



The
High Street
DISCIPLE



DECEMBER 1, 2011

Warm Christmas Greetings!

The greatest announcement the world has ever received is found in Luke 2:10-12 - *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."* During this most wonderful time of the year we as Christians are not only receivers of this announcement, but we are also to share the good news by announcing to a lost world that Jesus Christ has come to give them life more abundantly.

This "announcement" often comes through the way we live our lives in front of our fellow co-workers, friends, and family members. While they will often not read a Bible if placed in front of them, we realize that our lives are often the "bible" that people are reading and the "announcement" they are listening to.

Below, you will find a list of the events of the Christmas Season here at High Street Christian Church and you are encouraged to attend, as well as inviting your friends and family to visit the church with you.

Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 5:45 pm and 6:45 pm, Choir sings at Stan Hywet.

Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 10:30 am – Christmas Sunday and Wassail Fellowship – Following Worship.

Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 5:45 pm and 6:45 pm, Praise Team sings at Stan Hywet.

Sunday, December 24, 2011 – Christmas Eve Service Worship at 6:30 pm. Fellowship following.

Sunday December 25, 2011 – Christmas Day Breakfast and Worship at 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall.

On Behalf of High Street Christian Church Staff, Merry Christmas Everyone.
Christmas Blessings,



WHILE THEY WERE SLEEPING

It was an evening like any other. Ordinary men were doing an ordinary job. Shepherds were "keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8). Was it chilly? Were they tired? When angels appeared with news of a Savior, had the shepherds been talking about their troubles or sharing a good joke? How quickly, how mysteriously, how unexpectedly an ordinary night became the turning point of human history. How remarkable that God chose to set his great rescue plan in motion when only a young couple was paying attention and only a few shepherds were awake. God's work is sometimes so secret we may wonder if he's there or if he cares. The Christmas story tells us that God works out breathtaking plans for our lives in the dark, often while we're sleeping or going about our ordinary routines.

Quote
of the
Month

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold,
everything is softer and more beautiful."*

- Norman Vincent Peale



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pledge goal \$200,000.00
 Pledges & designated gifts: \$171,109.00
 Receipts as of 11/27/11: \$ 31,515.50

The Dorcas Service Circle meets at 9:00 am on Thursday morning to quilt and assemble Visiting Nurse Service kits.

The **Annie Minck Circle** will be joining with the members of the **Frances Allen Circle** for the annual Women's Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 1 at 11:30 am. Join us at the Akron Women's City Club for a holiday lunch and entertainment by Paul Baird, Sara Burky, John and Debbie MacDonald. **This event is open to all.** Cost is \$21.00. To make a reservation contact Donna Armistead or Nancy Salsberry.



**BOARD OF ELDERS
 DECEMBER MEETING**

On Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm the Elder's will meet at Panera Bread, 790 S. Arlington Street.



**CHRISTMAS
 SPECIAL OFFERING
 December 18, 2011**

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...'" Luke 2:10

100% of the Special Day Christmas Offering stays within our Region to support its work on our behalf. This offering is important because the Regional Church is only as strong as its congregations and church members make it. That's why your offering is Good News. The 2011 Christmas Offering is more than just a "shot in the arm" at year's end. Your generous gift becomes Great Joy when it offers strong and necessary support to the fabric of our covenantal, connected lives of faith. Discover the Great Joy of being a herald for the Good News. Surely Christ has come among us as we work together through the Christian Church in Ohio.



December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
 Elder - Shannon Getz
 Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 II Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
 Elder - Beth Burch
 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Psalm 125
 I Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18 - Christmas Sunday
 Elder - Tammy Jo Eckhardt
 II Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Luke 1:47-55
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
 Elder - Beth Burch
 Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm 96
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Preparing Deacons: Sally Foust and Sue Hobson

Serving Deacons: Brian Allman, Tania Cain, Aaron Eckhardt, Sue Hobson, Rick and Andria Fitt

Alternate: Brittany Smith



**O.W.L.S. CHRISTMAS
 LUNCHEON**

Join us for a time of fellowship, friendship and fun on Friday, December 9, at 11:30 am. We will begin with a wonderful lunch followed with Music of the Season with Jessica Bell.

The December, January, February edition of **The Word for You Today** daily devotional is available for pickup in various locations around the church. Pick up one for yourself and a friend!



On Sunday, December 4, and on Sunday, December 11 (if needed), the Disciple Youth will be selling their homemade Christmas Candy. This year's selection consists of: Coconut/Pecan

Bark, Heath Bark, Peppermint Bark, Pretzel Bark, and Drizzle Corn. The cost will be \$5.00 per bag and all proceeds will go to the Disciples Youth Mission Fund.



DECK THE HALL At Stan Hywet Hall

Relive the traditions of the past. See ten decades of holiday splendor on display and the grounds aglow with more than half a million lights. Relive your Akron holiday memories with a slice of local history in a stroll down memory lane. Enjoy seasonal music presented by local choirs and performance groups. The High Street Christian Church Choir will be performing on Sunday, December 11, and the Praise Team will be performing on Thursday, December 22. For more information call 330-315-3287 or go to www.stanhywet.org.



DISCIPLE YOUTH DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- December 4 - Ice Skating @ Lock 3
- December 11 - Caroling @ New Horizon Christian Church
- December 18 - White Elephant Christmas Party @ Cuyahoga Falls Christian Church

On the Sundays we meet at other churches, the High Street van will leave our church at 12:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas Poinsettias are now on sale. The cost is \$7.00 per plant. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones please complete the form below and send with your payment to the church or place in the offering plate. These plants will adorn the Sanctuary on Christmas Sunday, December 18, and you may take the plants home following the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service. Please fill in the following information:



In memory of _____

In honor of _____

From: _____

Poinsettias # _____

Amount enclosed _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30 am F.A. Circle Christmas Luncheon 5:00 pm Basketball 6:30 pm Mission Meal 7:30 pm Choir	3	3 8:00 am Jesus Said 8:00 am Ohio Conservatory
4 CANDY SALES 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am C&Y Choir 12:30 pm Disciple Youth 4:30 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Mission Meal	5 6:30 pm New Exodus Mission Meal 6:30 pm Elders @ Panera/Arlington Rd	6 6:30 pm New Exodus Mission Meal 6:30 pm Elders @ Panera/Arlington Rd	7	8 9:00 am Dorcas Circle 5:00 pm Basketball 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Mission Meal 7:30 pm Choir	9 11:30 am O.W.L.S. 6:00 pm Craft & Hobby	10 8:00 am Ohio Conservatory
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25 10:30 am Breakfast & Worship 	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm New Exodus Mission Meal	28	29 9:00 am Dorcas Circle 5:00 pm Basketball 6:30 pm Mission Meal	30 Advance Ministries @ Camp Christian	31 Winter Retreat Dec 30-Jan 1

December 2011



Continued Prayers for: Betty Bush, James Cuckler, Norma Frank, George and Jean McKee, Kevin Parry, Tom Remark, Carol Schulenberg, Julie Watson, Betty Yoak, Betsy Dornan, Carolin Harig, Robert Harig, Missy Morrow (niece of Jim & Janice Cuckler), Martha Wymer (aunt of Tammy Jo Eckhardt), Robin Perkins (niece of Judy Mills), Paul & Sarah Bell (friends of Emily Klich) - Cameron Gump and all those serving in the military.

PRAYER REQUESTS



HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

During the Christmas Holiday, the Church Office will be closed Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27. For New Year's the office will be closed on Monday, January 2. Happy Holidays!

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm Mission Dinner 1st & 2nd Sunday of month
Phone: 330-434-1039
Prayer Phone: 330-434-2227

Rev. Joseph Eubanks, Jr.....Intentional Interim Minister
Rev. Kim Barnett.....Worship Leader/Elder
Jessica Bell.....Director of Praise Team
Debbie MacDonald & Carol Zumstein.....Handbell Directors
Donna Gower.....Office Manager/Financial Secretary

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