



“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.” Romans 12:4-5

“Do you not know that that your bodies are members of Christ? Anyone united with the Lord becomes one spirit with him.” 1 Corinthians 6:15, 17

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27

“[God] has put all things under [Christ’s] feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Ephesians 1:23

“No one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body.” Ephesians 5:29-30

“Everybody needs somebody to love.” Blues Brothers, 1980

You’ve heard me say it again and again: we are the church, the body of Christ, alive and at work in the world. And a body works together. Each member of the body wants each other part of the body to be the best it can be. The stronger one part is, the better it is for every other part of the body.

Here in this church, we understand all of that. We are here because we need a body, a big, beautiful body where we can belong and grow and work and share. Here we love one another and here we are loved by each other. Here we serve one another and here we are served by each other. Here we work with one another and are uplifted by each other.

And we love it here. We love belonging to this body. We love helping and serving and working. And we enjoy being so loved and served. We love having our work multiplied by so many others in unity together.

And others are learning how much they can love it, too. When people come here, they say they instantly feel it, this love and acceptance we have for each other. We have all kinds of members here, but we are all part of the same body, members of one another in Christ.

Some of you have told me that you didn’t understand just how rare and precious this thing we have here is. Some of you have said that this is how all churches should be. And you’re right, but it isn’t always the case. Some churches don’t feel this way. They still do good things and are good people, but they don’t always fill folks with the sense of warmth and welcome that folks who come here feel on a regular basis.

And then, if you look further and go outside the churches, it’s way worse. There are so many places in our world that are not only unwelcoming, but actively harmful and dangerous. I’m not even talking about war zones or seedy underbellies of giant cities; I’m talking about schools and workplaces, even some family homes. Don’t think for an instant that what we enjoy here is a common experience for most people.

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That's why Christ calls us to reach out to others and bring them into our community here. There is a real difference between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God. While we are still firmly in the midst of this worldly kingdom, here in our church gathering, here within this body of Christ gathered in this place, we are an outpost of the kingdom of God. Here people get at least a glimpse into the kingdom to come. Here they can find a respite from the hurt and harm of the everyday world. Here they can find a warm welcome away from the weary and wary ways of the world. Here they can experience the love of Jesus Christ in a wholly and holy different manner than anything they encounter outside the church.

Consider who in your everyday encounters you come across who might be looking for just the thing we have to share here. That is our greatest offering we have to share. That's also one of the biggest things missing in so many people's lives.

"Everybody needs somebody to love," and everybody needs to be loved by the one body of Christ. That's us. That's our calling. That's what we are equipped to do. We've got the food and the coffee. We've got the smiles and the handshakes. We've got all the vast and varied gifts of those gathered here. And we have the one body of Christ, alive and thriving and doing the work of welcoming. Let us share that.

--Pastor Ben

OUR CHURCH REMINDERS

ELDERS Serving in November:

3 Jan Pumphrey
10 Rodger Shuback
27 Rodger Shuback
24 Sally Ifill

Coffee Fellowship – The host families for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship provide an invaluable service. Thank you, Trinidad and Mary Anne, for serving as Hostesses in November.



You are invited to join us at the next Game Night on Friday, December 6, 7-9 pm.
If you haven't participated yet, come and see what fun we have.

Thank you for supporting our children's efforts to help others while filling their Wagons of Hope on **Sunday, December 8**. Your generosity makes a difference to needy families in our local area.





Welcome

We warmly welcome Diana Secaur to our church! She became an official member on Sunday, October 6.

It's time for new church directories!

It has been 7 years since our last one and our church family has changed a lot in that time.

Universal Church Directories will help lead us through the whole process. They will be here Monday, December 2 to take pictures. We have a signup sheet to schedule times to come in. Please sign up soon and mark your calendars. These directories will be an important part of our ministry to new and prospective members for years to come.



Universal Church Directories provides this service for free to the congregation. Every family or individual who gets their picture taken will get a free directory as well as an 8x10 of themselves. Additional pictures can be purchased (and they will be available before Christmas!)

Please make every effort to sign up and be here to make our new photo directory complete.



Sunday School Fund Raiser

As a Fundraiser for Sunday School, Milton has candles for sale throughout November and December. Your help is appreciated to support our Sunday School program. The candles are \$2.00 each and are available in seasonal colors for the holidays.

You can contact Milton Gonzales or the church office for more information.

Congratulations to Michael and Angel (Sharp) Pollock on the birth of their son Gavin on October 5.

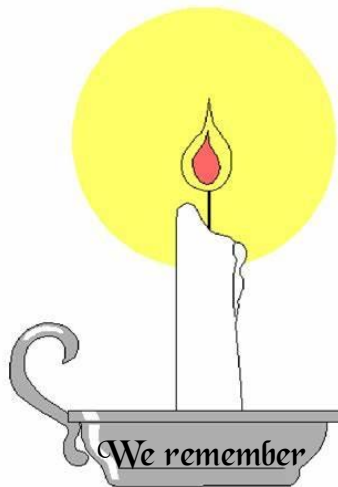
He is welcomed by big brother Grayson and also by his grandparents Jeff & Laurie Sharp and great grandmother Pat Coy.



Canfield Christian Church honors its
Veterans with gratitude and pride on
Veterans' Day, November 11



Victor Arcenio, Peruvian Air Force	Jeffrey Payne, Navy
Maya Condori, Navy	Rodney Payne, Jr., Navy
Anthony Ggalizia, Army	Dusty Popovich, National Guard
Jerry Hanna, Army	Bud Richards, Army
Brenda Hernan, Army	Jason Samora, Navy
Steve Metzger, Navy	Donna Wiant, Navy



all church members, family and friends
who have passed during the past year.

Susan Crawford	Larry Kimble
Theresa (Baker) Alcott	Marilyn Leymaster
Judith Ann Kritz	William Guillard
Ted Harris	Russ Miner
Barbara Todd	Martin Crawford
Maria Condori	Geraldine Brown
Charlotte Knauff	Dorothy Rice
Donald M. Detwiler	

Thank You

October 27, 2019

*Dear Pastor Ben and
Everyone at Canfield Christian Church,*

*How can I ever fully thank you for the beautiful
memorial service and luncheon for my husband Don?
I've told him and others so many times about all
the wonderful people here, and I feel truly blessed
to be a part of such a warm and caring community.*

All of you are so special to me and my family.

*With thanks and love,
Joann Detwiler
Church secretary*

We owe a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Alice Johns Memorial Block Party a success on September 21!

Their efforts combined to make a day of fun, games, food and another way to reach out to the community!



Disciples Heritage Corner

Walter Scott was one of the four key early leaders in the Restoration Movement, along with Barton W. Stone, Thomas Campbell and Thomas' son Alexander Campbell. He was a successful evangelist and helped to stabilize the Campbell movement as it was separating from the Baptists.

Scott was born in 1796 in the town of Moffatt, Scotland but eventually moved to Pittsburgh, where he was baptized by immersion and became an active member of a small congregation led by a fellow Scotsman named George Forrester. Forrester helped shape Walter's understanding of Christianity, and in particular his belief that immersion was the only appropriate form of baptism. Another strong influence on Walter's growing understanding was from James and Robert Haldane who rejected the authority of creeds and observed the Lord's Supper weekly.

Scott married Sarah Whitsette in 1823, and the family moved to Ohio in 1826. He began working with the Campbells and was hired to work as an evangelist in 1827. Within three years he brought over 3,000 converts into the movement. At that time the Campbells were associated with the Mahoning Baptist Association; as the number of converts grew, conflicts with other Baptists also grew. In 1839 Scott and the Campbells disassociated themselves from the Baptists.

During that time, Walter Scott and his family lived beside our church building. Our congregation was one of the first to leave the Mahoning Baptist Association in 1829 due in huge part to Walter Scott's influential ministry here. Scott continued to preach after 1829, but increasingly his focus shifted to writing. In 1852 the family moved to Covington, Kentucky where he established a school for women. He died on April 23, 1861.

Scott's written work, most of which dates from after 1830, influenced the Restoration Movement throughout the 19th century. His work has been described as "profoundly theological." Influenced by Francis Bacon and John Locke, Scott believed theology should be reasonable, able to be explained in reasonable terms and able to withstand reasonable criticism.



***Our Children's Sunday Funday on October 13
was a great time for our kids and adults!***

Everybody enjoyed so many activities at
The Mahoning County Experimental Farm!



Owen with
Pastor Ben
enjoying
his lunch



Riding on the hay
wagon!



Visiting with
the animals



What a group we had!

Beautiful weather made our
Trip to Bethany, West Virginia
so enjoyable!



Judy the tour guide
and
Lila the
photographer



"All light comes from above"
in Alexander's study



Alexander Campbell's
study, close to (but
separate from) the
main house



The old main gates
at Bethany College



With Judy, our wonderful
tour guide



Visiting the
"Strangers' Hall"
for visitors to the
Campbell House



The stacks of bulletins, articles,
biographies, music, pictures and so
much more in the archives of the
Disciples Historical Society

Celebrating the Love, Joy and Enthusiasm that shapes Canfield Christian Church

We hope you will enjoy celebrating September and October Birthdays and Anniversaries with us on **Sunday, December 8.**

BIRTHDAYS:

NOVEMBER:

3 Adalyn Jones
9 James Bowman
15 Hannah Payton
16 Peg Wurster
17 Samantha Secaur
17 Victor Arcenio
20 Jason Sweeney
21 Elizabeth Ifill
22 Colton Schmidt
25 Brock Kimble
27 Jan Pumphrey
28 Daniel Richards
29 Jeff Nape
30 Kerry Kimble

DECEMBER:

1 Mary Niddel
3 Kenneth Martin
3 Dolores Hanna
5 Donna Helmick
9 Carol Dahlgren
14 Carol Helmick
22 Dylan Heldreth
23 Karen Shuback
29 Anthony Galizia

ANNIVERSARIES:

NOVEMBER:

9 Wesley & Cheryl Coy
10 James & Sue Ann Russell
15 Anthony & Trinidad Galizia

DECEMBER:

7 Carl & Carol Dahlgren
29 Jim & Sue Galchick
29 David & Shirley Metzger

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

Brookdale: Barbara Hepplewhite

The Inn at Christine Valley: Irene Lehtonen

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

Helen Bush

Helen Dishong

Debbie Tunison

Jeff Nape

David Dishong

David Metzger

Wesley Coy

Colt Schmidt (Great Grandson of Pat Wiant)

Doug Lewis (Brother of Joyce Coy)

Roseann Lobaugh (Sister of Anita Powell)

Jack Harris (Nephew of Jerry & Dolores Hanna)

Marcellene Hawk Mayhall (Friend of Anita Powell)

Rosa and Maria Arcenio (Sisters of Trinidad)

Scott Chepke (Received a transplant)

Rhonda Jones and Perri Graf (Friends of Sally Payne)

Melissa Miskell Tabbara (Friend of Sally Ifill)

Amanda Price (Daughter of Fred & Celeste)

Margrit Galano (Mother of Cindy Stackhouse)

Jennifer Cox (Daughter of Jim & Carol Swartz)

Sandra Jeffries, Lyne Ahalt and John Beales


Robby Cox (Son of Rob & Jennifer Cox)

(Friends of Dorris Baringer)

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



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Game Night 7-9 pm	2
3 Worship 10:30 am End of Daylight Savings Time	4 AA Meeting 7 pm	5	6 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday	11 Meetings: Worship Committee 6 pm General Board 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	12	13 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	14 Operation Blessing 10 am	15 Alzheimer's Support Group 10 am	16
17 Worship 10:30 am Thanksgiving Offerings for the Disciples	18 AA Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	21 Operation Blessing 10 am	22	23
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December 2019

Looking Ahead to Christmas



Our Tree of Warmth will be outside the church office to collect your donations of hats, socks, scarves and gloves to help the needy stay warm this winter.



To spread some Christmas cheer to foster children, you can get a stocking from Milton and fill it with goodies.



Preparations are underway for our Christmas dinner on December 15.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please provide the following information to honor or remember the important people who touched and helped shape your life.

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF:

So that we can assure timely delivery and placement of your poinsettias, it is important that we receive your order by noon on November 26.

We will be most grateful if you include your check for each \$7.00 poinsettia ordered.

May you experience the joy of remembering others with this thoughtful presentation.

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