

## **CHRISTMAS 2016 SCHEDULE**

As we enter the Christmas season please note the dates and times of our Christmas worship services.

### **December 24th (Christmas Eve Service)**

6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Christmas Eve and Christmas morning will be identical services. The nursery and children's church (ages 2 through Pre-K) will be provided.

### **December 25th (Christmas Worship)**

10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

There will be no Children's Sunday School or Connecting Communities. The nursery and children's church (for ages 2 through Pre-K) will be provided.

## **5TH TUESDAY PRAYER**

Some may not be aware that every time there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month the pastors, staff, leaders and praying people of Crossroads gather to pray for the missional initiatives of Crossroads Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this strategic time of prayer. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday prayer is Tuesday night, November 29th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please join us as we pray over the mission God has for Crossroads.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANKS**

Together, Crossroads' Wauseon and Napoleon families collected 206 boxes! That means 206 children around the world will be blessed by God's love! Please continue to pray for the child your box goes to and that Jesus will be proclaimed all over the world because of the box that they receive! Thanks to everyone who gave generously to

bless a child this Christmas. Thanks, also, to Archbold Container and Lonnie Rufenacht for donating the boxes.

## **SENIOR HIGH DR TRIP**

The senior high will be making their next missional trip over to the Dominican Republic this summer. Many teenagers are looking for odd jobs to do in order to earn money for their trip. If you have things around your house you would like done, please contact Matt Strader at 419-335-3686 ext. 33.

## **RIGHT NOW MEDIA**

Looking for a new study for your small group? What does the Bible say about finances? How about Bible studies or videos for your children (or grandchildren)? Crossroads has partnered with Right Now Media, an online streaming service that provides video content designed to strengthen your discipleship, be it personally or in a group setting. Think of it as a Netflix for Bible study! Over the next few weeks, we will be showing you all that Right Now Media has to offer - to stream directly off your computer or smart TV - and 100% free. invitation to this resource will be sent out via email so please be sure to get us your updated email address.

## **SERVANT TEAM OF THE MONTH**

*"All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT).*

### **BULLETIN FOLDERS**

Every Sunday morning, you receive a bulletin when you walk into service. There is an awesome team of people who are committed to spend each Friday morning folding these bulletins for us! This is a thankless job that we often take for granted, but these volunteers give time each week to bless us in this way. We're extremely thankful for the time and effort they give and their weekly commitment to ensure that it gets done! Thanks to all of these faithful volunteers! We appreciate you!



## DECEMBER LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Be sure to stop by the church library to check out some of these great books for the season and more!

### ADULTS

"Why the Nativity" by *David Jeremiah*

"Because of Bethlehem" by *Max Lucado*

"On this Holy Night" by *Max Lucado*

"Christmas Jars" by *Jason Wright*

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" by *Lori Copeland*

"Keeping Christmas" by *Dan Walsh*

"Amish Christmas at Northstar" by *Cindy Woodsmall*

### KIDS

"Mary's Treasure Box" by *C. E. Waltz*

"God Gave Us Christmas" by *Lisa Bergren*

"The Most Beautiful Tree" by *Melody Carlson*

"The Pine Tree Parable" by *Liz Curtis Higgs*

"The Tale of Three Trees" by *Angela Hunt*

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

To celebrate the Christmas season there will be no Wednesday night activities on December 21st, 28th and January 4th. Have a Merry Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior!

## NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH

Adrian Neighborhood Church gives us an informational newsletter every month. Pick up the newsletter and stay up to date on all the things Christ is doing in Adrian! It can be found on the welcome desk in the main lobby.

## TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIVING

If you wish to have the church track your giving throughout the year and issue you a receipt in January for tax purposes, please use our designated envelope system. If you do not currently have an envelope number assigned to you but would like to start using this system, contact the church office and we will get a packet for you. This is acceptable to the IRS and is a great way to keep track of your giving to the church.

**Fund Designations** – On your offering envelope, funds can be designated to the General fund, Wauseon or Napoleon Building fund, Vehicle fund, Samaritan fund, Ladies Aid or Short Term Missions. Any other designations will be put into the General fund.

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an option made available for those who wish to do their regular giving electronically. You can sign up online at [crossroadswauseon.org](http://crossroadswauseon.org) by clicking "Resources" and then "Give". Create a personal log-in and you're ready to give!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### SR HIGH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP

The dates for our next Senior High D.R. trip are set for June 24–July 1, 2017. The cost of this trip will be approximately \$1,400. Contact Matt Strader if you are interested in participating. The deadline to sign up and put down a \$150 deposit is December 18th.

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS SINGING

Children ages 3 through 5th grade will be pre-forming two songs during the 10:45 a.m. service on December 18th. Kids grades 3rd - 5th will practice during their Sunday School hour, age 3 - 2nd grade will practice during 10:45 Children's Church on December 4th and 11th. If you would like your child to participate please have them attend as many practices as possible.

### SENSORY ROOM HELP NEEDED

Sensory room is in need of volunteers. Due to Jess Dunlap and LT Sugg's recent car accidents, sensory room has lost two steady volunteers. If you are willing to step in to help fill these spots as these ladies take time to recover, please contact Jess Dunlap at 614-551-0053.

### JR HIGH ICE CAMP

Our junior high students will head to Miracle Camp for Ice Camp January 6-8, 2017. The cost for Ice Camp is \$110 (financial assistance is available). Crossroads Medical Release forms AND Miracle Camp Medical Release forms are required to participate and are available on our website. Don't risk missing out on this weekend!

### SR HIGH ICE CAMP

Senior High Ice Camp will be February 3-5, 2017. More details will be available next month. Contact Matt Strader if you are interested in participating. Financial assistance is available.

## THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone who has cared for me in various ways over the past few months as my health has continued to decline... for the meals, prayers, and simply being with me in the evenings. You have blessed me more than you can imagine.

*Virginia Seiler*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

### CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER

Delta Church of Christ will be holding its annual Christmas Dinner Theater on Saturday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is "The magic of Christmas is not in the presents but in His Presence." The evening will feature music, great food, and holiday decorations. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and childcare is provided. To purchase tickets please contact Tina Underwood at 419-870-1840. Deadline to purchase tickets is November 28th.

### MIRACLE CAMP GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

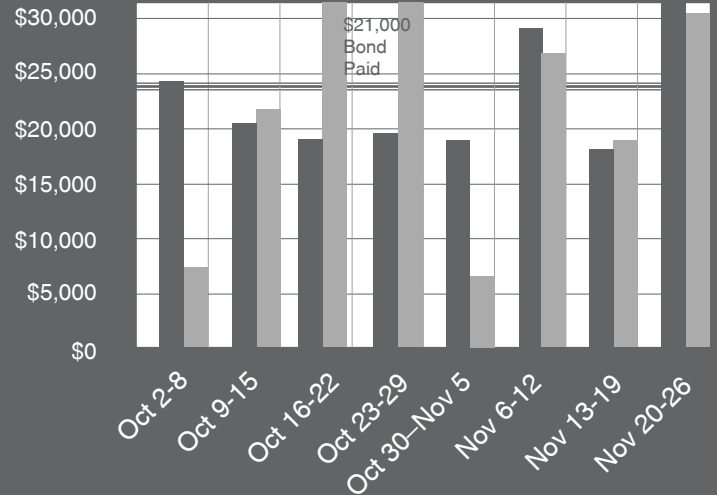
Looking for a gift? Camp registration is now open. Give the gift that keeps on giving register your child or grandchild for a week they will never forget! Visit [miraclecamp.com](http://miraclecamp.com) to register.

### COOKIES FOR CCNO

Every Christmas The Lamplighters, a Christian ministry to CCNO, give cookies to the offenders and staff at CCNO. Churches in the area help provide these cookies and a card showing the true meaning of Christmas. Over 100 dozen cookies need to be furnished for this ministry. If you would like to contribute please make sure the cookie does not contain nuts, peanut butter, frosting and fruits such as raisins. They shouldn't be larger than 3 inches in diameter, and packaged in a non-returnable container. Cookies can be delivered to the church kitchen on Sunday, December 11th.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

■ Wkly Offering ■ Wkly Expenses  
 ══ Required Weekly Offering ■ Bond Payment



*How'd we do? The numbers below represent monthly receipts (offerings/deposits) compared to our monthly expenses.*

	Receipts	Expenses	Difference	Avg Offering
AUG:	\$102,699.53	\$95,023.77	\$7,675.76	\$20,969.01
SEP:	\$63,145.23	\$84,688.10	(\$21,542.87)	\$21,460.96
OCT:	\$103,188.11	\$107,849.00	(\$4,660.89)	\$20,736.54

**\*Any submissions for the JANUARY Link should be turned into the office by Weds Dec 28, 2016.**

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

<b>1</b> Chris King Kyle Knierim Wanda Nafziger Brittany Wills	Ellie Oyer Lonnie Rufenacht	Karen Moden Mary Ann Stutzman	Aaron Beck Diana Conrad Wayne Short Adeline Spengler Judy Zimmerman	Megan Beck Ashley Franz Bowen Quillet Kristen Sheller Kenzie Wanemacher
<b>2</b> Deb Micham Allicynn Reckner	<b>8</b> Karen Brown Alyzabeth Cook Luke Spiess	<b>15</b> Ruth Griesinger Aaron Stewart	<b>21</b> Shirley Fritz Gavin Karcsak Tim Rettig	<b>27</b> Jason Hill Joe Rodriguez
<b>3</b> Sarah Hounshell Roger Zimmerman	<b>9</b> Sara Bloomer Rita Rutledge Dave Woodard	<b>17</b> Joe Beck Jim Flory Ella Hudspeath Paul Teets	<b>22</b> Dawson Knierim Amy McCloskey Ben Myers Reta Rupp	<b>28</b> William Ringler Katy Ulrich Jared Wanemacher
<b>4</b> Jessica Gerig Jack McCarley Zach Siefker Tony Uribes	<b>10</b> Stephanie Guilford Zachary Hardy	<b>18</b> Pearl Blommer Dan Bruns Glenna Stickley Natalie Uribes Vanessa Vershum Jacque Wells	<b>23</b> Eileen Rupp	<b>29</b> Kurtis Krisher Kristian Lippert Berkley Rolon Luke Seitzinger
<b>5</b> Noelle Ringler	<b>11</b> Carter Franz Paul Holman	<b>19</b> Luis Santiago Jadelin Shannon Brendan Wilson	<b>24</b> Austin Dunlap Brenda Farnsworth Annette Quillet Daughtry Wurster	<b>30</b> Isabel Strader
<b>6</b> Larry Frey Mary Oyer	<b>12</b> Ella Beck Roger Freytag Letty Hatt Grady Schroeder	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b> Haley Mealer Spencer Thompson	<b>31</b> Amy Marshall
<b>7</b> Joe Eberle Myley McGinnis	<b>13</b> Mike Marshall Bentley Williams			
	<b>14</b>		<b>26</b>	

## ANNIVERSARIES

^ 25 - 49 years \* 50 years or MORE

Dec 3	Andrew & Letty Hatt
Dec 4	Nick & Katy Ulrich
Dec 7	Doug & Barb Zimmerman^
Dec 13	Terry & Terri Johnson^
Dec 14	Brian & Rana Wooley
Dec 15	John & Nadine Herring Rob & Jodi Kearney Brannon & Shannon Wurster
Dec 17	Ron & Julie Waidelich
Dec 18	Dewey & Diane Borton^ Jaret & Kelly McDermott^
Dec 19	Russ & Joyce Reiser*
Dec 22	Brock & Haley Mealer
Dec 29	Luke & Lindsey Boyers Marv & RoseAnn Rittenhouse*

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**\*\*Elder Board and Management Team members are listed on the website.**

~If your anniversary is not listed or is incorrect,  
please contact the church office for corrections.