



### Discovering And Acting On Possibilities

Do you reflect on family journeys - or discuss where you have been and where you will go - next? Your Canfield Christian Church Family did just that. We opened the family scrap book (2016 -2017 Annual Report\*) and reviewed where we have been; what we learned; and where we will travel next on our faith and service journey of possibilities.

Because of your faith, your visions, your cooperation, your enthusiasm for serving God, and your hard work - you excel in giving testimony to the reality that: "... with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

Do you realize that for the first time, in many years, we provided faith development opportunities for two of our youth at Camp Christian - our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) camp in Central Ohio?

Explore your July Clarion and discover Libby's joy in experiencing God's presence through Christian community at Camp Christian. Next month, you will read about Bella's Camp Christian experience. Who knows, Bella may provide an article about her experiences. We are proud of them! Let's encourage each of them on their Faith Journey!

Look inside and recall our Fourth of July enthusiasm. Our cheering Ricardo on as he ran the race set before him, offering cold water, providing parking for folks with mobility limitations, and wearing green shirts that invite others to experience a living faith through this great church.

No "Dog Days of Summer" for us! Sally Ifill represented us at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly. Her pictures are worth a thousand words – or a thousand explanations ... you decide. Ask her about how our church serves as a collective body of believers that inspires lives of faith all around the world.

Wait, there is more: our children are inviting you to participate in their August **"Wagons of Hope"** mission emphasis. With your generous gifts of food, they will provide compassion, hope, and understanding through Protestant Family Services.

Your opportunities continue: we are preparing for our second annual neighborhood block party on Saturday, 16 September.

Stay tuned and come experience the joy of life and faith at Canfield Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). There is more to come for October to December 2017.

\* Copies of our 2016 -2017 "Family Picture Album" (Annual Report) are in the narthex for you to pick up. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Joann ([canfield.christian.church@zoominternet.net](mailto:canfield.christian.church@zoominternet.net) or 330-533-2246). We look forward to reminding you of where God led and where we followed.

Ed Allen, Interim Minister

## OUR CHURCH REMINDERS

### Update on Search for Settled Minister

Our Search Committee met with Stephen Bentley, Ohio Region of Disciples, on Tuesday, June 27. Steve brought us an additional twelve pastoral profiles. We are currently calling the candidates to determine Who is still in the process of looking for a church and we started phone interviews.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue searching on your behalf.

Respectfully,  
Alan, Ashley, Helen, Martin, Patty, Laurie and Sally

### ELDERS Serving in July:

Date	Lead Elder	Table Elder
2	Jan Pumphrey	Brenda Hernan
9	Rodger Shuback	Jan Pumphrey
16	Jan Pumphrey	Sally Ifill
23	Rodger Shuback	Susan Crawford
30	Sally Ifill	Walter Coy

### Please join us on 13 August to Recognize the people celebrating Anniversaries and Birthdays in July and August

This is an excellent occasion to introduce a friend, or two, or more to Canfield Christian Church.

#### JULY:

6 Amanda Mavrikis  
6 Shirley Metzger  
11 Maya Condori  
13 Susan Smith  
15 Laurie Sharp  
15 Owen Jones  
16 Starla Smidt  
20 Edna Seaman  
20 Joyce Coy  
27 Lynne Fredo  
27 Barbara Todd

#### AUGUST:

1 Richard Rees  
2 Patti Murphy- Martin  
3 Dennis Martin  
3 Virginia Hendricks  
4 Ashley Shuback  
14 Helen Bush  
15 Pat Coy  
22 Susan Crawford  
22 Michael Pollock  
29 Glenn Alcott

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

July 16 Jeff & Mary Payne  
July 19 Richard & Edna Seaman  
July 24 Rodger & Karen Shuback  
July 25 Lou & Aimee Raymond  
August 3 Rick & Susan Payton  
August 20 Michael & Angel Pollock



### **Coffee Fellowship**

Our Coffee Fellowship host families provide an invaluable service that pleases each of us – Thank you.

Thank you, Lynne Fredo, for thoughtfully providing our June Coffee Fellowship.



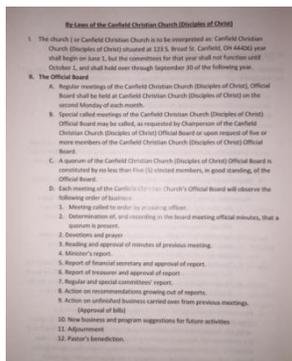
Thank you, Kim of Kim's Confections, for your kindness by providing a cake to recognize the Fathers in our midst.

By noon Kim's tasty cake was reduced to only enough small morsels . . .

. . . to feed a church mouse



## Reminders



- 📌 Please pick up a copy of our 2016-2017 Annual Report and the proposed revised By-Laws for Canfield Christian Church. They are on the table in the narthex.
- 📌 Sunday 6 August, after worship we will entertain discussions On the proposed By-Laws and vote to accept them or introduce further revisions.
- 📌 Please let Joann know if you would like copies of the Annual Report or the proposed By-Laws mailed to you. Please provide the address where we should mail your copies.



### AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

**Please remember those who are in assisted living/nursing homes with your prayers, phone calls, and visits:**

AustinWoods: DeNise Martin, Betty Baird

Hampton Woods: Richard Rees

The Inn at Christine Valley: Irene Lehtonen

Shepherd of the Valley: Barbara Hepplewhite

**The following individuals and families do appreciate your continued prayers on their behalf:**

Richard Seaman

Theresa Alcott

David Bush

Edna Seaman

Helen Bush

Virginia Knauf

Martin Crawford

Larry Kimble

Dave Guillard

Susan Crawford

Ann Moncrief

Alice Johns

Rev. Walter Coy

David Dishong

Doug Lewis (Brother of Joyce Coy)

Joseph Novacich (Father of Theresa Murphy)

Ted Harris (Nephew of Jerry & Dolores Hanna )

Margrit Galano (Mother of Cindy Stackhouse)

Scott Chepke (Recently received a transplant)

Roseann Lobaugh (Sister of Anita Powell)

John Bauman and David Beach (Friends of

Ingrid Vance and Laura Utterback (Friends of

Sally Payne)

Dorris Baringer)

Please remember to keep our Search Committee members in your prayers.

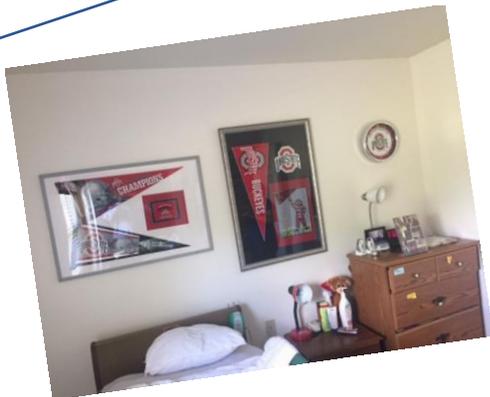
***It is important to remember our service members in your daily prayers.***

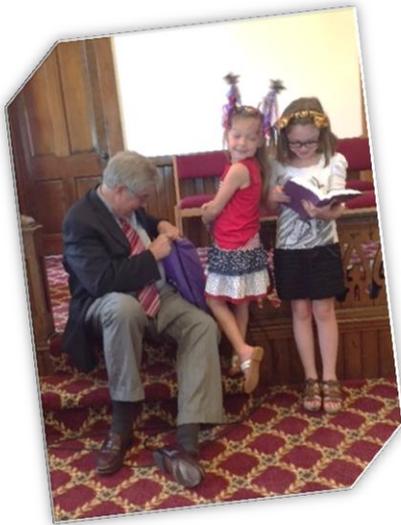


Starwick Home or  
Lovingly known to us as  
**David's House**

Our children shared their enthusiasm to the Canfield Christian Church's May/June Mission Initiative. The joy our children offered while presenting Helen Bush with treasured decorations for David's own room, cannot be understated.

We are honored to extend our appreciation to Joann, for her framing talents, and to our children, who shared together in touching Helen and David's lives with Compassion, Understanding, and the Hope that comes through faith and service. Through your giving, you touched the life of one of the Grand Ladies whose life commitments and faith example continues inspiring many through our church.





As part of our worship celebration, we offered our support for Libby's first church camp experience at Camp Christian.

A new Bible with a greeting from Jan Pumphrey, our Board Chair, one of our church backpacks that included a Canfield Christian Church t-shirt, a journal and other camp essentials.

We sent her with our blessings and look forward to learning about her experiences.





A grandmother's hug gives support and encouragement

Jelly donut nourishment for the journey



Libby: Look, that's my church!



Yep, she'll have a good week





**Canfield Christian Church Enjoys Honoring the Fourth of July 2017**







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June 26, 2017

Dear Church,

Greetings! Today I begin serving as your Interim Regional Minister. It is a day I have been thinking about for some three months, and anticipating for the past few weeks, since receiving the call from the Regional Church Council to serve in this position. I am glad to be here.

My wife Jeannine, will join me in Columbus, as will our household goods, on the weekend of July 15, when our apartment is available. I haven't driven a large truck for some time, but Penske truck rental offered a good deal. Until then, my temporary living quarters will be at Camp Christian. Maybe I will see some of you there.

Jeannine and I will also be at the General Assembly in Indianapolis. I hope to see congregants and pastors from the Christian Church in Ohio there as well. I will try to post on the regional website a time and place where I will be day of the Assembly. Hopefully I can visit with some of you there, or elsewhere at the Assembly. I'll watch for you. Please watch for me. At least we can take the time to introduce ourselves to each other.

Over the almost four decades I have served in ministry, I have learned that transparency and trust are vital to the faith community—actually to any healthy community called into being by covenant, as are we. While visiting with the regional executive committee about these two essential elements of our regional church community, we added a third "T-word": treasury—the financial resources to support ministry. Transparency...Trust...Treasury.

There is another crucial element in our life together as followers of Jesus. The Epistle to the Ephesians describes it so well in chapter four:

*"I...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace....speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."*

These words describe ministry, particularly regional church ministry, so well. You will hear from me often, about the importance of the regional church faith community—the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio— building itself up in love.

I have met some of you. I look forward to meeting all of you. And with anticipation, I look forward to gathering with you about the Lord's Table.

I will keep you in prayer. I ask for your prayers, as well.

**Grace & peace, John**

Rev. John M. Richardson  
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**Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
2017 General Assembly**

**Sally Ifill represented Canfield Christian Church  
as a Voting Delegate**

The General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ (GA) meets every two years as a sort of family reunion. This year's GA was held in Indianapolis July 8-12. About 4,000 lay people and ministers attended. I was honored to represent our church at Canfield and get the opportunity to learn from workshops and new friends.

The theme this year was "ONE" based on John 17, 20-21a – unity even in diversity. I saw a diverse group of believers – diverse in age, ability, gender, ethnicity, worship style, music and ideas. The uniting force was the love and devotion to God and Jesus.

Sharon Watkins was honored for her service the past twelve years as General Minister and President of the Disciples' denomination and Terri Hord Owens was installed as new GMP in a moving service on closing night. My brother Rick and I were thrilled to sing in a choir of 75 church musicians for this event.

I learned that there are many ways to negotiate challenges the church faces. For example, most faith communities have folks with difficulty standing during services. Some churches are now inviting them to "Rise in body or in spirit!"

I look forward to sharing more stories and ideas with you in the coming weeks.

The next General Assembly is in Des Moines, IA in 2019.



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Disciples of Christ  
U.S. Presidents: James  
A. Garfield, Lyndon  
Johnson  
and Ronald Reagan



# Food Pantry Needs

Our children invite you to experience the joy of providing Hope and nourishment as you help with their mission project. Our children need your generous support through food gifts that will fill the Canfield Christian Church's Wagons of Hope and ultimately benefit individuals and families depending on the food we provide through Protestant Family Services.

Please review the food pantry needed items and support our children's mission of Hope and Kindness as you help fill their wagons to overflowing. The children's wagons will arrive, once again, to benefit others on 13 August 2017.

## PANTRY LIST

- Canned meat: tuna, Spam, Vienna sausage, ham, chicken, turkey, salmon
- Vegetables: corn, green beans, peas, pork & beans, yams, spinach, potatoes, kidney beans, carrots, beets, greens
- Fruit: peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, applesauce, pineapple
- Soup: all kinds
- Condiments: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pancake syrup, jelly, apple butter, preserves
- Lunch/Dinner: potatoes, spaghetti, noodles, macaroni & cheese dinner, rice, dry beans, beef stew, chicken & dumplings
- Breakfast: dry cereal (hot & cold), pancake mix, powdered milk and canned milk, grits
- Other: cake mix, sugar, shortening, oil, jello, pudding, flour, salt, pepper, spices, corn meal
- Personal: face soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion and sanitary napkins, dish detergent, shampoo/conditioner
- Paper items: toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex
- Beverages: canned/bottled juices (refrigeration not needed), concentrated juice mixes, pre-sweetened beverage mixes (Kool-Aid, iced tea, etc.), coffee, tea bags



**THE CHILDREN'S WAGONS OF HOPE WILL ARRIVE TO BENEFIT OTHERS ON 13 AUGUST 2017**

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