

# THE WITNESS

## Circleville First Church

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## Pastor Jim & Venita celebrated



**Pastor Jim Daft** resigned as Evangelism and Seniors Ministries Pastor after 26 years of ministry service to Circleville First Church. On **December 22**, we celebrated Pastor Jim and **Venita** during the morning worship service.

**Pastor Jay Neff** said that Pastor Jim has influenced our church and our community; if it wasn't for Pastor Jim's experience, he wouldn't be the pastor he is today. First Elder **Tim Tener** added that he too has been impacted by Pastor Jim's counsel.

A plaque, flowers and a gift of appreciation were given to Pastor Jim and Venita.

**Sue Knece** presented the couple a gift from the JOY (just older youth) Ministry. She thanked them for the trips, concerts, cruises, dinners, various events and activities that they have scheduled and organized over the years. But especially "we will never forget the memories and all they have done for us. We thank them and thank God for them."

Many in our congregation has been led the to the Lord through Pastor Jim. Many lives have been touched by this special couple. Thank you, Pastor Jim and Venita for your years of dedicated service!

## TRANSFORMATION

## State of the CFC Address & Luncheon

January 12

following 10:45 am service  
Ferguson/Clark Hall

Please bring a covered dish

\*Discussion of future direction of CFC  
\*Update on CFC Renovation



## ROMANS 12: 1 - 2

## Silent Auction



Church Pews will be up for silent auction. The pews are in the library. Bidding ends January 12. Winners will be announced at the State of the CFC Address & Luncheon.

## Calling all chili cooks!!!

Annual Chili Cook-Off

February 16



## Circleville Community Cupboards

Circleville First Church has recently become the newest member of Community Cupboards of Pickaway County, an organization that provides food and toiletries to community cupboards across Pickaway County. Thus far, there are 23 cupboards.

Once a month, our Point Person, **Donna Payne** will pick up food from the distribution center (storage center) at the Presbyterian Church and deliver it to our church.



Donna said that Community Cupboards of Pickaway County has a Facebook page and she contacted the organization head inquiring about how to become a member. After discussions and including **Pastor Jay Neff**, our church became a member.

So, how can we, as a church body, help? Donna replied, "Continue to donate food and items needed."

### *Circleville*

**Circleville First Church**  
436 East Ohio Street

**Pickaway County Job & Family Services** (side of the building)  
1005 South Pickaway Street

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**  
310 East Main Street



**Pickaway County Board Developmental Disabilities**  
200 East High Street

**Pickaway County Library** (left side of the building)  
1160 North Court Street

**Circleville Community United Methodist Church**  
120 North Pickaway Street

**St. Joseph Parish Center**  
777 East Ohio Street

**Second Baptist Church of Circleville**  
130 West Mill Street



**Pickaway County YMCA**  
440 Nicholas Drive

**Pickaway County Senior Center**  
2105 Chickasaw Drive

**The CUMC Corner Clothes Closet**  
499 East Franklin Street

**Emmett Chapel**  
318 Tarlton Road

**Pickaway Area Recovery Services (PARS)**  
110 Highland Avenue

**Circleville Noon Rotary Cupboard**  
110 Island Road, County Service Center

### *Other Locations*

**Pickaway County Library**  
51 Long Street, Ashville

**Scioto Chapel**  
6337 Route 56 West, Ashville

**Global Methodist on Main**  
28 Main Street, Commercial Point



**Darbyville Community Center**  
16697 West Street, Darbyville

**Laurel Hills Methodist Church**  
16301 Stat Route 56, Laurelville

**Five Points United Methodist Church**  
18112 Five Points Pike, Mount Sterling

**Smitty's Tavern**  
55 North Main Street, New Holland

**South Bloomfield Methodist Church**  
Second Street



**Williamsport United Methodist Church**  
218 North Main Street  
(cupboard is on the Church Street side of the church)

## Bible study



Come as you are to Bible study is held at **1 pm on Wednesdays in the Ferguson/Clark Hall.** So, come as you are...to Wednesday Bible Study!



## Thank you for your service!



Sean Baldwin, Bob Byerly, Sgt. Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Ryan Dean, Elijah Garrison, Zachary Haddox, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mozingo, Jake Richards, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson are serving our

country. Please pray for them and their families.

## Men's Prayer Meeting - Saturdays at 8 am

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 18

8 am FC Hall

speaker: Mark Taylor



## Verse of the month

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 103:8 ESV

submitted by **John Adams**

Don't forget, if you need of a gift...**Candy Bouquets Ministry**. The bouquets are located in the back of the church seating and are \$10 apiece; the money benefits missions. Envelopes are provided for your payment and can be placed in the collection boxes. There are also floral sticks and cards/stickers you can add to your bouquet as a gift card or greeting card.



Thanks to all who have donated toward this ministry.

submitted by **Cathy Marck**

## Penny March – January 5

January 1 - Church Office Closed

## Jokes of the month

\*Just found out that the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.



\*I wanted to buy a pair of camouflage pants, but I couldn't find any.

\*What do the moon and dentures have in common?  
They both come out at night.

\*My dog accidentally ate a full bag of Scrabble tiles so I rushed him to the vet...No word yet.

\*The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?"  
I said, "Diddly."

\*Why did the orchestra attract lightning?  
It had a good conductor.



submitted by **Bobby Dollison**

Ministries at Circleville First Church will continue, but changed a bit.



1 – 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**Church Office** – closed  
**Bible Study** – dismissed

1 – 5 **Penny March**

1 – 12 **State of the CFC Address & Luncheon** – after 10: 45 am service --Please bring a covered dish

1 – 18 **Men's Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall  
speaker: Mark Taylor

1 – 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Husband:** When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?

**Wife:** I clean the toilet.

**Husband:** How does that help?

**Wife:** I use your toothbrush.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**



## Kitchen delights

January is usually a cold month so a good bowl of soup hits the spot.

### Quick & Easy Chicken Noodle Soup

1 Tbsp. butter  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
4 (14.5 oz.) cans chicken both  
1 (14.5 oz.) can vegetable broth  
1/2 pound chopped cooked chicken breast  
1 1/2 cups egg noodles  
1 cup sliced carrots  
1/2 tsp. dried basil  
1/2 tsp. dried oregano  
salt and pepper to taste



Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and celery and cook until just tender, about 5 minutes.

Add chicken broth, vegetable broth, chicken, egg noodles, carrots, basil, oregano, salt and pepper. Stir to combine and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

Delicious and will warm your tummy!

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

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Evening Bible Study - dismissed – January 1

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## Ladies, what's coming up...

*Mark your calendars*

**Tuesday, January 7** – Ladies Lunch at 11 am at the home of Stephanie Chattos, 10750 Peters Rd., Amanda, Ohio

**Tuesday, January 21** - Ladies Night 6:30 pm in the Ferguson/Clark Hall - food, fun & fellowship

**Tuesday, February 4** - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - we will meet for lunch at El Palomar (Wal-Mart Plaza)

**Tuesday, February 18** - Ladies Night in the Ferguson/Clark Hall - food, fun & fellowship



**Tuesday, March 4** - Ladies Lunch at 11 am - Lunch to be determined

**Tuesday, March 18** - Ladies Night in the Ferguson/Clark Hall – food, fun & fellowship

submitted by **Joellen Byerly**

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## Dieting Rules

If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.

If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled out by the diet soda.

When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.

Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER counts, such as hot chocolate, brandy, toast, and Sara Lee Cheesecake.

If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.

Movie-related foods (Milk Duds, buttered popcorn, Junior Mints, Red Hots, Tootsie Rolls, etc.) do not have additional calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.

Cookie pieces contain no calories; the process of breaking causes calorie leakage.

Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something. Examples are peanut butter on a knife making a sandwich and ice cream on a spoon making a sundae.

Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories. Examples are: spinach and pistachio ice cream; mushrooms and white chocolate. NOTE: Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.

Anything consumed while standing over the kitchen sink has no calories.

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

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