

The Christian CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter of Cayuga Christian Church January 2015

Sunday Connections

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY

SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OFFERED

AT 9:30

Children & Student Classes:

- Babies through Preschool (Nursery)
- Preschool through age 4 (Lower level of Worship Center)
- 5 year old through high school (Youth Center)

Adult Classes:

- Joy, Hope & Encouragement Classes (Lower level of Worship Center)
- Willing Workers Class (Fellowship Hall)
- Loyal Men & Women Class (Worship Center)

NURSERY & JUNIOR WORSHIP

ARE OFFERED AT OUR 10:30

SERVICE

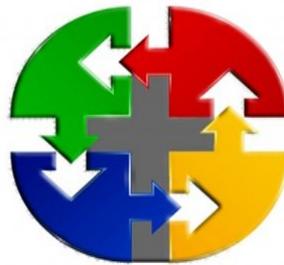
- Nursery (birth through age 4) in the Worship Center
- Junior Worship (age 5 through 6th grade) in the Youth Center.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP AT

6:30 PM

Upcoming Sermon Series

A Space to Grow; A Place to Serve



We will spend the entire year in the book of Colossians! Yes, I will highlight other texts as well, but the majority of this year's sermons will begin with Colossians. This year will be divided into two themes: A

Space to Grow, and A Place to Serve. Those two themes will then be broken down into four basic Christian themes:

- Christ is God.
- Christ is the Head of the Church.
- Unity with Christ.
- Man-made Religions.

I want to encourage you to read the book of Colossians with us this year. The book of Colossians is written to a church that is struggling with the connections of its community. In an effort to please the community the church became embattled in a culture war for the heart of the community.

Colossians contains timeless truths, power for living today, and illustrates that God is the only source for living the Christian life. ~ Keith

Adult Bible Study & Youth Groups

Preschool - JH Youth Groups & Adult Bible Study will resume on January 7th at 6:30pm.

Good Samaritan Project Our Good Samaritan Project will once again provide financial support to families in need in our congregation and community in 2015. Our focus is to give the majority of help to those in our congregation. By signing up, the Good Samaritan is pledging \$100 to be given, when asked at some point during the year. There is no obligation. If the timing is not suitable, the Good Samaritan may pass until the next opportunity. Good Samaritans will only be asked one time for this calendar year of 2015 unless indicated differently on the pledge card. Pledge cards are available in the foyer or from the church office. Cards need to be completed and dropped in the box in the foyer of the Worship Center or the church office.

Annual Meeting & Reports Our annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 11th at 9:30am. All ministry team reports are needed as soon as possible, in order to compile them into the annual report for 2014. Please email reports to brenda@cayugachristian.org.

Chili Cook-Off Our Chili Cook-Off will be Sunday, January 25th, following the second service. This is your opportunity to enter your most famous chili recipe into our annual Chili Cook-Off contest. Please bring a side-dish, dessert or sandwiches to share.

Winter Carnival Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 18th at 6pm in the Youth Center for the Winter Carnival! More info to come.

Angel Tree Wrap-Up Report & Thank

You The Benevolence Team wishes to thank everyone who helped make the 2014 Angel Tree such a huge success. The families were helped with 194 gifts this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Wednesday Evenings Youth groups and Adult Bible Study will resume on January 7th.

Children's Volunteer Meeting If you would like to know the joy and blessings of working with our elementary students, we invite you to attend the volunteer meeting that will be held **January 18th** immediately following second service in the sanctuary.

Women's Opportunities

CWF The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet Monday, January 19th at 7pm. A devotion will be given and refreshments will be served. All ladies of the church are welcome.

HRCA Ladies Overnight Retreat This retreat will be January 30th-31st, with the walk-in dinner beginning at 5:30 on Friday evening. The retreat includes: meals, worship time, missions presentations, excursions, movie time, fondue bar and fun & fellowship. You can register online at www.hangingrock.org or pick up a form in the church office. The cost for both days is \$50, on or before January 23rd, and \$70 after. The cost for one day is \$25 on or before January 23rd, and \$35 after.

Mommy & Me Play Date Moms and their preschoolers meet the first and third Friday mornings of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Worship Center basement.



The Extra Mile

Senior Minister,
Keith Warner

Welcome TO 2015! As we begin this year focusing on the mission of Cayuga Christian Church and the communities in which we

serve, I would like to take a moment and express our deepest thanks to everyone who has supported us this year.

As a congregation, we have an amazing influence within our community. This year is shaping up to be a great year, where we as a congregation use the talents and blessing of God in POWERFUL ways in our community. The addition of the prayer has been a great success here at CCC.

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Thank you to all who pray “without ceasing” for God’s work to continue here.

As you know, we have gone through some very trying times. We have met these challenges and know that God is leading us towards a renewal this year. We will be hosting a revival in March designed to ReFocus us as a church of God in this community with a mission of shaping lives through the power of Christ.

As a church and as individuals, we are all being shaped by the influences in our lives. My question: What is influencing you? Have you allowed other things to get in the way of what is THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE? Often we become so focused on the wrong things that we need to REFOCUS on what is important. Therefore, we are declaring this year: REFOCUS. A year to focus on what is important.

If you read my article on the sermon topics for

this year you will see that we will be in Colossians this year.



My goal for us as a congregation is that we slow

down, take a long hard look at ourselves, and re-focus our effort toward fulfilling our mission: People bringing people into a growing relationship with the Lord.

A man was stopped for speeding. The driver was handed a speeding ticket. He said to the officer, “What am I supposed to do with this?” The officer replied, “Keep it, when you collect four of them you get a bicycle!”

My resolution this year is to slow down, not just while driving. As humans, we try and live as birds flying through life. Unfortunately, we do not have the speed or the accuracy of a bird. Most often our flight crashes and we find ourselves bruised and broken.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO SEW! On January 7th at 10:30 IN time, we are meeting at Pleasant Meadows Christian Village to sew names on all the Christmas gifts that the patients received. Please find time to go, even if it's for a little while. It will be greatly appreciated. Contact Sandy Nesbitt or Sue Myers with your questions.

New Staff and Officers

Welcome Back Matt & Kara Porter!

We would like to welcome back Matt and Kara Porter as our Children's Ministry Directors. Matt and Kara were members of Cayuga Christian Church in the past and served in various areas of the youth program. Matt is a local boy who grew up in Dana and graduated from North Vermillion. He currently works for ISU as the manager of their Outdoor Recreation Center. Kara is from Terre Haute and currently teaches at North Vermillion Elementary. Needless to say, they are passionate about our community and kids and are excited about joining the ministry team at Cayuga Christian.

Officers Serving in 2015:

Elders: Stanley Clark - Emeritus, Dale Knauer - Emeritus, Earl Morgan - Emeritus, Jim Moore, Brian Morgan, Darrell Morgan, Gene Ruark, Thomas Sheppard & Rick Weir

Deacons: Brian Byrum, Ken Canfield, Albert Clark, David Nesbitt, Mike Suiters, David Bailey, Bruce Gritten, Orville Guilliams, Carter Morgan

Deaconesses: Margie Allee, Kim Bailey, Doris Belser, Jane Counce, Lynda Gritten, Tina Hall, Eileen Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Sue Myers, Brenda Ruark, Nancy Watts, Gina Byrum, Betty Canfield, Janet Clark - 1 year, Joyce Clark, Donna Conrad, Diane Crowder, Kathryn Grube, Elaine Ingram, Diane Mack, Carolyn Moore, Tracy Morgan, Brenda Robertson

DUSTIN'S DIRECTION



Student Minister, Dustin Britton

My Resolutions

Every year I have the exact same resolution for the New Year. It is to have more fun than I did the previous year. So far, I have accomplished it every single time.

This year it might be a struggle. It also makes me think of what I can do to continue being better spiritually as well. The band Counting Crows have a song called "Long December" and a line in the song says *"It's been a long December and there is reason to believe, that maybe this year will be better than the last."* I can relate to that. No matter what the current situation is, I always have the opportunity to grow closer to God. My resolution this year is to be better spiritually and have more fun than I did last year!



JH-SH NEWS

- **Junior High Youth Group** is on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.
- **Senior High Youth Group** is on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm

Children's News

Preschool - Elementary youth groups will resume on January 7th.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 NASB

As a teacher, I (Kara) love working with my students. Getting the opportunity to be a part of a child's education and making an impact on their lives is one of the **GREATEST** joys one can ever experience. Getting to do that on a spiritual level is an even greater blessing. If you would like to know the joy and blessings of working with our elementary students, we invite you to attend the volunteer meeting that will be held January 18th immediately following second service in the sanctuary. We will present our plan for the Children's Ministry program and share all of the exciting ways you can get involved. We are looking for men and women of the church who are interested in learning more about how they can give back to our youth. Trust me, you don't want to miss out on the chance to experience working with these **AMAZING** kids!

~ Matt & Kara Porter
Children's Ministry Directors

Stats

Offering		Attendance		
Date	Offering	Date	SS	Worship
Nov 30	\$6,161.83	Nov 30	108	239
Dec 7	\$6,308.00	Dec 7	NA	456
Dec 14	\$12,089.00	Dec 14	109	239
Dec 21	\$7,040.12	Dec 21	117	243
*Dec Income:	\$32,013.96			
*Dec Expense:	\$40,169.59			
Building Pmt:	\$6,000.00			
Weekly Bdgt:	\$8,292.31			
Building Dbt:	\$297,382.69			



The Lord Added!

If you know someone who needs the Lord, invite them to church and offer to teach them about salvation. If you need help with the teaching, please contact Senior Minister, Keith Warner.

It's Your Serve

Date	Elder of the Week	Date	Greeters
Jan 4	Rick Weir	Jan 4	Don & Jane Coonce
Jan 11	Jim Moore	Jan 11	Mike & Loretta Suiters
Jan 18	Brian Morgan	Jan 18	Ken & Betty Canfield
Jan 25	Darrell Morgan	Jan 25	Dale & Sue Knauer
Date	Deaconess		
Jan 4, 11 & 18	Kim Bailey		
Jan 25, Feb 1 & 8	Doris Belser		



If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please find a replacement or call the church office.
765-492-3568

*From Dec 1 - 21

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:15 AM Worship ■ 9:30 AM SS ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 6:30 PM SH YG 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Staff Mtg 	30	31	1	2	3
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:15 AM Worship ■ 9:30 AM SS ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 6:30 PM SH YG 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Staff Mtg ■ 6:00 PM Elders' Mtg 	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study ■ 6:30 PM Preschool-JH Y-Group 	8	9	10
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:15 AM Worship ■ 9:30 AM SS ■ 9:45 AM Congregational Mtg ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 6:30 PM SH YG 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Staff Mtg 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study ■ 6:30 PM Preschool-JH Y-Group 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:30 AM Mommy & Me Play Date 	17
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:15 AM Worship ■ 9:30 AM SS ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 6:30 PM SH YG ■ Elem Child Volunteer Mtg 11:45 AM 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Newsletter Deadline ■ 1:00 PM Staff Mtg ■ 5:30 PM WCEA ■ 7:00 PM CWF 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 11:30 AM Senior Dinner ■ 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study ■ 6:30 PM Preschool-JH Y-Group 	22	23	24
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:15 AM Worship ■ 9:30 AM SS ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:45 AM Chili Cook-Off ■ 6:30 PM SH YG 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Staff Mtg 	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study ■ 6:30 PM Preschool-JH Y-Group 	29	30-31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ HRCA Ladies Getaway 	

Special Notes

From The Nesbitts

Thank you to the CWF and Sue Myers for the lunchmeat tray and extras you supplied for my aunt's funeral. God bless, David Nesbitt.

I would like to thank everyone that donated items for the nursing home Christmas bingo and all the people that went to help with it. I'm sure the Christmas caroling and the happy faces brightened their day. God bless, Sandy Nesbitt

From Brenda Ruark

TO THE CHOIR: I want to thank each one of you for your dedication in service to the Lord with your time and talents this year in the Christmas choir. You blessed my heart and made the first Christmas in my new position so rewarding! You honored God by leading the congregation in true worship. I look forward to more time together in the future. *(Our choir is opened to any and all who love to sing for the Lord!)*

The Birthday Calendar

You may now get the BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR for the whole year!

We have them available upon request in the office or by email.

You may also pick one up in the foyer.

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KEITH WARNER, Senior Minister
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Sunday Services: 8:15am Early Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Morning Worship

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday - 9:00am-2:00pm
Friday - 9:00am -12:00pm


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