

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

From Bob Russell's blog:

5. Sins against children are especially egregious and will be punished severely. *"If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea"* (Matthew 18:6).

6. Women are to dress modestly and make every effort to avoid communicating wrong signals. *"Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent"* (Proverbs 7:10). *"I also want the*

women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God" (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

7. Wrong behavior is to be confronted immediately because delayed justice is ineffective. *"When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people's hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong"* (Ecclesiastes

8:11).

8. False accusations are to be punished severely. *"When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, she called her household servants. 'Look,' she said to them, 'this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house'"* (Genesis 39:13-15). *"Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being*

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a malicious witness." "Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the

The Night Before

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house Not a creature was praying not one in the house Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care In hopes that Jesus would not come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap Was watching the Late

Show while I took a nap. When out of the east there arose such a clatter I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter Away to the window I flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash When what to my wondering eyes should appear But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here

With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be the day. The light of His face made me cover my head It was Jesus, returning just like he said And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth I cried when I saw Him, in spite of myself. In The Book Of Life which He held in His

hand Was written the name of every saved man He spoke not a word as he searched for my name When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame. The people whose name had been written in love He gathered to take to His Father above With those who are ready He rose without a sound While all the rest were left standing around.

Serving in January

Greeters:

- 7—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 14—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 21—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)
- 28—Vince & Nola Girardot (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 7—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 14—Brock Rohrer
- 21—Adam Perry
- 28—Bob & Mary Lloyd

Prayer Warriors:

Sherry Trubey & MaKenzie Manges

Welcome Center:

- 7—John & Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 14—Lesley Shirkey (9)



Dear Lord, touch me with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the **hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will** and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal your love and light. In your name. Amen.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sarah Snavelly
- 4 Bob Stambaugh
- 5 Diane Altman
- 6 Joanne Allison
- 9 Michael Bard, Jackson Kitchen, Rich Trubey
- 13 Cayl Poncsak
- 16 Taylor Dominique
- 17 Brittany Calvin, Mike Robson
- 21 Shane Ramey, Kelly VonDeylen
- 22 Pam Hartman, Brock Rohrer
- 23 Lena Luke (100!!)
- 24 Luke Hesselschwardt

- 26 Nathan Brown, David Olds
- 29 Braxton Snavelly
- 30 Alexa Brown



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 John & Nora Altman (10)
- 30 Bob & Norma Stambaugh (70)



Level 1: All services will proceed as scheduled.
 Level 2 at 6:00 Sunday morning: All services will be cancelled.
 Level 3: All services will be cancelled. Please check the following sources for church news: WBNO, WBCL, church website.

Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- ♥ John & Jane Lime and family on the passing of Marilyn Thornburg.

Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with:

- ♥ Ben & Emillee Riehle on the birth of their son, Everett Benjamin. Everett arrived

November 28th. He weighed **in at 7# 15 oz. and was 20”**.

He joins big sister, Quinn. Paternal grandparents are Kermit & Denise Riehle and great-grandparents are Don & Dee Suffel.



CORRECTION

The 2017 phone directories are available outside **the secretary's** office. Please make the following corrections:

- Add Cathy Pryslak, 317-946-2466, 619 E. Jefferson St., Montpelier, OH 43543
- New Phone # for Annie Engel—419-785-4452
- New Address for Don & Dee Suffel—123 Riverside Dr., Edgerton, OH 43517

january

Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>1</p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Craft Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies 6:30 Visionary Marriage</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>12:45 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies 6:30 Visionary Marriage</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Larry's Life Group</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:45 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Bible Studies 6:30 Visionary Marriage</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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Love All, Worship One,
Make Disciples



Connect with us!

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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

December 2/December 3

Attendance SS 30 Worship 10/60/104
Offering \$5,008.00

December 9 & 10

Attendance SS 36 Worship 13/45/115
Offering \$9,502.00

December 16 & 17

Attendance SS 26 Worship /50/99
Offering \$6,064.36

December 24

Attendance SS Worship 51/100
Offering \$4,143.00

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Brandon Herman (NC), Lindsey Kaiser, Josh Severs (Germany), Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bight, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Sue Robson, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavely, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Lin-

da Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Bob Lloyd, Josh Tonneas, Khloe Hartman, Dan Yahraus, Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe, Norma Stambaugh, Puerto Rico, *Shut Ins:* *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lewis; *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, The

Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.



**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

JOHN 3:16



guilty” (Exodus 23:1 & 7).

9. A criminal accusation against anyone is to be verified by two or three witnesses. *“One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses” (Deut. 19:15).*

10. God’s forgiveness is available to all who repent and turn to Christ, but earthly consequences are still to be paid. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9) “But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “...if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house...” (Luke 19:8-9)*

In 1849, U.S. Congressman Robert Winthrop made the following statement that, in a sense, has proven to be a prophecy on the current ills of America.

“All societies of men must be governed in some way or other. The less they may have of stringent State Government, the more they must have of individual self-government. The less they rely on public law or physical force, the more they must rely on private moral restraint. Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled, either

I fell to my knees, but it was too late
I had waited too long, and this sealed my fate
I stood and cried as they rose out of sight
Oh, if I had only been ready tonight.
In the words of the meaning is clear.
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.
Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin

by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible, or by the bayonet. It may do for other countries and other governments to talk about the State supporting religion. Here, under our own free institutions, it is Religion which must support the State.” *Robert Winthrop – Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives – In an address to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Bible Society, Boston, Mass: May 28, 1849*

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly



Trust
in the
LORD
with all your heart.
and HE will make your
paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5,6