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ASHLAND TEAM MINISTRY COMBINED WORSHIP 2017



We have planned 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:

**World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 1, 2017 at First UMC**

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

A NEW MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY TOGETHER

Make prayer a priority!
Join us on the 1st day of every month at 7pm to pray: for ourselves, our churches, our country, our community, and each other.

This month we'll start at Christ UMC at 7pm on October 1st.

Together, let's make prayer a priority!

October 2017

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Be sure to check us out on Facebook or at our website:
www.ashlandteamministry.org

Women
Serving
Christ



From First United Methodist Church

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

When: October 1, 2017
Where:
Ashland First United Methodist Church – Combined worship Services with Christ Church

We will be showering our pastors with cards of appreciation and thankfulness.

A card box will be on the welcome desk for you to place your cards for our pastors.

*I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.
Jeremiah 3:15*



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY -THURSDAY
9AM - 4:00PM

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*Christ United Methodist Church
Loving God, Loving Others,
Bringing People to Christ*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
WORSHIP ~ 9:15AM
CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:30AM

TEEN'S—SUNDAY EVENINGS



And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

~ 1 Thessalonians 3:12

On Sunday, both Christ and First UMC’s voted by a majority, though by no means a large majority, of persons that they believe an assessment of possible merger is the best next step for our churches **to best achieve our mission from God** to serve and love others into a discipleship, life-changing, love-inducing relationship with God through Christ.

Your pastors believe that this will require a few things of us and should take some time.

1. *We need your participation!* The next steps will involve several, hopefully large, groups of the congregation to prayerfully consider what ways might be possible for our finances, use of buildings, committees, and ministries like children and youth, worship, and reaching out to serve and witness to our faith in our community. You’ll hear soon how to sign up for these groups. Even if you voted for option 1, to return to one pastor at each church, we hope you’ll help us consider what might be possible and what God might be leading our churches toward.
2. *We need to hear from you!* We’d like to hear why you voted the way you did. Stay tuned for details of how this will happen.
3. *We’re not sure how long this will take.* We’re hoping that the assessment process will progress through the winter for final consideration in the Spring or Summer 2018.
4. **Keep praying!** Let’s keep praying that God will continue to lead us to the decisions that will best enable us to make and mature disciples for the transformation of the world – to best fulfill the great commission in Matthew 28:19-20:

“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.”

This process has had me reflecting often on 1 John. It’s my favorite book of the Bible, followed closely by the Book of Revelation. I am always inspired by the clarity of John’s

writing and the consistency of the message: by my count, *the word “Love” appears 33 times in this short letter!* Here are some parts that inspire me most.

1 John 3:11 – “this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another”

1 John 4:7, 8 – “let us love one another... for God is love”

1 John 4:12 – “if we love one another, God lives in us”

1 John 4:18 – “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear”

Last May, Pastor Emeritus Tom Snyder said something that’s been ringing in my head ever since: “We can love better together.” I believe this is true and hope that we find God’s plan for helping us to better love others from our community into faith and following Christ!

Pastor Jon

On Sunday, September 24th, congregational members of both Christ UMC and First UMC met at 2pm in their respective sanctuaries to vote on the 3 options presented by the Strategy Team members.

The numbers from the FIRST VOTE at Christ UMC were:

Option 1—return to one pastor @ each church	51
Option 2—continue w shared ministry	24
Option 3—initiate assessment for merger	56

For the SECOND VOTE, since it had the lowest number, option 2 was then dropped. Below is the final vote results from both churches.

Christ UMC:

Option 1	62
Option 3	66

First UMC:

1st	Option 1—52	Option 2—5	Option 3—66
2nd	Option 1—52	Option 3—66	

Many thanks to Jan Haberman, Kenny Oberholtzer and Bill Achberger for handling the responsibility of counting the votes from CUMC.



~ Sharon Stone & family on the death of their husband & father, Bob Stone age 82 who died on Monday, September 18th.

ALL SAINTS DAY 2017 NOVEMBER 5TH

In observance of All Saints Day, on Sunday, November 5th, during the morning worship service which begins at 9:15am, we will honor members and loved ones of our church family who have passed from this life during the last 12 months.

During this time, the name of each person being remembered will be read aloud and a candle will be lit in their memory. The service will be an expression of our faith in God and of our thankfulness for the gift of eternal life. It will also provide an opportunity for us as a community of faith to remember each of these precious loved ones.

If you have a loved one you would like to have included, please contact the church office so their name can be added.

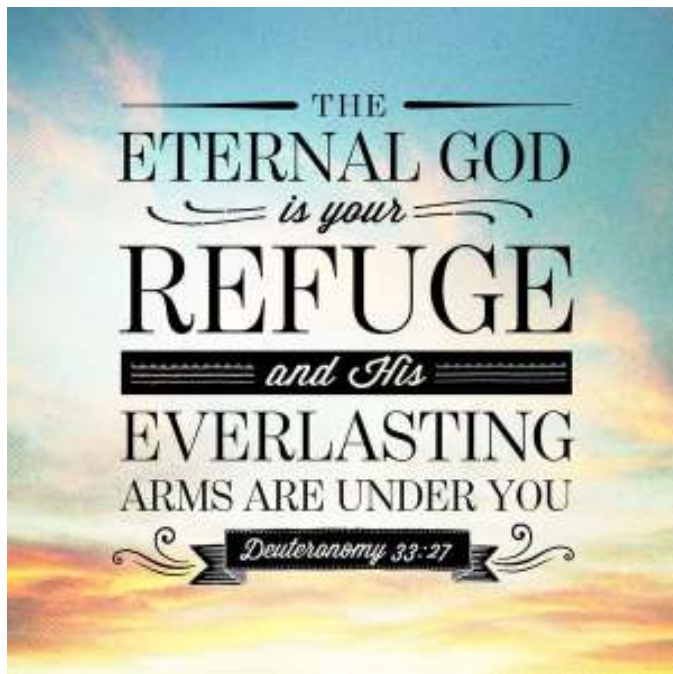
THE RUMMAGE SALE NEEDS YOU...

The Missions & Outreach committee invites everyone to be a part of another positive and successful tradition at Christ United Methodist Church—the annual Fall Rummage Sale.

The 2017 Fall Sale will be held October 20 & 21 with set-up beginning Sunday, October 15 following worship.

Proceeds from last year's sales were distributed among several organizations, including donations of unsold items to local charities in need. We are accepting donations now, which may be brought to the church and placed in the storage room across from Fellowship Hall. Anyone having items for pick-up may call Becky Dorr at 419-289-9628, or Barb in the church office.

Please consider becoming a rummage sale volunteer during the week of October 16 if you have never done so. Your help will be a blessing!



ACCESS UPDATE

As church partners for the ACCESS program, we continue to serve 4 weeks per year. Due to the generous donation of a local couple, ACCESS guests now stay in donated apartments instead of church buildings. While the hands-on ministry of hosting guests in our church has ended, there are still many opportunities for us to connect and serve our neighbors in the ACCESS program.

Please join us for an ACCESS update from ACCESS Executive Director, Cathy Thiemens on Sunday October 22nd at First UMC immediately following worship. Lunch will be potluck so please bring a dish to share and table service. Drinks will be provided.

Following the update, there will be an opportunity to sign-up for an ACCESS Team which will rotate throughout the year.



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".

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO BE CELEBRATED



This picture of the sanctuary found in the archives room is from the dedication service on Sunday, Sept 14, 1958.

THE CELEBRATION

On September 14, 1958, First E.U.B. Church of Ashland held the dedication service for their new church home at 1140 Claremont Ave. In 1968, the E.U.B. and Methodist churches united and became Christ United Methodist Church.

On **Sunday, November 12th**, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church with a special service followed by a carry-in dinner in Fellowship Hall.

Come see the photo and memorabilia displays and listen to a video of some of our long-standing members as they share their stories. We'll journey down memory lane and share some of our history with our newest members. Former pastors will also be invited to attend.

If you have any memorabilia or photos you would like to have put on display, contact Jan Haberman, Becky Dorr or Barb in the church office to make arrangements.

Hope to see you on November 12th!!

- article submitted by Becky Dorr 4

WINDOWS OF FAITH

The windows that surround the sanctuary were dedicated by the Rev. Paul Frees in 1958 and depict specific events in the life of Jesus. Stained glass windows in the cathedrals of feudal Europe preserved the Christian story. Today we read the printed story, yet we still can be inspired by the beauty of the stained glass in Christ Church. Our windows carry a message of hope.

Central of course, is the Christ window, with Jesus' outstretched hand open to the worshipper. His eyes of love penetrate our hearts no matter where we sit in the sanctuary. He is, indeed, central to this congregation which calls itself Christ Church. Surrounding him are symbols to carry the worshipper into devotion and a keener understanding of the Christian message.

May Christ speak to the hearts of all those who come to this sanctuary. As we meditate and pray, we find Him offering us the courage and faith we need for our daily lives. And as we go from here, strengthened by God's mercy and love, we may carry that love in service to His world.

[excerpts from an article written by the late Barbara Roland / Sept 1986]



Calling all YOUth...

We will be starting the new meeting schedule for fall on

Sunday, October 1st @ 6pm.

The group will meet every other week (opposite the confirmation class meeting).

Contact Kattie Priebe for more complete details.



Emojis... for Everyone & Everything

If panned letters have become obsolete thanks to email, will using words to send text messages become obsolete thanks to emoji?

These playful little pictures, sent in place of words via messaging, are the current trend in digital communication.

The word "emoji" is a combination of two Japanese words: e, for "picture," and moji, for "character." This term existed long before cellular phones. During Japan's Edo period, emoji were used to teach prayers to those who could not read and write.

The first modern emoji were developed in 1999 by Shigetaku Kurita, a young engineer at a Japanese telephone company. Kurita was charged with the task of creating a set of pictures that could be sent on what were the first Internet-connected mobile devices.

The screens on these devices were very cheap and could display only a limited number of characters, making it difficult to send accurate messages using only words. Pictures could greatly enhance the phone's ability to communicate. His original set included a sun, cloud, an umbrella, a martini glass, a lightbulb (for a good idea), a bathroom sign, a "no smoking" sign, and a red circle with three lines for "hot spring".

Today there are almost 2,000 different emojis available on cell phones and social media sites like Twitter and Facebook. Why are they so beloved? Because they put personality on a message. Scientists explain that people react to emoji the same way they react to a human face—with empathy.

In this way, it seems we are hardwired for emoji.



Janet & Mike Bonnell, Bruce Bookmyer, Ron Clawson, Jane Eshelman, Marilyn Kieft, Marybelle Landrum, Helen Lent, Doris Plice, Marylynn Reep, Gordon Ruggles, Stan Ryland, Bertina Schwartz, Carol Sommers, Norma Underwood those we name in our hearts ♥

PASTOR TOM PREACHING OFFSITE

Rev. Tom Snyder will be preaching the morning service at Ronk Memorial Chapel, Ashland Theological Seminary, on Wednesday, November 1st, at 9:40 am for the All Saints service of remembrance. His sermon title is "The Ones Who Jesus Loves". The public is welcome to all ATS worship services.

THANK YOU to the following helpers for VBS 2017:

YOUTH HELPERS

- Naomi Boyer
Lydia Boyer
Ashlee Gantz
Madison Hagen
Leanna Wally
Andrew Householder
Caleb Kiley
Anna Slade
Nevaeh Lang

ADULT HELPERS

- Carol Oberholtzer
Nancy Boyer
Megan Studer
Bob Quackenbush
Becky Dorr
Paige Squires
Pastor Jon Priebe
Pastor Allan Bevere
Ruth Wilkerson
Patti Hill

COLLEGE HELPERS

- Hannah Boyer
Lexus Lang

- Gayle Akkerman
Barb Schantz
Larry Hachtel
Barb Raudebaugh
Stephanie Knowlton

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Ruth Wilkerson & Jane Ruggles for making the VBS banner
Ron Johnson for popping the popcorn

- Valeria Kline
Peter Slade
Doris Quackenbush
Bea North
Janet Rockenfelder
Nichole Lang
Loretha Kline
Rae Ann Portner
Marilyn Kieft (Honorary)

(this list was omitted from the Sept newsletter)

PREPARING FOR THANKSGIVING

Again this year Helping Hands Circle will be collecting Thanksgiving food items for the Urban Mission in Steubenville. They hope to collect 1800 of each of the items listed below.

We will be collecting the needed items until October 8.

These are the requested items:

Chicken noodle soup	Canned peaches
Canned sweet potatoes	Yellow cake mix
Vanilla frosting	

A specially marked box is available for donations in the café.

BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

The "Helping Hands Circle will sponsor a Bake Sale on Friday, October 21 at the Rummage Sale. These proceeds help to support their mission projects. The Circle would appreciate any donations of baked goods that you might provide. Thank you very much.

Here's what's happening with our

Next Meeting:
October 5 @ 1:30pm
In room 15

**Deaconesses &
Home Missioners
Serving Communities**



Leader: Loretha Kline

Devotions: Loretha Kline
Beverage: Jan Haberman

PILL BOTTLES, SOUP LABELS & STAMPS

The UMW ladies are still collecting clean used pill bottles, Campbell's soup labels & used postage stamps to help purchase school supplies for Henderson. Labels can be placed in the drawer of the wooden dresser at the glass door entrance.

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.

'HALF TRUTHS STUDY'

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 First 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.

A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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!!



The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
 ~ Isaiah 60:19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 World Day of Communion</p> <p>Combined worship @ First UMC 2 Crop Walk</p> <p>6 Yth Group 7 Prayer @ CUMC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Scouts—rm 6 & fh</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 Pastor spouses group mtg—lounge 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 11:15 Staff mtg 7 Pastors group—lounge</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 EOC workshop—fh 10 Prayer Group—lounge</p> <p>Choirs practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 UMW Circle - rm 15</p> <p>7 Nominating mtg—rm 15</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-11n Farmer's Market</p>
<p>8</p> <p>12noon Confirmation class @ FUMC 1:30 God's Trailblazers Bike Ride</p>	<p>9 COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 Scouts —rm 6 & fh 7 Emmaus Bd—rm 108</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 Gloriosa Gardeners—rm 15 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 11:15 Staff mtg</p> <p>7 Pastors group—lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 Prayer Group—lounge 11 Pastoral counseling—rm 215 1 Quilt Guild—rm 15</p> <p>Choirs practice</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am-11 Farmer's Market (last one)</p> <p>6 Democratic Party Dinner—fh</p>
<p>15</p> <p>6 Yth Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>6:30 Scouts —rm 6 & fh</p>	<p>9am — Rummage Sale Set-up in FH</p>			<p>20</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE 9am-5pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE (bag day) 9am-1pm 8:30am -5:30pm Let's Go Gothic trip! (leave from FUMC)</p>
		<p>10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 11:15 Staff mtg</p> <p>6 SPRC mtg w Dist Supt.—rm 108</p>	<p>10 Prayer Group—lounge</p> <p>Choirs practice</p>	<p>1 All Staff meeting</p>		
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 Scouts—rm 6 & fh 7 Half Truths Study @ FUMC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 11:15 Staff mtg</p> <p>6:30 Quilt Guild—fh 7 Pastors group—lounge</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 Prayer Group—lounge</p> <p>Choirs practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:30 Newsletter sent out</p> <p>7 Altar Guild—library 7:30 Worship Committee meeting—rm 15</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 Quilt Guild Day Class—fh</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Stewardship Pledge Sunday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 Scouts—rm 6 & fh 7 Half Truths Study @ FUMC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 11:15 Staff mtg</p> <p>7 Pastors group—lounge</p>	<p>Choir Practices: 6:30pm No Children's Choir 7:15pm Celebration Bells Chancel Choir</p>			

WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR OCTOBER

Greeters

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | World Communion Sunday—combined service @ First UMC |
| 8 | Barb & Mike Michalovich Wyndy & Mike Reuschling |
| 15 | Will Applebee Ann Roepke and Loretha Kline |
| 22 | Becky & Mike Dorr Valeria & Dale Kline |
| 29 | Lela & Bill Whipple and Madison Sandy & Jim Pifer |

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
 Steve Hill
 Rick Burns
 Bill Achberger
 Al Capple
 Wayne Fryback

Altar Guild

- Bea North
 Pat Weil

Scripture Readers

- 1 (combined service)
 8 Ellen Moore
 15
 22
 29

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

- 1 (combined service @ First UMC)
 8 Madison Hagen
 15 Caleb Moore
 22 Ava Bond
 29 Nehemiah Priebe

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

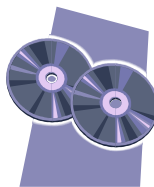
Altar Flowers

- 1 (combined service)
 8 Stauffer
 15
 22 Stewart
 29 Reuschling

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

- Steve Hill
 Judy Stewart
 Tony Chapman
 Joanie Chapman



LIFE GROUPS NEWS

GOD' TRAILBLAZERS PICNIC
next gathering will be **Sunday, October 8th** for a Bike Ride on the Rails to Trails bike path in

Butler (*across from the Der Dutchman restaurant off I 71*) Those going should meet at 1:30pm at the home of Bob & Doris Quackenbush.

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.

KIDS COAT CLOSET

Winter Coat—Hat & Glove Giveaway

Associated Charities will be distributing winter coats, hats and gloves to young children and teens on the following dates and times:

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th
from 9am to 11:45am and 1pm to 3:45pm

You must be an Ashland county resident.
Please bring photo ID and coat sizes.

CONFIRMATION

Youth and Parents Orientation Potluck

Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m. at First UMC

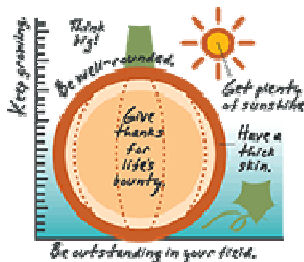
All youth 8th through 12th grades that have not been confirmed are welcome to join the 2018 confirmation class. We will meet approximately two Sundays a month (from October through early May) at noon alternating between Christ and First UMCs for lunch, fellowship, and a time to learn about our faith.

Please call the church office to register.

All families in attendance on the 8th are asked to bring a dish to share. Materials and a schedule will be provided at that time.

Advice from a pumpkin

Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life's bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!



—Ilan Shamir

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS! In preparation for sending out care packages to your son or daughter in college, we are collecting names and addresses for this school year. Please give to any God's Group member or email to mary.mcnaull1@gmail.com.

CHRIST AND FIRST UM CHURCHES TO PARTNER WITH ASHLAND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We are pleased to announce that the Ashland Team Ministry has partnered with Ashland Theological Seminary as one of their Life 631 churches. We will be a Ministry Incubator. We have been assigned two students for fall semester—Troyia Woods and Bryan Niebanck. Pastors Jon and Allan will act as their field mentors and will work with them in a field study experience that will assist them in their ministerial development. Each student will serve approximately six to seven hours a week for both churches at the direction of the pastors in various ministerial duties.

They began their field study with us at the beginning of September. We will introduce them during worship when they arrive. We know you will warmly welcome and encourage them in their time with us. We will no doubt benefit from their presence and they will learn from all of you as well.

CUBATRIP IN 2018

Pastor Allan will lead the next Cuba trip July 16-23, 2018. There will be an informational meeting held at Ashland First at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday October 14.

Pastor Allan is the new conference UVMIM coordinator for Cuba, so the trip will be open to all persons in the conference.

Space is limited to twelve persons.

PLANNING AHEAD CHRISTMAS COOKIES SALE

When: December 9, 2017 9am-11am

Where: Christ UMC

Why: sponsored by the New Beginnings SS class (CUMC) and Breakfast Club (FUMC) to raise money for FOOD for Associated Charities.

Who: All members of CUMC and FUMC who would like to generously donate cookies for the sale. Cookies can be brought to the church on Friday, Dec 8 from 5-7pm.



Many of you have helped us in the past by baking & donating your delicious cookies and we hope and pray you will do so again. If you have any questions, please call 419-281-3484.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!

This past summer, Christ UMC again participated in the Ashland City Churches golf league. The team was made up of the following members: Mike Dorr, Gene Haberman, Larry Moretz, Matt Portner, George Bringman and Terry Harper.

They finished in first place during the first half of the season and therefore will be playing in the finale at the season's end. Good job guys!!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS...

to Jean Stauffer who joined the ranks of Ashland County women that have been designated as being "A Woman of Achievement". The induction ceremony was held at Bella Bleu's at the Water's Edge Event Center on September 7th to honor key women who make the community a better place. We are proud of you Jean!

SPRC'S NEW HIRES

The Pastors/Staff-Parish Relations Committees of both Christ & First UMC's have hired 2 new joint part-time Staff members. **Rev. Tom Snyder** will serve as Pastor of Visitation; he will supplement the visitation of our current pastors. **Jenny Whitmore** will serve as our joint Coordinator of Service & Witness ministries in which she will lead both churches in the effort to reach out & serve the spiritual, relational and social needs of the Ashland area.

Late last year, many of you donated, together, approximately \$5,000 to fund the new shared position of a joint "Ministry Coordinator." However, our part-time staff member, who was hired back on January 1st, resigned last March. The funds given for the joint "Ministry Coordinator" will be used toward the salary of newly hired Jenny Whitmore. If you would care to donate more to this current position, please mark your offering envelope, accordingly.

Both Pastor Tom and Jenny have begun their work among us on Friday, September 1st. May God richly bless their efforts to spread and deepen His Kingdom in and beyond the Ashland area. Please continue to pray for these new faithful servants for our Ashland Team Ministry!

Roger B. Moore
Chairperson, SPR Committee CUMC



Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the November issue of the Link are due in the church office by **October 16th**.
Send Email to: braudebaugh@zoominternet.net

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



Keeping up with Our Senior Members...

Bradford House
Connie Workman

Brethren Care
Doris Pllice

Brookwood Place
Portia Abrams
Mary Ellen Budd

Good Shepherd
Paul Lifer

Lutheran Village
Bertina Schwartz

At Home
Beulah Miller
Frances Stafford

PRAYER IS THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

Without prayer our lives and the church would be empty shells. You are invited to join in another time of prayer, sharing and discussion on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00** in the CUMC lounge.

If you have questions about the prayer group, call Bill Whipple at 419 289-0257.

We welcome you!

We need big feet,
little feet, skinny feet & fat
feet for the annual
Ashland Co. Crop Walk!



The **2017 CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday, October 1st @ 2:00pm**.

Our coordinator is Jim Pifer. If you want to walk (or cannot and would still like to pledge) please contact him at 419-289-6848.

Are you a Veteran??

Please join us for a **FREE Veterans' Dinner**
Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00pm
Christ UMC Fellowship Hall

Registration deadline is November 1st

Tickets are required.

To get your complimentary ticket, see:
George Bringman, Bob or Carolyn Norris, or Jack Cadley

ATTENTION VETERANS

It has been quite awhile since we have updated our veterans plaque located in the narthex. If you are a veteran and a member of Christ UMC and your name isn't included, please contact Bob Norris at 567-217-1922 or George Bringman at 419-651-2464 and we will have your name engraved and proudly placed on the plaque with all the others.

“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:

1. **OCTOBER**—More prayer walks; something near Halloween; chili cook-off
2. **NOVEMBER**—Near Thanksgiving, gratitude for community servants (EMS, fire, police, County Sheriffs, city workers, etc.)
3. **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

Stewardship Update

September	\$ 16,509.34
Needed each week	6,066.60
Monthly Need	\$ 26,794.12



5 Things You Can Do to help Victims of Hurricane

Harvey and those affected in Florida & Puerto Rico as well.

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in [The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church](#), [Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), [Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) and [Central Texas Conference](#) who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.

2. [Make relief kits](#), send complete kits to [our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse](#). [Download the packing list and shipping label](#).

3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: [U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670](#)

4. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

5.. Donate only those items requested

To keep relief supplies in stock, [give to Material Resources Advance #901440](#).

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.

PLEASE NOTE...

When giving money for any special giving, in order to receive credit for it, please remember to always use an envelope marked with what the money is designated for. The envelope is the only thing that our financial giving secretary, Brenda Gardner has to work with when recording giving. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda or the church office.

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

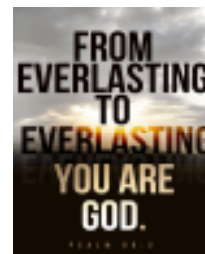
If you are one of those who leave the cold weather of Ohio for a warmer climate elsewhere, please let the church office know. It is helpful to know the date of your departure and return and also your address info so we can keep in touch.



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Bulletin Board Volunteer	Bea North		
Greeter Coordinator	Lee Marr		
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Weekly Bulletin Volunteers	Claudia Guenther-Snyder, Velma Pifer, Jan Haberman		
Sunshine Table	Ann Roepke		
Witnesses for God's love	everyone who is a part of Christ UMC		