

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Greg Tholen	Britt Whitacre
Song Leader	Dennis Mount	Bob Mount
Opening Prayer	Troy murphy	Paul Carpenter
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Josh Balon	Dennis Mount
Helper	Eric Balon	Greg Tholen
Helper	Austin Balon	Glenn Brose
Helper	Britt Whitacre	Pat Back
Helper	Pat Back	Austin Balon
Alternate		
Closing Prayer	Greg Tholen	Britt Whitacre
Greeters	Paul & Angela	Dennis & Colleen
Prayer Room	Troy Murphy	Paul Carpenter
Communion Preparation for January		Colleen Mount

Birthdays in January

Britt Whitacre 1/15 Clark Rice 1/17
 Britt Dean 1/15 Glenn Brose 1/18

Anniversaries in January

Paul & Angela Carpenter 1/1

Re-Birthdays in January

Greg Tholen 1/05/2011

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 39

Pearl Street church of Christ

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Sunday Services

Bible class 9:30 AM
 AM Worship 10:30 AM
 PM Worship and Class 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elder Bob Mount
 Elder Dennis Mount

Minister Paul Carpenter

January 4, 2015
 Christ Mind
 Philippians 2:1-11

Welcome

We wish to welcome you to services at the Pearl Street church of Christ. If you are a visitor with us today, know that you are an honored guest. We invite you to join us each time we meet together for worship and Bible study.

Just A Thought

“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.”

Abraham Lincoln

Bible Quiz Time

Did David choose, as punishment for taking a census, three years of famine, or three months of devastation by his foes, or three days of the sword of the LORD?

Today's Bible Reading

Philippians 2:1-11, English Standard Version.

“¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Paul's Portion

The Christmas season with all of its celebrations and customs has passed. While there are still die hard carolers who love to fill their neighborhoods with the sound of the “Twelve Days of Christmas” there are others who view the practice as lame and even annoying. There are also those who don't necessarily dislike carols yet they do not enjoy caroling. For some caroling is far down on their list of things to do at Christmas because they do not know the words to the carols. For others caroling holds no appeal because they feel that they “can't carry a tune in a bucket” or to put it simply they just can't sing. The practice of caroling, however, is more than carrying a tune or even the words. There is a part of the caroling experience that goes deeper than the words and music. A piece in the December/January Reader's Digest outlines the benefits of Christmas caroling, “Singing can reduce stress hormones and boost oxytocin, the “love” hormone that promotes feelings of trust and bonding. A Swedish research published last year found that certain aspects of singing make people adopt a calm breathing pattern, like that associated with yoga. Singing in a group can improve self-esteem and increase feelings of social belonging, which can ward off loneliness.” The bottom line is that singing Christmas carols can make you feel better, no matter how well or badly you do it. This should really be no surprise. God said the same thing many years ago. In two different places, Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 the inspired writer Paul urges Christians to engage in singing. Just like with Christmas caroling there are those who love to participate in congregational singing, and there are those who are on the other side of the fence. Also, just like with caroling there are those who think it is lame and even annoying, and there are those who feel that they can't sing because they do not know the songs or because they feel they can't sing. The research that shows the benefits of singing applies to singing in worship as well. When we engage in congregational singing it can boost our mood, improve our feeling of belonging and basically make our life better. Also, with caroling it does not matter how well you do it. An aspect of congregational singing that is different is the praise aspect, we sing for the Lord.

Take Note

The Communion preparation sign-up sheet for 2015 has been posted. Please don't hesitate to pick your months. Sunday January 18th is "Sanctity of Life Sunday," a day to especially remember babies in our prayers. Ohio Winter lectures at Fishinger and Kenny roads church of Christ in Columbus will be January 23-24. FYI: Due to using a new computer and new computer program for the bulletin I am unable at this time to email bulletins. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Traveling

Denise Scruggs will be flying home tomorrow. Eric Mount and family will be headed home soon. Rachel Steed and family will also be headed home soon.

Cards

Galen Vic Young, Kensington Rest Home, 751 Kensington Place, Middletown, OH 45044.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week One: Genesis 1-19, Romans 1-7.

Just For Fun

The chairman of the preacher search committee informed the congregation:
"Next Sunday our visiting preacher will be Joe Brown. If you would like to see the other preacher candidates, you will find them hanging in the vestibule."
Adapted from The Treasury of Clean Church Jokes

Quiz Answer: Three days of the sword of the LORD,
1 Chronicles 21:13-14.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.
Raylan Lee Sexton, in ICU with two different viruses
Troy & Jean Murphy, bad colds.
Junior Banks, recovering from back surgery.
Nancy Tholen, infection and back problems.
Dennis Irwin, recovering from issues with knee and leg.
Angel Balon, recovering from her surgery.
Josh Balon, returning to Cleveland clinic January 28.
Glenn Brose, back on blood thinners.
Debbie Turner, more testing.
Omar Hedge, possible stroke or brain infection.
Helen Horner, doing poorly health wise.
Debbie Ewing, better work schedule.
Clyde Wood, lump on spine.
Lloyd Dickerson, health concerns.
Raymond Murphy, in nursing facility.
Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis and possible Parkinsons.
Ben Back, kidney problems.
Wes Murphy, safety while in Tel Aviv, and change of heart.
Nathan Brady, heart issues.
Banach family, various issues.
Sammy Keim, life issues.
Daughter of co-worker of Robin, life issues.
Mandy Ritchie, MS.
Cancer: Charlene Back, Libby Burdette, Don Cook,
Goebel Craft, Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner,
Marilyn Heichelbech, Sharon Higgins, Linda King,
Phil Knuff, Valerie Powers, Albert Poynter, Sierra Ritter,
Shirley Thompson, Roger Turner, Vic Young.
Hartville church of Christ, dealing with some dissension.
Ben & Kelsey Reed, miscarriage.
Elizabeth Momberger and family in the loss of her husband.
Amber Knight-Borgemenke in the passing of her sister.
Family & friends of Richard (Rick) Schimizze in his death.

Christ Mind
Philippians 2:1-11

I. CHRIST'S MIND.

A. FORM OF GOD.

John 1:1-3, 14

2 Corinthians 4:4

Colossians 2:9

Colossians 1:15-16

Genesis 1:1

B. HUMBLING.

Hebrews 2:9

2 Corinthians 8:9

Matthew 26:39

Luke 2:6-7

C. OBEDIENT.

Hebrews 5:8

John 10:17-18

II. REFLECT.

A. HUMBLE.

Romans 12:16

Romans 15:7

Ephesians 5:21

B. BLESS OTHERS.

Romans 12:10

Romans 15:2

C. SHARE GOAL.

Romans 15:5-6

III. RESULT.

A. CHRIST EXALTED.

Mark 16:19

Acts 7:55-56

Ephesians 1:20-23

Hebrews 2:8

B. CHURCH STRENGTHENED.

Hebrews 3:13

Colossians 3:5-15

C. CHRIST CONFESSED.

Hebrews 5:8-10