

THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

January 21, 2019

Let me share with you an important insight for pastors. The New Testament does not include the word “clergy.” All persons in the church, according to our Scriptures, are called *laos* – the people of God. So the job description of minister – in a professional sense – does not exist in the Bible!

Now let me share with you an important insight for lay people. The assumption that clergy are the “ministers” of the church is not supported by Scripture. This leads to the mistaken mindset that clergy do ministry on the church’s behalf with lay persons being the recipients of that ministry.

In order for a congregation to be effective in the mission God has for it, a healthier understanding of the roles of clergy and laity needs to be fashioned. A more biblical view is that every member of the church by virtue of their baptism into Christ is a minister. Thus, the pastor’s role in church life, is not to do the church’s ministry, but to help laity identify their giftedness and support them in doing the ministry to which God is calling them (*Ephesians 4:11-12*). The people of God, the *laos*, discover the abundant life Christ has promised as they invest their lives in ministry.

This week we will celebrate Laity Sunday. The value of this emphasis is not found in seeing if lay persons can capably do the things that the clergy person regularly does in worship. The importance of this celebration is found in the fact that it lifts up the essential nature of the church.

Together, as clergy and laity, we have been called out of the world into a special relationship with God and one another, where each person is gifted and blessed as they live out a life of ministry with the support of God’s people.

See you for worship!

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Lord’s Day Happenings – January 27, 2019

10:30 am Worship

Laity Sunday

TETELESTAI IS COMING!

MARCH 8-10

Donations are being accepted. Please sign up on the board in the entranceway!

THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 21- 7 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Jan 22- 11 am Rebekah Circle

Wednesday, Jan. 23- 5:30-7:30 WZ Positive Parenting class

Thursday, January 24- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 26- 9-5 pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby held in Disciple Center

6:00 pm Youth Snack and

Paint Fundraiser

NEXT WEEK’S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 27- Youth host Soup Fundraiser

Monday, Jan. 28- 6 pm Cub Scout Pack meeting

7 pm Youth Group

7 pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 29- 7 pm Boy Scouts meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 30- 7pm Discussion w/ Pastor Ken

Thursday, Jan. 31- 10 am Ladies Aid

6 pm WZ In-Service class

6 pm Cub Scouts

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, Feb. 1- 8:30 am 1:00 pm Church Women United meeting in Jr. High Classroom

CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Hedrick- a successful heart procedure

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, calls and prayers. Thanks to Jerry for coming to see me in the hospital. Frank and I appreciate you all.

~Cindy Ritz

Servers for Sunday, January 27, 2019

Elders – Brenda Cligrow, Jean Smith

Diaconate – Janice Bruner, Melissa Urey, Diane Brown, Nicole Dutton, Sara Elmore, Sophia Elmore, Karen Horvath, Stacey Gardner, Kylie Gardner, Natalie Gardner, Kylie Teuscher, Tricia Fisher

Prepare and Serve- Dave O'Rell, Denis Dunbar

Worship Leader- Stacey Gardner

Communion Bread- Marie Downs

Greeters – Nicole, Alyssa & Macey Dutton

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children's Church- Jolyn Emerine

Acolyte- Zane Shafer and Brianna Howard

Media – Dale Hatch, Denis Dunbar

Sound – Dave Sponaugle

Counter Team –Rayetta & Jerry Smith

Captains – Vicki & Dave Gargas



YOUTH SOUP FUNDRAISER

The Youth will host a soup fundraiser on Sunday, January 27th following worship. Please plan to stay and have a bowl of delicious soup. There will be a variety of different flavors of soup, so something for everyone. All proceeds will help with the cost of their upcoming mission trip.

POSITIVE PARENTING CLASS

Wonder Zone will host a positive parenting class on Wednesday, January 23, 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm in the Disciple Center. This is free and open to everyone. RSVP to Terese Sandford, at 330-847-0562. Snacks included and Free Childcare will be provided.



YOUTH SNACK AND PAINT FUNDRAISER

Join the youth on Saturday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m. for a "Paint and Snack". The cost per person is \$25, which will cover all supplies, snacks, a teacher and a beautiful painting for you to take home! No experience required, all are invited! Please preregister, and prepay, by visiting the table in the entry before or after worship, or contacting Casey! Thanks for your support

WONDER ZONE HELP WANTED

Wonder Zone is hiring a school age teacher. Must be 18 with a high school diploma. Child care experience is a plus. Shift would be 12:30-6 pm and be working with the summer camp program.

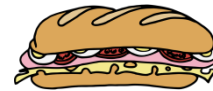


ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

The Ruth Circle invites the women of the church to our annual salad luncheon on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 11:00 am in the church fellowship hall.

The theme this year is "Babies are a Blessing from God." Our guest speaker is Tia Ciferno, Director of Bella Women's Center. A free-will offering will be received for the center.

You can make your reservation(s) by calling the church at 330-847-0785 no later than Tuesday, February 5th. A donation of \$5.00 per person will be received at the door. We do hope you can come and share this occasion with us.



REBEKAH SUB SALE

Super Bowl Sunday is February 3, 2019. Don't be left hungry while watching the big game. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex to order your sub(s), you can fill out the order form and give to the church office. Pick-up and payment for Subs will be after worship on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Each 6 inch Sub Sandwich is \$4.50. All sandwiches will include turkey, ham, salami, cheese, lettuce and onion. (unless otherwise noted on the order sheet)

Thank you from the REBEKAH CIRCLE!

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

The Christian Church in Ohio is changing. As you know, we no longer have a Regional Pastor. The future viability of Camp Christian's ministry is being discussed. On Wednesday, January 30th, at 7 p.m. all members are encouraged to join Pastor Ken for a conversation about the future of our congregation and our involvement in the Region's transformation.