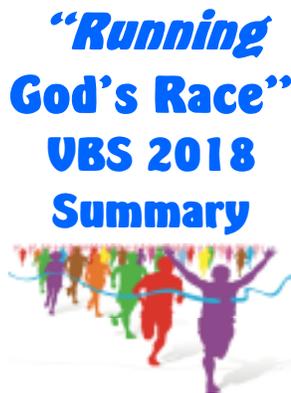


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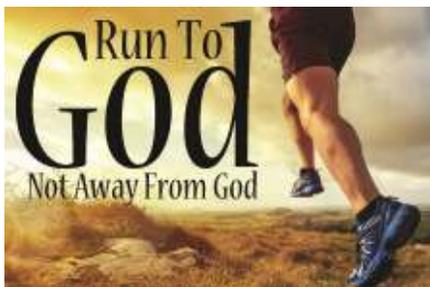
Imagine the excitement when you arrive for the first day of Vacation Bible School and you see colorful strands of pennants flying everywhere! You just know something fun is going to happen—and you would be right...

The children eagerly began each morning in the sanctuary with creative movement to many genres of music.

Once we had some of our wiggles out, we needed to take care of the plastic baggies of change and the paper dollars the children brought for our VBS mission focus.

This year we raised money for two local groups who help people facing different hurdles.

*Celebrate Recovery* is a group that meets in Ashland to help people



with their “hurts, habits, and hang-ups” and *Trample ALS* is part of a national organization to raise money for research to cure ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease.) During the week several runners “ran in” to talk to us about different lengths of races, the fuel and equipment they need to run, and the motivation for why they run.

There were many parallels to our theme bible verse: *Run, with perseverance, the race marked out for you. Keep your eyes on Jesus, not others or the finish.* (Hebrews 12:1) After our runners shared their stories, we walked up to put our contributions in one of the two empty 5-gallon water jugs marked separately for boys or girls.

We took a moment each day to remember Mrs. Marilyn Kieft, a dear friend of VBS, whose race on earth ended much too soon. We sang the Johnny Appleseed Grace (including the second verse which Marilyn taught us) to recognize the blessings in our lives. Her memorial service was Wednesday night and we got to see the handprint quilt we made for her last year, the beautiful flowers

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



and the colorful cranes that adorned the chancel area.

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
MONDAY -THURSDAY  
9AM - 4:00PM

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*Loving God, Loving Others,*  
*Bringing People to Christ*

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

TEEN'S—SUNDAY EVENINGS

We extend our Congregational Love and Congratulations to the following young people who were married this summer.



Cooper Moretz married Leah Poyar on June 16th, 2018. The wedding took place at St Gabriel's Church in Mentor, Ohio. Both graduated from Baldwin Wallace. Cooper works for the Cleveland Clinic and Leah is pursuing job opportunities as a Physicians Assistant. Cooper is the son of Larry & Diane Moretz and grandson of Patsy Barr. Their address is 3601 E Scarborough Rd. University Heights, Ohio 44118

Katie Brown & Jordan Alt were married June 23, 2018 at St John the Baptist Parish in Ottawa Ohio. She is Assistant Director of the Medication Therapy Management & Telehealth Center at The University of Findlay. Jordan is a physical Therapist at St. Rita's in Lima Ohio. Her parents are Ken & Carolyn Brown. Kate & Jordan Alt live at 843 Sixth St. Ottawa, Ohio 45875.

Mallory Barr & Ghalid Ali were joined in marriage on July 15th, 2018 at the Blue Herron in Medina Ohio. She is the daughter of Dave & Mindy Barr and granddaughter of Patsy Barr. Their address is 1985 Oxford St, Twinsburg OH 44087.

### MORE CONGREGATIONAL CONGRATULATIONS...

On Sunday, August 26th, we welcomed into the family of God, through the waters of baptism, Henry Arthur Digory Jackson, born June 24th, 2018. He is the son of Paul & Denise Jackson. Officiating for his baptism was his maternal grandfather, the Rev. Dr. David A. Baker. God Bless Henry as he grows in God's love.



### Heartfelt Thanks

♥ Dear Scholarship committee ~ Thank you for the continued support over my college career. I am very honored to have received financial support from my community I have been a part of for 20 years. Though I'm gone from the community, I will always think fondly of the memories and all the lessons learned from my time at church. Thank you again and God bless.  
Jonah Moretz

♥ Dear Faith Community Friends , There are no words adequate enough to express our thanks to you for all of your cards, phone calls and comments of caring that you have shared with us. All of your thoughts and prayers have provided a great deal of care and support for us as Jan has completed her tenth year of battling cancer. The best we can do is say "thank you" for all your have done and meant to us.  
Jan, Susan, & Bill Achberger

**The General Conference Delegation Wants to Hear from You!** - A Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019 to address the current language in the Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality. In preparation for this Special Session, the General Conference delegates from East Ohio will be conducting listening sessions throughout the conference as listed below:

- Sat., Sept. 8, 10 am - 1 pm, Wildare UMC
- Sat., Sept. 29, 10 am - 1 pm, Cambridge Christ UMC
- Tues., Oct. 9, 6:30 - 9 pm, New Philadelphia First UMC
- Sat., Oct. 20, 10 am - 1 pm, Ashland First UMC
- Tues., Nov. 6, 6:30 - 9 pm, Aldersgate UMC

The purpose of these listening sessions is for the General Conference delegation to listen to your thoughts about this important issue in the life of the United Methodist Church. More information will be provided in the coming months, including questions for you to think about as you prepare to attend a listening session and an email at which to contact the East Ohio Conference Delegation.

For additional information, please visit the following websites regarding the Listening Sessions and the Council of Bishop's recommendation to the General Conference: <http://www.eocumc.com/gc/index.html>, <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/united-methodist-bishops-recommend-a-way-forward>

### BUILDING USE REMINDER:

There are a number of groups, both from within the church and outside as well, that use the church building on a regular basis. In order to avoid conflicts for any of them, it is important that a building use form is completed and turned in to the church office. Especially when a special meeting or event is planned. The completed forms are approved by the pastor and the Trustee Chairperson and kept on file for our custodian. The Christ UMC facility offers many conveniences to groups meeting here and the forms help keep stressful encounters from happening.



***Ecclesiastes 3: 1-3 [A Time For Everything]***

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ...*

It is that time of year again. Fall is in the air: the children have gone back to school, the leaves are going to change color, stores are full of pumpkin flavored items and we are all gearing up to cheer on our favorite football teams. There is something special about fall in Ohio.

I can remember as a child sitting on the school bus hoping that as we neared our farm that I would see smoke rising from the woods behind our house. Smoke rising from the woods meant that my Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Kathryn, and dad were in the woods felling trees, burning brush and preparing for the long winter ahead.

The curls of smoke rising from the woods would send me running with excitement over the ten plus acres between the house and the woods. Working with my dad, aunt and grandparents always meant unconditional love and lots of laughter. If it was a really good day then dad would even let me use the chain saw!

It was on one of these fall days when I saw the curling smoke that I dumped my belongings inside the house and went running through the woods, over the bridge and to (what my dad called) the back forty and encountered a very comical scene.

My grandma and Aunt Kathryn were almost doubled over in laughter. It did not take long to see what was causing their delight. Somehow my dad and grandpa had managed to get the tractor stuck front to end between two trees. There they were trying as hard as they could to get the tractor out. I can still hear my grandpa's heavy German accent yelling the one word in German that still lingers in my vocabulary (much to my dismay). Grandpa and dad must have worked for hours trying to get that tractor unstuck before finally relenting and cutting down the tree in front of the tractor. It was a day which my grandma and Aunt Kathryn would never let them forget and a memory which still makes me chuckle.

I often reflect on that day when I am stuck in a frustrating situation. It reminds me that sometimes we have to cut out something in our lives before we can move forward. Often the things that I need to work on cutting out in my own life are self doubts and fear of change. Other times those items come in the form of bad habits such as over eating or using that "one German word" that still lingers in my vocabulary. Often it is jealousy, envy and pride which hold me back. There is a season for all things in our lives and we must take the time to prepare ourselves for each new beginning by cutting away those things which hold us back. My prayer for each of you and for our community of faith is that we will learn and grow together in this particular season of change.

May God bless each of you and Go Bucks!

On Bended Knees,

*Rev. Laura*



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The pastor's weekly sermon study group is now called the "Weekly Scripture". This group meets on Monday evenings at Christ @ 7pm and on Tuesday mornings @ 10am at Downtown Perks, These study groups are open to anyone that would like to look at the scripture texts and what they say for each coming Sunday. You can pick whichever day and/or time works best with your schedule.



In 2015 I was asked to be our stewardship leader, and after praying and much thought I agreed to be the stewardship leader. I met with Pastor Jon for guidance and talked with Barb for her insight and help. From this I found the above logo and the meaning of Stewardship, **Caring for this world and the people in it by using our Prayers, our Presence, our Service and Witness and our Gifts to accomplish true stewardship.**

Each year I ask myself if I should have a different theme or approach to Stewardship, and each year I say to myself that there is no better way to express the true meaning of stewardship. Stewardship is a way of life.

The past 20 years we have all been concerned with declining membership and the lack of new members. The merger assessment study is our collective vision of how to make changes and to utilize the resources of both churches, so we can become a church of vision, outreach and appeal to all ages and to share the living spirit of Jesus Christ with others. This past year the merger assessment has raised many questions and issues, and whether we merge or stay as separate churches, we must make a change. Please pray for God's guidance.

So we can remain focused on the vote on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the future we have chosen thru this vote, I am moving our Stewardship campaign to November.

Bill Whipple, Stewardship Chrp.

## YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE

**Focus for September:**  
***Who are some people you need on your journey?***



September 2- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 September 9- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 September 16- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 September 23- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 September 30- Honey Haven Farm Fall Festival 2-4 p.m.  
 1327 County Road 1475  
 Corn Maze, Pumpkin Slingshot,  
 Corn Cannon, etc  
 Bring at least \$5

### Focus for October- Foundations of Faith

October 7- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 October 14- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 October 21- Bonfire and Hayride 6-8 p.m.  
 at Kenny Oberholtzer's home  
 1513A Twp Rd 1153  
 Bring a snack or dessert to share  
 Hot dogs and drinks will be provided  
 October 28- Youth at First UMC 6-8

### Focus for November/December- Building leaders

November 4- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 November 11- Project Feed at Wadsworth Middle School  
 Leave Christ UMC at 11:45  
 Bring money for lunch and a canned good  
 November 18- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 November 25-Thanksgiving No Youth  
 December 2- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 December 9- Youth at First UMC 6-8  
 December 16- Caroling/Christmas Party 4-7  
 Meet at Christ UMC at 4  
 Bring a wrapped Christmas present and a snack to share  
 December 23- Christmas No Youth Group mtg  
 December 30- Youth at First UMC 6-8

We are using Remind as our notification system. All youth and their families are encouraged to join Remind. Text @larryha to 81010

My phone 419 554-1766  
 My e-mail larryhachtel@yahoo.com



~ Linda & Steve Crone and family on the death of her mother, Shirley Baney who died on Friday, July 27th.

#### 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.mcnau1@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mcnau1@gmail.com).

#### Hello Church,

Our Celebrate Recovery ministry continues to be a vital part of many peoples' lives and for that, we give thanks to God! As we continue to reach out and grow this ministry, we have opportunities to serve in this ministry on Wednesday evenings. Our first 6-month rotation of ministry volunteers has ended so if you would like to "re-up" or join us for an amazing Wednesday, please let me know.

We are looking for some help in the nursery, assistance with Celebration Place, greeters/ushers and leading worship music. We meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 (we celebrate Holy Communion every week at 8:00 p.m.) If you are interested in committing to one or two (or all!) Wednesday's per month, please let me know. I am happy to answer any questions you may have – my cell number is listed below.

Thank you for prayerfully considering serving at Celebrate Recovery.

Peace,

Jenny Whitmore  
Pastor of Service & Witness Ministries  
Christ and First UMC  
419-606-4137 (cell)  
419-289-7551 (office)

**THE 2018 FARMER'S MARKET** is held in the parking lot on **Saturday's from 9:00am to 11:00am**. Volunteers are needed to help the pastors at the prayer booth from 8:30-11am to pray with people who stop by. Contact Pastor Allan 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.

#### GIVEN & RECEIVED WITH LOVE

"Mrs. Kieft" (Marilyn) had a vision for a Montessori Way of the Good Shepherd Level I classroom for our preschoolers on the main floor in room 104. She brought in many of her own materials for works that the children could do to learn some of the fine motor skills required for our Atrium upstairs and to teach some of the stories. This included a toaster for the days she shared some of her delicious homemade bread!

After Marilyn's memorial service (Aug 8th), her family graciously offered us the contents of the classroom so that we could continue her good work. With the grace of God, we will strive to raise up our preschoolers after Marilyn's example. The handprint quilt that was made for Mrs. Kieft at VBS in 2017 is hanging in the classroom as a way to remind us how much she loved our children.

Thank you to the Kieft family for their generous gift.

#### LIFE GROUPS NEWS

Did you know that the God's Trailblazers group has been doing things together since August 2011? Watch the weekly bulletins for info about their September activity.

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.



#### Here's what's happening with our

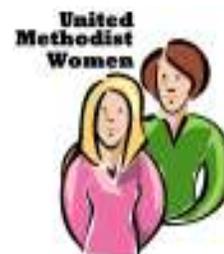
**Next Meeting:**  
Sept. 6th @ 1:30pm In room 15

#### Embrace Wholeness

Leader: Janet Rockenfelder

Devotions: Lee Marr

Beverage: Janet Rockenfelder



#### STUEBENVILLE URBAN MISSION COLLECTION

Again this year Helping Hands Circle will be collecting food items for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Urban Mission in Steubenville. Our collection will take place in the Café from Sunday, September 2 to Sunday, October 14.

The requested items are:

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

A specially marked box is available for donations.



Jane Eshelman, Martha Hostler, Marybelle Landrum, Helen Lent, Pat Madden, Velma Pifer, Doris Plice, Marylyn Reep, Carol Sommers, Sharon Stone, Evelyn Strasbaugh, 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.

Canned fruit & veggies	Pillows
Canned Soups	Deodorant
Disposable razors	Cleaning supplies
Bath Soap / Body Wash	Paper Towels
Pasta Sauce & Pasta	Powdered Milk
Coffee, tea or Tang	Laundry soap

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 above who would enjoy having a CUMC parish visitor, please contact Jan Haberman or the church office.

## WAY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Thank you to everyone who helped the atrium continue this summer while Denise and Paul were absent. Now that summer is (almost) over, it's time for the new year to start in the atrium!



### Have your child join us this year:

Children Pre-K through 2nd grade are welcome to join us in the atrium (room 204-205) after the Story on the Steps each Sunday. This is the age group we refer to as Level I for the Way of the Good Shepherd. Children 3rd grade through 5th grade are welcome to join us during the Sunday School hour for Level II and Level III. We encourage our Level I children (Pre-K through 2nd grade) to also stay during the Sunday School hour for additional working time.

### If your child has never attended before ...

We would love to have them! The Way of the Good Shepherd program is spiritual formation through montessori learning. Montessori learning intends to help children develop skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, time management, creativity, caring for others, caring for the environment around us, and working independently. Spiritual formation meets this montessori learning through our works (lessons/activities) which portray Bible stories and biblical concepts.

### Have questions, want to know more, or feel called to help?

Contact the Way of the Good Shepherd Team Leader, Denise Jackson at [deniseabjackson@gmail.com](mailto:deniseabjackson@gmail.com), 740.398.3875, or find her in the atrium.

You do not need to know anything about the program to help, and you do not need to become an expert. Denise is happy to teach you what you need to know to help just one Sunday or many Sundays.

We hope to see you in the atrium!



## Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the *October issue of the Link* are due in the church office by **September 17th**.  
Send Email to: [braudebaugh@zoominternet.net](mailto:braudebaugh@zoominternet.net)



# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  						1 9am-11am Farmer's Market—parking lot
2 Communion  Blood Pressure clinic—café area	3  LABOR DAY Church Office Closed  No Scouts mtg	4  10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks	5  10 Prayer Group  Chancel Choir Practice begins again	6  1:30 UMW Circle—fh  7 Trustees—rm 15	7	8  9am-11am Farmer's Market—parking lot
9  <b>'BACK TO CHURCH' SUNDAY !!</b> With recognition of SS teachers 12noon All Staff mtg & lunch—fh	10  6:30 Scouts—rm 6 & fh 7 Emmaus Bd—rm 108 7 Weekly Scripture study group	11	12  10 Prayer Group  12noon Quilt Guild—rm 15  Choirs Practice Bell Choir begins	13  7 Ch Council—rm 15	14	15  9am-11am Farmer's Market—parking lot
16	17  6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 Weekly Scripture study group	18  10 Pastors @ Downtn Perks	19  10 Prayer Group  Choirs Practice	20  7 SPRC	21  4 Set-up in FH	22  9am-11am Farmer's Market—parking lot  12noon-4pm FH reserved
23	24	25  10 Pastors @ Downtn Perks	26  10 Prayer Group  Choirs Practice	27  Newsletter sent out	28	29  9am-11am Farmer's Market—parking lot 9am-11am Ashland Care Center Life Walk—church lawn
30	6:30 Scouts - rm 6 and fh 7 Weekly Scripture study group	6:30 Quilt Guild—fh				

## WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR SEPTEMBER

### Greeters

2 Kitty & Tom Snyder	Valeria & Dale Kline
9 Levi & Luke Gebhart	Barb Raudebaugh
16 Becky & Perry Corbin	Sonja & George Bringman
23 Lee Marr and Debbie Rogers	Bea & Bruce North
30 Linda & Steve Crone	Doris & Bob Quackenbush

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. (See note on page 9)

### Ushers

Bill Aten—Head Usher  
Bill Whipple  
Larry Portner  
Kevin Oberholtzer  
Larry Moretz

### Altar Guild

Becky & Perry Corbin

### Scripture Readers

2	Mike Reuschling
9	Rev. Jim Scott
16	Rev. Roger Moore
23	
30	

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.

### Altar Flowers

2  
9  
16  
23  
30

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".

### Acolytes

2	Madison Hagen
9	Caleb Moore
16	Braden Thomas
23	Arienne Vaughn
30	Alyssa Sampson

Serving as acolyte coordinator is Betsy Chapman.

We would love to have any kids in 2nd through 8th grade interested in being an acolyte join us!!

### CHANCEL CHOIR START-UP

After enjoying a nice summer hiatus, **CHANCEL CHOIR** practice will be starting back up on Wednesday, September 5th @ 7:15 in the Sanctuary. Practice usually only lasts until 8:30ish and **anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to come join!!** We would love to have you share your gift of song. All you need to do is come! If you need more information, contact choir director, Jane Ruggles.

### HELP THE BELL CHOIR RING OUT IN SONG!

Fall is coming soon and so is the first practice of the bell choir on September 12th at 6:30 pm. We meet in the downstairs choir room. If you have a desire to make a joyful noise to the Lord but can not sing. No problem. To be in the bell choir all you need to do is ring your bell note and count. You do not even have to know how to read music. Much help is available for beginners. For questions please see Dave Roepke, our bell choir director, calling or texting is welcome to his cell phone number 567-203-3231. Beginners and new members are especially welcome and much appreciated.



### Counters

Kevin Oberholtzer  
Sandy Baker  
Ron Baker  
Ken Brown

## 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!

## PLEASE JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM

Did you know that this summer someone visited our church and no one greeted him during/after worship? He returned the following week and sat on the other side of the church, and still no one greeted him. This makes me very sad, because I know this is not who we are. We are a community of caring people, evidently we assume someone else will greet the person we don't recognize. **Hospitality is everyone's responsibility.**

One area of this hospitality I volunteered to work with is **greeters**. None of us, you or me, wants to spend long periods of time on the phone<sup>®</sup> trying to recruit for this important ministry, only to get answering machines and unreturned calls. I propose a "Welcome Team". The more people who say "Yes, I want to extend the hand and heart of CUMC" by becoming part of a rotating team of people, the better. If I can get 17 individuals/couples, it would be every other month. If 22, every three months. I will email out a list every 2-3 months, if you have plans for your assigned Sunday, just let me know, I will get someone to fill in. Greeters will still be listed in the monthly newsletter, and I will still send out weekly reminder postcards for your Sunday.

Call or text me at 419-606-9886 or email me at [kittymariesnyder@gmail.com](mailto:kittymariesnyder@gmail.com) After the "Welcome Team" is assembled, I would like to hold a brief gathering after church to share my "Tips for the Team". I will even bake cookies!

Hoping to hear from **YOU!**

**Be Blessed, Kitty Snyder**

## 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.

## 2018 PASTORS & STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastors/Staff-Parish Relations Committee wants to hear from you if you have any questions about our church's "Team Ministry" with First UMC. Please direct your concerns to the following members of the 2018 SPR Committee:

**Chairperson—Bill Achberger**  
**Wayne Fryback**  
**Jan Haberman**  
**Mary Jane Amos**  
**Joan Scott**  
**Glen Stewart**  
**Debbie Portner.**

Please don't hesitate to ask any and all questions you may have.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP END WORLD HUNGER AROUND THE WORLD...



Join

**Community Crop Walk**  
**Sunday, October 7th, 2018**  
**@ 2:30pm**

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 1140 CLAREMONT AVE  
 ASHLAND OH 44805



*We Walk Because They Walk!*

To participate or if you have questions, contact:

Jim Pifer @ 419-289-6848

Email: [jpifer@zoominternet.net](mailto:jpifer@zoominternet.net)

## HELPING LOCAL SCHOOLS

Along with soup labels & stamps, the UMW also has a box for the "box top labels for education". The labels collected are then given to local area schools to be used for needed items for the students. If you have any questions about this or need more information, contact Jim Pifer.



(VBS update cont'd. from pg 1)

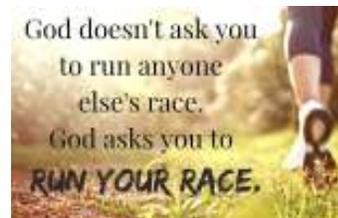
We spent the week talking about people in the bible who faced obstacles and how God helped them. The pastors acted out modern-day skits illustrating a similar challenging situation that children might face and how God can help them too. Then it was off to music, art, games and snacks—all related to the story of the day. We met Joseph who was bullied by his brothers but forgave them, Daniel who prayed to the real God and was thrown in the lions' den, Ruth and Naomi who lost family members and had to move but were helped by others, Paul and Silas who were put in jail but prayed to God who released their chains, and finally, Jesus, who was abandoned by his disciples in the garden during his hour of need.

This year's ambitious art projects included colorful tie-dyed backpacks (like Joseph's fancy coat), adorable fleece lion pillows, woven wheat ribbon bookmarks, braided chain bracelets, and a garden of succulent plants to take home. The games (rain or shine) consisted of many relay races acting out the bible story and, following tradition, involving water balloons on Friday! We were refueled by the delicious snacks and drinks—thanks kitchen crew! On Sunday morning we retold the stories by singing all our favorite songs which include an astonishing amount of words but very catchy tunes.

Please take time to read the list (see pg 11) of youth and adults who helped in many different ways. I especially want to thank those who were part of the "advance team" and spent the summer planning out another super week of Vacation Bible School: Megan Studer, Nancy Boyer, Ruth Wilkerson, Bob Quackenbush, Becky Dorr, Barb Raudebaugh, and the pastors. And we so appreciate those of you who contributed financially in any way to help us meet expenses.

Here are some numbers we learned that week: we hung 600 feet of pennants, 40 children attended VBS throughout the week, it takes just over 187 laps around the church to run a marathon—which is 26.2 miles, Mrs. Kieft's church friends made 1000 cranes for her, and we raised (with the help of the congregation) over \$1000 for the two VBS mission projects. (Oh—and the boys won ©)

With the help of the spirit,  
yes, the spirit of the Lord, ~ Carol Oberholtzer



**List of VBS youth & adult helpers for 2018:**

**YOUTH HELPERS**

Madelynn Barnthouse  
 Hannah Berry  
 Lydia Boyer  
 Naomi Boyer  
 Madison Hagen  
 Andrew Householder  
 Makenna Huffman  
 Justin Karper  
 Jaden Lang  
 Nevaeh Lang  
 Caleb Moore  
 Jessica Wally  
 Leanna Wally

**ADULT HELPERS**

Carol Oberholtzer  
 Nancy Boyer  
 Ruth Wilkerson  
 Megan Studer  
 Doris Quackenbush  
 Bob Quackenbush  
 Pastor Laura White  
 Pastor Allan Bevere  
 Pastor Jenny Whitmore  
 Patti Hill  
 Gayle Akkerman  
 Diane Moretz  
 Brenda Gardner  
 Barb Schantz  
 Larry Hachtel  
 Bea North

**COLLEGE-AGE HELPERS**

Lexus Lang  
 Lexi Portner

Barb Raudebaugh  
 Stephanie Knowlton

**OUR SPECIAL VISITORS**

Mr. Mark (Koehler)  
 Kyle Vaughn - runner  
 Michael Namy - runner  
 Sam Boyer - runner  
 Kim Bracken & daughters  
 Ava, Sydney, & Mackenna

**TASTY SNACKS CREW**

Becky Dorr  
 Shirley Bookmyer  
 Sharon Ihrig  
 Loretha Kline  
 Janet Rockenfelder  
 Valeria Kline  
 Sharon Stone  
 Bill Whipple  
 Lela Whipple

**EXTRA MILE DONATIONS:**

CUMC Cross Talk Sunday School Class  
 Marybelle Landrum            Ken & Carolyn Brown  
 Ben & Kim Ferguson            Jason & Jennie Hildenbrand  
 FUMC Friendship Sunday School Class

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

Scripture Readers are needed for the coming months. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**MERGER ASSESSMENT REPORT & IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

The Merger Assessment Team has prepared it's Final Merger Document proposal which has been emailed to all members at Christ & First. **Copies are available at the back of the sanctuary, in the café and the church office** for those without a computer or not able to print the document (or if you just want to save paper).

After reviewing the document, members will have an opportunity for questions and answers at

**TWO TOWN HALL MEETING sessions:**  
 Sunday, August 19 at 2:00 @ First UMC  
 Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 @ Christ UMC

The vote to determine a merge between our two churches will take place on **Sunday, October 7th @ 2:00pm**

Members are asked to report to their respective churches for the vote. **MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.** Unlike the Sept. 2017 merger assessment vote where absentee ballots were accepted, the Discipline of the United Methodist Church requires that votes must be cast in person.

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

*...Anyone who does anything to help a child in this life is a hero to me. ~ Fred Rogers (creator of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood)*

We are gearing up for back-to-school and your help ensures that we are able to meet the needs of our community families. Currently our needs are:

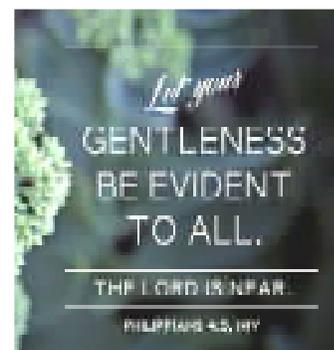
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| Spaghetti Sauce & pasta     | Potatoes—any kind |
| Canned chicken or tuna      | Egg noodles       |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly       | Cans of fruit     |
| Instant Rice—white or brown | Boxed Cereal      |
| Granola bars / snack items  | Saltine Crackers  |
| Shampoo & Conditioner       | Cans of Soup      |
| Laundry Detergent           | Razors            |
| Deodorant (male & female)   | Toothpaste        |
| Feminine products           | Dish Soap         |

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

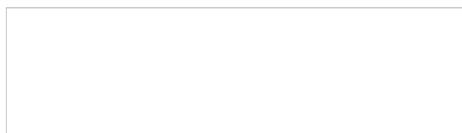
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.....	Justina Fabich	jsfabich@aol.com	
.....	Larry Hachtel	larryhachtel@yahoo.com	
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Kitchen .....			ext 107
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Finance Chairperson.....	Diane Moretz	dmoretz@ashland.edu	
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Education / Youth Associate Lay Leader .....	Carol Oberholtzer	caoberho@goarrows.org	
Parish Visitors .....	Jan Haberman	Ejhaberman@zoominternet.net	
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Stephen Ministry Leader .....	Ron Johnson	ronnie7@zoominternet.net	
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>		