

# THE LINK

Volume 63

Issue 1

## Prayer Encounter “A Blueprint For The House of Prayer”

presented by Terry Teykl

Do you struggle to maintain a healthy prayer and worship life? Whether you have been praying and worshipping for decades or are just thinking about getting started, a day with Terry Teykl will energize and equip you to more effectively communicate with the Father. Terry's passion is contagious as he communicates foundational principles and practical ideas. He'll make you laugh, but you will come away from the experience convinced that you can make a difference in your church, your life, and the lives of those who are yet to find faith in Jesus.



This "Day Away" study will teach and model effective prayer and 10 different prayer models for your life and your local congregation. Participants will receive Terry's workbook on prayer. Lunch is provided by The Outlet Cafe.

**Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.**

**Terry's presentation at 9:00 a.m.**

(see pg. 11 for registration form)

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Faith UMC (across from Crestview Schools)**

**1574 SR 96 East, Ashland, OH 44805**

**\$30 Pre-Registration by March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\$35 at the door**

## February 2012

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

For more information you may contact registrar, Mary Ann, at 419-289-7551 or email [maryann@ashlandfirst.org](mailto:maryann@ashlandfirst.org)

## WHAT'S NEW YOU ASK??

With the approval and recommendation of several committees and the hope of staying better connected as a congregation, we are excited to announce the purchase of a new database program for the church!

We will now be using the software "Shepherd's Staff" and will be putting together a group of volunteers to help verify and update member information that we already have. Information such as current address, ages and birthdates of family members, anniversary dates, membership dates, baptism dates, and home & cell phone numbers. This new program will be replacing our current one called Membership Plus. In order to be able to care well for our members, it is so helpful to have correct information.

If you aren't sure about some of the dates we will be asking for, you might want to start now with your own researching so when you are contacted you'll have the information available.

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY -THURSDAY  
9AM - 4:00PM

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ~ 9:30AM  
CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:45AM  
TEEN'S—SUNDAY EVENINGS



*Our  
Congregational  
Sympathy  
to:*



- ~ Ed Starkey & family on the death of their wife & mother, Irene Starkey, age 87, w ho died on Thursday, October 27th.
- ~ Al Kieft, Nancy & Ed Boyer, Gerald & Marilyn Kieft and families on the death of their w ife & mother, Thela Kieft, age 91, who died on Friday, December 2nd.
- ~ Marian & Jeremy Burr on the death of her daughter-in-law , Mary Reis-Nixon, age 59 who died on Sunday, December 4th.
- ~ Sharon & Bob Stone and all members of the Boyer family on the death of George Boyer, age 97 w ho died on Tuesday, December 13th.
- ~ William Farquharson and Lori & Fred Gottfried and all members of the Farquharson family on the death of Marilyn Farquharson, age 81w ho died on Saturday, December 31st.
- ~ the family & friends of Hildreth Schw an, age 95, w ho died on Wednesday, January 18th, 2012.

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**SOUP'S ON!!**

It's colder outside and as a fundraiser, the mission team is selling soup for the congregation to take home w ith them after worship.

The next Soup-to-Go Sunday w ill be February 19th. If you are interested in know ing ahead of time w hat the soups will be, or if you'd like to make a request, talk w ith Larry Hachtel or leave a note for him in room 110.

To date the proceeds from this fundraiser have totaled \$500. After the Feb sale, w e w ill be offering soup-to-go one more time.

Please consider supporting them by picking up some delicious w arm soup for lunch on your w ay out the door!

**Our Senior Members  
Who's Where??**

Belmont Tower  
Gerry DusSault  
Ethel Fulk  
Betty Pifer

Brethren Care  
Jeremy Burr  
Mary Knowles  
Lois Reynolds

Bradford House  
Mary Ellen Budd

Brookwood Place  
Fran Heiffner  
Marjorie Smith

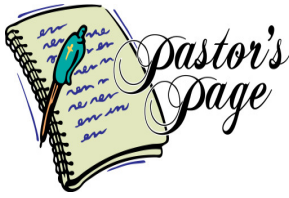
Crystal Care  
Richard Brown  
William Fulmer  
Jane Rafeld

Good Shepherd Villa  
Maxine McConnell

Kingston  
Anne Chaney

Lutheran Village  
Wilda Boyer

At Home  
June Beecher  
Fern Boyer  
Ruth Butdorf  
William Farquharson  
Gus (& Donna) Giet  
Frances Glasser  
Pauline Gortner  
Marcia Harper  
Margaret Helvie  
Lois Kaylor  
Vivian Kiplinger & Jerry  
Walter Leibolt  
Doris Plice  
Dick Robertson  
Paul Rumbaugh  
Mary Sachs  
Mary Lou Spicer  
Edward Starkey  
Jane Vines



Where are we going? And what are we becoming? What kind of Church do we want to have in five years? How do we want the church to be different in the future?

These are all important questions about the life of the Church.

Peter and I recently spent some time considering these questions as they pertain to our congregation. The simple answer is that we want the members of our church to become more like Christ. This involves more than simply gaining fact knowledge; it also involves gaining heart knowledge. We would like the church to have focus and clarity of purpose rather than just scattered unrelated programs.

So if becoming more like Christ is the main purpose, how do we get there? What are we doing to accomplish this goal?

The process of becoming more like Christ is often described as spiritual formation, the work of shaping our spirits to reflect the love of God expressed in Jesus Christ. How do we move in this direction?

We have recently taken a new direction in the program we offer our children with the implementation of the Way of the Good Shepherd curriculum for Sunday School. Under the leadership of Pastor Jane Jacques, we have restructured our children's Sunday School class time using the Way of the Good Shepherd approach to inviting our children to grow spiritually. Children have an amazing capacity to ponder and reflect on the stories of the Bible in a way that helps them enter into God's saving work as they discover God's love through the scriptures. The Way of the Good Shepherd process is rooted in a Montessori teaching style which values each child's capacity to grow and learn.

Adults are invited to discover this method of spiritual growth through monthly training in this process. This year on the fourth Sunday of the month, Pastor Jane will be leading adult training in the way of the Good Shepherd which is open to any who would like to grow spiritually. You don't

have to be a Sunday School teacher to benefit from this training. All are invited. (see pg. 6)

I would also like to encourage persons to attend the Prayer Encounter presented by Terry Teykl. You will find this event described elsewhere in the new sletter (see pg. 11). The regular practice of prayer is certainly one of the ways we become more like Christ.

Terry is a nationally known speaker in the movement to expand the prayer life of individuals and congregations. He opens the doors of deeper devotion and encounters with God through prayer. Terry particularly understands and communicates the connection between prayer and evangelism. Prayer leads us with a heart of love to reach out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ. We are fortunate to be able to have him come to our area and his workshop promises to be an event that you won't want to miss.

Another point of encouragement I would like to make is the invitation to participate in the Lenten Study I will lead on Accountable Discipleship. There is more information on this in the newsletter as well. (see pg. 4)

Of all the experiences I have had in spiritual formation, one of the most effective is the small group experience. It is also a significant part of our Wesleyan heritage as Methodists. We began precisely as movement of small groups who studied the word of God and prayed for the courage to follow where God was leading them.

Accountable Discipleship is about taking serious our own spiritual formation, making a plan for spiritual growth and inviting others to hold us accountable to that plan. There is truly strength in numbers and, when we band together for the purpose of spiritual growth, I believe God especially blesses our endeavors.

Where are we going? What are we becoming? Lord willing, we are following Christ and becoming more like him. The more clarity we have in this journey, the more progress we make.

What are you willing to do to become more like Christ?

*Pastor Jim+*

## Schedule of Worship Services for February

### February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany [Green]

Celebration: Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Theme: At the end of our strength is a strength not our own. God renews and sustains our life.

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147 P. 859  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Music: "Have You Not Known" by K. Lee Scott  
Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Strength Not Our Own"

### February 12, 2012

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany [Green]

Theme: Jesus' touch heals a leper. His touch still brings healing today.

Scriptures: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30 P. 762  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Music: "We Come to You For Healing, Lord"  
by Ruth Schram ~ Chancel Choir  
Voices of Praise

Sermon: "Jesus Healing Touch"

### February 19, 2012

Transfiguration Sunday [White]

Celebration: On the last Sunday before Lent we celebrate the mountain top experiences that sustain us through the valley times.

Theme: Jesus takes a few of his disciples up a mountain where the glory of God is revealed as his appearance is changed before them. Seeing God's glory evokes a transformation of our hearts.

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50 P. 783  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Music: "Collect for Transfiguration" by deSilva  
Chancel Choir  
"We Saw His Glory" by Mauersberger  
Voices of Praise

Sermon: Peter Frantz Preaching

### February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday [Purple]

Theme: The ashes remind us of our sin and our mortality. They call us to a season of repentance, expressing our sorrow for the way sin has corrupted God's purpose within our lives.

Celebration: The beginning of the 40 days of Lent, in which we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Music: Psalm 51 Anglican Chant  
Chancel Choir

Sermon: "More of God; Less of Me"

### February 26, 2012

First Sunday in Lent [Purple]

Theme: At Jesus baptism his identity is revealed. It is that identity that sustains him through temptations and defines his proclamation. As followers of Jesus knowing who we are and whose we are is essential for our lives.

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

Music: Children's Choirs

Sermon: "Remember Who You Are"

### Accountable Discipleship

A Lenten Small Group for Spiritual Growth  
led by Pastor Jim  
**Sunday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Pastor Jim will be leading a six week study on Accountable Discipleship beginning Sunday, February 26.

The group will form a discipleship covenant focusing on acts of Compassion, Justice, Devotion and worship.

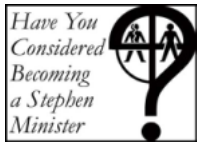
The purpose of the group is to grow spiritually through an intentional and accountable process. We will focus on the four areas and how they apply to our lives in a journey to become more like Christ.

**Stephen Ministers meeting**  
**Monday, Feb 13th**  
**7:00pm**  
**in room 212**



Myra Rafeld will offer devotions & snacks will be provided by Ann Roepke. The continuing education portion will be presented by Ron Johnson on 'Caregiving: Before, During & After'.

Stephen Ministers please read module #20 (pgs. 517-553) and bring your check-in statement and contact sheet.



**Stephen Ministry**  
**New Training Class**  
**Is Being Planned**

We will be offering a Class for new Stephen Ministers beginning in February and going through May on Monday nights. This year's class will be offered in partnership with First Presbyterian's Stephen Ministry group. The class requires 50 contact hours and a reasonable commitment of serving as a Stephen Minister for two years. Speak with Vicki Johnson, Ron Johnson or Pastor Jim if you are interested.

**EUCHRE NIGHT**

On Saturday, February 25th we will be hosting a **Euchre Night Tournament** in the café! Prizes will be awarded. The cost is 5 dollars to play, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

Even if you don't know how to play euchre, please come so you can learn! Proceeds from the euchre night will go to the mission team.

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the **March** issue of the **Link** are due in the church office by **February 15th**. Send Email to: [braudebaugh@zoominternet.net](mailto:braudebaugh@zoominternet.net)



Each week a senior member is listed in the bulletin with address information for anyone wanting to make a visit, call by phone or send a card. (see our list of members on page 2)

**TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**  
**10:00AM—IN THE LOUNGE**

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.

**Here's what's happening with our**

Next meeting:

Note: *there will not be any UMW meetings during the months of January and February.*



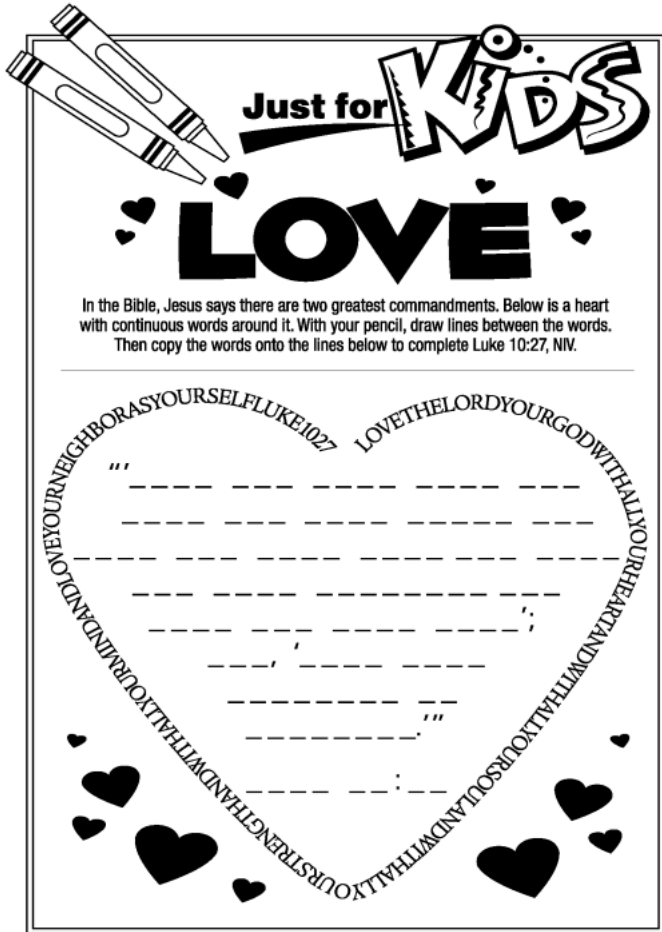
**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR**

A new sign-up calendar for 2012 is on the bulletin board outside the office.

There are a couple Sundays still available during February for those wanting to furnish altar flowers in memory or honor of a particular event or person. The cost is \$22.



Flowers are pre-ordered and delivered. Payment can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering by marking your envelope "altar"



In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

**JESUS' WAY – STILL WORKS TODAY!**

Jesus said that if adults want to enter the kingdom of God, they need to come in the way of children. In this church, that way is called **The Way of the Good Shepherd**. It's our way of coming with the children (children's church for K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Sunday School for K – primary). The children show the way on the poster display in the Café.

All adults are welcome to learn the way, and to share their gifts to help make materials for it. Some of us will enjoy the opportunity to present the lessons which draw us to love the Good Shepherd (That's not required, so come even if you don't feel called to children's ministry.) Others will just enjoy being together as a church family, and learning to share in the faith and the joy of the children as, together, we follow in the Way of the Good Shepherd.

**Trainings will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month from 2:30 – 5:00 in room 204.** Have questions or comments? Call Rev. Jane (Pastor Jane to the children) at 419-281-3649.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

[article submitted by Hildegard Yanchunas]

The library has recently acquired several new books to our collection. They may all be found on the new book shelf.

In *The Worst Hard Time*, Timothy Egan writes of the untold story of those who survived the Great American Dust bowl. The epic story of the environmental disaster and it's impact on the communities stricken with fear and choked by dust in the "Dirty Thirties" is told in riveting and compelling prose. This is especially poignant for those who experienced this era first-hand.

*Danger* by Peb Jackson relates sixteen true stories of daring and adventure and challenges us to discover if your are living out God's game plan for your life.

Infectious inspiration from comedian Charles Marshall is found in *I'm Not Crazy, But I Might Be a Carrier*. His versatile and vibrant humor has been collected for mass infection. Each sketch segues into a pertinent message reassuring us that life may be a crazy ride, but God is at the controls.

*The Healthy Balance* shows you how your body was created to respond to a balanced lifestyle. Author Cynthia Allen gives us an inspirational how-to-guide on nutrition, exercise and spiritual rejuvenation.

*Saving a Life* tells the intimate story of a family surviving unspeakable tragedy. Reeling from the aftershocks of their son's death, authors Charles and Janet Morris discover the God is ever faithful, and that Christ is always present.

In *The Fortunate Years* author Aaron S. Glick engages readers with his folksy reminiscences about life as a twentieth century Amish man. To quote: "In my 91 years there have been many disappoints and heartaches, but also much joy. I recall it all with rejoicing."

You'll want to be sure to stop in and check these out for some interesting reading!!

**NEW RECYCLING PROJECT**

Save your newspapers!! Beginning sometime soon, we will have dumpsters located in the parking lot for recycling newspapers through the Paper Retriever program.

This is an easy, community-based program that wraps recycling and fundraising into one neat package. As a bin host, we provide a convenient recycling drop-off location for the community. Our church will then receive payments based on the volume of paper collected.

Retrieve the paper. Receive the money. It's that simple!

## Heartfelt Thanks



♥ Dear friends,  
Thank you so much for the magnet and the lap robe. I used it from the time I opened the package and I have used it every day since. Thanks for caring!

Paul Rumbaugh

♥ My dear friends at Christ UMC

How do I begin to thank you for your lovely cards and well wishes after my breast cancer diagnosis? I am happy to report that I am well! It's been a long two year journey, but well worth the fight. I want you to know I pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all of you every day. I owe my recovery to the prayers of many.

Blessings, *Kelly Reinmann*

♥ Dear friends

Happy New Year to all – my warm thanks to the CUM UMW for the beautiful quilt that Vickie Johnson brought to me. And, also to the donor of the lovely poinsettia that Jan Haberman brought. Both were very thoughtful and much appreciated. I hope the New Year is good to all of you—I miss being among you and think of all of you often.

*Gerry DusSault*

♥ A sincere Thank You to everybody who sent cards, Pastor Jim and Roger Moore for their visits, my parish visitor Claudia Guenther-Snyder, my Stephen Minister the UMW ladies for the beautiful quilt, and to the Ken Oberholtzer family for singing the carols of Christmas. It was wonderful and meant a lot to be remembered during the holiday season. So many others have done such caring things and even though they aren't mentioned by name, their kindness is most appreciated.

God blessings to you all, *Mary Lou Spicer*

♥ Dear friends

It is really difficult for me to express the emotion I felt when I opened the Christmas gift. There was my special fabric, which had been hard to part with, made into a beautiful lap robe, and the size is great. I can remove my shoes, wrap my cold feet and have enough to cover my lap and have a cozy place for Daisy. I thank everyone who cut, sewed, assembled, bound or had any part in the making. My love and thanks to all.

*Maxine McConnell*

♥ To the UMW

It was so thoughtful of you women to think of us during the Christmas season. The comforters are lovely and it must have taken a lot of work to make them and we thank you.

We seem a little further removed from all the activities of the church, but we remember our busy times.

Vince remembered firing the furnace at our old church & serving as church treasurer, being an usher and helping Rev. Frees serve communion, etc.

I remember the 25 years as working in the dining room and getting help to serve the delicious meals the women cooked, teaching Sunday School with Fern Boyer & Ethel Fulk, altar guild and other jobs when asked.

People our age are dwindling but the ones remaining have wonderful memories of serving our church and our Lord.

Thanks also to everyone who sent cards for Vince's 90th birthday and my operation.

God bless you all—*Vince & Patsy Barr*

### MANY THANKS

Create-a-Christmas 2011 gave four area families a merrier Christmas. One mother told us, "Thank you SO MUCH for your help. I was only going to be able to buy my son one gift this Christmas. You don't know how much I appreciate this."

Thank you, the congregation, for the generous contributions and gifts. Every year we see God's love extended through this outreach ministry.

*From the Eagles Wings SS Class*

### NEW PARISH VISITOR COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce Rev. Roger Moore as the new Parish Visitors coordinator. He is assuming the responsibility following the leadership of Doris Hintz. If you know of anyone needing to be added to our list for this ministry, please let Roger know.

We want to thank Doris for her time and dedication with this caring ministry and a job well done.





Jeremy Burr, Essie Creasy, William Farquharson, Bill Fulmer, Gus Giet, Frances Glasser, Pauline Gortner, Marilyn Harper, Margaret Helvie, Beatrice Holm, Ron Hostler, Lois Kaylor, Bob Nusbaum, Maxine McConnell, Doris Plice, Jane Rafeld, Lois Reynolds, Barbara Roland, Mary Lou Spicer, Kathleen Weiler

Our members in the Military: Ryan Yeater

REMEMBERING OTHERS FOR THE ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK Here is the pantry wish list:

- Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Noodles, Cereal, Jello, Pudding, Juices, Shampoo, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Jelly, Brownie Mix, Potatoes (any kind), Ravioli, Saltine Crackers, Vegetable Soup, Hand Soap, Conditioner, Feminine Products, Laundry Soap

Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the north entry way at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your faithful generosity in helping to provide for others.

CHRIST UMC JOB OPPORTUNITY

We will be hiring a person and/or persons to direct our Children's choir and Bell Choirs. A job description is available upon request from the church office. Interested persons should send their resume and letter of application to the church.

Stewardship Update

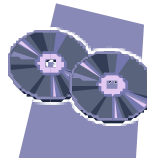
Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows: January Receipts (thru 1/22/12) \$ 15,390.03, Needed each Week 6,845.14, Monthly Need \$ 29,662.26

LIFE GROUPS NEWS

Be sure to watch the weekly bulletins for information on upcoming life group gatherings.



Note: If you have an idea for starting another Life Group gathering, please contact Peter Frantz at 419-289-0507 ext. 105.



News From the Sound Booth

Memorial Funds have made it possible for us to record our services digitally on CD's. We will now be sending CD's of our recorded services to our shut-ins who have requested it.

We are in need of a few CD players. If you have one that you are not using or planning to discard, please consider giving it to the church for use by one of our shut-ins.

Also we are in need of more volunteers to be trained on running our sound equipment. There are a few weeks coming up that our regular people will be unavailable. Please speak with Pastor Jim or Ken Woode in the sound booth.

A SERVICE OF PRAYER & SONG IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ WORSHIP

Evening worship services will be held at 7:30pm on the first and third Saturdays in the Café area. Taizé (pronounced Ta-zay') worship uses the meditative repetition of easily sung scripture and prayer phrases.

The service will include Holy Communion. All are welcome.

EXTRA OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you receive the monthly offering envelopes and aren't sure what to do with the extra, white return address envelopes included, please bring them into the church office. We can probably find a use for them.

# FEBRUARY 2012

*I do not want merely to possess a faith;  
I want a faith that possesses me.*  
~ Charles Kingsley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir rehearsal	2 9am-2pm AARP -fh  6 Ash VB Assoc—fh 7 Education - rm 15	3	4 9am-1pm AARP -fh  7:30 Taizé worship service—café
5 COMMUNION  Blood Pressure Clinic—café  Super Bowl Sub Sunday 6 Yth Super Bowl Party	6  6 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 Ash VB Assoc—fh	7  10 Prayer Group  1:30 Gloriosa Gardeners Plant Sale—rm 15 & café	8  1 Quilt Guild - rm 15  Choir rehearsal	9  9am-2pm AARP -fh  6 Ash VB Assoc—fh 7 Admin Bd - rm 15 7 Scouts—fh	10	11  9am-1pm AARP -fh 9am-3pm Stephen Ministers training retreat
12  6 Yth Small Groups w/ games @ FUMC	13  6 Scouts - rm 6 & fh 7 Emmaus Bd-rm 108 7 St Min. meeting	14  9 Gloriosa Gardeners—rm 15 10 Prayer Group  	15  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  Choir rehearsal	16  9am-2pm AARP -fh  6 Ash VB Assoc—fh 7 Cong Care—rm 15	17	18  9am-1pm AARP -fh  7:30 Taizé worship service—café
19 SOUP-TO-GO  2 Kingston ministry  6 Yth Small Group w/dinner @ CUMC	20  PRESIDENTS DAY Office Closed  1 UMW Exec-library  6 Scouts - rm 6 & fh 7 Ash VB Assoc—fh	21  10 Prayer Group  7 Quilt Guild—fh	22 Ash Wednesday  9 Newsletter assembled & mailed  7:30 Ash Wednesday worship service	23  9am-2pm AARP -fh  6 Ash VB Assoc—fh 7 Outreach & Witness—rm 15	24	25  9am-1pm AARP -fh  7 Euchre Tournament Fundraiser—fh
26 JOSHUA Brunch  No Yth—AHS Musical 7 Accountable Discipleship study— lounge	27  6 Scouts - rm 6 and fh	28  10 Prayer Group  7 Growing In Christ Task Group—rm 15	29  Choir Practice  3pm-7pm Red Cross Bloodmobile—fh			

# Willing Servants of the Church for February

## Greeters

- 5 We are in need of a Greeter Coordinator
- 12 \*\* see note below
- 19
- 26

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. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office or Pastor Jim.

## Ushers

- George Bringman—Head Usher
- Kevin Oberholtzer
- Sonja Bringman
- Ken Oberholtzer
- Terry Harper
- Ron Baker
- Sandy Baker
- Dean DaHinden
- Heather Bond

## Altar Guild

## Scripture Readers

- 5 Bea North
- 12 Wilma Jean McConnell
- 19 Wyndy Reuschling
- 22 David deSilva [Ash Wed]
- 26 Martha Buckner

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

## Acolytes

- 5 Sam Boyer
- 12 Kiana Francis
- 19 Alexander deSilva
- 26 Austin deSilva

Donna Jean deSilva coordinates the list of acolytes each month.

## Altar Flowers

- 5
- 12 J Rockenfelder
- 19 B & S Bookmyer
- 26

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".

## 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:

- 5 Vicki & Ron Johnson
- 15 Bea & Bruce North
- 22 Doris & Bob Quackenbush
- 29 Myra Rafeld



Outreach

## Counters

- Kevin Oberholtzer
- Sandy Baker
- Roger Moore
- Sean Snow

# JOURNEY

Peter's contact info:

Peter Frantz  
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**2012 Rummage Sale Dates:**  
April 27-28  
October 12-13

### JOSHUA

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next JOSHUA Brunch on Sunday, February 26th. The JOSHUA Mission Trip is being planned for June 24th thru 29th. If you are interested in going, please contact Peter Frantz.



### Here's what's happening for February:

5 - Super Bowl Party—at the home of Suzanne & Jeff Bandy, 940 Smith Rd. @ 6 p.m.

12 - Games/Small Groups—Ashland First UMC @ 6 p.m.

19 - Dinner/Small Groups—Christ UMC @ 6 p.m.

26 AHS Musical: Cinderella  
—go see it with your family!



**Terry Teykl  
Prayer Encounter  
Registration Form**  
*(from article on front page)*

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 3 PM  
Faith UMC

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