

## YOUR CHURCH STAFF

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### Praise Choir Director

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The Barnes Family

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and

12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

## Website

[www.christumcgalion.org](http://www.christumcgalion.org)

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

130 E. Walnut St.

Galion, Ohio 44833

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December 15, 2019



## Our Mission Statement

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

## 10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"  
arr. By J. Martin

CHORAL INTROIT: "Love Came Down at Christmas"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:  
Dave & Lori LaChance

PRAYER: Let us prepare our hearts as we await the coming of our Lord, Let us watch for the one who heard our cries and shouldered the suffering of our world, Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all. Let us wait in expectation for the day when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN: "Emmanuel" #204

OPENING HYMN:  
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #236

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHOIR ANTHEM: "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentleman"

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

THE MORNING PRAYERS  
The Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING  
The Offertory "The Merry Variations"  
Arr. By D. Gawthrop  
\*The Doxology

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:3-7 N.T. Pg. 1244

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 34:11-16  
O.T. Pg. 1014

THE MESSAGE Rev. Heather McLeod  
"Sounds of the Season: God Rest Ye  
Merry Gentlemen"

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"  
#224

♦ BENEDICTION

♦ CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Go In Love"

♦ CHIMES

♦ POSTLUDE "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"

## TODAY

9:00 a.m. - Study Group  
10:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
11:25 a.m. - Praise Choir Practice

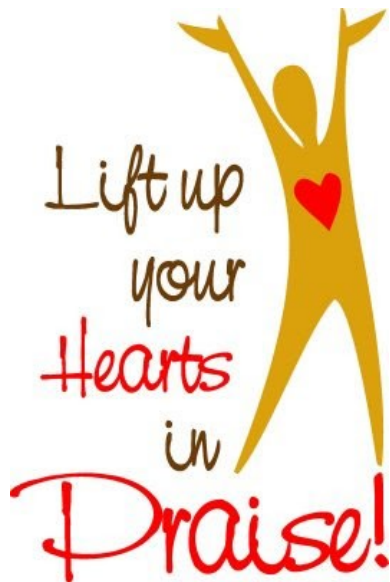
### LEADING US WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

LITURGIST: Mary Sue Smith

GREETERS: Ted & Barb Stamper

DECEMBER USHERS: Dave LaChance, John Ramsey, Larry Kaufman, Randy McDonald, and Boyd Epperson.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Judy Ruhl  
"Glory of God & In Loving Memory of Sarah Ruhl"



### WEEKLY STATISTICS

December 8, 2019

Attendance: 71

Sunday Study Group:  
No Study Group

Total Offering: \$2,980.00

Missions: \$203.85

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

4:30 PM - Outreach Meal  
7:00 PM - Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Practice

### **3rd Sunday Benefit Meal**

Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 1675 Hopley Avenue, Bucyrus, will be hosting their 3rd Sunday Benefit dinner in their Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 15, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The menu for the December 15 meal is beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, and includes sides, salads, desserts, and beverages. All are welcome! All donations for the meal are given to the Jericho/Taylor House and Alpha Recovery in Bucyrus for their work of building and ministering to those with drug and alcohol addictions.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WANTED! Have you moved in the past six months?  
Have you changed your E-mail address?  
Have you switched to a new cell phone number or dropped your landline phone?

Some members of the church have requested a copy of the pictorial directory that was made for Pastor Heather. The Membership Committee will be willing to work on this in the new year IF YOU WILL HELP by seeing that your information is updated.

Please give all corrections to Sherry, in the office, or Ann Campbell (419-468-3309).



## JOYS & CONCERNS

Concerns may be written on a Prayer Card. Names are accurate through Wednesday. *Please inform the church office of any new changes.*

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

MILL CREEK  
Barbara Roelle  
JoAnn Marlett

MAGNOLIA TERRACE  
Peg Lust  
Jan Shuck

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

Ruth Lemke  
421 Mission Lane  
Room 106  
Franklin, OH 45005

### AT HOME:

Bee Anderson and Kathie Miller.

## Christmas Eve Worship

Join us on December 24 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary for a celebration of Lessons and Carols. Scenes from the Christmas story will be read from the Bible, interspersed with special music by our chancel choir and other musicians. We will close our service with a candlelighting and singing of "Silent Night".

## RightNow Media

You now have access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access on any device that has access to the internet: your smartphones, tablets, computers, and TV media devices. RightNow Media is a tool that we hope will assist you in strengthening your walk at home. There are videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals, retirees—all aimed at helping you and your families grow. For those of you who attend the Wednesday Bible Study, you can find all of the videos and discussion guides on this site as well. This is great in case you miss a week (or if you wanted to participate in the study, but are unable to)!

You should have already received an official invitation email to give you FREE access to RightNow Media as our Christmas gift to you. If you haven't received it yet, check your spam folder (because it came from RightNow's system, it may have gotten caught there). If you still haven't received it yet, it's because we do not have your email address! Send an email to Pastor Heather at [pastor.heather.umc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.heather.umc@gmail.com). Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos.

## “GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN”

God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone  
astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our Heavenly Father a blessed Angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by  
name  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

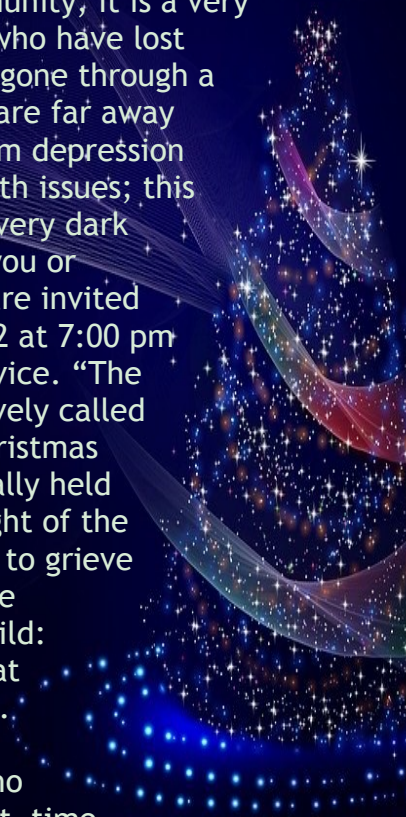
In Bethlehem, in Israel This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn  
The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

Fear not then, said the Angel Let nothing you affright  
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright  
To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's pow'r  
and might  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now  
embrace; this sacred time of Christmas tide all others  
now deface;  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

## The Longest Night

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” for many, but for some in our community, it is a very difficult time. For those who have lost loved ones, or who have gone through a divorce, or lost a job, or are far away from family, or suffer from depression and/or other mental health issues; this holiday season can seem very dark indeed. If this describes you or someone you know, you are invited to join us on December 22 at 7:00 pm for a special worship service. “The Longest Night” (alternatively called “Blue Christmas”) is a Christmas worship service traditionally held on or near the longest night of the year that gives you space to grieve your personal losses while celebrating the Christ child: the Light of the World that brightens our darkest day. Come for yourself or in support of a loved one who is going through a difficult time.



**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The January/February issue of The Upper Room  
is now available in the rack outside of  
Pastor Heather’s office.