael Smith****IN: Jimmy Leigh****TX: Chaplain Ben Masillem****FL: Austin Arnold**

# REVIVE 2019

May 5 @ 10:00 AM, May 5, 6, 7 and 8 @ 6:30 PM

Featured Speaker: Wilson Green with Life Action

Psalm 119:156

Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord; **Revive** me according to Your judgments

The Revive Committee wants to keep our Church Family aware of our progress concerning our Revive Conference. Our guest speaker (Wilson Green) and dates (Sunday, May 5 through Wednesday May 8) are locked in. Now we are seeking musical groups from the community for the evening events. We will also have childcare during the evening events. If any member would like to volunteer for one evening of childcare (one only – we want you free to attend the other 3 nights), (pre-school and younger), please contact Kathy Dietz. Anyone interested in volunteering to fill other needs for one evening only please leave a message with the church and someone will contact you.

Our committee meetings are held in the classroom above the pastors office and you are invited to join us if you want to volunteer, just observe or offer a suggestion. We will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 PM with the exception for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from now until the REVIVE event. We, the committee, ask you to keep us in your daily prayers.

**Thank you from the Committee: Mike Jones, John Russell, Charlie Stingel, Jerry Wilson, Earl and Kathy Dietz, Ray and Lori Harris, Jim Gardiner, and Jim Durandetta.**

## THANK YOU.....

The Deacons would like to thank everyone that donated to the Deacon's Fund that helped out families for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. God Bless, Deacons Committee

Please note-Martha Dye passed away on Jan.17-more information to come in the next Messenger. Thank You to all of the members of Champion Presbyterian Church for the cards, visits, and kindness that you showed to our mom "Martha Dye" In His Name, Martha Dye's children

A heartfelt thank you to our church family for all the phone calls, cards, visits, food, concern, and above all your prayers for Charlie's eye. The hole is closed and that is God's grace. You are all so special to us! Thank you again! Charlie & Sue Stingel

Thank you for all the cards, calls and Pastor Steve's visits during my bout of shingles, which still continue. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Bob Sexton

The cookies and candy was delicious. Thank You Colleen for bringing them to me. Thank you for your visit. I hope all of you had a nice Christmas and I wish all of you to have a Blessed 2019. Love, Flo Simon

Thank you to the Deacons for the delivery of the poinsettia. Butch and I really appreciate it. Thank You, Butch & Nancy Taylor

To my Beautiful SOC friends!!! Thank You for the generous monetary donation towards God's ministry!!! We were able to put that money towards purchasing throw blankets, hats, gloves, socks, & other items for our Jan. project, cancer care bags!!! Your LOVE & SUPPORT means so much to us!!! Thank You again for helping us SERVE an AWESOME & FAITHFUL God who LOVES & ADORES each & everyone of YOU!!! Love, Holly Royal (Ladies Hands on Ministry).

### A Message from the Deacons

**There is a need for Ushers for Sunday Worship Services. Responsibilities include passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and gathering the Registration Sheets at the end of the service. Usher Teams serve on a rotation of about once every six weeks. If you can serve as a regular or a substitute, please contact Kathy Dietz at 330-824-3782 or the church office at 330-847-9614.**

### "Souper Bowl" Sunday- February 3rd

Sunday, February 3rd, is "***Souper Bowl Sunday***" here at CPC as well as Super Bowl Sunday in the sports world!! That morning, we hope you will bring **a can of soup with a dollar bill rubber-banded or tied around it to church** with you. There will be a table in the Narthex to put them on-also a large soup can to put monetary donations in if you can't bring cans. They will be taken to the **Warren Family Mission** to help feed the needy.

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every month.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
Stephen Stelle, Pastor  
8:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. -- Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. -- Children's  
Programming**