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“Keeping it 100”

We live in a world where information is key. People want to “know” all that goes on but they also want the truth. They want people to be “real” with them. There is phrase that has become popular among our younger generations. This phrase is: “I’m keeping it 100!” If you look up this phrase on dictionary.com this is what it says, “**Keep it 100** is a slang phrase that means being authentic and truthful, akin to “**keeping** it real.”

Really that is a great sentiment. Keeping it 100 or keeping it real should be something that we all do. This should be a life philosophy that we adopt if we don’t have it in our philosophy arsenal already. Being authentic and truthful should be the goal of all Christians. Here is a great website desiringgod.org, John Piper is the lead Pastor and teacher and this is what He says about “real” Christians; “Is it simply enough to say we’re real, or should we be able to see we’re real? And if so, what should we see? Are there marks of authentic faith we should see in our lives, or in the lives of others? What about the watching world? What should they see in the lives of real Christians?”

Is your faith authentic? What should the non-believer and believer alike see in us? How are you keeping it 100? When Jesus preached The Sermon on the Mount this was one of His main themes. This is what He said in Matthew 7:15-20.

15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

So in other words keeping it real is real important. It is important because it is by our actions, what we do and say, is how we are recognized as believers. You can now see why the common theme among those who do not believe is: “I don’t want to go to church because the people there don’t match what they believe with what they say or do. They definitely do not keep it 100!”

It is time for us to keep it real. I feel like as a church this is important for us. We can keep it real by being challenged each day to make this day the Lords day. In his letter to the Philippians Paul writes this in 1:9, “So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well.” This is my prayer for each of us. May we always keep it 100. - Pastor Jon Exman



Central Trinity
United Methodist Church

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Church Staff

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Childcare provided each Sunday
8:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Handicapped parking available at
North entrance of parking lot

Office Hours

Mon. – Thu. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed Noon – 1 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. - Noon

September 5

Message:

Scripture:

Special Music:

Holy Communion

"Do or Do Not, There is no Try"

James 1:22-24

Alivia Sims

September 12

Message:

Scripture:

Special Music:

"Battle Belongs"

2 Chronicles 20:1-21

Chancel Choir

September 19

Message:

Scripture:

Special Music:

"Be Still"

Psalm 46

Chancel Choir

September 26

Message:

Scripture:

Special Music:

"Show Me Your Glory"

Exodus 33:12-23

Carillon Bells

**"80 Plus Club"
Happy Birthday**

Sandra Robe, September 1

Wanda Founds, September 2

Elda Muse, September 7

Bob Potts, September 29



If we missed anyone or do not have the date right, please call
the church office.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women meets Monday, September 13, 6 p.m., at the church. Because of Labor Day, we are meeting a week later than usual. The program is soul care—self-care and spiritual nourishment. We will discuss activities that nurture one's mind, body, and spirit while deepening one's faith through spiritual practice and creating bonds of sisterhood. We will also discuss plans for the remainder of the year.

Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry continues meeting Thursdays, 5-7 p.m., in the Strong Family classroom. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

Congratulations to Jody Stevens from the Foothills District. She was commissioned as a Deaconess at the West Ohio Annual Conference. Deaconesses are laywomen who are called by God to a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Jody serves as a Hospice Healthcare Volunteer for Interim HealthCare System of Zanesville.

Thank you for the school supplies that went to Eastside Community Ministry. They were greatly appreciated.

Join our study group of sermon scriptures. The group meets in the Strong Family room at 9 a.m. to discuss the scripture for the sermon that morning. Members of the group say the discussions help them focus during the sermon. Sometimes we even have the same emphasis as Pastor Jon. There is enough

Music Ministry

Special thanks to all who have provided special music over the summer months. We have been blessed with a multitude of talented performers: Kim Stanton, Heidi Judson, Molly Beetem, Willard Wheeler, Jeremy Roush, Rachelle Snyder, Sue Williamson, Ken Skidmore, Katlyn Thomas, Samatha Roush, Lucas Ruetz, Beth Hurst, Lynne Hottle, Melinda Kaiser, and Alivia Sims.

During the month of September we will welcome our choirs back during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. We are very excited to have the opportunity to make music as a group again. There are openings in all choirs and we would love for you to join us! Please feel free to reach out to Ann Sims if you have any questions about joining the music ministry. (740) 819-4773 or ann.sims33@gmail.com

Rehearsal schedule begins Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Thursday - 6:00-6:30 - Children's Choir (grades Pre-K- 6)

Thursday - 6:00 - 7:00 - Carillon Bells

Thursday - 7:00 - 8:00 - Chancel Choir

Sunday - 9:45-10:15 - Wesleyan Choir (grades 7-12)



Come as Yourself, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love

Verla Moore Service Club

The Verla Moore Service Club will meet on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome anyone to join us in our fellowship, fun and project work. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

This month's service project is helping the Salvation Army with a non perishable food drive. Monetary donations are also accepted. We ask our entire Church family to help with this mission. A collection box will be located by the Welcome Desk.

Men's Group

On September 11th the Men's Group will start their monthly meeting at 7:30am. Please bring your own breakfast and drink, we will discuss what we are going to do after that. Come and enjoy in early morning devotion.

Call Gene Kirkbride 740-455-6390 if you have any questions

Pipe Organ Spectacular

Jim McLaughlin will present his 24th annual organ recital at Central Trinity, Sunday, October 10 - 3:00 p.m. The center of attention for the recital is the church's 1924 E. M. Skinner pipe organ. The recital project started in response to the rebuilding and enhancement of the organ by the Peebles-Herzog Organ Company in 1997. The recital program includes a wide variety of music. Bach's Prelude and Fugue on the tune "St. Anne" will be the featured organ composition. Marge Overdorff will join Jim for a new piano and organ duet. Lucas Ruetz will be featured with two organ solos. Jim will also play several piano solos. Andy and Ann will lead the congregational singing. Following the recital the audience will be invited to take a tour of the pipe chamber led by Schroeder Dodds as well as a fellowship time sponsored by the C T worship committee. The recital will be "live streamed" on our Facebook and later placed on the church website. The recital is free and open to the public. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Average YTD attendance:

May worship attendance
(through 8/18): 120

July 2021 Financial Report

YTD Budget	258,297
YTD Income	218,595
YTD Expenses	226,454

New AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Device Installed at CT and a Need for First Aid/AED Volunteers

Our Trustees have multiple aspects of the work they do for all of us here at CT. One of those is to provide basic first aid materials and emergency equipment. A recent review indicated the need for a new, up-to-date, AED which is now installed in the Welcome Center above the back counter.

Part of this process is to provide training for the use of the AED for anyone willing to be available, if an emergency should arise, whenever we have services or activities at church. The training session for AED and basic first aid takes about 3 hours, costs will be covered by the church, and the session will take place at CT as soon as possible – hopefully within the next few weeks. After the training you will be certified and have a certification card good for two years.

Please call the church office – 740-453-1210 – if you are interested in being part of this training session. Also, if you already have a current AED certification and are willing to be put on the list of qualified persons to use the AED, please contact the office.

This is an opportunity to be of great service to your church family – you might even save their life someday!

Volunteers needed!

The Bereavement Committee serves meals to the loved ones of members who have passed. It takes many hands to prepare & serve this meal and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your time, please complete a form with the way you would like to help and return it to the office, in person, or drop it in the bin outside the office door. Forms can be found in the Welcome Center. Thank you for serving in this important ministry.

For more information call Brenda Mackall 740-453-5341, or Clarence & Sandy Holbein 740-453-3782.

CT Directory 2022

The Directory will be updated in October for the upcoming 2022 year. Please submit to the office in person or email any changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email you would like to have included in the update.

Thank you! - Office Staff

Many Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to, Phyllis Bradshaw, Mary Longshore, Marcie Hunter, Nancy Moose, Mary Colopy, Sandra Robe, Ann Sims, Sue Wright, Nancy Beitzel, Janice Deal, Duane Deal, Jon Carter and Marjorie Artman for helping in the office this past month. - Office Staff

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Shut-in-Members**North**

Esther Jones 3733 Leasure Ct. S 740-453-0257

Evelyn Miller Cedar Hills Care Center 740-454-6823

East

Gene & Elaine Edgell 1636 Sharon Ave 740-454-1043

Norma Moore 1295 Kev Rob Dr. 740-454-0862

Pennsylvania Amish Lands**Featuring Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther"**

Coburn Cruisers have invited us to join them. We're excited to have a trip to the Pennsylvania Amish Lands on December 1-3 featuring the Sight & Sound's live performance of Queen Esther. Other highlights include tours of the Amish countryside and more.

We'll also visit Flight 98 Memorial on our way home. You may pick up brochures with all the details along with sign-up sheets here at the church or call at 740-453-7201 or 740-704-1550. Our trips are open to our Church family and friends. I hope you will join us.

Mary Longshore

September Calendar of Events is subject to change**1 Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

2 Thursday

5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl

7:00 p.m. CT Choir Kickoff

5 Sunday, Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. *Worship*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. CT Students (Grades 7-12)

6 Monday, Office Closed/Labor Day**9 Thursday**

5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl

12 Sunday

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. *Worship*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. CT Students (Grades 7-12)

13 Monday

6:00 p.m. United Methodist Women

14 Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

16 Thursday

5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl

17 Friday, Connect Deadline**19 Sunday**

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. *Worship*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. CT Students (Grades 7-12)

20 Monday

1:00 p.m. Office Closed

21 Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Verla Moore Service Club

22 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

23 Thursday

5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl

26 Sunday

9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. *Worship*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. CT Students (Grades 7-12)

27 Monday

10:00 a.m. Memorial Committee

28 Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

29 Wednesday

6:00 Trustees

30 Thursday

5:00 p.m. Angel Wings Prayer Shawl

Out of Office

25 Sunday September - 3 Sunday October

Volunteers in Office

Bonnie will be in California

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Special Dates This Month

- September 1, Stewardship & Finance**
- September 2, CT Choir Kickoff**
- September 5, Holy Communion**
- September 6 , Labor Day-Office Closed**
- September 13, United Methodist Women**
- September 17, Connect Deadline**
- September 22, Stewardship & Finance
Administrative Council**
- September 27, Memorial Committee**
- September 28, Pairs & Spares**
- September 29, Trustees**

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