

# THE LINK

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Issue 2

**A LENTEN JOURNEY  
FOR ALL AGES**  
Tuesday, March 24th  
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Jesus said, "I am the bread of Life."  
What did he mean?

# LENT

Christ UMC invites you to a journey of discovery. This journey will include an introduction to Christian spirituality including:

- Labyrinth orientation and walk
- Devotional meditation on the Stations of the Cross, using art and reflection on living a personal response to Christ.
- Fellowship
- Discovery of experience for children

You may experience all or part of the 1 to 1 1/2 hour journey. Groups will form for the journey in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6:30. If you wish to be in the final group, come to the fellowship hall at 7:00pm.

Children, who will journey together, should come at 6:30 if possible. Nursery care for those under 3 years old will be provided.

To help with our planning, please let us know how many adults and children will be coming by filling out and submitting the form below, or contact the church office by March 23rd.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Children ages 3-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Children under age 3 \_\_\_\_\_

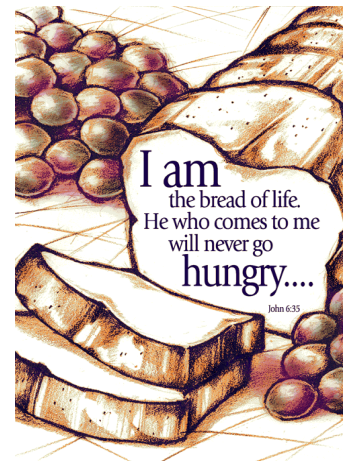
We will come at: 6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

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Our website:  
[www.ChristUMCAshland.org](http://www.ChristUMCAshland.org)



<p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b> MONDAY -THURSDAY 9AM - 4:00PM</p> <p>PHONE: 419-289-0507 FAX: 419-289-1541 <a href="mailto:christum@zoominternet.net">christum@zoominternet.net</a></p>	<p><i>Christ United Methodist Church</i> <i>Loving God, Loving Others,</i> <i>Bringing People to Christ</i></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> WORSHIP ~ 9:30AM CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:45AM GOD CONNECT ~ 12:00PM</p> <p>YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ~ 7:00PM</p>
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### First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2009 [Purple]

Celebration: Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Theme: On our Journey from death to life, God gives us the signs that lead to life: a rainbow, a dove, and repentance.

Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25 P. 756  
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Music: "God's Table Divine" by Victor Johnson  
Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Life Signs"

### Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2009 [Purple]

Theme: What kind of returns are you receiving on your investments in living? Jesus wants us to place our time and lifestyle in things that return life not death.

Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22 P. 752  
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Music: "Come, Follow Me" J. Martin  
Chancel Choir  
Celebration Bells

Sermon: "Turning a Profit in Life"

### Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2009 [Purple]

Theme: The proclamation of Christ crucified gives life which challenges our thinking and assumptions about wisdom and power.

Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19 P. 750  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Music: "Order My Steps" Glenn Burleigh  
Chancel Choir  
Voices of Praise

Sermon: "A Life Giving Message"

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2009 [Purple]

Theme: A love of darkness beckons us to death. Jesus was lifted up for all to see so that our lust for darkness could be conqueror. His love beckons us toward life.

Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107 P. 830  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Music: "As Moses Raised the Serpent Up"  
by Grotenhuis Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Are You Dead or Alive?"



## The Stephen Minister's Compass

A Stephen Minister is Skilled, Compassionate, Trustworthy and Full of Faith.

- Stephen Ministers are called by God to grow in their care-giving skills,
- care for others out of Christ's Compassion,
- maintain the trust of their care receivers by keeping confident what has been shared in confidence, and
- strive to be full of faith trusting that we are the care-givers and Christ is the cure-giver.

To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Pastor Jim Cox, Jim Driskill, or Pat Denbow.

### Next Meeting

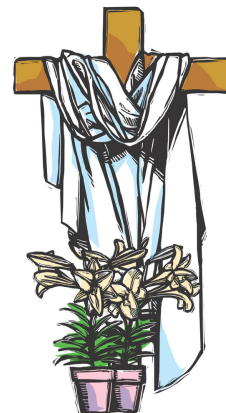
Monday, March 9, 2009 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Our topic will be EMT Care lead by Jim Driskill. Ron Johnson will provide the devotions and refreshments (food for both soul and body!)

### Meeting in April

Monday, April 20, 2009 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Due to Easter we are having our April meeting a week later than usual. Please mark your April calendar. Our topic will be prayer lead by Pastor Jim Cox. Connie Workman will provide the devotions and refreshments.



*The form for  
Easter Flowers 2009  
can be found  
on page 11.  
The deadline to order  
these flowers is  
Sunday, March 29th.*

## From the Pastor's Study . . .



Our theme for Lent this year is the journey from death to life. The scriptures from beginning to end are the story of God's life-giving purpose in creation and the struggle against sin that resists this purpose.

God desire for life is seen at the beginning of Israel's history as Moses declares the choice before God's people. <sup>19</sup>*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, (Deuteronomy 30:19).* God offers us life, indeed it is God's desire that we have life, and it is God's word that exhorts us to choose life, but it is still our choice.

We are free to live in obedience or die in our sin. It is the age-old cliché, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." Lent is a time to reflect on our choices and whether or not they are leading to the life God wants for us.

There clearly are things we can do that have life-giving consequences and there are things we do that have death-giving consequences. An example of this is the control of our tongue. The things we say do have consequences that nurture or destroy the life in our relationships. How often in our lives does a hastily spoken word result in great destruction? The scriptures acknowledge how dangerous the tongue can be. James, chapter 3, compares the tongue to a forest fire. How quickly a raging fire can be started by one uncontrolled word.

We can choose to control the tongue. We can choose to refrain from gossip about our neighbor. We can choose to refrain from tearing down our leaders in the church. We can choose a path that leads to life or a path that leads to death. Far too often the mission of the church is undermined by we who give in to the temptation to gossip or tear down.

Yes there are lots of things wrong with the church today, but there are also lots of things right with the church today. Is it better to be vocal about what is wrong with the church today or vocal about what is right with the church today? Which would you say is the path of life?

When bonds of trust are broken, as they will be from time to time, we are again faced with a choice between life and death. The choice is whether we will cling to the hurt or strive to forgive and find reconciliation. Which do you think is the path of life? Which do you think is God's desire for our lives?

The whole point of the cross is reconciliation between God and humanity. When Jesus calls us to follow him, he invites us to pick up our cross. He leads us to the life-giving work of being a community of reconciliation.

Choosing the path of life may be the right choice, but it may not feel like the easiest choice. Forgiveness and reconciliation are not a natural part of human interaction. We more naturally understand judgment and retribution. It may be easier to explain keeping a grudge than letting go in forgiveness.

As the church in which we proclaim Christ as our head, we are challenged to choose the path of life that grows out of reconciliation. To walk in Jesus' steps and to strive to become more like Jesus means making the hard choices that give life rather than the easy path of destruction. It seems so much easier at times to criticize and tear down than it does to encourage and build up. The choice of life and death is ever before us.

The amazing thing about this season and the good news of Easter is this: God's love does not abandon us regardless of our choices. We are people who choose obedience and disobedience, sometimes even in the same day. We are sinners, but we are not forever trapped in our sin. The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows that God has broken the power of sin. We are never discarded or rejected as being hopeless. Repentance is ever an option for us. And especially as we grow to understand God's unconditional love through Jesus Christ, we discover again the possibility of unworthy sinners returning to the choices that lead to life.

The choice of life and death is ever before you. What will you choose today?

Pastor Jim+

### New Membership Class Beginning

Pastor Jim will be offering a short term class during the Sunday School hour April 19, 26, May 3 and 10 for those interested in making a membership commitment with CUMC.

If you would like to be a part of this class, please contact Pastor Jim, Doris Hintz or the church office.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

Special Points of Interest

- 3/1 NO YF
- 3/8 JOSHUA brunch
- 3/8 YF
- 3/15 – Feast Night @ First UMC
- 3/22 – YF
- 3/27 – Cavs Basketball Game
- 3/29 – Café 508 @ Trinity Lutheran

**Cavs Basketball Game vs. Minnesota Timberwolves**

03/27/09

4:30p – 11:30p

**Cost: \$20**

We will be leaving at 4:30p and stopping for dinner on the way. Bring extra money for dinner and make sure to get permission slips signed.



# JOURNEY

**Feast Night @ First United Methodist**

03/15/09

**4p – 6:30p**

We will be meeting at First UMC this Sunday to help them serve those who are hungry and in need.

Our goal is to build stronger ties with our sister church and join together to serve those in the city of Ashland.



**JOSHUA fundraiser brunch**

3/08/09

**10:30a-12p**

Menu consists of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, fruit, and beverages.



**Café 508 @ Trinity Lutheran Church**

03/29/09

**6p – 9p**

This night consists of games, food, and a message from...

We are joining Trinity Lutheran, First UMC, and Park Street Brethren for a night of fun. Bring friends!!



- ~ Connie Workman and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Richard McCauley of Butler who died on Saturday, January 24th.
- ~ the family and friends of Katherine (Mrs Joseph) Boylan who died on Tuesday, January 27th and Joseph Boylan who died on Saturday, February 7th.
- ~ Wanda Shank and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Marjorie Shank who died on Sunday, February 8th.
- ~ Marylyn Reep and family on the death of her brother, Tom Bender of Ashland, who died on Monday, February 9th.

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## RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 7, 9-noon

Pastor Jim will be offering a workshop using the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) applied to relationship dynamics. The MBTI is one of the most widely used and accepted instruments to aid people in assessing their personality preferences. Pastor Jim has been using and teaching MBTI theory for over twenty years.

The workshop is especially designed for couples providing information on the strengths and weakness within their relationships. Though couples will benefit the most, individuals are also welcome to attend and will find the information helpful.

Please contact the church office for a registration form and more information. The registration deadline is Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## 2009 FLOWER CALENDAR

A new calendar for 2009 Altar Flowers has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost is \$22.00. If you have a special date you would like to honor a loved one, please be sure to add your name and information to the list.



## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The March/April editions are now available and are located in the Foyer and on a table outside the office. The cost of the Upper Room devotional is \$2.00 for a small copy and \$3.00 for the large print copy.

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## 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.*

The recent low attendance at God Connect has caused us to look again at our mission and the way we are trying to fulfill it. Our core leaders for the service decided to suspend the 6 p.m. worship experience in favor of a study and planning time at 12:00 p.m. on Sundays.

We will be discussing the book, "Unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity . . . and Why It Matters" by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons.

Check out the web-sites:

[www.unchristian.com](http://www.unchristian.com) or [www.fermiproject.com](http://www.fermiproject.com)

The book is based upon research done through the Barna Group ([www.barna.org](http://www.barna.org)). The authors address the negative view of Christians held by a majority of young people (age 16 to 29) who are outside the church. They raise the question of how believers can transform the negative perceptions and become more authentic in our love for others.

Besides the study we are planning to develop a worship service designed to reach people age 16 to 29. We have identified 5 ministry teams which would be needed to start this new service: 1. Worship / Music / Preaching; 2. Facilities; 3. Hospitality / Food; 4. Evangelism / Publicity; and 5. Prayer.

If you would like to help in this mission and can serve on one of the teams please speak with Jared Priset.

We also ask our congregation to be in prayer for this work of sharing the gospel with young people.

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## Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **April** issue of the *Link* are due in the church office by **March 16th, 2009.**



## Heartfelt Thanks

♥ Thank you to all our friends at Christ Church for the prayer energy, the notes, and cards which have come our way. We are so grateful to God for healing and for supportive friends.

Peace & grace to you all,  
*Ruth and Bill Shannon*

♥ Dear friends,

Thank you for all the wonderful birthday presents for children and teens! It is such a pleasure to be able to give gifts to parents for their children. Parents are so excited to be able to give gifts to their children when they don't have resources to do so. We appreciate you doing a project like this that brings such joy!

~ *Marilyn Ferguson*, Dir.  
Associated Charities

♥ Dear friends:

We thank you for your generous donation to our ministries in April, 2008. In 2007, we distributed 696,620 lbs of groceries from our warehouse and served 18,790 hot meals in our unity kitchen. Our Hutton House Homeless Shelter housed 192 children and adults and provided 276 "life skills" classes to the residents. We had 44,322 hours of volunteer service from hundreds of persons in our community. We helped 810 families have a traditional Thanksgiving meal and fulfilled the Christmas wishes of more than 1,100 children and teens. This was all made possible because of generous donors like you! We continue to exist only because you have a heart for "the least of these."

Sincerely,  
Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, Exec. Dir.  
Urban Mission, Steubenville OH



## Congregational

With joy, we celebrate the following birth:

~ **Kevin Michael Creasy** son of Kevin & Andrea Creasy of Great Lakes, IL, born January 27th weighing 7 lb 4 oz. He joins his sister Kayla. Proud grandmother is Essie Creasy.

♥ Many thanks for the prayers and remembrance from UMW for Marjorie Shank.

~ *Wanda Shank*

♥ To all the wonderful members of Christ UMC, We thank you so much—for the out pouring of love and friendship to me and my family. You were so kind and caring, you all made everything so easy for us.

Pastor Jim was so caring, the ladies did such a great job feeding all of us and the prayer blanket was so appreciated, especially by Tom. It gave him a great feeling of comfort.

Thank you all so very much—blessings to each of you.

~ *Lydia Bear and family*

♥ Dear Christ Church family,

I want to thank all of you so very much for the prayers, cards and expressions of kindness and concern during my time of illness. Words cannot describe how much this has meant to me. May God bless you.

~ *Myra Rafeld*

♥ On behalf of Housing Partners of Ashland County, Inc., I would like to thank you for your generous donation. Housing Partners is committed to assisting low to moderate income families or individuals, the disabled, and veterans with decent and affordable housing along with home repairs. Your donation will assist in that mission.

Sincerely,  
*J. Emmett Justice*  
Exec. Director

## Children's Sunday School Teachers Schedule

### MARCH

Nursery:  
Toddlers: Carol Oberholtzer  
Pre-K thru 2nd Grade: Doris Quackenbush  
3rd and 4th Grade: Beth Boyer  
5th and 6th Grade: Carolyn Brown

### APRIL

Nursery:  
Toddlers: Janet Rockenfelder  
Pre-K thru 2nd Grade:  
Apr 5 Mary Eshelman  
Apr 12 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Apr 19 Becky Dorr  
Apr 26 Mary Eshelman  
3rd and 4th Grade: Diane Moretz  
5th and 6th Grade: Shari Moore

# PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

**What you need:**

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



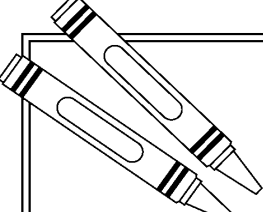
**What you do:**

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.



Keep  
**these members**  
lifted  
in prayer...

Jan Achberger, Jeremy Burr,  
Emily Driskill, Margaret Helvie,  
Ruth Ohl, Norma Repp,  
Arlene Siders, Mary Lou Spicer



## Just for KIDS

### A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

**KEY:** a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

“H e \_ \_ nd \_ \_ ll h \_ s f \_ \_ m \_ \_ l \_ \_  
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

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A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

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A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

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r \_ \_ g \_ \_ l \_ \_ r l \_ \_ .” \_ \_ cts 10:2, NIV  
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Answers: “He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.” Acts 10:2, NIV



**LET’S READ & TALK TOGETHER**

The next meeting for Book Bunch will be **March 3rd at 7:30** in the lounge with

discussion about “The Red Tent” by Anita Diamant.

All are welcome and encouraged to invite friends. Questions? Contact Meredith Priset at 703-579-7786 or email: [jaredmeredith@yahoo.com](mailto:jaredmeredith@yahoo.com).



**Nursery**

Babies are important members at CUMC. During both the worship and Sunday School hour we have a pleasant, clean nursery area available where little ones will be

7 cared for while parents worship and fellowship with others.



**HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

So we as a congregation can be mindful of those members not able to be in worship with us, we will be listing a *Homebound Member of the Week*. We use the term "homebound" loosely as some persons may be able to venture out occasionally but finds their body or mind causes pain or embarrassment. While we encourage them to attend church and/or social functions as much as possible, we are sensitive to their situation and want them to know we care. An address will be listed so a card can be sent or a visit made. If you know someone who qualifies, but might be overlooked, please contact the church office, Pastor Jim, or Doris Hintz.

<u>March 1</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
Gerry DusSault	William & Marilyn	Ethel Fulk	Bill Fulmer	Gus (& Donna)
Belmont Tower, Apt 522	Farquharson	Belmont Tower, Apt 425	Brookwood Place, Apt 404	Giet
Ashland	1238 Columbus Circle N	Ashland	1998 Center St	216 Freer Court
	Ashland		Ashland	Ashland

**RED CROSS SHELTER TEAM**

A planning meeting for coordinating the responsibilities of our Red Cross Shelter team volunteers is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Ron Baker.

**SOS**

SOS [Seniors Over Sixty] next meeting will be **March 26th at 12 noon**. Everyone is invited to this special luncheon and program.

For more information on this enjoyable group or to make reservations, contact Bertina Schwartz or Doris Hintz.



**Rummage Sale**

The annual spring **Rummage Sale** will be held on **April 3rd and 4th** in the fellowship hall.

The Outreach & Witness committee uses the proceeds from this church activity for mission projects. Coordinators for this event are Sandy & Jim Pifer.

[See page 11 for sign-up sheet].

Donated items for the rummage sale can be put on the stage area in Fellowship Hall. Contact Jim Pifer to arrange for pick-up of large items.

**Think Green**

Remember to bring your empty printer cartridges to the church office for recycling. This is a small way to help reduce waste and benefit our church at the same time. 😊

**AARP, IRS TO OFFER**

**FREE TAX-AID & ELECTRONIC FILING**

AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service is offering free tax aid to all taxpayers with middle to low income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Appointments are not required at Ashland locations.

This service will be available until April 14 at the following locations:

- Ashland Co Council on Aging, ~ Tuesdays: 9am-1pm
- Christ UMC (1140 Claremont Ave) ~ Thursdays: 9am-2pm
- ~ Saturdays: 9am-1pm

Bring a copy of last year's return along with social security card and all documents pertaining to this year's return.

<b>Stewardship Update</b>	
February Receipts	\$ 22,382.14
Needed each Week	7,098.71
Monthly Need	30,761.07

# March 2009

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me*

~ Psalm 51:10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>COMMUNION 12:00 God Connect</p> <p>7 No YF</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6-9 AsH Co Umpire Assoc—rm 15 6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7-9 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>7:30 Book Bunch 7:30 Bread &amp; Water @ Tim Black home</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>8:30-9:30 Young Adult Group @ AU</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9am-2pm AARP tax assistance—fh</p> <p>7 SPRC meet w/ Staff members</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9am-1pm AARP tax assistance—fh</p> <p>9am-12noon Myers/ Briggs workshop—rm 215</p>	
<p><b>8</b> Daylight Savings Time</p> <p>JOSHUA Brunch 12:00 God Connect</p> <p>7 YF</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6-9 AsH Co Umpire Assoc—fh 6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 St Ministry—rm 212 7-9 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>7 Red Cross Shelter Team—fh 7:30 Bread &amp; Water @ Tim Black home</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1:00 Quilt Guild rm 15</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>8:30-9:30 Young Adult Group @ AU</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9am-2pm AARP tax assistance—fh</p> <p>7 Trustees—rm 15</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9am-1pm AARP tax assistance—fh</p>	
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>12:00 God Connect 2 Brethren Care</p> <p>4-6:30 Yth @ First UMC for Feast Night</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>6-9 AsH Co Umpire Assoc—rm 15 6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7-9 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> St Patrick's Day</p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>7 Growing in Christ Task Group—rm 15 7:30 Bread &amp; Water @ Tim Black home</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>8:30-9:30 Young Adult Group @ AU</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9am-2pm AARP tax assistance—fh 1:00 Study Discovery—library</p> <p>7 Congregational Care—rm 15</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9am-1pm AARP tax assistance—fh</p>	
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>12:00 God Connect ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING</p> <p>7 YF</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7-9 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>LENTEN LABRINYTH WALK</p> <p>7 Quilt Guild—fh 7:30 Bread &amp; Water @ Tim Black home</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9 Newsletter assembled &amp; mailed</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>8:30-9:30 Young Adult Group @ AU</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9am-2pm AARP tax assistance—rm 215</p> <p>12 noon SOS</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Yth @ Cleve Cavs Basketball Game</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9am-1pm AARP tax assistance—rm 215</p> <p>9am-9pm Cub Scouts Blue &amp; Gold Banquet—fh</p>	
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>12:00 God Connect</p> <p>7 YF</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7-9 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9 UMW Workday 10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>7:30 Bread &amp; Water @ Tim Black home</p>	<p><b>9am Rummage Sale Set-up—fh</b></p>			<p><b>🎵 Choirs</b></p> <p>3:30-4:30 Cantus (gr K-2) Treble Clef (gr 3-6) 4:30-5:00 Crescendo Bells (gr 3-5) 6:30-7:30 Celebration Bells (gr 9-12) 7:15 Chancel Choir (Adult)</p>	

## Willing Servants of the Church for March

### Greeters

- |                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Doris Hintz          | Mary Jane & Roger Amos            |
| 8 Gayle Akkerman       | Portia Abrams and Norma Repp      |
| 15 Lydia Bear          | Thelma Reep and Vera & Max Witmer |
| 22 Bertina Schwartz    | Anne & Ken Oberholtzer            |
| 29 Linda & Steve Crone | Jeannine & Ray Boyer              |

Greeters are asked to arrive no later than 9:00, wear your red name tag, and stand at the front entrance (Claremont) or in the Foyer area at the Glass entrance (Broad St).

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  
 Steve Hill  
 Bruce Bookmyer  
 William Boyer  
 Ken Brown  
 Alvin Cappel  
 Terry Harper  
 Larry Portner  
 Dick Rafeld

### Altar Guild

- Jane Ruggles  
 Beth Boyer

### Scripture Readers

- 1 Marilyn Kieft  
 8 Ed Boyer  
 15 Carolyn Brown  
 22 Barb Raudebaugh  
 29 Perry Corbin

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

### Acolytes

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Lindsey Crone    | Mackenzie Snow    |
| 8 Adrian deSilva   | Alexander deSilva |
| 15 Zach Portner    | Jonah Moretz      |
| 22 Jonathan Marimi | Austin deSilva    |
| 29 Lexi Portner    | Hannah Boyer      |

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. Sonja Bringman coordinates this outreach ministry

Our Hospitality Ministers for the month are:

- 1 Connie Workman  
 8 George Boyer  
 15 Brooke & Dean DaHinden  
 22 Vicki & Ron Johnson  
 29 Anne Oberholtzer

### Altar Flowers

(all Sundays are open)

- 1  
 8  
 15  
 22  
 29

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 \$22.00. **Please send payment to the church** either by mail or put it in the offering with your envelope marked "Altar Flowers".



### Counters

- Steve Hill  
 Wilma Jean McConnell  
 Vince Barr  
 Todd Brinkman

# 2009 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Last day to order is Sunday, March 29th.

(Please use a separate form for each type ordered)

PRICE: \$10.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ (number ordered)

TOTAL PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE: (please check) TULIP \_\_\_\_\_ LILY \_\_\_\_\_  
DAFFODIL \_\_\_\_\_ HYACINTH \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Flowers may be taken after the 9:30 am Easter service or anytime during the week following.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will take my flower(s) to \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If the Altar Guild knows who will be receiving a flower, it will help them avoid duplication on presenting flowers to shut-ins)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will donate my flower(s) to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am/we are willing to help deliver flowers to shut-ins.  
*(This can be done during the week after Easter.)*

Checks should be made payable to **Christ UMC**  
Write "Easter Flowers" on memo line.

# RUMMAGE SALE

**Our Spring 2009 Rummage Sale**

**will be:**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

The sale hours are Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. Lunch will be available each day.

**Set up days will be:**

**March 30, 31 and April 1, 2**  
**Donations of baked goods are needed for our bake sale.**

**We can use both men and women to help!**

## I WILL HELP...

Set up:

Mon Mar 30 am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues Mar 31 am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_  
Wed Apr 1 am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_  
Thurs Apr 2 am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_

Work the sale:

Fri am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_ (tear down)

I will bring items for the bake sale

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate*

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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
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Director of Music .....	Rev. David deSilva	ext 102	ddesilva@ashland.edu
Administrative Assistant .....	Barb Raudebaugh	ext 100	braudebaugh@zoominternet.net
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Financial Secretary.....	Brenda Gardner	ext 301	bgardnercumc@zoominternet.net
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Hand bell and Treble Clef Choir Director .....	Anne Oberholtzer	ext 108	anneoberholtzer@hotmail.com
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Kitchen .....		ext 107	

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Education/ Youth Associate Lay Leader .....	Carol Oberholtzer	oberholtzer3@hughes.net
Worship Associate Lay Leader.....	Jane Ruggles	gruggles@zoominternet.net
New Member Coordinator .....	Doris Hintz	
Trustees .....	Kenny Oberholtzer	
Outreach and Missions Associate Lay Leader .....	Bertina Schwartz	

#### Volunteer Office Personnel

Bulletin Board Volunteer .....	Velma Pifer
Greeter Coordinator .....	Patsy Barr
Office Volunteers .....	Portia Abrams, Jane Eshelman, Freeman & Marilyn Harper, Norma Repp, Ann McMillen, Norma Underwood, Eileen Withers Mary Lou & Peggy Spicer, Marge Whitcomb
Office and All-Around Volunteer .....	George Boyer