

# THE LINK

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## Happening in May



### May 20th, 2018

After having completed a year-long time of study, the following young people will be received into membership at Christ UMC during the morning worship service..

They are:

**Lydia Boyer,**

daughter of Ed & Nancy Boyer

**Naomi Boyer,**

daughter of Ed & Nancy Boyer

**Madison Hagen,**

daughter of Denise Hagen and granddaughter of Bill & Lela Whipple

Congratulations to each one of these young ladies on this very special time of their faith journey.



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Be sure to check us out on Facebook or at our website: [www.ashlandteamministry.org](http://www.ashlandteamministry.org)

### ALL GOD'S CHILDREN MEAL

We will again be preparing and serving the evening meal for **All God's Children at Main Street UMC in Mansfield on Tuesday, May 22nd at 5:00pm.**

If you would like to furnish ready-to-eat Bananas (*not too ripe or green*), cookies or help serve the meal please contact Becky Dorr.

### LIFE GROUPS NEWS

**GOD'**

#### TRAILBLAZERS OUTING

next gathering will be Sunday, **May 20th** for a time of canoeing and/or kayaking. Those going should meet at 1:15pm at the home of Bob & Doris Quackenbush.

**Everyone is invited** to join in this time of fun fellowship enjoying nature's amazing beauty together. If you have other questions, contact Bob or Doris Quackenbush.



### Sunday, May 27th, 2018

Scholarships will be presented and a Memorial Service to honor all veterans will be part of the morning worship service.

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY -THURSDAY  
9AM - 4:00PM

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#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ~ 9:30AM  
CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:30AM

TEEN'S—SUNDAY EVENINGS

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship forms for 2018 are due May 7th and can located on the bulletin board outside the office and on the church website. The Scholarship committee has made some changes to the form so be sure to get a copy of one with the updates. Scholarships will be presented during the worship service on Sunday, May 27th.

**Heartfelt Thanks**



♥ THANK YOU very much for your visits, cards, food and prayers during my recovery from my knee replacement.

Kenny Oberholtzer

♥ On behalf of the UMW, special thanks to those of you who donated baked items and other items for the UMW Sale. It is much appreciated and will be used to support our projects.

Jean Stauffer

♥ Thank you for the donuts and prayer cards. The City of Ashland Street Dept.



**In Good Hands**

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure, they were full of questions — “Where are you going? How will we know the way there? Would you please just show us the Father?” — and not very satisfied with his answers. So Jesus promised to send them “another Helper” (John 14:16, ESV). And we can almost hear them protesting, like kids bemoaning a favorite coach’s retirement or church members grieving a beloved pastor’s call to serve elsewhere: “Oh, great. Someone new for us to get to know. It won’t be the same. It won’t be you.”

Except ... the word another has two forms in Greek: “another just like this one” and “another, different version.” And when the author of John translated Jesus’ Aramaic into Greek, the first definition was the accurate one. Jesus was assuring his disciples they’d be in good hands, at peace and secure because the new Helper — the Holy Spirit — would be another just like him.

—based on Fearless, by Max Lucado

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

WHAT: Celebrate Recovery BBQ

WHEN: Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: First UMC

WHO: All Invited



*Watch for more details!*

**ANNUAL CLEANING BUCKET CAMPAIGN**

This year’s campaign will take place from April 15th through the end of June. Please give as generously as you are able to help victims of extreme weather events.

Checks can be made payable to CUMC, marked “cleaning buckets”. If you have questions, contact 419-281-3484 or 419-289-0913.

**HEY KIDS!!**

**VBS SUMMER 2018**

Mark your calendars...the date for Vacation Bible School 2018 is **July 30th—August 3rd**.

This change was made so it didn’t conflict with Ashland City schools kindergarten camp.



**REMEMBERING OTHERS FOR THE ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK**

Each week, we are humbled as the church community continues their faithful giving so that we can have the items needed for those who struggle to feed their families. In March, 485 people were served with food. It has been said that we can’t change the world, but we can start by helping one family at a time! Our current needs are:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Instant or fresh potatoes         | Brownie Mix      |
| Canned chicken                    | Egg noodles      |
| Pancake mix                       | Syrup            |
| Strawberry Jelly                  | Tea Bags         |
| Vegetable Soup                    | Saltine Crackers |
| <b>*Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</b> | Dish Soap        |
| Laundry Detergent                 | Toilet Paper     |
| Deodorant (male & female)         | Paper Towels     |
| <b>* very much needed!</b>        |                  |

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



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg @ CUMC  7 First Day prayer - sanctuary	<b>2</b> 10 Prayers-lounge  Choir Rehearsals  6:30 Celebrate Recovery @ FUMC	<b>3</b> 6:30 Prayer breakfast at AU Convocation center 1:30 UMW circle—rm 15  7 Trustees—rm 15 7 ALICE training @ FUMC 7:30 Min team @ FUMC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion  Blood Pressure Clinic—café  6 Yth Fellowship @ FUMC	<b>7</b> Deadline to turn in scholarship appl.  6:30 Scouts 7:00 Scholarship cmt—rm 15	<b>8</b> 9 Gloriosa Gardeners—rm 15  7 Pastors group	<b>9</b> 10 Prayers -lounge 12noon Quilt Guild—rm 15  Choir Rehearsals  6:30 Celebrate Recovery @ FUMC	<b>10</b> 12noon All Staff mtg—rm 15  7 Church Council —rm 15	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2 Scout Court of Honor — sanctuary & fh
<b>13</b> Mother's Day  No Yth meeting	<b>14</b>  6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 Emmaus Bd m108	<b>15</b> 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks  7 Pastors group	<b>16</b> 10 Prayers-lounge  Choir Rehearsals  6:30 Celebrate Recovery @ FUMC	<b>17</b> JUNE / JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  7:00 Worship cmt—lounge	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Pentecost Confirmands received  6 Yth Fellowship @ FUMC	<b>21</b>  6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 Min team-rm15	<b>22</b> 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg  5 All God's Children meal @ Mansfield 6:00 Quilt Guild—fh 7 Pastors group	<b>23</b> 10 Prayers-lounge  Choir Rehearsals  6:30 Celebrate Recovery @ FUMC	<b>24</b> 2 newsletter sent out  7 Outreach & Witness—rm 15	<b>25</b> 6-8 Celebrate Recovery Barbeque @ FUMC	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Honor Graduates Presentation of scholarships Veterans Memorial service during worship	<b>28</b> MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed  No Scouts	<b>29</b> 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 1 Staff mtg  7 SPRC mtg w/ staff—fh 7 Pastors group	<b>30</b> 10 Prayers-lounge  Choir Rehearsals  6:30 Celebrate Recovery @ FUMC	<b>31</b>		

## WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR MAY

### Greeters

6	Kenny Oberholtzer	Will Applebee
13	Doris & Bob Quackenbush	Carol & Norm Sommers
20	Sonja & George Bringman	Valeria & Dale Kline
27	Joan & Jim Scott	Judy & Glenn Stewart

Greeters are asked to arrive no later than 9:00am, 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 Kitty Snyder @ 419-606-9886.

### Ushers

Bill Aten—Head Usher  
Del Leidy  
Larry Moretz  
Bill Whipple  
Fred Rafeld

### Altar Guild

Tony Chapman  
Luke Gebhart

### Scripture Readers

6	Rev. Jim Scott
13	
20	
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	Nehemiah Priebe	Braden Thomas
13	Madison Hagen	Alyssa Sampson
20	Haylee Bond	Arienne Vaughn
27	Ruthie Priebe	Braden Thomas

Serving as acolyte coordinator is Betsy Chapman.

### WILL YOU HELP DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION?

On the bulletin board across from the church office, there's a sign-up sheet for Holy Communion servers to volunteer to assist at Sunday morning services. This will provide our pastors a pool of those willing to help at sacrament services. You'll be contacted in the week before being scheduled. The worship committee appreciates your participation.

### Altar Flowers

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13	
20	
27	Snyder

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".

### FIRST DAY PRAYER

Let's make prayer a priority by starting each month praying together! The next one will be held on May 1st at Christ church for those who want to gather together to pray for the community, the church and each other.



### Counters

Fred Rafeld  
Brooke DaHinden  
Tony Chapman  
Joanie Chapman





*James 1:19* – “You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.”

*Proverbs 12:15* – “Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to advice.”

Out and around town today I saw one of the parents of a classmate of our kiddos. I know this parent fairly well through playdates and birthday parties and the like, so I usually try to say hello when I see him. As we talked today, the conversation quickly turned to a hot button, politically divisive issue over which this other parent and I disagree. The conversation could have died pretty quickly because we both have that tendency to listen mostly for the purpose of making a counter-point to what the other person is saying.

But today it didn't. We both listened, we both shared our thoughts. Turns out we don't disagree on every side of the issue and we both had some incorrect assumptions about the other person. We also talked about our experiences that lead us to our conclusions and we found three important things in the end.

1. Our relationship as parents of kids who are friends is significant enough to us that we could respect each other and count the time listening to this other person with whom we disagree as time well spent.

2. We can actually agree on a few key parts of this very divisive issue.

3. Listening to someone with whom we disagree didn't cause us any harm.

This was pleasantly surprising to me because our ways of disagreeing as a society have become dehumanizing. Other people have become talking heads who can't possibly have legitimate thoughts rather than individuals with opinions that are formed from their own logic and experience. We tend to think a person with a differing opinion can quickly be sorted into a box so that they can be labeled and dismissed.

Only I don't believe all that. I think that's a bit of why James taught us to be quick to listen and slow to anger, and why Proverbs speak so often of the foolishness of only listening to ourselves and not others.

I believe that in this politically divisive moment in history it's critically important to value relationships with others highly enough that we find it's worth listening to them, especially when we disagree. Our neighbors and fellow community members are, in fact, individuals with whom we probably agree more than we disagree and who have legitimate opinions even if we disagree with them. Relationships with our neighbors may be one of the most important building blocks for whatever future we are all trying to build.

*Pastor Jon*

I'm running again this year in our East Ohio annual conference 5k fundraiser for the 3C's mission project - Churches, Clinics, and Classrooms in Russia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Zimbabwe!



Each mission site always cares for the whole person in the areas we serve - body, mind, and spirit. My goal is to run under 24 minutes for the race and to raise at least \$200 (\$100 for each church I serve).

The race is June 13th in the morning at Lakeside. I'm already 1/8 of the way to my goal - will you support this great work our Church is doing and help me reach the goal?

If so, send checks to:

Christ UMC - Pastor Jon 5k fundraiser  
1140 Claremont Ave, Ashland, OH, 44805

★ NATIONAL ★  
DAY of PRAYER

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018  
@ Ashland University Convocation Center  
6:30am—8:00am  
Tickets: \$15.00 each

#### THE BLUE CROSS

The small wooden cross signifies God's love for all mankind. The color blue signifies Trust, Truth, Loyalty, Wisdom & Faith.

- Trust in God
- Truth in his teachings
- Loyalty to his words
- Faith in his word and Wisdom to spread the story of God.

The blue crosses in the café are free for anyone that would like to have one and were made by George Bringman

## Here's what's happening with our

**Next Meeting:**  
**May 3 @ 1:30pm**  
 In room 15

### **Mothers In Action**

Leader: Jean Stauffer

Refreshments will be served.



*Note: the All Daughters' Banquet will not be held in May.*

### **6TH ANNUAL VETERANS' DINNER**

The veteran's ministry of First Church will be hosting the 6th annual veteran's dinner and recognition on May 4, 2018. The time 18:30 hours (6:30). This program is open to all vets, spouses, children and widows.

First Church has again invited the vetr's and their guest of Christ Church to join in the event. If you wish to attend please see either George Bringman, Bob Norris, Steve Crone or Jack Cadley for a complimentary ticket(s).

### **TRUSTEES' UPDATE**

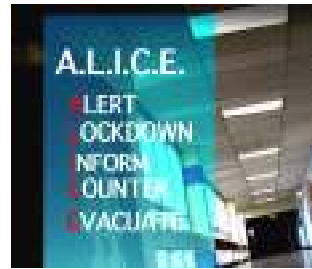
After receiving and reviewing new information, the Trustees' have reversed the decision to sell the parsonage and will now be getting it ready for our new Pastor Laura and her husband Ray to move into in June.

### **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered program that gives people the resources and relationships to help recover from life's hurts, habits & hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery is open to our community and meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 pm at First UMC.

#### How You Can Help...

Celebrate Recovery meets every Wednesday at First Church. This out reach program continues to grow and needs your support. You can help by donating cookies! Each month, on the 3rd Wed. Christ United donates 8-9 doz cookies. You can help by contacting me, Carolyn Brown by email @ [cbashlandbdubs@aol.com](mailto:cbashlandbdubs@aol.com) . I can either pick up the cookies or they can be dropped off in the Church kitchen with my name on them. I will get them to First Church. Donations need to be in by noon on Wed (this Wed 03/21) and every 3rd Wed of the month. Thank you for supporting this new and important program!



**Worship without worry...**  
 A training class will be held at First UMC.  
 Thursday, May 3rd  
 6:00 - 7:30pm  
 (a light meal will be served @ 6)  
 Questions? Contact Melody Barnes @ 419-289-1705

ALICE is the #1 Active Shooter Civilian Response Training for all Organizations.

ALICE Training Institute has created a House of Worship training program to:

- **Maximize Survival** of congregants, staff, volunteers and leadership
- **Provide Accountability** by documenting completed training and preparation
- **Reduce Liability** by implementing and training in alignment with state and federal standards of care for violent intruder events

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) provides preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. ALICE Training option based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional "lockdown only" approach.

A variety of factors may have an impact on your religious institution's safety. As the leadership, you must ask, "How would our institution react, survive and cope, if we came under attack from a violent intruder?"

For places of worship, safety is assumed upon entering. Worrying about an active shooter is not among most people's thoughts as they enter their religious community. Because of this, church security and emergency preparedness has to be something that religious leaders take into consideration as the day to day operations of their churches are carried out.

Places of worship are highly visible in their communities, and their leaders can be viewed as the embodiment of inflammatory political issues – placing them at heightened risk. Typically, places of worship are seen as a sanctuary or safe haven, but the reality of today is that places of worship are just as vulnerable to active shooter events as schools and businesses. Generally there are very low measures in place for detecting threats. The ALICE Training Institute can offer on-site assessments and training to help you plan and prepare for a day we pray never comes.



Bruce Bookmyer, Dean  
 DaHinden, Jane Eshelman,  
 Martha Hostler, Marilyn Kieft,  
 Naomi Koons, Marybelle  
 Landrum, Helen Lent,  
 Barb Michalovich, Doris Plice,  
 Marylyn Reep, Stan Ryland, Carol Sommers,  
 Norma Underwood,  
 those we name in our hearts ♥

**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 |
| Pillows                | Baby Wipes        |
| Blankets—twin size     | Baby Diapers      |
| Bath Soap / Body Wash  | Paper Towels      |
| Pasta Sauce & Pasta    | Fabric Softener   |
| Coffee, tea or Koo Aid | Salt & Pepper     |

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

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 Plice

Brookwood Place  
 Mary Ellen Budd

Good Shepherd  
 Paul Lifer  
 Eileen Withers

At Home  
 Joe-Ann Edmondson  
 Beulah Miller  
 Frances Stafford

**Way of the Good Shepherd**

Last month in the atrium included...



**Our leaders and helpers:** Janet Rockenfelder, Mary Eshelman, Becky Dorr, Kyle Vaughn, Paul Jackson, and Denise Jackson.

**Level I** children in attendance: Arienne, Braden, Daniel, Jordyn, Joy, Nathan, Oliver, Owen, Ruth, Savannah, and Simeon.

**Level II** children in attendance: Nehemiah, with Arienne, Daniel, Ruth, Savannah, and Simeon seeing some of the works occasionally.

**Level I works:**  
 The Last Supper, Preparation of the Chalice, and the Presence of the Good Shepherd in Holy Communion

**Level II works:**  
 The Road to Emmaus, Jesus Appears to the Disciples in the Upper Room, Jesus Provides Catch of Miraculous Fish, and Jesus Calls Peter (and others) to "feed my sheep"

**Summer is coming!** The Way of the Good Shepherd program is in **need of special help during the summer months** (May 27 - August 19). The WGS Leader, Denise, and her husband Paul are expecting their first child in June and will be out of the atrium for a while. If you are free and willing to help, even just one Sunday, please contact Denise (below) by mid May and she will be happy to show you around the atrium.

**Find us ...** Our atrium (classroom) is located on the second floor of the church (opposite end of the hallway from the elevator). Please stop by to see our next generation of disciples being formed.

If you need more information, please contact Denise Jackson, the Way of the Good Shepherd Team Leader:



**Next Newsletter Deadline**

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

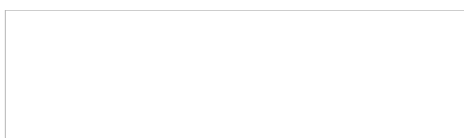
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**EQUIPPING THE CONGREGATION FOR MINISTRY**

The Church phone number is 419-289-0507. Extension numbers are listed following the names.

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Volunteer Office Personnel			
Bulletin Board Volunteer .....	Bea North		
Greeter Coordinator .....	Kitty Snyder		
Mailing Volunteers .....	Velma Pifer & Claudia Guenther-Snyder		
Weekly Bulletin Volunteers .....	Claudia Guenther-Snyder, Velma Pifer, Jan Haberman		
Sunshine Table .....	Ann Roepke		
<b>Witnesses for God's love .....</b>	<b>everyone who is a part of Christ UMC</b>		