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Our Mission Statement:

“Teaching God’s Word by Living God’s Love”



APRIL USHERS

Joyce Kirk, Mary Kilburg, Carol Holtshouse, Vee TyRee, Anne Epperson, Roxann Ramsey, Doris Beal, Nita Nungesser, Lori LaChance, and Jeni See.

MAY USHERS

Charles Miller, Doug Osbornes, and Warren Dean

MISSION NEWS



We were able to deliver 200 jars of Peanut Butter which were collected in our Peanut Butter Drive for Lifeline Mission. Thank you so much for your contributions!



Christ United Methodist welcomes four new members into membership. Rhonda Montey was welcomed by Restored Affirmation of Faith. Sherry McKinney was welcomed by Profession of Faith. Marj Miller was received by a transfer from a church in Florida. Brenda Forbes was received by a transfer from Mansfield Trinity United Methodist Church.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt April 20th at 10:00 a.m. at PECO II Park. This event is sponsored by the Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce, Christ United Methodist Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT GRANTS

Annually, the Permanent Endowment Committee makes available those funds obtained from income received from their investments. Funding may only be requested through an established team, committee, or organization from within our church. Funding will be given for new ministries or established ministries that desire to be involved in new projects and is at the discretion of the committee. Awards are for one year only. The application process is now open. Applications may be picked up in the office and are due back into the office by May 1. Awards will be funded no later than June 1, 2019.

-From the Education Committee-

The Commission on Education has \$400.00 available, obtained from interest received from the Dorothy Moulton Memorial Fund CD.

Grants can be awarded to extend, promote, and enhance ministries related to music, education, worship, and various cultural arts within the congregation.

Grants can be submitted starting April 1st through September 30th. They will be distributed at the discretion of the Education Team.



PRAYING FOR YOU FRIENDS

Dorothy Vose

Paul Sherman

Walnut Hills Retirement Home
P.O. Box 129
Walnut Creek, OH 44687

Mansfield Place Apt 107
1841 Middle Bellville Rd
Mansfield, OH 44904

Ruth Lemke

421 Mission Lane
Room 106
Franklin, OH 45005

Ohio Veterans Home
Jack Moderwell
3416 Columbus Avenue
Room 127C
Sandusky, OH 44870

MILL CREEK

Barbara Roelle

MAGNOLIA TERRACE

Peg Lust and Waldene Blasberg.

AT HOME:

Bee Anderson, Chaia Thompson, Jan Shuck, Kathie Miller,
and Bill Fischer.

A Thread from the Weaver's Loom—

The world-wide nature of the church is that of mission and outreach. The book of Acts highlights this significantly, detailing the early church's outreach "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Church tradition holds that the apostles took the Good News of Jesus Christ abroad, moved by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to burst out from hiding behind closed doors. Methodism began with an extremely strong emphasis in mission work. John Wesley was a missionary himself to Georgia for about a year-and-a-half. Stories abound of circuit riders who traveled the untamed frontiers of America, taking the Gospel to those brave enough to broaden our young and fledgling country.

Mission. Outreach. We all recognize that the church is to be engaged in mission. What about individual members of the church? Take a look through the book of Acts. The early church leaders acted on the Spirit's impulse in them to move, not on a church-sponsored mission to get started. At Pentecost, the Spirit awakened the apostles from their fear to boldly preach about God's salvation; these early church leaders and members responded to God's salvation grace by contributing to the needs of others; Philip was led by the Spirit to minister to the Ethiopian eunuch. Notice that these acts of mission are relational. They went where other people were and purposefully began a conversation in order to start a relationship, and discover their hurts, their needs. When we each heed the Spirit's direction for mission, God uses our willing hands and feet to reach people. The question that remains is, "How willingly are we letting God make use of us?"

Rev. Matt



Recipe of the Month

No Bake Triple Layer Lemon Pudding Pie

Use either graham cracker or shortbread cookie pie crust.

Mix two boxes lemon pudding with two cups cold milk. Add one tablespoon fresh lemon juice and mix well.

Place one half of the lemon pudding mix in the pie crust.

Mix the other half pudding mix with one half container Cool Whip and place this on top of the lemon pudding mix in the pie crust.

Top all with the second half Cool Whip.

Refrigerate overnight.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Beatrice Anderson	02
Mike Mateer	02
Michael Garverick	03
Orpha Belardo	07
Janet Schneider	07
Mary Sue Smith	10
Lyman Starner	11
Rodney Vose	11
Sharon Barnes	15
Jamie See	18
Judy Dyer	19
Randy McDonald	25



FOOD PANTRY

Items needed for the Food Pantry this month include Macaroni & Cheese, Noodles, Cake Mix and Frosting. We are also collecting toiletry items such as toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and hand soap.



Happy Anniversary

Pastor Matthew & Aimee Weaver	10
Ronald & Carol Holtshouse	24
Charles & Juanita Nungesser	25

During this season of Easter and renewal I hope each of us remember the importance of making disciples for Christ. It seems the winter months have been more difficult this year. The weather has been awful with cold and wet and wind, and it seems that we have had more than our share of colds and flu and other medical issues. On top of all of this, the Methodist Church has been in the news with all of its conflicts between bishops, members, and leaders of the church throughout the world.

But we, as Christ United Methodist Church, must stay on the path to serving our congregation and our community, by living according to God's Word and Christ's teachings. We need to reach out to those in our community and congregation to meet their needs and help them to understand the importance of having God in their heart to lead them through their lives.

As a church we have seen many struggles the past 10 or 15 years. The congregation has slowly dwindled and it seems we have been unable to make the necessary decisions that would enable our church to grow. Although we have faced some difficult times financially, God has always blessed us with sufficient monies to meet the needs of the local church.

But it's time for Christ United Methodist Church to move forward. We can't continue to set back and come up with excuses as to why the church is not growing or flourishing. It's time for each of us to step up and make an extra effort to go out and share our faith and love with others. Whether it be through new programs and maybe even just one on one communications. We are Christians, and God didn't tell us that just because we consider ourselves Christians we wouldn't need to go out

and share our commitment with others. In fact he expects us to go and share our excitement and joy in our service to him. Remember when we joined the church we stated a pledge during the service thanking God for all that he has given us and that we as members of the body of Christ and this congregation will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

I encourage each of you to open your hearts and reach out to members of this congregation and the community and show them God's love through your loving care and commitment. Let's make Easter 2019 the season that members of Christ United Methodist Church re-committed to sharing our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service and faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church. Take some time and make contact with members of the congregation you haven't seen or heard from for a while and share your faith with people within the community who may not know God's love.

I've said many times that this church does so much for the community with so few people. We have awesome members who are willing to give of their time to help others.

We can make Christ United Methodist Church strong and a destination for new Christians to find God's Love in our community. But it can't be done by just one or two people, it will take a commitment from each and every one of us to make it happen.

Rod Vose

Ad Board Chairman