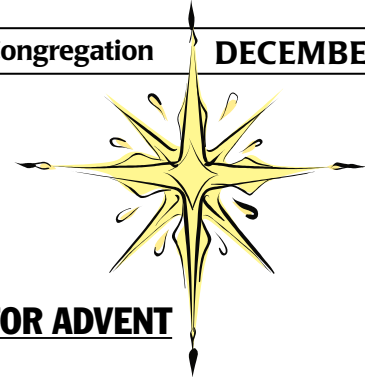


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DECEMBER 2009



PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR ADVENT

Glory to God on earth peace/ Let this song never cease./ As I arise this morn/ Christ in me be born/ When I wash my face/ Bless me with your grace/ When I comb my hair/ Keep me from despair/ When I put on my clothes/ Your presence Lord disclose/ This is the day that you are born/ Let every day be a Christmas morn/ Glory to God on earth peace/ Let this song never cease
 – David Adam, *Prayers in the Celtic Tradition*

There's probably no other season in the calendar of the church year when the disjunction between what the church celebrates, i.e., Advent, and what the culture celebrates, i.e., preparation for Christmas, could be greater.

The culture begins today, "Black Friday," with the celebration of spending, ---although this year, by all reports, spending will be down, along with our "down" economy. While shoppers rush to the malls, we are supposed to be reflective. While society celebrates with surfeit and dissipation, we are supposed to practice a "second Lent". While carols blare, we are supposed to wait in the quiet for the One who comes.

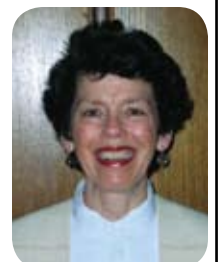
Hmm. What's wrong with this picture? Or perhaps, as you read this, you have never really celebrated Advent, a time, yes, of quiet, reflection, heightened joy and anticipation for the best of all God's gifts, Jesus Christ. Maybe you have surged around right along with everyone else, arriving breathless at the Christmas Eve service, wondering what happened. I know whereof I speak; I've done the same thing.

One of my favorite images that best captures what Advent waiting is all about ("waiting" is what Advent literally means) is the image of cattle grazing in field. They hear something far away, too far away for the human ear to perceive and suddenly, the whole herd lifts its communal "head" in the direction of the faint sound. Since most/all of us are not farmers, perhaps you can identify if you have a dog. Dogs are very attentive to sounds.

The point is--- that kind of attentiveness is what the season is all about. It means you can be anywhere during the next 4 weeks: at the mall, in traffic, ordering gifts by phone, shopping for your party, listening to the cacophony over the loud speakers, preparing special foods, running here and there, standing in line at the post office, sitting in traffic that refuses to budge, ---practicing that attentiveness, listening with all your senses, waiting, hoping for the One who comes.

God always comes right on time. The real gift of Advent is to practice being ready.

Beside you, attentive, Your friend and Interim Pastor, Terri



- Interim Minister**
Rev. Terri Young
- Director of Music**
Timothy Robson
- Director of Gospel Choir**
Joan Bacon
- Financial Manager**
John Peterson
- Church Secretary**
Diana Reid
- Custodian**
Ernie Clark
- Director, Saturday Fun**
Cheryl Wacasey
- Beacon Editors**
Kathy Baker
Mary Sherry
- Design Editor**
Cyndi Henderson
- Photographer**
Kathie Buckner

Sunday Schedule

8:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study

10:00 a.m.
**Celebrative Worship
Service &
Church School**

Following worship
**Fellowship and
Refreshments**
Bus transportation
available to/from church

Wednesday
Prayer & Healing Service
12:00 Noon

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:*Mal 3: 1-4 or Bar 5: 1-9**Luke 1: 68-79**Phil 1: 3-11**Luke 3: 1-6*

Worship Theme: Make Ready

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:*Zeph 3: 14 -20**Isa 22: 2-6**Phil 4: 4-7**Luke 3: 7-18*

Worship Theme: Look Forward

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Advent Lessons and Carols

Scripture Readings:*Micah 5: 2-5a**Luke 1: 46b-55 or Ps 80: 1-7**Heb 10: 5-10**Luke 1: 39-45, (46-55)*

Worship Theme: Moving with Mary's Song

Christmas Fund Special Mission Offering

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:*1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26**Ps 148**Col 3: 12-17**Luke 2: 41-52*

Worship Theme: Who is This Child?

HEALING & PRAYER SERVICES

Healing and Prayer Services will continue on Wednesdays at noon throughout December. Ask a neighbor or friend that you know is in need of prayer and healing to accompany you to the service.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study group who meet in the Conference Room every Sunday morning at 8:45AM will be reading and discussing the following scripture passages and topics in December:

December 6 – The Lineage of David

– Ruth 4: 13-17; Matthew 1: 1-6

December 13 – Prophets Foreshadow Messiah's Birth

– Isaiah 7: 13-17; Luke 1: 30-38

December 20 – Emmanuel is Born

– Matthew 1: 18-25

December 27 – Magi Confirm Messiah's Birth

– Matthew 2: 7-9, 16-23

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Our morning worship of Sunday, December 6, St. Nicholas Day, will feature a visit from St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra. Come prepared to be surprised, educated, and inspired.

On Sunday, December 20, during morning worship we will participate in a festival of Advent Lessons and Carols. This traditional service combines readings from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures telling the prophecy of the Christ and Christ's arrival in the world. The lessons alternate with choir carols and congregational hymns that comment on the lessons. This service has come to be one of the highlights of the EACC Christmas season.

On Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM there will be a special family service featuring carol singing and participation by the youth of our congregation. After the service we will hold a "Birthday Party for Jesus" in the parlor.

HANGING OF THE GREENS DECEMBER 4

The Christmas season officially begins at EACC with the "Hanging of the Greens," one of our favorite traditions. Come to church on Friday evening, December 4, at 6PM with a pot of something to contribute (a main dish, a side dish, a dessert or a salad) to the potluck dinner. After we eat, some of us will haul out the garlands and wreaths and decorate our church for Christmas while others of us create Christmas crafts, and then we'll end the evening by singing Christmas carols around the parlor piano. This is an all-church event suitable for all ages, so bring the kids and grandkids, the parents and grandparents, the friends and neighbors. "We must always keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas. God has blessed us here at EACC," says Fellowship Ministry Co-Chair Charles Williams.

Speak to Cyndi or Bob Henderson if you have a craft you would like to share that evening. There is a sign up sheet for the potluck dinner in the parlor on the church bulletin board.

**CIRCLE FEST DECEMBER 6**

From 1-4PM on Sunday afternoon, December 6, visitors to University Circle's "Circle Fest" are invited to our church for wonderful music by Bravuras, a Hathaway Brown School ensemble, Tim Robson playing holiday favorites on the Ford Memorial Organ, and a music medley by the Cleveland Heights High School voice students from the studio of Carolyn Sloan Smith, and another special guest. Bring your favorite teddy bear or enjoy the Christmas bears on display in the sanctuary. There will also be free treats for all visitors. You will want to be one of them!

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arts in ministry

**STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 22**

The staff of EACC along with volunteers who have helped out in the church office will celebrate with a Christmas luncheon at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 22.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Time to order Poinsettias again! Special offering envelopes, available from the ushers during worship, will be used to place orders. Please indicate on the back of the envelope your name and the names of the people in whose honor or memory you will be giving your poinsettias, and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$ 7.50 each, and the deadline for placing an order is December 13. See Fannie Cockfield for more information.



FOOD COLLECTIONS

Every Sunday during Advent we will be collecting non-perishable food items. As the Church in the World Ministry did last year, we will be assembling food baskets for hungry people who come to the church door requesting food around Christmas time. Last year we assembled 10 baskets, 7 of which were handed out with the remaining 3 going to families in need within our church family. We are planning on 10 baskets again this year; we will purchase \$25 grocery store gift certificates to accompany the baskets.



The Worship and Arts Ministry will also be collecting non-perishable food items to be delivered to the Food Bank. Please be generous with food items and/or checks to help feed the many hungry people in our city. See Juanita LeFloria for more information. Thank you!

SATURDAY FUN

Children of all ages are invited to these events. Please call Cheryl Wacasey or the church office by Wednesday to reserve your spot. Refreshments are always served!

Saturday, December 12 – crafts

Saturday, December 19 – Christmas Party

Be looking forward next year to lots of photos in the Beacon of the Saturday Fun kids at work and play. (Rumor has it the somebody might be receiving a digital camera for Christmas.)

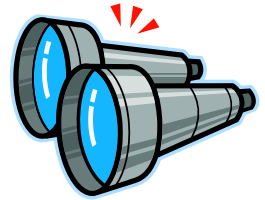
CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes will begin Sunday, December 6. All young people, from mature 10-year-olds through 15-year-olds, are encouraged to come learn about God, Jesus, and how the Holy Spirit can guide your life. See Cheryl Wacasey, Al Parks or Pastor Terri for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **DECEMBER 13**

There will be a meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary immediately following worship on December 13 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2010 budget.

PASTORAL SEARCH **COMMITTEE**



The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce that it has completed work on its profile of Euclid Avenue Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ. This 28-page document will be used during the search process for this congregation's settled pastor. Information that is included in the profile has been gathered from responses to the questionnaires distributed to each member of EACC, and through informal conversations and twenty working meetings of the Search Committee that have occurred during the past seven months. The Search Committee is happy to share the contents of the profile with interested members. A copy of the document is available to be read in the church during office hours until December 1, 2009.

MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports from church programs and ministries are due in the church office by December 11. Reports submitted after that date will not be included in the Annual Report booklet, but will be available for distribution.



CHURCH IN THE WORLD MINISTRY

CITW is thrilled to say that we gave 53 coats to the children at the Early Childhood Development Center (Charles Orr)! You are all so generous! The staff was absolutely overwhelmed. The principal's plan is that the staff will identify children who do not have adequate outdoor coats, then will call the parents to ask if it is OK if their child receives a donated coat. They will not make a general announcement. They are being careful stewards of our donated resources.



Remembering an old friend



OCTOBER 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

Expenses Compared to Budget

January - October 2009

Annual Budget		Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
	INCOME		
123,918	CONTRIBUTIONS	93,492	106,300
225,324	ENDOWMENT INCOME USED	221,216	221,185
15,600	OTHER INCOME	6,107	10,833
364,842	Total RECEIPTS	320,814	338,318
	EXPENSES		
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
210,518	Total PERSONNEL	192,798	196,137
74,210	Total BUILDING MAINTENANCE	65,202	70,277
10,200	Total OFFICE	6,978	10,000
17,564	Total OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	7,850	17,829
312,492	Total ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	272,828	294,243
	PROGRAM & MINISTRIES EXPENSES		
12,050	Total CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY	5,628	10,483
7,800	Total FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY	5,910	6,450
26,650	Total CHURCH IN THE WORLD MINISTRY	17,233	19,158
5,850	Total WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY	1,693	4,658
52,350	Total PROGRAM & MINISTRIES EXPENSES	30,464	40,750
364,842	Total EXPENSE	303,291	334,993
0	Net Income (Loss)	17,523	3,325

January through October OUTREACH SUMMARY

OCWM	13,125
Interact	2,625
Hunger Offerings	2,095
Great Hour of Sharing	355
Strengthening the Church	329
Other Special Offerings	2,096
Christmas Offering	0
Neighbors in Need	254
TOTAL	20,879

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



We were pleased to hear that we have received \$17,523 more than we spent in the first nine months of the year, and that it means our good stewardship of the budget may result in a small surplus for the year. We also heard that the Council of Ministries has approved the budget for 2010 for presentation to the congregation on December 13, and that COM has approved the Personnel Practices Manual that has taken more than two years to complete. We also received a report on alternatives for upgrading our heating system and improving its efficiency and effectiveness. Several housekeeping items are in various stages: sanctuary sound system, electrical outlets on the second floor, the flat roof above the pastor's office. We also noted the "passing" of the mulberry tree and playground equipment.

John Baker, secretary

2010 CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT

This year's Christian Enlistment campaign is off to a fast start. We have received 35 estimates of giving since our kick-off on Sunday, November 15. The total of these estimates is \$80,000, representing 64% of our goal of \$125,000, the amount we need to achieve a balanced budget for 2010. The good news is that 11 of these estimates were increases over 2009 giving, while only 4 showed decreases. Our target date for reaching this goal is the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 13, when the budget will be presented for your approval. If you're one of those who hasn't yet responded, please give it your full consideration and turn in your card. We need to move ahead into 2010 with a balanced budget.

Many, many thanks to those of who have already shown their faith in the future of EACC.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8 NIV)

Good morning, church family. Well, here we are in the midst of another great holiday season, the time we prepare to charge it and/or spend money for gifts for our loved ones, maybe even going deeper into personal debt as a result. But it's worth it! Right? It's a financial commitment we are willing to make to put a smile on that special someone's face.

I have a question for you. How many of you have ever regretted a commitment you have made, something you agreed to do which later turned out to be way more than you bargained for? All too often, we find that we commit and then to our horror discover that the obligation requires more than we are willing to give. We don't want to pay the cost of our words. We feel that we enlisted in a different army, we took a different job, we joined a different church, or even we married a different person, etc. The reality has turned out to be quite unlike our expectations; as a result, we want out. Surely, God wouldn't expect us to remain true to the words of commitment that we spoke. Surely, HE understands that we can't possibly do this! The cost is too great! We don't have enough time and somebody else can do it. We justify in our minds why we can back out of almost anything.

Saints, our most precious possession is the welfare (physically and spiritually) of our children. Well, fortunately some people don't shy away from a challenge; in fact, they rush to meet it head on! As most of you are well aware, the position of Christian Ed Director has recently been vacated. Well, despite all the churn that resulted from this and several other issues, we have, through the grace of God, landed on our feet. Our own Bob Henderson, once again in his own special way, is showing his love and concern for the spiritual growth of our children. We have been blessed with his recent decision to come forward once again in another leadership role and volunteer to serve as Acting Director of our Christian Education program. Please join the CEFF ministry and myself to both thank and welcome Bob as he prepares (and lives Isaiah 6:8) to fulfill this commitment to our church family. Let's all do our best to be loving and supportive of him and his efforts going forward. Yes, with God all things are possible

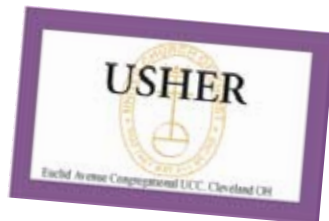
Have a Blessed Day ! And a Merry Christmas!

Al Parks

Co Chair CE& FF Ministry

USHERS MINISTRY

The Ushers met on Nov. 15th and talked about a variety of ways to extend hospitality to visitors and friends, the usefulness of pew pads, encouraging members to wear their name tags, and the need for ushers to serve on Teams I & II. Speak to a Team Leader if you would like to serve one Sunday a month on this Ministry. The Ushers Manual will also be updated.



CORRESPONDENCE

October 16, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks you for your gift of \$225. Your donation will be used to support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Each day throughout the year, your gifts of OGHS are utilized around the world to provide food, shelter, education and health care. Individuals and communities employ OGHS gifts to build lives of dignity.

Peace, Susan M. Sanders,
One Great Hour of Sharing Administrator



November 11, 2009

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$300 gift to the Coalition. Your support enables us to be in the struggle for the long haul.

God bless and peace,

Rev. Marguerite Voelkel, the UCC Coalition
for LGBT Concerns

November 5, 2009

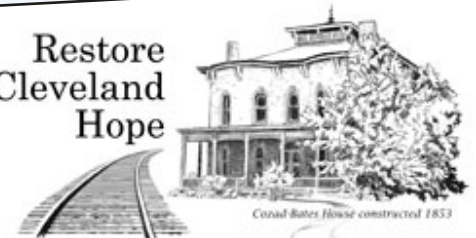
Dear Friends,

The Ohio Conference's Outdoor Ministries is deeply grateful for the generosity of your gift of \$500 to the Campership Fund, given in memory of Henry Edwards. Thank you so much for your faithful support.

In Service to Christ,

Helen Schultz,
Transitional Director for Outdoor Ministries

Restore
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Cozad-Bates House constructed 1853

Restore Cleveland

Hope is proud to

announce that Phyllis Harris has been hired as a part time staff person to assist Joan Southgate, the RCH board, and many RCH supporters in the work of the organization.

Phyllis is a nonprofit practitioner and graduate of the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Management. Her qualifications include 14 years of experience; her previous positions include service in the role of program director, capital campaign director, interim executive director and community educator. She has skills in program development, fund-raising, board development, public speaking and strategic planning. She is thrilled about the opportunity to utilize her skills and expertise in the service of helping Restore Cleveland Hope, Inc. to accomplish its organizational objectives and goals.

Through her skills as a fundraiser and developer of programming, Restore Cleveland Hope will be able to move closer to its ultimate goal of creating an Underground Railroad Resource Center in the Cozad-Bates House and fostering there the growth of the Beloved Community.

THINGS TO DO, PEOPLE TO HELP, PLACES TO GO

Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out! 2010 Essay Contest for Middle and High School Students with \$100,000 in Scholarships and Prizes. What will you do to stop hatred and discrimination? After disease, humanity's deadliest scourge has always been hate... hate has killed hundreds of millions. It knows no season and no limit. It is in us all. And it will live forever--unless we choose to stop. Deadline for students in grades 11 and 12 to submit their essays is Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Contact InterAct at 216-241-0230 for more details.



WREN Holiday Needs : Women's Re-Entry Network is requesting the following for women who are incarcerated or have recently been released from prison, and their families:

- New gifts for boys and girls ages 1-12 that are wrapped and marked "boy/girl/age" and dropped off at 1468 W. 25th Street no later than December 2.
- Stamps for the women in Cuyahoga County Jail; Dave's, Save-a-Lot, Target or CVS gift cards for the women who are involved in re-entry. See Kathy Baker for delivery details.



Thank you to Soldiers in Iraq - If you go to this web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com, you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq . You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one! It is FREE and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them.

This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Please take the time to pass it on for others to do. We can never say enough thank yous.

Thanks for taking the time to support our military!



Choosing to Participate - This interactive exhibit at the Western Reserve Historical Society Museum in University Circle has won national praise for encouraging people from across the globe to consider the effects of their every day choices and inspiring them to make a positive difference in their own community. Presented by the educational organization Facing History and Ourselves, Choosing to Participate presents powerful stories of individuals and communities confronting prejudice and intolerance, and the courage, initiative and compassion they demonstrate to protect democracy and human rights. Our own Joan Southgate is one of the individuals featured. The exhibit opened in October and will close in February. Museum hours are 10AM-5PM, Tuesday through Saturday.



Choral Arts Cleveland - Kristine Jackson, of both our Chancel and Gospel Choirs, invites us to a performance by Choral Arts Cleveland, another group with which she sings, of Charpentier's "Messe de Minuit" on December 6 at 7:30 PM. There is no admission but a free will donation will be gratefully accepted. See Kristine or call 216-381-4608 for more information.

UNITED BLACK CHRISTIANS



The third "Sacred Conversations" on race was another successful event at Mt. Zion, UCC, Friday, Nov. 20th. Eleanore Hayes, former Fox News anchor, now a manager in the Diversity Dept. of the Cleveland Clinic, did an excellent job of facilitating the conversations. At the end of the session, suggestions included hosting conversations more often, inviting youth to participate, and partnering with Christ Episcopal Church's Social Justice Committee to host programs. Stay tuned for the next conversation.

If you have not renewed your membership or would like to join the local UBC Chapter, please see Cloggie Crowder or Charlene for an application. Senior, Student and Friend Memberships are \$15.00. All are welcome.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

for the DOLPHIN DEPOT!



The principal of the Early Childhood Development Center (Charles Orr), Ms. Edwards, and the teaching staff are very pleased with the improvements they are seeing as a result of the incentive program (Dolphin Depot). EACC, through CITW, is providing trinkets that are "sold" in the store with "Dolphin Dollars" that are earned by the children for homework completed, attendance, being in uniform, etc.

As this program has evolved, we can see that EACC church members can be very helpful in assisting children to count their money and by manning the store tables. As the folks who have done this so far can attest, this is not a burden and is so much fun! We have 175 children to get through the store in one hour! The store is held every 2 weeks, on Fridays, from 2:30 to 3:30. The school is off 93rd St. between Chester and Hough. Parking is easily available right next to the school. The school is small, friendly, and very well run. They are delighted that EACC is partnering with them. The intention of CITW is that this partnership will be on-going! Believe us, after spending an hour there you will feel better about Cleveland and the world!

Please talk to Ann Drysdale if you wish to volunteer--you do not need to commit to more than a week at a time!

Ann Drysdale, Co-Chair, CITW



HEALTHY CONNECTORS

December 1st is AIDS Awareness Sunday. Remember those in prayer who are affected by and/or infected with the AIDS virus. The statistics for women of color continue to increase.

*** **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** ***

- ◆ Doris Bryant (*mother of Marguerite Bibb*)
- ◆ Mary Jane Cariens
- ◆ Hallie K. Jones
- ◆ Dominic Martin
- ◆ Jeanette Potts and family (*on the loss of her daughter, Benette Miller*)
- ◆ Hailey Sarubbi (*niece of Cheryl Wacasey*)
- ◆ Barbara Smith Weems

Please call the church office if you wish to put someone on the prayer list.

*** **JOYS** ***

Catherinlu Russell's drawings were on exhibit at the CWRU Art Studios Gallery during November as part of "The Friday Drawing Group Exhibition." A special reception there on November 15 attracted both the attendance and the admiration of many EACC friends and members.

Dean and Judy Sieck have successfully moved out of their Rydalmount Road home and into a smaller, one-story place at 2547 Bolton, despite several obstacles such as a vacation in Spain, twin cases of the flu, and several decades of accumulating antique treasures, many of which had to be sold or discarded

This December 2009 Beacon is editor **Mary Sherry's** 100th! She redesigned our church publication back in 2000, and has been churning out a monthly issue ever since. Even though these days she is often out of town with husband Paul, she still provides us with our "News Beyond the Pews" and the inspiring sayings on the back page. Thank you, Mary! One hundred thank yous!

Congratulations to Bob Henderson on his recent retirement from Philips medical systems where he worked as an industrial designer. He is looking forward to being in charge of what he designs and when, and is eager to begin with a backlog of projects that he has set aside for many years.

Joan Southgate has received yet another award, this one from University Circle Inc. At their annual meeting on November 19 she was given the **Stephanie Tubbs Jones Inner Circle Award**, presented by UCI President **Chris Ronayne** and the late **Stephanie Tubbs Jones' son**.



BENETTE YVONNE POTTS MILLER
1948-2009

Benette Miller was born in Cleveland, where she grew up attending the Cleveland Public Schools. She graduated from John Adams High School as a member of the National Honor Society, and then attended Western College of women in Oxford, Ohio on a scholarship. Later she attended Cleveland State before moving to Sacramento, California, where she was married and had two sons. When she returned to Cleveland in 1998 she became the office manager for her sister Madge's dental practice; later she became a Patient Care Coordinator for Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, from which position she retired in 2008.

Benette accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Cleveland. In 2004 she joined Euclid Avenue Congregational Church where she served on the Fellowship and Community Life Ministry and the finance committee.

Benette was a very private person who adored her sons, loved her cats, and was an avid reader as well as a gourmet cook. Her German Chocolate Cake and brownies were without compare as was every savory dish she decided to prepare. She taught her sons to appreciate and enjoy all types of foods.

Benette moved to Columbia, South Carolina in 2008 to be near her son Lt. Damon L. Miller and family who were stationed in Augusta, Georgia. She passed away there after a long illness. She is mourned by many, including Madge Potts-Williams, her sister; her brother-in-law Charles Williams; and her mother, Jeanette Potts.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT ACTIVITIES

(see inside for more details)

Friday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

Visit from St. Nikolas

Sunday, December 6, 1:00 p.m - 4:00p.m.

CircleFest, University Circle, Inc.

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Fun Crafts

Saturday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Fun Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 22, 12:00 p.m.

Staff & Volunteers Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

Birthday Party for Jesus

Throughout the Advent Season we will collect non-perishable food and cash donations for the hungry.

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DREAMS, AS WE PUT OUR
TRUST IN YOU MAY YOUR
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