

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101 304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am
Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am
Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....11:00am
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm
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“Where you are always welcome!”

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58



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TO KEEP IN PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Nita Faye Leach
Gwen Lucas

Debbie Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Ray Peters

Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle
Cotton Sayre

Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Charlotte Deem
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman

Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter

Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Helen May
(Verna Huber)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)

Ohio Valley

Healthcare
Rosie Knox
Gloria Morris

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Stonrise Healthcare

John Rockhold

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

Genesis

Ray Sams

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Ryan (Hesselrode) Bertka & baby
Jeff Bigler (Beck Linda Bowie
(Van Sprague's mother) y Inman's father)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Sharron Daggett (Aidan Klingler grandma)
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Robert Fox (Ralph Fox's brother)
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)
June Miller (Addie Miller's sister)
Marilyn Miskcovich
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
John Rockhold
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth's husband)
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Sandi Spittler-Klingler (Aidan's grandma)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Barbara Cramlet has finished her chemotherapy. radiation therapy to follow.
- ♥ Dot Haught is having a lot of pain and swelling in her foot.
- ♥ Jenny Reynolds is back in Camden Clark. She had surgery in Friday.
- ♥ Joyce Wright will be having surgery December 5.

SYMPATHY

- ♥ Ray Sams passed away last Friday. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bonnie and family.
- ♥ Eva Bettinger (Madison Highman's grandma) passed away last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS — We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and pass it to the nearest aisle.

GLEANER CANS — If you have any gleaner cans for Potter's Children's Home, please return those to the building by next Sunday, December 3rd.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP — There will be a trip to the Oglebay Festival of Lights this Thursday, November 30. The bus will leave the building at 2:00. The cost will be \$5 up front plus the cost of dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria.

SACK THE PULPIT — This year we are adding a twist to our traditional "Sack the Pulpit." Tables in the front of the auditorium will be used to collect our donations of non-perishable food items. You will be able to place your donations on either the PHS Big Reds red and white table or the PSHS Patriots blue and white table. Running totals will be posted from December 1st to 31st. Those who support the winning team will be awarded bragging rights. Let the race begin!

SINGLES MINGLE WEINER ROAST — December 2 at the firepit on the lawn at 5:00. Please bring your own hot dogs, buns, drink, and a side dish. Sauce and condiments will be provided. Bring a chair and if you play an instrument, please bring it to help us sing around there fire. I hope all singles ages 18 to 118 will plan to fellowship with us.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY — The next teddy bear making session will be next Thursday, December 7 at 9:00a.m. in the multi-purpose room.

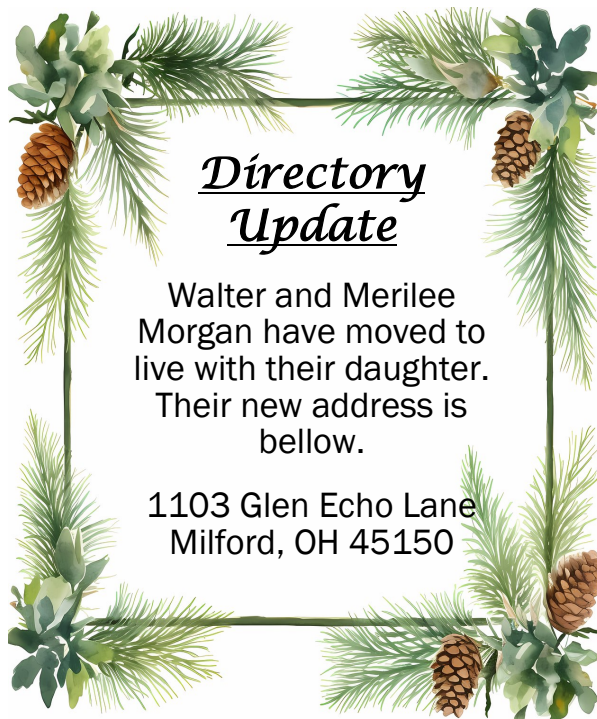
LADIES' HOLIDAY PARTY — This the season for all our ladies to enjoy an evening of fellowship next Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 in the multi-purpose room. Bring your favorite snack to share. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange - fill a pair of holiday socks with an assortment of small treats, unwrapped and ready for cozy feet! (approximately \$12)

MEAL TRAIN — If you would like to help with meals for Jim and Sallie Hinzman, please see Rick Stanley.

RAKE AND RUN — December 9 at 12:00. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for those that need their yard raked as well as volunteers. Meet at the church building for lunch. Please bring drinks and chips, pizza will be provided.

TEACHER NEEDED — A teacher is needed for the 2 & 3 year old class on Wednesdays for the winter quarter starting in December. Please see Cody Hoover if you can help.

RIDES TO SERVICES — We are looking for volunteers to provide others with a ride to services as needed. If you would be able to help with this effort, sign the sheet in the lobby to be added to our contact list for when the situation arises.



Directory Update

Walter and Merilee Morgan have moved to live with their daughter. Their new address is bellow.

1103 Glen Echo Lane
Milford, OH 45150

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

We Care Ministry:

Red Team
Roy Halstead

Yellow Team
Rick Stanley

Green Team
Mike & Teresa Wade

Blue Team
Chris & Terry Hofmann

Motivation Team
DJ Curry

Operations
Bill Hoover

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Camden Avenue
coC Live

CURRY CONNECTION

Teddy Bear Ministry Update

A little boy not much older than five lay in a hospital bed in Huntington, WV. He was a brave little boy who had to receive a few stitches after an accident on the farm. I remember the little boy and the smile on his face when he was given a Teddy Bear by one of the nurses. The fear just seemed to melt away! That little boy was me, and the Teddy Bear is still with me in my church office for anyone who wishes to see it. This gift from the Winfield church of Christ was my first contact with the church, and I carried this bear with me all through my childhood. It kept me brave when the scary thunderstorms were beating on my bedroom window at night, and it comforted me after a nightmare snuck its way into one of my dreams.

The purpose of the Teddy Bear Ministry/Service is to serve as an outreach to children and families in our area, providing something that encourages safety and comfort. Unfortunately, our world can be hard on children, too, and the church can do something about it. The Teddy Bear Ministry serves as an evangelistic and benevolent work of the church. Each bear has a label that advertises the church and can direct the recipient to our webpage for more information and lessons leading to Jesus. These Teddy Bears are delivered by us, church members, first responders, or hospital staff. When we utilize others outside the church to deliver these bears, we also influence them.

The congregation benefits from this work in many ways, including the bond formed during the Teddy Bear Makings. We have had many adults work together regardless of skill, and the youth have been an immense help. The body of Christ has been working together and has completed many good bears delivered to children in our area. The numbers which I have been able to keep up with are below.

- I. **Eighty-four** total bears have been given out!
 - a. Nineteen were sent by our members.
 - b. Twenty-three were sent to the Parkersburg Police Department.
 - c. Ten were given to our "We Care Ministry."
 - d. Twenty-one were sent to the Wood County Sheriff's Office.
 - e. Eleven were sent to children who were located at the Latrobe Street Mission.

A great goal would be to see more bears made in time for this year's holiday season. We have places such as the North Star Child Advocacy Center and other first responders waiting to have some bears to hand out to children in need. Our next Teddy Bear Making is Thursday, December 7th, 2023, in the Multipurpose Room at 9:30 am. I hope to see those of you who can make it.

For those who cannot make the Teddy Bear Makings and wish to sow bears together we place completed Teddy Bear Packets in the church office next to Brandi's office. These packets have cut out patterns, labels, hearts, and faces so you can complete Teddy Bears at home. I thank you for all your hard work! Everyone has been doing great!



SERMON NOTES

Proverbial Preaching - Trustworthy or Gossip?

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:13

Speaker: Doug Wells

A _____ betrays a _____ ,
but a _____ person keeps a _____ .
Proverbs 11:13

- 1: Have you ever (in a weak moment) let a secret or surprise slip? If so, what was the result?

- 2: In general, would you say that you are trustworthy or are you a gossip? (Prov. 11:13)

- 3: Why do YOU think others put pressure on us to share any private information we might know about someone else?

- 4: If you have to pick a side between a trusting friend and someone who wants to hear gossip, which choice makes sense?

- 5: How did Rahab choose a side? (And what depended on that choice?)

- 6: What does “confessing sins to one another” (James 5:16) require?

- 7: Can I trust a gossip? And, having experienced gossip firsthand, what does that do to my likelihood to trust anyone?

- 8: Who does Proverbs 20:19 say I should avoid?

- 9: Was juicy gossip on your Thanksgiving menu this year? If so, will you commit to refusing to participate in the future?

PM Sermon: “Identifying the Church - A Lesson on the Government of the Church”

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:17

Speaker: DJ Curry

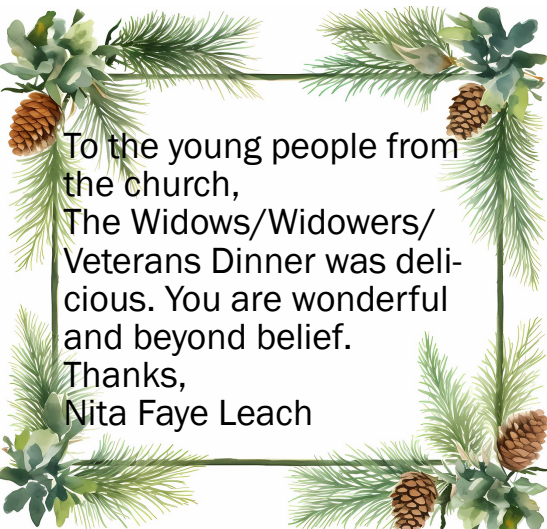
DOUG'S DISCUSSION

Jealous Labor

When I was in high school I saw a fellow student juggling. I'm not sure what exactly it was that appealed to me so much about what I witnessed. Was it the attention he received because of what he could do? Was it just the ability itself? I'm not sure . . . it's been a while since high school at this point. But I suppose it's fair to say I was a little envious of his skill. Envious enough that I asked my parents to take me to the library to find a book that could teach me how to juggle. Having acquired said book, I found an out of the way spot in the basement and I practiced for hours. I toiled. I labored. The day soon came when I too could pick up just about any three small objects and fling them simultaneously through the air. And now, who knows? Maybe the cycle will continue. Maybe someone will see me tossing around peppers like I did in the church lobby the other day and decide that they too need to go spend countless hours toiling in their mother's basement to gain the skill for themselves.

This kind of cycle isn't limited to just parlor tricks, of course. Why does anyone work and struggle and strive to gain something new? There are many cases where the birth of a person's efforts is found in someone else having something that they don't. At least not yet. They have a nicer car. They get a full weekend off. They get nicer vacations. They have a nice family and you're still single. There's all kinds of things that people want and don't have. They see them, they don't have them, and that is quite motivational! Perhaps the thing is gained, perhaps not, and even if it is often all it proves to be is a source of envy for someone else. (Since oddly enough when the goal is finally achieved it is either not as great as once thought or the achiever finds themselves unable to be properly thankful for it.) A wise man once saw this cycle while looking out his window and had this to say: "I saw that all labor and all achievement spring from man's envy of his neighbor. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 4:4).

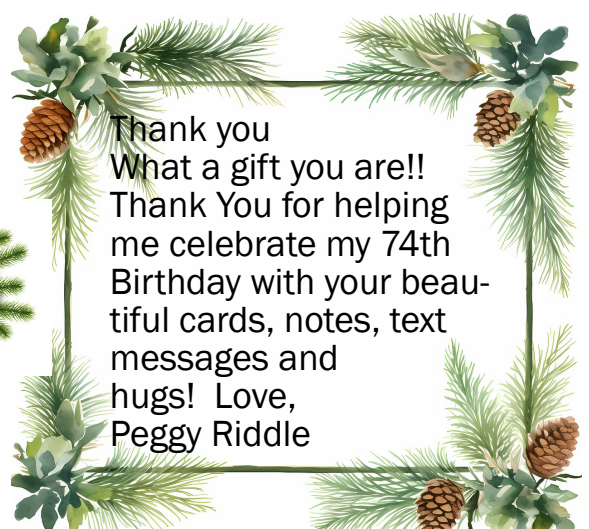
Clearly, if we don't want to just be running around in circles, we must do something other than living for what someone else has. If you can't do better you'll find yourself described by Titus 3:3: ". . . we too were foolish and disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another." This is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I think it would be better to find a higher goal. Now that Jesus has shown us a better way, a way of self-sacrifice, let us become a people who are "careful to devote themselves to doing what is good" (Titus 3:8). Instead of labor that springs from envy, it would be better to have labor that springs from love for Jesus Christ. That labor would lift people up. That labor is good. Or you can keep trying to catch the wind.



To the young people from the church,
The Widows/Widowers/Veterans Dinner was delicious. You are wonderful and beyond belief.
Thanks,
Nita Faye Leach



Thank You



Thank you
What a gift you are!!
Thank You for helping me celebrate my 74th Birthday with your beautiful cards, notes, text messages and hugs! Love,
Peggy Riddle

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, see the bulletin boards in the front and back of the auditorium.

November

- 26 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**
Dewey Avenue church of Christ
- 27 Monday Night for the Master - 6:30**
Soup Night part 2
This will be the last MNFTM of the year
- 30 Golden Agers Trip - Oglebay Fest. of Lights**
Bus will leave the building at 2:00
Cost: \$5 & dinner at Mehlman Cafeteria
- 9 Rake & Run - 12:00**
Bring drinks and chips
There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for yards in need of raking and volunteers

January

- 26 Ohio Winter Lectures - Fri 6:30-9 Sat 8-5**
-27 Fishfinger Road church of Christ
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting
Spiritual Growth & Unity

December

- 2 Singles Mingle Weiner Roast - 5:00**
Fire pit on the lawn
Bring your own hot dogs, buns, sides, drinks, and lawn chairs
Hot dog sauce and condiments provided
- 7 Teddy-Bear Making Session - 9:00**
multi-purpose room

April

- 6 Bible Bowl - 9:30**
Alkire Road church of Christ
Book of Romans (KJV)
- 27 Mid-Ohio Vally Ladies' Inspiration Day**
Hosted by: Camden Avenue
Speaker: Hannah Colley
Topic: Tell Your Story
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship**
-24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
Knoxville, TN
Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ
Studies in 2 Corinthians

MINUTE OF MEDITATION Heard on FM 96.9

Consider How You Hear

I'm proud to say that, in this great nation, you might hear God's Word in all kinds of places, even on the radio. And when you do hear this Word, how do you listen to it? There's more than one way to listen. That's why Scripture says things like "Consider carefully how you hear" and "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard."

How do you hear the Word of God? What kind of impact does it make on you when you hear it? The way God views your faith can depend on this question. Some hear and ignore, going their own way. Like God says in Isaiah 66:4, "For when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened. They did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me."

But others respond differently when God speaks. Two verses earlier God says: "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word." So let me ask again: how do you hear the Word of God? Are you the listen hard and respect it kind, or the I'll get around to it if I feel like it kind? One attitude pleases God; one doesn't. Consider carefully how you hear.

I am Doug Wells with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue Church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

December 3, 2023

Elder in Charge

Jim Galloway

Deacon in Charge

Doug Hershman

Song Leader

AM - Doug Wells

PM - Klay Cochran

Scripture

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Derrell Gumm

Prayer

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Kaleb Cochran

6:00 PM - Scott Johnson

Close - Bill Hoover

Communion

AM - Paul Inman

PM - Brian Haught

Welcome Center

AM - Tammy Kerns

PM - Joann Goldsmith

Wed - Robin Anthony

Announcements - Josh Carr

PA System - Clayton Huber

Projector - Doug Hershman

Security - Steve Gray



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

<https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan>

Nov. 26 Col. 1-2 Ps. 146

[How to be Complete in Christ](#)

Nov. 27 Col. 3-4 Ps. 147

Nov. 28 1 Thess. 1-2 Ps. 148

[SOTW: 1 & 2 Thessalonians](#)

Nov. 29 1 Thess. 3-5 Ps. 149

Nov. 30 2 Thess. Ps. 150

Dec. 1 1 Tim. 1-3 Pro. 1

[SOTW: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus](#)

Dec. 2 1 Tim. 4-6 Pro. 2

Dec. 3 2 Tim. Pro. 3

[Women's Role in the Church](#)

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Suggested Items



- ◆ peanut butter
- ◆ jelly
- ◆ pancake mix
- ◆ syrup
- ◆ spam
- ◆ tuna
- ◆ cereal
- ◆ spaghetti
- ◆ pasta sauce
- ◆ mac & cheese
- ◆ canned goods
- ◆ granola bars
- ◆ pop tarts
- ◆ crackers

Facts and Figures

November 19, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....188

Sunday Bible Class.....153

Sunday PM Worship.....157

Wednesday 11am Class.....28

Wednesday Bible Class.....155

Friday Night Sing.....75

Contribution.....\$5,695

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....14

Restored/Req. Prayer.....8

Placed Membership.....9

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP TV 15

8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM

December 3, 2023

"Water and Spirit"



December:
Titus & Philemon

We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.