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**DETAILS FOR RELEASE OF FINAL REPORT & SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF CHRIST
& ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
FROM THE STRATEGY TEAM OF THE ASHLAND TEAM MINISTRY
JULY 16, 2017**

DATE OF RELEASE AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The following schedule for release and implementation of the Strategy Team Report:

- Sunday, September 3:** The final report of the Strategy Team is released in hard copy at both churches and subsequently by email on Monday morning. Hard copies will be available at the offices of both churches.
- Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m.:** A joint congregational meeting at Smetzer Auditorium at Ashland Theological Seminary for a time of Q & A and comments with the Strategy Team.
- Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m.:** Each congregation meets separately in their respective church buildings for a time of further conversation and then a vote on the three options available for the future of the churches.

METHOD OF VOTING

The meetings of September 24th will involve two votes: The first vote will be upon the three options available: Option 1—the congregations return to two separate congregations each with its own pastor; Option 2—to keep the shared ministry in place; Option 3—to move toward an assessment for possible merger.

The results of the first vote will be reported to the congregations at that meeting. The option receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped and a second vote will be held on the remaining two options with the results being reported at that meeting.

EXECUTION OF THE VOTE

Both votes will be cast by paper ballot to be counted by the lay leader, a member of Administrative Council/Administrative Board, and a member of the SPRC of each church. The chair of the Administrative Council/Administrative Board will select the member of Administrative Council/Administrative Board, and the chair of SPRC will select the member of SPRC.

While this vote is not Disciplinary, in the spirit of the Book of Discipline only members of the churches may vote and no votes will be cast in absentia. Constituents of both church cannot vote, but have a voice at both meetings.

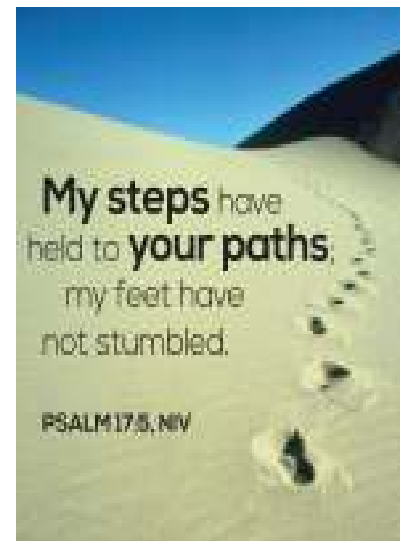
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OFFICE HOURS</u> MONDAY -THURSDAY 9AM - 4:00PM</p> <p>PHONE: 419-289-0507 FAX: 419-289-1541 christum@zoominternet.net</p>	<p><i>Christ United Methodist Church</i> <i>Loving God, Loving Others,</i> <i>Bringing People to Christ</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> WORSHIP ~ 9:15AM CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:30AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TEEN'S—SUNDAY EVENINGS</p>
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In May, the following scholarships were presented by Bob Quackenbush on behalf of the CUMC Scholarship committee. We are extremely proud of all these young people and ask that you keep them lifted in prayer as they continue this part of their life journey and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY SUMMARY

The Scholarship committee asked our applicants to write about our mission statement. Here are some examples of how they are living out the mission in their lives.

LOVING GOD ~ one person is continuing their religious studies in school and participating in college church groups. Another person participated in evening reflections by asking themselves whether or not they have been open to and aware of God's presence. One other person made lists of things that they were grateful for, especially when going through tough times. Another mentioned how they rely on their faith in times of stress.

LOVING OTHERS ~ several wrote about drawing on experiences with JOSHUA. That experience has been a great example of Christian love for others. Several wrote about participating in community service. A few have chosen nursing and the ministry as careers to show their love.

BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST ~ has been shown by planning Christian events at their schools and sharing their faith with others. Some have even invited others to church. Most agree they can bring people to Christ by setting examples in how they live their everyday life.

Question: How CUMC Can Better Live Our Mission Statement ~ one participant said that they believe that churches must be vigilant about ensuring that their members are constantly being invitational and encourage each other to know Christ in deeper ways. Several felt we do not utilize technology enough to reach others. We also need to continue to REACH OUT to the community. They feel the church has the potential to make a huge difference in the Ashland community to do God's work and bring people to know God's mercy and love.

Scholarship Recipients for 2017

Bernice M French Memorial Scholarship

Jonah Moretz

Doris Hintz Christian Ministry Scholarship

Will Applebee

Bob & Betty Thrig Memorial Scholarship

Jonah Moretz

Ken Kline Memorial Scholarship

Lexi Portner Zachary Portner

Portia Kline Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Boyer Lexi Portner

Susanne L Neuendorff Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Boyer

Anne Oberholtzer Memorial Music Scholarship

Chloé Halblaub

Donald D. and Marjorie A. Smith Memorial Scholarship

Katie Buckner

Craig Stone Memorial Scholarship

Katie Buckner

Art and Ann Derbsky Memorial Scholarship

Carter Brown Zachary Portner

Christ United Methodist Church General Scholarship

Will Applebee Carter Brown

Chloé Halblaub Lexi Portner

A very sincere Thank You to everyone who has helped in any way to make these scholarships available to our young people.

When you have a sense of calling – whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber – there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. [That's] not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means. —Charles R. Swindoll

[reprinted from Newsletternewsletter September 2017 issue]





VBS IS COMING TO CHRIST & FIRST UMC

“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME”

[from Matthew 19-14]

AUGUST 7-11 9AM-NOON

@ CHRIST UMC

Ages: for children entering Kindergarten thru 6th

Here’s how you can help:

- Helpers ~ *both* youth & adult. You can help all morning or just for an hour or two.
- Please contact Carol Oberholtzer at 419-651-8726 if you would like to help.
- Once again we are offering you the opportunity to sponsor a child at VBS for \$10 which provides a T-shirt and supplies. Please put your contribution in the offering plate marked “VBS”.

The fun competitive mission offering collected during the week will go to the ZOE project in Africa.

LIFE GROUPS NEWS

GOD’ TRAILBLAZERS PICNIC

next gathering will be **Sunday August 27th** for a potluck picnic at the Charles Mill Lake cottage of Tom & Mary McNaull.

Those going should meet there at 12:30pm (contact Mary for directions). Please be sure to bring a favorite covered dish to share.

Everyone is invited to join in this time of fellowship enjoying nature’s beauty together. If you have other questions, contact Bob or Doris Quackenbush at 419-651-4484.



PLEASE REMEMBER..

All year long but especially during the summer months, when leaving the building, be sure ALL Sunday school room air conditioners are turned off as well as room and hallway lights and that all outside entrance doors are locked following the Sunday School hour and any worship services. Thank you for helping to keep electric costs down and maintain the building security.

QUILTING KNOTTERS

On the last Tuesday of each month, a group of ladies who decided to call themselves ‘The Quilting Knotters’ meet at 9:00am in the counting room, on the basement level, to tie knots on quilts that are then distributed to various groups. If you would like to help tie knots or need more info, contact Jean Stauffer.

Stewardship Update

June	\$ 14,474.50
July	\$ 16,547.06
Needed each week	6,066.60
Monthly Need	\$ 26,794.12

**“Life and Lunch on the Road” Fall Outing Planned
Saturday, October 21st, 2017**

“Let’s Go Gothic!” is the theme of this Fall’s “Life and Lunch on the Road” bus trip. Led by the Rev. Tom Snyder, we will explore two historic Cleveland Gothic churches: St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Slavic Village, an outstanding example of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture, and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, designed by noted turn-of-the-twentieth century architect, Charles Schweinfurth. After a box lunch at the cathedral and preview of our next stop, we will then travel to the Cleveland Museum of Art for a tour of its medieval art collection. At the art museum, our group will be guided by Bea North, retired Ashland City Schools art teacher; Ms. Joan Selden, a trained museum docent and art educator, and Rev. Snyder. This trip is an exploration of the art and architecture produced during the Middle Ages, which has been called “The Age of Faith”, and the worship settings and expressions of devotion produced in this dynamic period of our Christian history. The cost of the trip is \$35/person and includes our transportation and lunch. We will leave from First UMC, at 8:30 am, and arrive back in Ashland at 5:30 pm. **Reservations and payment will be due September 1st.** The bus trip contact for First UMC is Chuck Ritchey (who has been instrumental in planning our transportation!), 419.289.9726; at Christ UMC, the Rev. Tom Snyder, 419.496.1397. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Team Ministry church members and others from the community to be in fellowship, learn together and have our faith deepened and informed. “Let’s Go Gothic!”

Here's what's happening with our

Next Meeting:
August 3 @ 1:30pm
In room 15

A Purpose Filled Community

Leader: Janet Rockenfelder

Devotions: Rae Ann Portner

Beverage: Karen Stradling



REMEMBERING OTHERS FOR THE ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK

With this busy summer, we so look forward to your donations each week! Thank you for caring for others in need. Our current needs are:

Peanut Butter & Jelly	Mac & Cheese
Kids Juices of any kind	Boxed Cereals
Tuna & Canned Chicken	Applesauce
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Egg Noodles
Manwich / Sloppy Jo cans	Soups
Ketchup, Mustard & Mayo	Coffee & tea bags
Ravioli & Spaghetti-o's	Sugar
Toothpaste & toothbrushes	Kleenex
Feminine products	Bath Soap
Shampoo & Conditioner	Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent	Toilet Paper
Deodorant (male & female)	Paper Towels

Thank you!! Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the north entry way at the back of the sanctuary.

KEEPING COOL

With warm summer weather here with us, and in an effort to help keep the building cool, our custodian is being intentional about keeping the blinds down in the Sunday school classrooms. Feel free to open them while in your class, she will see that they are down during the week when it is warm.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The sign-up calendar for 2017 is on the bulletin board outside the office for those wanting to furnish altar flowers in memory or honor of a particular event or person. The cost is \$24.

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

Way of the Good Shepherd

Last month in the atrium included ...

Our leaders and helpers: Becky Dorr, Carol Oberholtzer, Janet Rockenfelder, Jenise Vaughn, Mary Eshelman, Paul Jackson, and Denise Jackson.

Level I children in attendance this summer: Arienne, Brennen, Joy, Lyda, and Ruth. We also invited some of the children who are currently downstairs to begin the transition upstairs. So far, Nathan, Oliver, and Owen have joined us.

Level II children in attendance this summer: Caleb and Nehemiah.

For the summer months, Level I and Level II children have the same works. We have been expanding on a special work in the atrium: the Holy Bible. Our work is broken down into the sections of the Bible (Pentateuch; Historical; Wisdom, Prophetic & Apocrypha; Gospels; Acts; Letters; and Apocalypse) and the children use a wooden Bible with the names of the books and sections inside.

Stop by the atrium to see what the work looks like, as well as the handworks the children have done (below):

Introduction to the Bible: Hebrew letter stamping

Pentateuch: days of creation represented on numbers

Historical: hidden message watercolor

Wisdom, Prophetic, & Apocrypha: illumination (beautiful writing)

Gospels: scratch paper cross with names of Jesus, cross suncatcher

Acts: popsicle stick people in a church

Letters: prayer book and prayer board

Has the Way of the Good Shepherd program been weighing on your heart? We are looking for additional help starting at the end of August for the Level II (approximately aged 9-12) atrium. Our children are in need of a Level II atrium running constantly, but we need additional helpers/leaders to make that happen. Please pray for our program and how you may be called to help. You can contact Denise Jackson (information below) if you would like to learn more.

Continue to Learn ...

If you don't know much about the Way of the Good Shepherd and want to see how our next generation of disciples are being formed, stop by and see us upstairs. We can always use your help by: joining our team by helping or leading in the atrium; join us when we hold our Sheep Folders sessions (where we make materials for the atria); explore the atria with us to learn more about the program; ask the children what works (lessons) they are doing; pray for our Way of the Good Shepherd team and the children.

We'd love to tell you more! Look for future updates in the newsletter, and chat with any member of our team (previously mentioned), or Denise Jackson, the Way of the Good Shepherd Team Leader: deniseabjackson@gmail.com | 740.398.3875



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

– Matthew 28:19-20

In March, I was asked to represent our annual conference at a Wesleyan leadership development gathering called the Order of the Flame. For four days we worshipped, sang, prayed, and learned about how Methodists all over the world and from nearly every Wesleyan tradition are engaging the world on a mission with God and making disciples. We gathered at St. Simons Island on the coast of Georgia, where the founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley, served as missionaries and started the first meetings of Methodists in America.

While we were there, I spent some time re-reading the accounts that John Wesley wrote of his time in Georgia. It was a profound experience to read about these formative moments for our tradition, then look up and see where they actually happened! One of the things that still stands out from the week to me is how intentional the Wesleys had been about what they were trying to practice and teach others to practice as followers of Jesus. It bordered on what we might call today (and some did in their own day) neurotic.

Central to the faithful Christian life to which the Wesleys and early Methodists aspired were Christian practices called the “means of grace,” comprised of works of mercy and works of piety. Works of Piety are the ways we practice our faith toward God and Works of

Mercy are the ways we practice our faith toward others. One can hear the rhythm of the greatest commandments according to Jesus, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Works of piety and mercy work together to create opportunities in our lives for God’s grace to transform us to be like Jesus.

These intentional personal practices of our faith are one of our greatest strengths as a movement of the Holy Spirit. It sets an authentic measuring stick for seasoned disciples and lays out a helpful path for those who are new to the faith. Here are a few (slightly modernized) discipleship goals based on Wesley’s means of grace.

Attend worship with my church as often as I am able

Pray and read devotionally from the Bible daily

Be active in a spiritual growth group (Sunday school, small group, etc.)

Make myself available to serve God by serving others through my church

Steward my time, energy, and money so I can earn, save, and give all I can

Invite others into the life of my church if they don’t have a church family

These six discipleship goals offer practical ways to take the ideals of the two greatest commandments and bring them into our daily lives. I’d encourage you to take a look and see how you might re-prioritize your life to make more room for these means of God’s grace for the next six months. I know you’ll be amazed at what God will do in and through you by the start of next year if you do!

Pastor Jon



Ashland Team Ministry Church Picnic
Sunday, August 20th @ 12:15pm
Turk’s Pavilion (1903 Orange Road)

Please bring your own table service and a covered dish to share.

Meat and drink will be furnished.

Join us in a time of fellowship and good food!





~ Kattie & Pastor Jon Priebe and family on the death of her grandmother, Mildred Andrews.



**COLLECTING FOR
ASH CO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER**

Below is a list of items that are needed for the families that stay at the domestic violence shelter. Donations may be left in the blue tote located next to the Associated Charities grocery cart in the north entryway at the back of the sanctuary. All items must be new.

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| Canned fruit & veggies | Cleaning Supplies |
| Kitchen Towels | Baby Wipes |
| Trash Bags | Baby Diapers |
| Bath Soap / Body Wash | Paper Towels |
| Pasta Sauce & Pasta | Tissues |
| Kool Aid | Magic Erasers |

This is an outreach project of our church serving the community. If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Guenther-Snyder.



Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the *September issue of the Link* are due in the church office by **August 17th**.
Send Email to: braudebaugh@zoominternet.net



Carol Beck, Mike Bonnell, Bruce Bookmyer, George Bringman, Ron Clawson, Jane Eshelman, Marilyn Kieft, Marybelle Landrum, Lexus Lang, Helen Lent, Doris Plice, Marylynn Reep, Carol Sommers, those we name in our hearts ♥

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer concern that you would like the Prayer Chain members to lift up, please contact Ellen Moore @ 419-606-8482. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain please let Ellen know.

“ONCE A MONTH OUTSIDE THE WALLS”

Every year in the Spring, our church’s Staff-Parish Relations committee must complete the Annual Assessment of our pastoral leadership and compose an Action Plan for our pastors and congregations to work on together for outreach and mission in our immediate community and beyond.

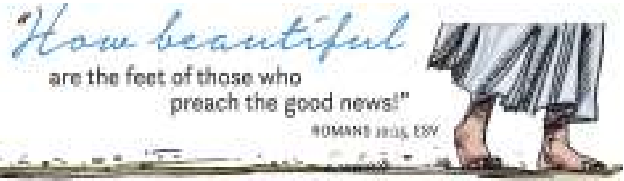
Last April our Co-pastor Jon presented a proposal called “Once a Month Outside the Walls”, in which he put forth several different ways in which our congregations and both pastors could attempt to minister to our community during each of the 8 months left in the current year. The following is the proposal which our SOR committee endorsed:

- AUGUST**—Tent at Farmers’ Market; more Prayer Walks in immediate neighborhood; invites for Back-to-Church Sunday; “Single Parents’ Day” invite specific single parents on last weekend before school resumes;
- SEPTEMBER**—Back-to-Church Sunday; continuing tent at Farmers’ Market
- OCTOBER**—More prayer walks; something near Halloween; chili cook-off
- NOVEMBER**—Near Thanksgiving, gratitude for community servants (EMS, fire, police, County Sheriffs, city workers, etc.)
- DECEMBER**—caroling at nursing homes and homebound residents.

I urge you to speak to the pastors and the members of SPR committee about any and all of these different ways of reaching out to our community! Members are: Mary Jane Amos, Wayne Fryback, Jan Haberman, Roger Moore, Kenny Oberholtzer, Joan Scott and Bill Achberger.

Rev. Roger Moore, Chairperson
Staff Parish Relations Committee

August 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg @ CUMC</p> <p>7 Pastors group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>6 Volleyball Officials—fh</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:30 UMW Mtg—rm 15</p> <p>4:45 Prayer group—lounge 7 Education—lounge</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9-11 Farmer's Market—parking lot</p>
<p>6 Communion</p> <p>Blood Pressure Clinic—café</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 Gloriosa Gardeners—rm 15 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg @ FUMC 7 Pastors group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>No Prayers Group 12noon Quilt Guild—rm 15</p> <p>6 Volleyball Officials—fh</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:45 Prayer group—lounge 6 Ash Soccer—café</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9-11 Farmer's Market—parking lot</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:15 Combined worship service w FUMC & VBS program</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 Scouts - rm 6 / fh 7 Emmaus/Chrysalis Bd—rm 108</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 Prayers—lounge 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 7 Pastors group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p> <p>6 Volleyball Officials—fh</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1 All Staff mtg—fh</p> <p>4:45 Prayer group—lounge 7:00 Worship committee—lounge</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9-11 Farmer's Market—parking lot</p>
<p>20</p> <p>12:15 Ashland Team Ministry Picnic @ Turk's Pavilion</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 Nominating Committee—rm 15</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg @ FUMC 6:30 Quilt Guild—fh 7 Pastors group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:45 Prayer group—lounge 7 Mission & Outreach - rm 15 7 SPRC—rm 108</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9-11 Farmer's Market—parking lot</p>
<p>27</p> <p>12:30 God's Trailblazers picnic @ McNaull's lake cottage</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg @ CUMC 7 Pastors group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10 Prayers - lounge</p>	<p>31</p> <p>2:30 Newsletter sent out 4:45 Prayer group—lounge</p>		

WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR AUGUST

Greeters

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| 6 | Karen Stradling and Eileen Withers | Justina Fabich |
| 13 | Kenny Oberholtzer | Vicki & Ron Johnson |
| 20 | Thelma Reep and Vera Witmer | Virginia White |
| 27 | Becky & Perry Corbin | Brooke & Dean DaHinden |

Greeters are asked to arrive no later than 8:45, 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, contact Lee Marr @ 419-289-1793.

Ushers

- George Bringman—Head Usher
 Fred Rafeld
 Bill Whipple
 Del Leidy

Altar Guild

- Denise & Paul Jackson
 Tony Chapman

Scripture Readers

- 6 Kitty Snyder
 13
 20 Wayne Fryback
 27

If you would like to be a part of the worship service by reading scripture, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the office.

Acolytes

- 6 Madison Hagen
 13 Ava Bond
 20 Naomi Boyer
 27 Lydia Boyer

Serving as acolyte coordinator is Betsy Chapman.

We are in need of some new acolytes to add to the schedule. If there are any children that parents feel are mature enough to handle a fun responsibility in our weekly service. The typical age for our acolytes is 2nd Grade through 8th grade.

If you are interested in adding your child to the rotation please call Betsy Chapman @ (419) 606-1194

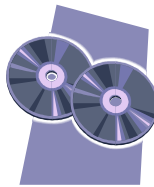
Altar Flowers

- 6 McNaull
 13 Kline/Bringman
 20
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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 \$24.00. **Please send payment to the church** either by mail or put it in the offering with your envelope marked "Altar Flowers".

SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED



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. If you have an interest in sound equipment, please speak with Pastor Jon, Pastor Allan or Ken Woode.



Counters

- Fred Rafeld
 Brooke DaHinden
 Kevin Oberholtzer

Heartfelt Thanks

♥ Scholarship committee,
Thank you all for your willingness to give your time and talents to this committee. I appreciate the work you do and the kindness shown by making the application process a smooth one. Thanks also to the entire church body for blessing me with a General Scholarship. It was a pleasant surprise. My seminary education has been quite a heavy investment. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the love and support shown to me by all those who have made contributions to this fund and the ways I have been blessed by the community of Christ UMC. I am so thankful I have been able to find a home away from home among you. Your encouragement & support has been affirming of my call to ministry and I am thankful from the bottom of my heart.

Grace & Blessings ~ Will Applebee

♥ Thank you so much for sponsoring our two soccer teams and for all the support you provided. You are greatly appreciated!

The "CUMC Flames" and coaches ~
Mike & Nichole Lang and Larry & Christine Booth

Note: Christ UMC sponsored 2 soccer teams in the Ashland Co. Soccer league as a community outreach ministry. The team members had t-shirts with the team name "CUMC Flames" printed on them. Awesome!!

♥ Thank you all so much for your prayers & financial support for our trip to Cuba! We saw and learned so much about what God is doing there. Your contributions helped us tremendously!

iMuchas Graas!
Justina Fabich & Larry Hachtel

♥ Thank you to Ellen Moore & David Roepke for sharing their gift of music at the JOSHUA piano/organ recital on June 4th. They were able to raise \$309.

♥ Thank you to all the pastors that participated in the Melodic Ministerium choral group, directed by Jane Ruggles and accompanied by David Roepke at the combined worship service on July 2nd. Also to the members of the Celebration Bells Choir ringers for the extra performance while off for summer break.

♥ Lela & I would like to thank our CUMC family for honoring me with altar flowers on July 23rd. It was a nice surprise and show the love that we have for our Lord Jesus and each other. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church.

God Bless ~ Bill & Lela Whipple



"To Plant A Garden Is To Believe in Tomorrow"

MEMORIAL BEAUTIFIES PRAYER GARDEN

A crew of volunteers started last Fall to recapture our Prayer Garden, which needed to be loved back into life. Their hard work, with donated hostas and perennials, was highlighted in the Café picture board and this newsletter. This spring we watched the Fall plantings come to life!

Patsy Barr and Diane Moretz made the decision to use funds given in memory of Vince Barr, Patsy's husband and Diane's father, to add more beauty. Vince was a long-time and faithful member of our church. Diane picked out the angel and the family decided to have red roses planted in the garden and all along the side of the church in memory of Vince.

Larry and Diane also planted other red flowers to brighten the garden. Larry has done many things to make the garden better, including faithfully watering. Thank you to this family for their gift of beauty.



Many thanks to the following persons who have donated, planted watered and cared for flowers around the church : John Boyer, Jane and Gordon & Ruggles, Ruth Wilkerson, Bruce and Bea North, Larry and Diane Moretz, Tom and Kitty Snyder, Loretha Kline, Mary McNaull, Becky Dorr and to Larry Portner and Fred Rafeld for keeping the church lawn trimmed & mowed, Many hands make light work!

YOU MIGHT KNOW...

We are currently missing 3 of the 8ft long tables from the Fellowship Hall as well as 12 of the white folding chairs. The Trustees are usually willing to lend out tables & chairs to CUMC members when needed and okayed thru the church office. Many groups use the fellowship hall for meetings throughout the year so it is important that we have all of the tables & chairs returned after being borrowed. Both tables & chairs have been purchased with memorial funds generously given by their families and the Trustees want to be good stewards of their thoughtfulness and giving.

2 NEW HIRES SOUGHT BY SPRC COMMITTEE

The Pastors/Staff-Relations Committee of Christ UMC recently met, and part of our agenda had to do with the possible hiring of 2 new Staff members in the near future. This is made necessary by the February 28th resignation of Gabriel Glass, our Ministry Coordinator (which included Witness, Service & Youth work). Presently, our committee is seeking a Coordinator of Witness & Service Ministries, and a Pastor of Visitation and Care, who would supplement our two pastors' visitation of the home-bound.

Both these staff members will be part-time, and will be employed by both Christ UMC and First UMC. The date of the start of their work will be announced in the near future. Any questions, comments, etc. you may direct to any members of the SPRC committee which includes Roger Moore, Mary Jane Amos, Wayne Fryback, Joan Scott, Kenny Oberholtzer, Jan Haberman, or Bill Achberger.

Rev. Roger Moore, Chairperson
Christ UMC SPR Committee

ASHLAND TEAM MINISTRY COMBINED WORSHIP 2017



We will be holding four combined worship services during 2017.

Each service will be held

at 10:00 a.m. Both churches are being asked to cancel Sunday school those mornings. We will also gather after each service for a potluck meal in order to spend time in fellowship after worship.

The last combined worship schedule for 2017:
Sunday, October 1, 2017 at First (World Communion Sunday)

We will gather for worship, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and fellowship afterward.

PASTOR ALLAN IS GOING TO ZIMBABWE

Bishop Tracey Malone is leading a trip to Zimbabwe August 20-30. Pastor Allan has been invited to join the bishop and the entire group travelling there. While there they will be visiting Africa University and will also be going to Zoe Mission.

Please be in prayer for the Bishop, Pastor Allan, and the entire team as they travel.



Keeping up with Our Senior Members...

Bradford House
Connie Workman

Brethren Care
Doris Plice

Brookwood Place
Portia Abrams
Mary Ellen Budd

Good Shepherd
Paul Lifer

Lutheran Village
Bertina Schwartz

At Home
Beulah Miller
Frances Stafford

If you know of someone not listed above who would enjoy having a CUMC parish visitor, please contact Jan Haberman or the church office.

You cannot live
the Christian life by yourself.
The *Holy Spirit* must live in you
and express Himself through you.
Living for *Christ*
is a day-by-day experience.
It is a continuous dependence
upon the *Spirit of God*.
It is believing in His faithfulness.

Billy Graham

The 2017 Farmer’s Market is busy once again in the parking lot on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am. Volunteers are needed to help Pastors’ Jon & Allan at the prayer booth from 8:30-11am to pray with people who stop by. Contact Pastor Jon to have your name added to the rotation. This is an exciting opportunity to help take God’s message of love for his people outside the walls of the church into the parking lot.

BIBLE STUDY OFFERED WEEKLY

You are invited to join Pastor Jon and/or Pastor Allan each week for an hour of study on the Bible lessons for Sunday worship.

Two times are offered for your convenience:

Tuesday morning @10:00 a.m. at Downtown Perks 145 West Main Street

Tuesday evening @7:00 p.m. at Christ UMC 1140 Claremont Avenue

Bring your Bibles with you and join the conversation!!

FALL STUDY ANNOUNCED

Rev. Tom and Kitty Snyder will be offering a Fall study for our Ashland Team Ministry churches and other congregations on Adam Hamilton’s insightful book, *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other things the Bible Doesn’t Say*. Challenging conventional wisdom so popularized as to be attributed to the Bible, Hamilton asks us to look at the biblical counterparts to these sayings, asking us to discover what the Bible really says.

Adam Hamilton is pastor of the 4,000-member United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, one of the most influential mainline churches in the US. Tom and Kitty heard him speak at First Community Church, Columbus in May. He preached the installation service of the new pastor there. A prolific author, he is also a sought after speaker at annual conferences throughout United Methodism.

The five-week class will be held at Christ UMC, Monday, October 23, 30; November 6, 13 and 20; 7-9 pm. The books are available @ \$17 each, and will be available after September 1st at both First and Christ churches. Watch for further reminders about this study opportunity.

Puzzle!

Try to spell as many words as possible. Start anywhere and move along the connecting lines. Don't skip letters; for example, you can't form *must* because to get from *m* to *u* you'd need to skip either *o* or *n*. You may return to use the same letter twice, as when you form *noun*, but you can't use the same letter twice in a row.

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____



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Sunshine Table	Ann Roepke		

Witnesses for God's love everyone who is a part of Christ UMC