



# Church Bell

May 2016



"Follow the Bells "

## Cortland Christian Church



### Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

## Pastor's Pen

May 2016

The Barnes' Clan will be taking to the highway in about six weeks. Our pilgrimage to the Outer Banks has become a family tradition. One week absorbing some rays and enjoying the cool sea breeze. It is definitely nice to get away, in fact, without a time of re-creation, we would all become the subject in the old saying: "All work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy." Of course, the world keeps turning at home even though our vacation pace has slowed significantly. Someone has to maintain order on the home front – keep the wheels turning – pay the bills. You know what I'm talking about.

I'm always saddened when folks assume the "machinery" at the church also takes a summer vacation. Quite to the contrary, disciples of Jesus Christ are at work "in season and out of season." The slow, steady pace of spreading the gospel and ministering to the poor never takes a vacation. Salaries need paid and financial obligations need to be met. Yes, someone has to maintain order on the home front – keep the wheels turning – pay the bills. You know what I'm talking about.

Pastor has a suggestion to keep things in a proper spiritual balance. Make sure you take time to re-create yourself this summer. Whatever it takes – whatever your inclination – but don't desert the church for three months. If you are home, plan on joining your church family for Lord's Day worship. If you are out of town or away on a day trip, set your tithe or offering aside and put it in the mail on Monday. Let's break the mold on the age-old Christian inclination to take the summer off. The church suffers – and so do you.

## Our Worship Assistants



### Elders:

May 1— Carol Robinson—  
Joyce Lewis

May 8— John Kloboves— Amy Seger

May 15— Bob Johnson—Justin Klamut

May 22— Joyce Seagle— John Molnar

May 29 —John Klamut —John Kloboves

### Deacons:

Captain: Judene Ainsley 330-637-9938

Jeff Byler Selena Oriti

Brenda Byler Curtis Bell

Joyce Hall Bob Bradford

Chuck Corbett

Deaconess: Alice Everett

## MAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

May 1 —Mission Trip Presentation and Luncheon

May 7 —Mothers Day

May 15 --Dorothy Moss & Sharon Polakoff

May 22—Ron & Cindy Miller & Diana Martin

May 29 —Dave and Carol Deemer

Thanks to all of you.....



When I stand before  
God at the end of my  
life, I would hope that I  
would not have a single  
bit of talent left and  
could say, I used  
everything you gave me.

ERMA BOMBECK

You are not really experiencing all that life has to  
give if you don't

### "Get out of your comfort zone"

Experience new activities, new challenges, any-  
thing that you have avoided, because you don't  
think you could do it. You can do it and do it well.

All you have to do is try.

Somebody said it couldn't be done,  
But she with a chuckle replied.  
Maybe it couldn't, but she'd be the one,  
That wouldn't say so 'til she tried.  
So she buckled right in with a bit of a grin.  
On her face, if she worried she hid it.  
She started to grin as she tackled the thing,  
That couldn't be done, but SHE DID IT.

This applies to all men and women.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE OF CHURCH OPERATING FUNDS

Fund	MARCH			Year-to-Date		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
General	7,374	8,356	-982	27,458	24,038	3,420
Building (Mortgage)	2,466	2,048	418	7,381	6,143	1,238
Total>>	9,840	10,404	-564	34,839	30,181	4,658

Mortgage Balance: \$125,109

Why did the strawberry call a lawyer?

"I found it in a 'Jam'"

John Klamut

I know this is a little late, "a day late, and a dollar short".  
Still thought you might find it interesting.

## ***A FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY***

In Florida , an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying,  
"Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said," Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

## ***Happy Birthday to You All***

May 5— Karen Lenhart

May 9 — John Klamut

May 11—Justin Klamut

May 13—Roger McCafferty

May 23 — Joyce Seagle

May 25— Jill Coen

May 26 — Lorra Barnes

May 30 —Phyllis Beer



On to her heavenly home...

We mourn the loss of Joyce Burson, mother of Lorra Barnes.

Sunday, April 10th, 2016

*I cannot know the pain you feel.  
I cannot share your memories or your loss.  
My words of sympathy are beneath measure, yet  
know that my heart reaches out with love to your hearts.*

*Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

Our sympathies go out to Pastor Don and Lorra Barnes and all their families

With Love and Compassion, From Your Congregation



## Joyful Noise

Are you musically inclined? Play an instrument, or just like to sing?

Joyful Noise would like to invite you to come to a practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Guitar, horn, whatever you have to offer, we are a fun, relaxed group of God's children singing of His love.

Hope to see you soon..... Call the office at 330-637-4611

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### PraiseWords

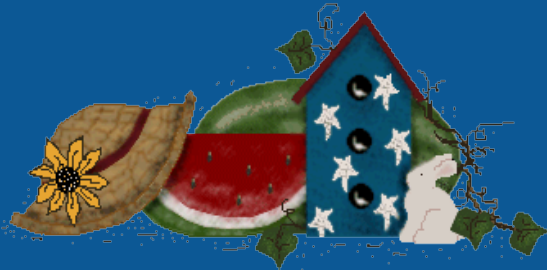
Remarkable -  
Bravo- You're  
catching on-

Hot dog- Nothing can stop you now.....

-Wow - Way to go—Super— You're Special—Outstanding- -Excellent—  
Great - Good – Neat – Well Done – I knew you could do it – Fantastic –  
Nice Work—Looking Good – Bingo—Now you've got it.....Good for  
you—You are Fun– Good Learner....You tried hard... I love You.....



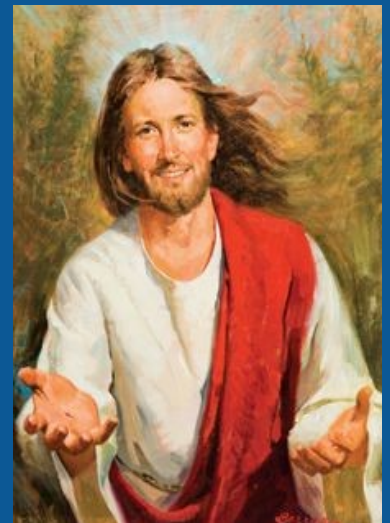
# May 2016



Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

Matthew 11: 28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service and Haystack Lunch	2 Aerobics	3 Finance & Board Mtg.	4 Joyful Noise	5 LOAF Aerobics	6	7 Aerobics
8 Mothers Day	9 Aerobics	10	11 Blood Drive Joyful Noise	12 Aerobics	13	14 w.o.w Judge James Fredricka
15 Pentecost	16 Aerobics	17	18 Joyful Noise	19 Aerobics	20	21 Aerobics
22 Sunday Service and Fellowship	23 Aerobics	24	25 Joyful Noise	26 Aerobics	27	28 Aerobics
29 Sunday Service and Fellowship	30 Memorial Day	31	June 1 Joyful Noise	2 Aerobics	3	4 Aerobics





# ***Women of Worship***

## ***Cortland Christian Church***

***Saturday  
May 14th,  
2016  
10:00 a.m.***

***Speaker:  
Judge James Fredricka***

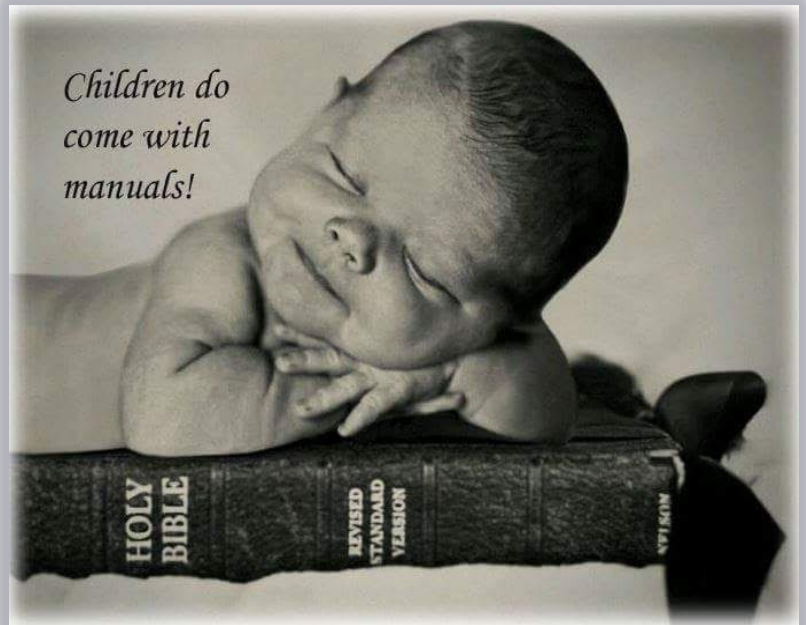
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Senior Court***



**American  
Red Cross**

**Wednesday,  
May 11th  
Cortland Christian  
Church**

***Blood Drive***



**Jesus loves the little children  
of the world.**

### **You are never too old to learn about love and compassion**

It's in front of us every day, sometimes we just don't let it sink in to our brains and hearts.. or know when to use it.

On April 16th, the Women of Worship of Cortland Christian Church presented Dr. Amy Sullivan. She taught us about Multiple Sclerosis – the disease, the complications, treatments, and the compassion needed for patients who suffer with this problem.

She used a video presentation to help send it directly to our hearts. She described the progression of the disease, and how her group helps patients cope with their disabilities. She also described what these patients go through on a daily basis, and what they need to live a nearly normal life.

Dr. Amy's family came along for support. She explained the need for love and understanding, as each patient has different problems. She is coping with some problems of her own and asked for prayer. We also prayed for her during Sunday prayers. She has a delightful family who supports her wherever she goes. It was a pleasure to have her here with us. For more info about her and the work she does. call CCC at 330-637-4611.

Shown in picture are. L-R.. Betty Evans, Joyce Seagle, Sharon Polakoff, Dr. Amy Sullivan and her husband Mike, and In front are their children,— twins, Annalin and Michael.



**The Church Office will be open on Monday-Thursday from 9:00-11:30 am. Phone: 330-637-4611  
Feel free to call or stop in if you have a question or need help.**

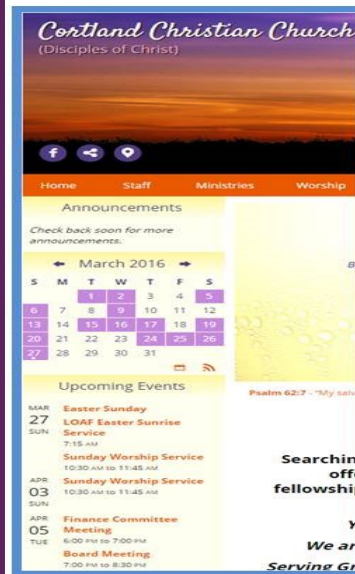
# Cortland Christian Church Web Page

Here is something for you to do on a rainy day, get into the Cortland Christian Church Web Site to see what is going on and just look around.

Just get on the computer, ask someone to help you. It is easy and informative. You can access the Church Bell, the Church directory, and calendar and much more.

## CCC WEB PAGE

[www.cortlandchristianchurch.com](http://www.cortlandchristianchurch.com)



See up to date information including calendar events and a list of "members and adherents". The list is under the tab "information" and includes the latest phone numbers and addresses.

The information is password protected. However, you can access this information as follows:

Username: cortland  
Password: people

Have you tried this yet? If you have and you see any changes that need to be made, or maybe something you would like to see, just call or drop a note in the collection tray, or put a note in the box on the door of the secretary's office. We want to keep it updated.

## *Placing Membership in a Local Church*

It is a good practice to be identified with a local church.

Paul wanted the fellowship of working with other Christians when he went from Damascus back to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26).



This is the following from one family who identified with us long ago and thought it good to pass it along to you.

1. Visited several times before moving here and was received with Christian love, friendliness, and encouragement.
2. Received several cards from members "thanking us" for visiting here and encouraging us to worship here after our move.
3. Found the worship services to be Bible based.
4. Found the members to be friendly, helpful, encouraging, and sincere.
5. What impressed us the most was the Christian love that we found here. It was as though this love greeted us at the door and has not stopped. (Whether we realize it or not this is a powerful first impression made on a visitor.)
6. Cards, visits, or whatever means employed to increase membership would not have worked with us without the love for Christ and each other that we have found at this congregation.

Question?? Are we there? Is this our church?

What do we have to do to make our visitors more welcome???

We hope others who move into our community will express their desire to worship with us at Cortland Christian Church





A healthy  
*fear of God*  
is based on an  
understanding of:

1-Minute Bible Love Notes

1. His Holiness
2. His Authority
3. His Wisdom

## Godly Fear

Regularly many Christians downplay God's righteous judgment. Perhaps they're responding to times past when God's wrath was overemphasized, but we can also under-emphasize it.

These three aspects of God's character should instill godly fear in us:

### 1. His Holiness

God is not flawed in any way. He doesn't make mistakes. Every thing He does is pure, good and right ([Jeremiah 9:23-24](#)).

He hates sin ([Psalm 7:11](#); [Romans 1:18-19](#))

He will punish the unrepentant ([Romans 2:5-11](#))

### 2. His Authority

No one tells God what to do. Nothing is beyond His jurisdiction.

He alone has the power of life and death ([Deuteronomy 32:39](#))

He alone has the ability to save and destroy ([John 14:6](#), [Acts 4:12](#); [Luke 12:4-5](#))

### 3. His Wisdom

God is all-knowing and all-wise ([Isaiah 40:12-31](#)).

He defines right from wrong ([Isaiah 33:22](#); [2 Corinthians 5:10](#))

He always knows what's best for us ([Psalm 139](#)).

## How To Please Everyone

by Wendell Ward

Cute Story

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, "How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveler they met frowned and said accusingly, "How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks." With that, the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, "I never saw anything so cruel in all my life. Two intelligent human beings riding on the poor little scrawny donkey." They dismounted, picked up the donkey and carried it down the road.

Down the road a piece from there our trio met a couple of men traveling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?"

How to please everyone? Don't even try! Just try to please God.

***"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ," (Gal. 1:10).***

The sooner we learn we cannot live by the conscience of any other man, the better off we will be. Each of us must walk by the rule of faith that comes by hearing the word of God according to (Rom. 10:17). We understand (James 4:4) to teach that friendship with the world causes us to be the enemy of God.

When it comes to preaching the word, preachers must realize they too must also live by the word. To proclaim something that would just tickle ears and not be in harmony with "the God-breathed word" causes one, even if he were an angel from heaven, to be accursed.

We must not confer with men as to the preaching of the word. It has been certified already. Our job is to persuade men to obey it.

As our travelers soon learned, trying to please everyone only led to confusion. Confusion leads to doing something foolish, like carrying your donkey!

Or worse yet, confusion leads to  
denominationalism!

Here below are our shut-in members or members of concern, Please!

Drop them a card or a note of encouragement and let them know we care!

**Grace Wagner**

175 Wall Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410  
330-637-5957

**Phyllis Beer**

Lake Vista  
41 Heron Circle  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Lorena Quinn**

Moved

**Vera Kidd**

Community Skilled Nursing  
Room 221  
1320 Mahoning Ave.  
Warren, Ohio

**Raymond Kline**

502 Arcaro Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Jean Davis**

87 Lake Vista Dr.  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Frank and Gloria Zanin**

18170 N.91st Ave.  
Apt.1210  
Peoria, Az. 85382

**Helen Carleton**

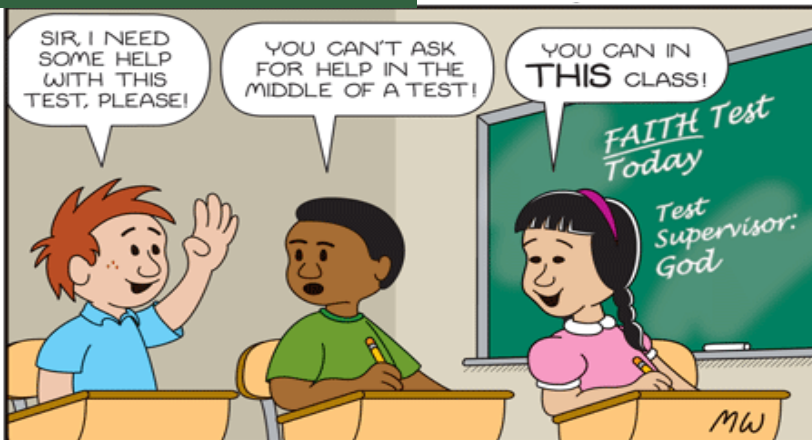
477 N. High Street  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Vivian Jensen**

Meadowbrook Nursing  
3090 Five Points Hartford Rd  
Fowler, Ohio 44416



## Faith Test



If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.  
- JAMES 1:5 KJV

*Why did the  
cucumber call  
a lawyer?  
He found himself in  
a "Pickle"*

John Klamut's Corner

## Cortland Christian Church

153 Grove Drive  
Cortland, Ohio 44410  
330-637-4611

Reverend Donald P. Barnes





## *Prayer Shawls Ministry*



"Shawls ... made for centuries, universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.

They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

Do you know of someone who needs a hug? Someone who is hurting either physically or emotionally?

Let us help with our prayer shawls.  
Contact Judy Hansel or see her in church on Sunday.



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## **Our Mission Team**

Should you choose to participate, you should know that Pastor has been having meetings and has updates for for your trip to Birmingham, Alabama to work with Habitat for Humanity.

Hard work like this brings smiles and happiness to the recipients as well as those who are doing the construction of these homes. Our Team always come back with interesting stories and pictures of the work and the fun they had .

Pastor Don will show a video presentation of last years trip on May 1 during the Sunday Service, followed by a

**"Haystack Luncheon"**

**Sounds like fun.....**

## **What's in your Bucket?**

If you were walking back from a well carrying a bucket of water and someone jostled you, there could be spilled from that bucket only that which is contained.

As you walk along the way of life, people are constantly bumping into you. If your heart is full of ill nature, bad temper and ugly disposition, only those things will be spilled from it .

On the other hand, if it is full of life, you will spill a smile or a pleasant remark. You can spill from your bucket only that which it contains.



# ***“THE GRAVESTONE HAS BEEN ROLLED AWAY”***

O’ “ The Gravestone Has Been Rolled Away,”  
There will be no more grief to bear this day...

Only Joyous Hallelujah’s shall we hear..  
All the scorn, despair, and doom, have ended at the tomb..  
The price was paid, this very day..  
Now He has Risen, O’ what a glorious Savior we serve..  
In the end, this precious one, took sin for one and all...

He paid the price, that was O’, so great,  
with his very own life, upon the cross,  
that you and I might live, and have that blessed hope..  
Yes, He paid it all, without a word, that we might live victoriously...

So look and listen you sinful and dying world,  
And remember the one, so precious and true,  
who gave His life, that you might live..

Willingly was He scourged, beaten and spit upon,  
His Father’s will He gladly did,

Just for you and I....

Had you been the only one, to the cruel cross,  
He still would have gone..

He died that we might be free, and live,  
more exceedingly. abundantly,..

So throw off your grave clothes,  
This very day, and be joyous and celebrate,  
In what He has done..

**FOR! “ The Gravestone Has Been Rolled Away!!”**

Given to Joyce A Eckard by her precious Savior,  
On Tuesday, March 26, 2002 ~ 3:15 AM

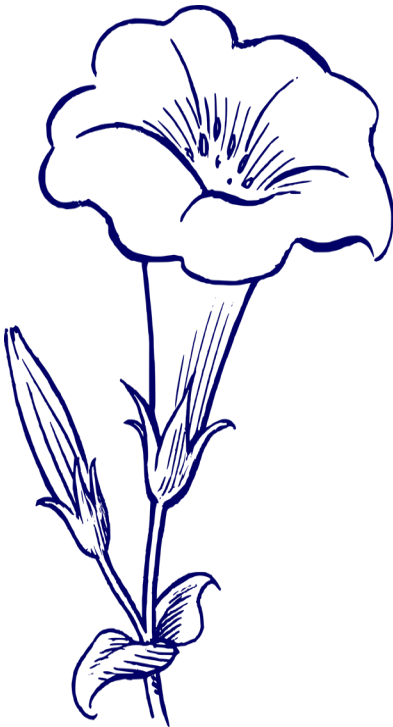
Redeemed ~Only a nail scarred Hand could pay the debt that sets us free.

“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness  
And brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves,  
In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Colossians 1:13 and 14

**“ To God Be All The Glory!” PRAISE HIS HOLY, HOLY NAME!**

**This is a poem written by one of our very own members, Joyce Eckard**



Today at our Soup and Sandwich a special group of women came to dine with us. Diana Martin brought a group of her Red Hatter friends with her to enjoy fun and fellowship, and good food.

### Red Hatters



In the fall of 1997, Sue Ellen Cooper, an artist from Fullerton, California, purchased an old red fedora for \$7.50 from a thrift shop during a trip to Tucson, Arizona. When a good friend was nearing a 55th birthday, Cooper cast about for an idea for an original gift. Inspired by a well-known Jenny Joseph poem, "Warning" which begins **"When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple, with a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me."** Cooper wanted to encourage her friend to grow older in a playful manner. She gave her friend a red hat of her own, suggesting that she keep it as a reminder to grow older playfully and on her own terms.



Pictured L-R—Diana Martin, Member of CCC and her friends, Cheryl Kemble, Ginger Meckler, Ruth Tomilson, Claudia York, and Karen Anrus.

Those women responded by wearing their own red hats and entering a new women's movement that embraced a renewed outlook on life filled with fun and friendship, fulfilling lifelong dreams. Cooper repeated the gift on request several times, and eventually several of the women bought purple outfits and held a "tea party" on April 25, 1998.

**"The Red Hat Society" was born.**



## ***Where is your heart?***

*Joyce Seagle*

Jesus said, "Do not store up earthly treasures....Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." But how do you know what you truly treasure? Our treasure is that which is at the center of our life. It is the thing that we live for. It is where we freely spend our money.

Recently Stan and I came across a budget book we used when first we came to Warren, Ohio back in the 1950s. Perusing its pages we easily grasped the gist of its story; almost all our income was spent on home and family – our treasures.

Our treasures are something to consider when giving our church offering: Are church and the Kingdom of God a treasure for us? Do they mean enough to us that we give generously and cheerfully? Must I remind myself that the only things going with me when I leave this earth are other people? Let each of us ask ourselves as we give to the Lord: "What do I treasure most and am I giving accordingly?"







On Palm Sunday, as on every Sunday, one of the hymns is a hymn of invitation, This Sunday was special as Pastor invited all who cared to commit their life to Christ to come forward, and so many of the congregation left their seats to go forward to claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, many came forward to recommit. He then prayed for each and every one of God's children and told a little about their Christian lives.

Pictured from L-R— Jamie Leveto, Erma and Nick Bellett, Mary Jo and Bob Johnson , Joyce Hall behind Pastor Don Barnes , Lorra Barnes, Judy Hansel, Linda Chagnot, Jean Scott, Patti Oriti, Amy Seger, Carol Robinson, and Pat Taylor

Picture taken by Nick Miller



*Last Soup and Sandwich of the season, here are a few of the volunteers.*



John Molnar and Bob Evans making the soup..



Anita Bell packing the to-go orders and Betty Evans dishing up the soup.



Judy Hansel and Barb Bradford taking a break.  
after the sandwiches are readied.



Phyllis Hake and Jeff Byler taking their break  
before the crowd shows up. Today they are  
the ones that are keeping us in  
clean dishes.



Carolyn Sparhawk keeps the coffee hot and ready,  
Katie Molnar has many jobs. And Virginia Carr cuts  
and plates the pies.

There is always a call for volunteers for Soup and Sandwich days. You really never know for sure what you will be doing until the time comes. Some do have designated jobs, but they still fill in wherever needed

This year Linda and Chuck Chagnot headed up the project, they did a wonderful job of coordinating the making of all the foods and getting help.

We had good crowds for each Soup day and wonderful fellowship along the way.

This day has become a Social Event for many for our community.

"Thanks" to all the wonderful folks who dedicated their time and talents to such a wonderful day .....Great Job!! Guys and Gals

## An Adventure—Trying Something New

Since graduating from college with her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2000, and graduate school in 2003 with her Master's degree in Education, Heather Sensabaugh, from our congregation, has thought of creating a sort of "third place" for children - a place, that's not home or school, where they can play board games with peers, improve social skills, have fun, and learn about the world around them.

She taught 2nd grade for three years in upstate New York, met her husband and they decided to move to his home state of Ohio. She hoped it would be easy with her education and experience to find a job teaching in Ohio, "not so much" she said. Administrators and Superintendents told her that she was "too expensive" to hire, "overqualified" to teach. So she did substitute teaching, was a preschool teacher, a nanny and a tutor. Not lucrative enough to make sense doing with two young children to arrange daycare for.

Having no family near-by, it seemed challenging at times raising children without family support and wished there was a place that she could take them for a couple of hours, so she could shop, go to a movie, Dr. appointments and more. Her husband's job, Band Director at Lakeview High School, keeps him very busy. He is the director of all the bands, grade 8-12 and teaches a college level class through YSU-Lakeview partnership.

In 2012, she pitched this idea to a friend, a teacher with children, and her husband, then applied for financing. It took 3 years to close their loans, and many hurdles to overcome, to get to this point. But the time has come...

The Oasis Drop In Learning Center is now ready to open their doors.

*All your friends at Cortland Christian Church (CCC) wish you much success.*



### Oasis Drop In Learning Center

Located at Unit 922 in the Great East Plaza

—Near Hobby Lobby—

Open Monday -Thursday 1—9:30pm

Friday and Saturday 10:00 am — 9:30 pm

Sunday 11am—5pm

#### Open House

Friday May 6th,  
from 3:00-5:00pm

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Reduced "one time" registration  
of \$15.00 at this event

Opening day on May 7th

**4 hours Maximum per day—30 days per calendar year**

Offering different crafts - art projects each week

Large activity rooms, community rooms, with loads of books, toys ,  
educational toys, oodles of books, and an Ocean themed décor.

Staff members are BCI-FBI background checked and are studying education in  
college or have experience as a teacher or daycare provider.

Website: [oasisdropin.com](http://oasisdropin.com)

Or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OasisDropinCenter/> or call at 330-652-1112



