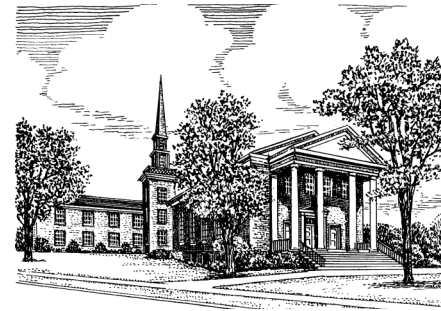




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From All of Us . . .

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To All of You!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
 11:30 a.m. Activities for Children & Adults

(Nursery & preschool care provided)

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FAMILY FIFTH SUNDAY with "No Strings Attached"
Sunday, November 29th - 10:00 AM

Humor...of course! Meaningful message...you bet! Just for kids...hardly! No Strings Attached, the puppet troupe from Disciples Christian Church in Cleveland Heights, will lead our 10:00 am worship service on this very special first Sunday of Advent. Their Muppet style puppets will warm our hearts and help get the holiday season off to a great start. Be here as we sing, laugh, decorate our tree, light the advent candle, and worship God in word and prayer. A special treat: Edie Duncan will play "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" for our offertory music. After the service there'll be a time of food and fellowship and a special family craft project. Don't miss this extraordinary day!

Celebrating the Season at Heights Christian Church

December 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent – Peace

The Chancel Choir will sing Prepare Ye and Clare Mitchell and Danielle Santiago will perform "Prepare to Receive Him"

December 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent – Joy

Our Handbell Choir will offer a setting of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" for our Call to worship and the Chancel Choir will sing "Into the Night", a secular song that reminds us about being prepared. 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling: Bring your smiles and your voices (no talent required) as we provide some holiday cheer for our friends at Campbell Court. A light supper is included.

December 20th 4th Sunday of Advent – Love

Our quartet will present "Come To Us, Home To Us" with guest flutist Bonnie Svetlik and the Chancel Choir will sing "E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come"

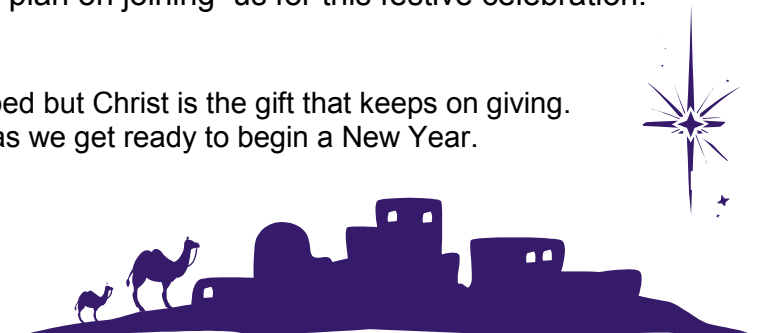
December 24th

7:15 p.m. — Special Pre-Service Music 7:30 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service w/Brass, handbells and choir. There will be special music starting 15-20 minutes prior to the service so please plan on joining us for this festive celebration.

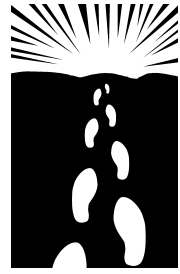
December 27th ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. – Worship: The presents are all unwrapped but Christ is the gift that keeps on giving. Come join us for a relaxed, casual worship service as we get ready to begin a New Year.

*Jesus is the
 Reason for the Season!*



Along The Path . . .



"If the only prayer you say in your life is 'thank you,' that would suffice."

I just posted this quote from Meister Eckhard on the HCC website. It seemed fitting for Thanksgiving. It also is fitting for the upcoming Christmas season. All the gift giving means a lot of thank you's as well, especially a thank you to God for the greatest gift of all. The point of the quote, it seems to me, is that the focus of our prayer and worship should be gratitude to God because we have been given so much. One of the things we can all be grateful for is that in the midst of all the difficulties of life, we are a part of a loving and caring (though imperfect) family of faith. Thank you for your gifts and your willingness to share those gifts so generously,

Roger

YOUNG, ALIVE AND PRAYERFUL



This month we are seeing a renaissance of the **Prayer Wall** in a more permanent form that we had for the Unbinding Your Heart series. Prayer request cards are in the pews and in a basket just beneath the Prayer Wall. Feel free to complete these during the Worship Service and place them in the collection plate. You also may place them on the Wall itself. Any card you choose not to post will need to be put in the collection plate or turned in to the Office. *Please be sure to date your card. No signature is required but we ask that you not specify a name within the request unless you have asked the person involved, if the card is to be posted.* All cards will remain on the wall for one month.

For persons or situations involving a long-standing need (such as a person with cancer), you may submit a request to the office or directly to **Donna Zimmerman** or **Joan Fronck**, but specify that you wish this intention to be referred to the **Chain-for-Prayer**. (This is a group of people who have committed to praying each day for these particular intentions.) There is no time limit for remaining on this list but we do need to have your name so that we can check back periodically and see if this request should continue on the list. Members involved in this Chain-for-Prayer, have signed a confidentiality statement that they will not disclose this information nor will there be open discussion about the situation. Anyone who would like to become part of the Prayer Group may give your name to the Office. Finally, don't forget that there are booklets for daily prayer in a basket in the Campbell Room. Take one, return one when you've finished it . . .the dates don't matter.

BECAUSE YOU CARE

Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization

Louise Barr	Georgia Bibb
Eugene Blackwell	James Faust
Elease Gholston	Jerome Kuhl
Brady Macoski	Derek Mathis
Dorothy Mathis	Bob McWilliams
Leigh Ann Miller	Janis Page
Rita Reiling	Clare Rosegger
Sullivan Stafanic	

Serving in the Iraq War

Ilya Petrenko

PICK UP YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



To aid your preparation for the Christ Child, the congregation offers free Advent reflections for adults "Partners in Prayer 2009," by John Killinger. This renowned author and preacher will take us through the glorious season of Advent, helping us remember the things we may have overlooked or forgotten about--just like when you hang that old favorite ornament.

Find your complimentary copy at any entrance to the sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 29th.

STEWARDSHIP 2010

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" - John 10:10

Jesus made the ultimate journey.



Here at Heights Christian Church, we try to follow in his footsteps, as well as the footsteps of others who have shown us what it means to be Christ-like. In the past couple of weeks, church members have told how Heights has changed their lives as they walk the path Jesus showed us. We can keep living up to his directives to spread the Word, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and serve others by supporting the church's ministries.

Let's continue this journey together. Please prayerfully consider how you can help advance our mission in 2010, and return your pledge card by dropping it in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, or dropping it by.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

December 12th 10:00– 1:00 PM
Holiday Cookie Bake Project
& "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party
No 2nd hour

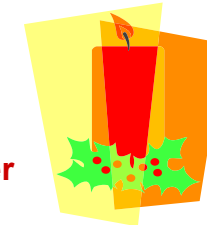
NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

January 8 th	6:00– 7:30 PM
Friday Fun Night "Smores & Fondue"	
January 10 th	11:30 AM
Children and Youth Committee Meeting	
January 30 th	6:00 – 8:00 PM
All Church Chili & Game Night	

One to Grow on . . .

"Living out your faith, is not something you schedule into the calendar every second Saturday or Sunday, but it is something that happens continually as a result of God's goodness and love overflowing in your life."

SETTLERS
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 19th
At the home of Nancy Carpenter
(more details to follow)



ANOTHER IHN CHRISTMAS



The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring two families from Interfaith Hospitality Network for Christmas. The first family was with us for a week recently.

There are four members of that family, a Dad, Mom (who is expecting their second

child, a girl, in November) and a 14 year old son. The second family consists of a Mom, a newborn daughter, a daughter age 3 and a son age 2.

These two families are still in the program so their needs are basically clothing for the adults and clothing and toys for the children.

Their names and requests will be placed on a tree in the Campbell Room on the first Sunday in Advent. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Loudenstein.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS . . .



Christian Women's Fellowship Christmas Pot-Luck Luncheon will be in the Campbell Room on Dec. 9th at 12:00 noon. Bring your

favorite holiday dish to share...and experience a program on "Bringing Hope to People Without Hope" . Call the church office (561-4800) for reservations. The Book Circle Luncheon will be on Dec. 16th..... the place to be decided.

Also . . .

Holiday items needed for Thrift Shop. Christmas is upon us....and customers look for decorations and gift items....so why not share those items you are not using...Look for jewelry, glassware, gently used toys, books and holiday decorations. Then volunteer a few hours on Thursday and Saturday to help price and sell. Call Liz Perdue to volunteer .