

THE LINK

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Baccalaureate Sunday

June 1, 2008

With the arrival of spring, comes graduation. To honor and celebrate this accomplishment, we will be recognizing our graduates on June 1st during the worship service. Congratulations to each of the following:

High School:

William Boyer
Kelly Daniels
Alex Hill

College:

Jeff Cummings - graduating from Ashland Theological Seminary

If you have graduate news or would like a graduate included, please contact Jared Priset, Donna Jean deSilva, Pastor Jim or the church office.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The next coffee fellowship will be on May 25th immediately following worship as a part of the Graduation Reception. It will be hosted by the Education and Hospitality committees.

Presenting

Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*

At 7:00 pm on the Sunday evening of Memorial Day weekend, Christ Church will hold a community service of remembrance for Ashland's deceased veterans.

The service will feature a performance of Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*, sung by our Chancel Choir and guests from the Trinity Lutheran Church choirs, accompanied by organ, harp, strings, and horns.

This event would provide an excellent opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to experience something of the worship life at Christ UMC.

May 2008

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Day of Pentecost



May 11th



United Methodist Women's annual

All Daughters Banquet

May 1st in Fellowship Hall

Serving begins at 6:00pm

Tickets \$2.00

Bring a covered dish to share

Music by:

Connie Workman & Carol Oberholtzer

Come join the fun!!

OFFICE HOURS

MON, TUES, THUR & FRI
9AM - 4:00PM

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE
THROUGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP,
NURTURE AND OUTREACH

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ~ 9:30AM
CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:45AM
TIME OF PRAYER ~ 5:00PM
GOD CONNECT ~ 6:00PM
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ~ 7:00PM

From the Pastor's Study . . .



As the Resurrected Jesus was about to ascend into heaven, he responded to his disciples saying, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*⁹ *When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”* (Acts 1:8-9)

One of the first things I notice about this passage is that Jesus gives his disciples the responsibility of being witnesses. Those who have experienced Jesus are given the job of telling the story to others.

The second thing I notice in this passage is the geographical progression. They are to be witnesses in Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth. There are ever expanding circles of people to whom we have the responsibility of sharing the gospel.

The question arises as to how we respond to the responsibility of being a witness. It is not enough to be a witness in our home town among people who look just like us. But it is also not enough to be a witness only to the ends of the earth. We must be a witness among both our familiar culture and the cultures and people who are very different from us.

One of the dangers we Christians face today is that we feel the power of money. If we want something done, we can just throw some money at it. We can convince ourselves that the action of giving money has relieved us from any other personal responsibility. The effect is that we “buy” ministry rather than “do” ministry.

The problem with “buying” ministry is that we have either lost or not developed some of the essential skills of being witnesses. Being a witness to Jesus is a responsibility of every Christian.

It is the responsibility of every worshipping Christian to make guests welcome. Yes, there are greeters, and yes, there are ushers, but nothing communicates the friendliness of our congregation like a greeting from the person

beside you, or in front of you, in the pew. Every person in worship has the responsibility welcoming others.

This requires intentional and purposeful action. Given our natural desires, we feel more comfortable just seeing and talking with our friends. But Jesus calls us to love the lost and forgotten as well as our good buddies. The saddest tragedy in the church is when someone comes to worship needing a compassionate word but we are so busy with our friends that they slide in and out without having anyone acknowledge their presence. It is the responsibility of every person in the pews to welcome and greet new guests. It is everyone's job to acknowledge those who have not been in worship for some time.

It is also our responsibility to be a witness in Samaria. How can we invite the lost to faith in Jesus Christ, if we spend all our time in Jerusalem and never spend time in Samaria? Jerusalem and Samaria are of course symbolic. Jerusalem represents the comfortable places and relationships we have. It is the Christian fellowship we already enjoy. Samaria represents the uncomfortable and unfamiliar places and relationships. It is our connection with people outside the church who have yet to accept Christ as their Savior and Lord.

If we are to bring the lost to Christ we must go to the lost. We must meet them where they are, build relationships that earn the right to witness about Christ. Every one of us has the responsibility of being a witness. Every one of us is called to the work of loving someone into a relationship with Christ.

This again requires us to be intentional and purposeful. Given our natural desires we would prefer the safe places. But we must ask ourselves, do we have ministries or opportunities to intentionally connect, serve or work with non-believers in our community today? What are the things we could do that would move us out of Jerusalem and take us to Samaria? Where are the lost in Ashland? How can we reach them?

These are questions that every one of Jesus' witnesses necessarily must ask if we are to become witnesses *in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*



PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday Mornings 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Prayer Group begins by sharing news and concerns, we pray together for about 30 minutes and then discuss a chapter of a book. We always pray aloud the names of those on our prayer concern list and are particularly available if persons need prayer for healing and would like to extend the invitation for others to join us.

The book is by Marjorie J. Thompson entitled, “Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life.” A new book means a new opportunity to come and join the group for a period of time. Marjorie invites us to reflect upon the following topics: the spiritual yearning of our time; the nature and practice of spiritual reading; approaches to prayer; our common worship; rediscovering the fast; self-examination, confession and awareness; the gift of spiritual direction; the spirit of hospitality; and developing a rule of life. We will spend two weeks on each of these topics.

PARISH VISITORS

Parish ministry is seeking volunteers to serve communion to Shut Ins for anybody unable to attend church. Volunteers will be encouraged to visit once or twice monthly and serve communion quarterly. Prayerfully consider participating in this ministry and contact Pastor Jim if you have a desire to help in this way.

What is “Shared Ministry”?

On our giving envelopes is the line entitled Shared Ministry.

This is the new terminology for apportionments. It represents our share of the mission which United Methodist support in common. It includes world benevolences as well as the administrative expenses.

You may have seen the occasional commercial on TV for the United Methodist Church. This is one of the expenses we share in common. It is our outreach to the world.

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel of Matthew

Pastor Jim is leading a 13 week study on the Gospel of Matthew on Sunday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. The study will take us through the end of June. We will be using a book by Justo L. González. The cost of the book is \$12.00.

The study will include a daily reading of the gospel and a reading from the study book which will lead the student to **see** what is in the text, **judge** what it means for the student’s life and **act** in response to God’s word for our life. González writes that “we do not read and study the Bible only to be *informed*, but also and above to be *formed*.”

You do not need prior knowledge to participate, just the willingness to hear and to be shaped by the word of God.

UPPER ROOM Devotionals Available

Due to a price increase, the cost of the Upper Room devotional is now \$2.00 for a small copy and \$3.00 for the large print copy. They are located in the Foyer and on a table outside the office.

UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARS

Scholarship applications for college and post-graduate students are now available. Forms can be picked up in the church office and/or the church foyer. **The deadline for applications is May 11th**. Please place completed forms in the Scholarship mailbox. The committee will meet that same week to determine the scholarship recipients. Contact Bea North or Bob Quakenbush with any questions.

Our First Service to Others

The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to his Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. . . . It is God's love for us that he not only gives his Word but also lends us his ear. So it is his work that we do for our brothers and sisters when we learn to listen to them. Christians . . . so often think they must always contribute something when they are in the company of others, that this is the one service they have to render. They forget that listening can be a greater service than speaking.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Life Together



- ~ the family and friends of Esther Kelly who died on March 21
- ~ the family and friends of Treasa Warnes who died on March 24
- ~ Vicki and Ron Johnson on the death of her mother, Eloise Moore
- ~ to Sonja and George Bringman and family on the death of her brother, Ed Hiller
- ~ to Kathy and Ted Daniels and family on the death of her mother, Lucretia "Kit" Gibbons

**National Day of Prayer
Community Breakfast**

Will be held on Thursday, May 1st from 6:30am-8:30am at Ashland University Convocation Center. Tickets are available in the church office for those wanting to attend. The cost is \$12.00.



'Whatever You did for the least of these... You did for me...'

We have many opportunities to respond to Jesus' great love by showing that love to others. Stephen Ministry is one way our congregation shows that love to people who have deep needs for care.

If you--or someone you know--are going through a difficult time contact one of our Stephen Leaders about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

Our Stephen Leaders include: Pastor Jim Cox, Jeff Cummings, Jim Driskill, or Pat Denbow.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Caregivers Next Meeting
May 12, 2008 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Stewardship Update

March Receipts	\$ 25,895.08
Needed each Week	7,098.71
Monthly Need	30,761.07
Income YTD:	68,014.00
Income needed YTD:	\$ 92,283.23

LABYRINTH



Open Labyrinth Walk
First Tuesday, May 6

4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Please allow 30 minutes for walking and prayer.
Come anytime.

Heartfelt Thanks to all who have welcomed me into the church office as Administrative Assistant and have been so patient as I get familiar with everything. Also to Marybelle Landrum, Mary McNaull and others who kept the office running while the position was being filled and to the Trustees Kenny Oberholzter, Steve Crone, George Bringman and Ken Woode for giving their time to re-arrange the office. It is so much nicer now and if you haven't stopped by to see the changes, please do!

Blessings, *Barb*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

May 4, [White]

Celebration: Holy Communion will be celebrated. In the last of Jesus' resurrection appearances he ascends into heaven and the disciples are charged with being his witness to the world.

Scriptures: (Ascension) Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

Music: Prelude: "Laudate Dominum" Mozart
Anne Denbow, soprano; Jane Reed, Marion Reed, violins; Charlie Reed, cello
Anthem: "O Clap Your Hands" deSilva
..... Chancel Choir
Offertory: "Thou Art Gone Up on High"
Handel
Anne Denbow, soprano; Jane Reed, Marion Reed, violins; Charlie Reed, cello.

Sermon: "You Will Be My Witnesses"

PENTECOST

May 11, [Red]

Celebration: Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the church as God bestows the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Mothers in all circumstances will be lifted up in our prayers in recognition of Mother's Day.

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

Music: "Prayer of the Spirit" Nagy Chancel Choir

Sermon: "People with a Mission"

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 18, [White]

Celebration: This Sunday draws our attention to the mystery of the Trinity, One God revealed in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

Music: "Go Ye Into All the World" Price, Besig
..... Chancel Choir

Sermon: "The Great Commission"

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 25, [Green]

Celebration: Children's Musical

Scriptures: Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 62
1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Get Connected with GOD CONNECT

The mission of God Connect is to reach persons whom we are not already serving with an experience of God's presence that shares the good news of Jesus Christ.

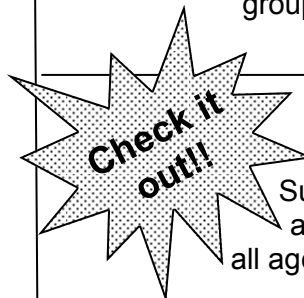
Sunday Evening Schedule

4:30 p.m. *We connect with God* through preparation to worship: band rehearsal & set up.

5:00 p.m. *We connect with God* through gathering fellowship, refreshments, and if desired a spiritual encounter in our prayer room.

6:00 p.m. *We connect with God* through Informal and Contemporary Worship. We communicate through personal testimonies of God's presence in our lives.

7:15 p.m. *We connect with God* through small group spiritual growth & Bible Study.



There's Something for Everyone

Sunday School Classes begin at 10:45am and are offered for all ages. Which class is for you?

Children

- Infants & Toddlers - Room 112
- 2 & 3 Yr Old - Room 102
- Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 206
- 1st and 2nd grade - Room 205
- 3rd and 4th grade - Room 203
- 5th and 6th grade—Room 202

Youth

- Jr. High - Room 211
- High School - 208

Adults

- CJU - Room 15
- Cross Talk - Room 8
- Eagle's Wings - Room 212
- God's Group - Room 215
- New Beginnings - Room 1





MANY MANY THANKS

♥ A big thank you to all who helped by planning, ushering, and setting up for UMW Sunday. Also for the donation of baked goods and helping with the lunch during the rummage Sale.

Bertina Schwartz

- ♥ We would like to thank all the people of CUMC for their prayers, caring, compassion, understanding, support and visits during Mom's (Eloise Moore) illness and death. Thanks to Rev. Ruggles, Pastor Jim, Stephen Ministers, the Sunshine Table, the kitchen ladies for the lovely meal, those who took Mom communion, the Christmas plates, and our 'God's Group' Sunday School class. God bless every one of you.

Vicki & Ron Johnson

- ♥ The spring Rummage Sale was again, a very successful event. We were able to raise \$3500 for Missions. Thank you to all the workers, the buyers and those who donated all the items. We were able to help many people and your support is most appreciated!

Sandy & Jim Pifer and the Missions Committee

- ♥ We would like to thank the members and friends of Christ UMC for the cards, calls and expressions of sympathy during the time of loss of our mother, Eloise Moore. We especially appreciate the care and concern given to our sister and brother, Vicki and Ron Johnson.

Ellen & Roger Moore



Seniors' Gathering

SOS

Seniors Over Sixty

SOS is now Seniors Over Sixty. You do not have to be single to attend. All are welcome!

The group gathers for an inexpensive meal, fellowship, and an enjoyable program. Our next gathering is April 24 and the program will be presented by the "Red Hat Ladies". To make reservations, contact Bertina Schwartz at 419-289-3335.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Becky and Doug Martin on the birth of their new granddaughter Alyssa Brooke Sampson. Her parents are Kristi & Wes Sampson. She was born March 26, 2008 and weighed 6 lb, 10 oz.

Great Grandmother is Frances Stafford. Blessings to this new little life and her family.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

What is Jesus Doing?

In recent times it has been common for people to wear a bracelet with the logo WWJD (What Would Jesus Do). Recently someone has written that it may be time to move beyond the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" to ask "What Is Jesus Doing?" As resurrection people, that is, people who have been charged with being Christ's representatives in the world that is a very appropriate question. As stewards of all that has been entrusted to us we seek to identify with what Jesus is doing and to employ our time, talent and resources in those efforts. That is what stewardship is all about.

It's TEE TIME

Do you enjoy playing a good game of Golf? The church league golf began on April 17th at Brookside park. Anyone interested in playing should contact Mike Dorr at 419-289-9628.

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **June / July** issue of the *Link* are due in the church office by **May 19, 2008**. Questions? Call the office 419-289-0507 x 100. Email is helpful ~ braudebaugh@zoominternet.net.



YOUTH Time at Christ UMC

MAY 2008

Dates of Interest

YF-May 4,18,25
NO YF on May 11
May 9-80's party
May18-J.O.S.H.U.A.
MEETING

MANDATORY Meeting for J.O.S.H.U.A. TRIP

This meeting will be following Sunday school (11:30a) on May18 in room 15

We need a definitive list of who is going We will be discussing cost, project list for this year, and other info. you may need to know

This will be a short meeting, come with questions Trip date is JULY 6th-11th



80's Night!!

5-9-08 (7pm-11pm)

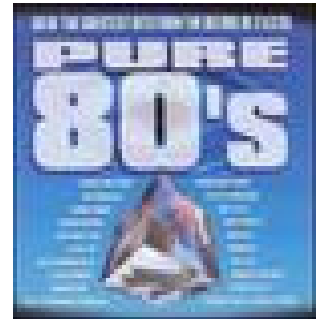
Calling all 80's fans!!

CUMC Youth are going back to the 80's for a night of fun.

Dress in your 80's best and be prepared for the best music, funniest games, and cheesiest outfits and hairstyles the world

has ever seen. Prizes given for best outfits!! Pizza and snacks provided.

PIZZA and GAMES





United Methodist Women Mission Projects

Purpose of the United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.



UMW Mission Projects

Since 1869 when the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded, mission has been an important part of the activities of United Methodist Women. Whether the gift is money, service, friendship or proclaiming the Word, United Methodist Women have always been generous.

The women of our church are no exception. A few of their numerous activities include:

- Providing luncheons - **Seniors Over Sixty**, Funeral meals and others as requested
- Hosting an annual All Daughters Banquet
- Preparing a Christmas gift for each of our shut-ins
- Honoring faithful mission workers on Women's Sunday
- Preparing carry-out dinners for the "All God's Children" program in Mansfield
- Collecting Campbell labels, used stamps, greeting cards and pill bottles
- Sending truck/van loads of supplies to Steubenville Urban Mission and Henderson Settlement in Kentucky
- Encouraging mission studies through reading

In addition many women sew, knit and crochet to supply items both locally and afar:

- Large denim comforts to Hospice, red Cross, Heartland Home, Pump House, Henderson Settlement, Festival of Caring and Ashland Fire Department
- Small denim "Kiddie Comforts" for children at the Rape Crisis Safe haven and Ashland Fire Department
- Comfort gowns for the patients of Hospice
- Hand made stuffed animals and refurbished dolls for Christmas at Henderson
- Hats, scarves, mittens, hot pads lap robes, pillows and afghans where needed
- Bibs for Hospice, Flat rock and Heartland Home

We have many people who provide yarn and yard goods for the craft projects. One of our ladies regularly attends yard sales to buy items for crafts as well as dishes, kettles and supplies for Steubenville and Henderson.

UMW is financially supported by the donations of it's members, donations for luncheons, gifts from friends and occasional fund raising events. The local unit annually pledges \$1200 to the Mid Ohio district of **UMW**. The Lord provides and we always exceed that amount.

~ Article submitted by UMW member, Doris Hintz

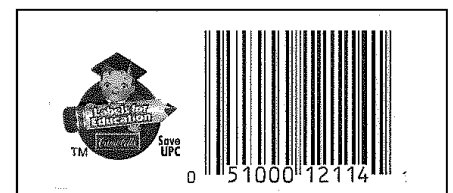
CAMPBELL'S LABELS

Have you been saving Campbell Labels, or do you think one label does not matter? Recently Henderson Settlement ordered a new 2007 Dodge Mini-van, paid for with labels!! A few added with other groups' few labels makes a mighty quantity. Please help with this project. A container for your labels is in the narthex.

There is a new requirement in saving these labels. Please save the entire label, and be sure that you do not deface the UPC code, since that needs to be intact. The label from any Campbell's product in acceptable, this includes V8, Prego, Spaghettios and other brands.


Even one label can help!

This is the part that we need you to save. The UPC bar code, as well as the Campbell's Kid logo.



MAY 2008

In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.
~Proverbs 3:6

	<p>🎵 Choirs 3:30-4:30 Cantus (gr. K-2) and Treble Clef (gr. 3-6) 4:30-5:15 Crescendo Bells (gr 3-5) 4:45-5:30 Covenant Bells (gr 6-8) 6:30-7:30 Celebration Bells (gr 9-12) 7:15 Chancel Choir (Adult)</p>			<p>1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 6:30am Breakfast at AU 6 All Daughter Banquet 7 SPRC, Lounge 7 Congregational Care, Rm 8</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 4-9 Ashland Co Democratic Party Dinner FH</p>
<p>4 9:30 Worship 5 Prayer 6 God Connect 7 YF 7:15 Bible study</p>	<p>5 6:30-8:30 Scouts 7 Small Group Planning Team</p>	<p>6 10 Prayers, lounge 4 Labyrinth</p>	<p>7 CJU Class Breakfast 🎵 Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>8 7 Trustees, Rm 15 7:30-8:30 Teen Small Group</p>	<p>9 7-11pm Youth 80's Party - FH</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 PENTECOST MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 Worship 5 Prayer 6 God Connect 7 No YF 7:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>12 6:30-8:30 Scouts 7 Stephen Ministry, rm 212</p>	<p>13 9 Gloriosa Gardeners, Rm 15 10 Prayers, lounge 7 Scholarship Cmt meeting</p>	<p>14 12 Quilt Guild, Rm 15 🎵 Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>15 7 Ed/Youth Rm 15 7 Altar Guild, Library 7 Study Discovery, 7:30-8:30 Teen Small Group 8 Worship -Library</p>	<p>16 5 Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>17 2:00 Rush/Emminger wedding with reception in FH</p>
<p>18 9:30 Worship Boy Scout Brunch 11:30 JOSHUA Planning mtg 2 Brethren Care Cantus / Treble Clef 5 Prayer 6 God Connect 7 YF 7:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>19 ▶ Newsletter Deadline 6:30-8:30 Scouts</p>	<p>20 10 Prayers, lounge 1:30 UMW Exec, Library</p>	<p>21 🎵 Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>22 7 Outreach Rm 15 7:30-8:30 Teen Small Group</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:30 Worship Children's Program 7 YF 7:00 Choir – Fauré Requiem</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27 9 UMW Workday 10 Prayers, lounge</p>	<p>28 🎵 Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>29 7:30-8:30 Teen Small Group</p>	<p>30 8-5 Quilt Guild, FH</p>	<p>31</p>

WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR MAY

Greeters

4	Vicki & Ron Johnson	Marilyn Hursh	
11	Marge Whitcomb	George Boyer	
18	Marilyn Reep	Ann McMillan	
25	Sandy & Ron Baker	Sonja & George Bringman	

Greeters are asked to arrive no later than 9:15 and to wear your red name tag.

Please consider contributing to this ministry of hospitality. Patsy Barr is our greeter coordinator. If you are interested in helping she can be contacted at 419-289-0411.

Ushers

Bill Aten - Head Usher
 Fred Rafeld
 Ray Boyer
 Sonja Bringman
 Julia Fabich
 Justina Fabich
 Valeria Fabich
 Candy Rush
 Bill Achberger
 Ken Oberholtzer

Scripture Readers

4	Barb Raudebaugh
11	Jamie Doerfler
18	Doris Hintz
25	Children's Choir Program

If you would like to be a part of the worship service by reading scripture, contact Jane Eshelman.

Acolytes

4	Lexi Portner	Zach Portner	
11	Adrian deSilva	Austin deSilva	
18	Cameron Snow	Jonah Moretz	
25	Julia Fabich		

Julia Fabich coordinates the list of acolytes each month.

Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers are persons who extend the hand of welcome and enthusiasm for Christ Church. These persons make a very brief home visit to first-time visitors. They deliver a welcome packet of materials about our church along with our hope that they return to Christ Church soon. Sonja Bringman coordinates this outreach ministry

Our Hospitality Ministers for the month are:

4	Anne Oberholtzer
11	Vince & Patsy Barr
18	Myra Rafeld
25	Bea & Bruce North

Altar Flowers

4	
11	
18	
25	Sandy & Jim Pifer

There are a number of open dates for Altar Flowers. To add to the beauty of the service by donating flowers in memory or in honor of someone or an event, see the sign-up sheet located outside the church office.

The flowers are pre-ordered & delivered at a cost of \$18.00.

Please send payment to the church either by mail or put it in the offering with your envelope marked "Altar Flowers".



Encourage
 one another
 and build up
 each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

Counters

Fred Rafeld
 Sandy Baker
 Ted Daniels
 Paul Pifer



Boy Scout Troop 586 is collecting "Our Family" labels. They will receive \$.05 for each one. At this time only Buehler's is carrying "Our Family"

brands. Please help the Scout troop with this fundraiser by collecting "Our Family" labels and dropping them off in the Scout Room in the box on the table. Thank you!

There will be a Spaghetti dinner/brunch on Sunday May 18th in Fellowship Hall following worship and Sunday School. This event is sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop 586. Please come and eat to help raise funds for new tents.



Let's Go to Camp!



Now is the time to begin thinking about summer church Camp. Our annual conference provides a variety of Christian camping experiences.

You can find out information and obtain registration forms for our summer camps on the web at www.eocumc.com/camps/aboutus.htm

Our congregation offers financial support for any of our children who wish to participate in camp. Contact Jane Eschelman (419-289-3127) for more information about how to receive financial aid.

Just for KIDS

For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.

Worship Hospitality

- If able to walk a few more steps to the church, please park further away so that guests and people who have difficulty walking can park closer.
- Think back to what it was like to be new in church and "Do unto others as you would like them to do unto you." Greet persons who are unfamiliar to you, shake their hand & learn their names. Every worshiper has the job of being a greeter!
- Remember to invite others to experience the good things that you have found at Christ UMC.

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EQUIPPING THE CONGREGATION FOR MINISTRY

The Church phone number is (419)289-0507. Extension numbers are listed following the names.

Pastor	Rev. James J. Cox.	ext 101	jcoxCUMC@zoominternet.net
Volunteer Deacon under Appointment.....	Rev. Jane Jacques		jjacques@zoominternet.net
Director of Music.....	Rev. David deSilva	ext 102	ddeSilva@ashland.edu
Administrative Assistant.....	Barb Raudebaugh	ext 100	braudebaugh@zoominternet.net
Treasurer	Nichole Lang	ext 104	nlangCUMC@zoominternet.net
Financial Secretary, volunteer	Brenda Gardner	ext 301	
Congregational Care Minister	Jeff Cummings	ext 304	jcummingsCUMC@zoominternet.net
Youth Director	Jared Priset	ext 103	jprisetCUMC@zoominternet.net
Christian Education Director	Donna Jean deSilva	ext 105	djdeSilvaCUMC@zoominternet.net
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