

THE LINK

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All Saints' Remembered

In observance of All Saints Day, on Sunday, November 4th, during the morning worship service, which begins at 9:30am, we will honor members and loved ones listed on our weekly prayer list 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. The service will be an expression of our faith in God, our thankfulness for his gift of eternal life and these loved ones who were a part of our lives.

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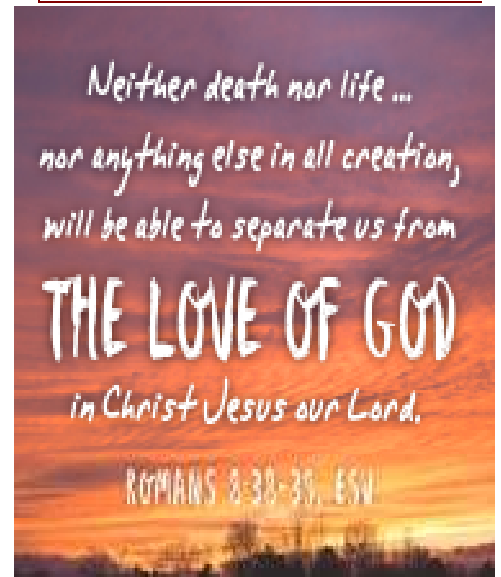
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or at our website:
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<p><u>OFFICE HOURS</u> MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM - 4:00PM</p> <p>PHONE: 419-289-0507 FAX: 419-289-1541 christum@zoominternet.net</p>	<p><i>Christ United Methodist Church</i> <i>Loving God, Loving Others,</i> <i>Bringing People to Christ</i></p>	<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> WORSHIP ~ 9:30AM CHURCH SCHOOL ~ 10:30AM</p> <p>TEEN'S—SUNDAY EVENINGS</p>
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For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [Romans 8:18]

Where do we go from here? How do we find our new normal? Why is this happening? These were the questions which came from a dear friend the other day as we messaged each other back and forth through facebook. He and his wife have been through more than their fair share of trials lately including the new reality of his wife's terminal illness. The next words out of his mouth were, "I thought about running away today." He like so many of us faced with life's difficult situations just want to run away from the pain and the hurt of this world. And then he asked the question that I hear so often, "Why does God hate me?; What did I do to deserve this?". These are often the underlying questions in many situations that we face. Over the past few weeks, I have met with several of you who are struggling with new realities in life and in each situation there are no easy answers. I have no easy words or simple platitudes which can make it all better. But I can tell you that you are not alone and that God will help you through whatever situation that you face.

As a community we are anxious for the future of our church. We face an unknown future full of possibilities but also full of doubt. But again, I reiterate that we are not alone and that God will carry us into our future.

When Jesus asked if anyone would follow Him He didn't say, "If any would be My disciple, let Him take up His victorious life and follow Me." No. Jesus said "take up your cross and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24] Jesus has warned us that in this world we will have trouble. "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33]

There is a type of "Hollywood Christianity" where everyone is smiling and successful, healthy and happy. This shallow faith understands Jesus as a kind of wish granter, and states that if you are sad or depressed it is because your faith is not strong enough. In fact, we hear this type of thing from a few television preachers. "God wants you, to be healthy, wealthy and wise." And if you are not, you must not be obedient to God or your faith is too weak.

Perhaps there is even in our midst a shame in our suffering, a thought that somehow our suffering is a sin. This is simply not the case. If suffering was a sin, then Jesus would have committed sin. Who, after all, suffered more than Jesus on the cross? Jesus suffered. He did not sin.

Jesus was not alone in His suffering. As Christians we share in the Lord's suffering; suffering is part and parcel of the Christian life.

This trouble and tribulation comes from the world. It was this way from the beginning, and will be this way until the Lord returns, the Lord's people suffer. From Abel to Noah to Joseph and Moses and David and all the prophets. In fact, when you read Hebrews 11 you find a list of the Old Testament faithful, which is also a list of their suffering.

In the New Testament it is the same way. Jesus says, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." [John 15:18-19] The apostle's suffered because of the name of Jesus, and far from considering this to be sin, they thought it pure joy. "Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name [of Jesus]." [Acts 5:41]

The Apostle Paul encourages the church to "rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." [Romans 5:3-5]

Jesus is our example in suffering. "For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." [1 Peter 2:20-21]

In this life we are traveling through a landscape of mountains of abundant joy and valleys of heartbreaking tears, but the Lord is with us through it all. Jesus is our shepherd guiding us through the valleys of tears and suffering. He knows what it's like. And He comes to us with His comforting promises that He will never leave or forsake us [Hebrews 13:5], that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age [Matthew 28:20]. He promises that while our suffering will be for a while, His comfort, grace and salvation will last forever.

Love,

Rev. Laura

SAVE THE DATE!!

Mark your calendar & save the date! Pastor Laura is scheduling a Planning Retreat for Christ UMC to get ready for the arrival of 2019. It will be held on **November 10th from 9am-12noon**. Anyone that would like to be a part of this time of planning is encouraged to fill out the survey form, turn it in to Pastor Laura by November 5th and attend the retreat to share ideas together.

(see page 3-4 for survey form)

Planning Retreat Survey

Please return the completed form to the church office or place in the clear mailbox outside of Rev. Laura's new office door, no later than October 30. Results will be compiled and available for the Planning Retreat. Please attach an additional page if more space is required.

**You are invited to attend:
Planning Retreat for the 2019 calendar year**

November 10 from 9am-12noon (All are welcome and encouraged to attend)

1. What is our church known for in the community? What is our reputation?

2. What are perceived community needs in Ashland?

3. What are the strengths of Christ United Methodist Church? What are we doing really well?

4. What are some of the resources/ assets that CUMC currently has? Example: Large building, talented musicians, large outdoor parking area, strong Sunday morning education program....

5. What are some areas that need to be strengthened at CUMC? What are the churches "weak" spots?

6. If CUMC had unlimited resources and there was no limit to what we could do then what ministries/ building changes would you like to see?

7. What does your dream church look like?

8. In your dreams what does CUMC look like in 5 years?

In order to ensure that we receive responses which represent a wide demographic of our congregation please tell us a little about yourself.

Name (optional)_____ Age_____ Gender_____

Member of CUMC- yes/no

Please list any ministries or areas in which you are feeling called to serve:_____

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.

It's time for...

Fall Rummage Sale

November 1 & 2 9am-5pm

November 3 9am-1pm

Donated items for the rummage sale can be put in the storage room across from fellowship hall.

Donations can be dropped off and put in the storage room across from the fellowship hall.

As always we can use any extra clean bags you might want to get rid of. Especially the brown paper grocery bags. They are especially helpful on bag day. Be sure to contact Becky Dorr if you are willing to help in any way.

Thank you for all your faithful support of missions!!



CALLING ALL PICTURE TAKERS

We are in the process of updating our church website and need current photos for the new directory to showcase our church and its activities such as Yth, SS classes, Story on The Steps, etc. If you have any recent photos of groups within the church and could email them to Barb that would be helpful.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you weren't able to have your picture taken and would like to submit a photo please contact the church office for more details.

Also the same photo company will be taking photos at First UMC on Nov 12 and 13 and will accept outside members. All you need to do is be sure to give them our church #OH2183 so they will have your photo in the correct directory.

We are hoping to include as many people as possible plus it's a very helpful tool to our pastors.



Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **December / January issue of the Link** are due in the church office by **December 15th.**

Send Email to: braudebaugh@zoominternet.net

Here's what's happening with our

Next Meeting:

November 8th @ 1:30pm

In rm 15



WORLD THANK OFFERING

Henderson Settlement:

It's History & It's Settlement

Leader: Jan Haberman

Devotions: Ann Roepke

Beverage: Janet Rockenfelder

BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

THURSDAY, November 1 and FRIDAY November 2. The UMW is requesting the donation of cookies, pies, cakes, etc. to sell at the rummage sale on Thursday and Friday, November 1 & 2. If there is any left it will be sold on Saturday, November 3. The income from the bake sale helps support the mission projects of UMW. Thank you for all you do.

Ashland Tax-aid Program Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed for an annual program that provides tax-filing assistance. The program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Volunteers who complete a training course on taxation issues offer the free service. The AARP tax-aid program helps low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention provided to those individuals age 60 and over.

Training for volunteers will begin in January and are held at the Wooster Community Center, 241 Bever St., and in Ashland. An IRS representative may be present during some of the training and all of the course materials are provided free of charge. Volunteers must complete the training program and pass an open-book examination on tax-related issues. After completion of the training program, the volunteers commit to providing taxpayer assistance from February to mid-April.

The Ashland tax-aid program provided service to hundreds of taxpayers this past year. Returns are done electronically and computer literacy is essential.

There is currently one location that accommodates the program by providing meeting rooms: Christ United Methodist Church at 1140 Claremont Ave.

To register, apply online: www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaidvolunteer and follow prompts. For volunteer information contact AARP local coordinator Adele Franz @ 419-945-2226.



Jane Eshelman, Martha Hostler,
 Vicki Johnson,
 Marybelle Landrum, Helen Lent,
 Velma Pifer, Doris Plice, Marylyn
 Reep, Suzanne Salvo, Carol
 Sommers, Evelyn Strasbaugh,
 Norma Underwood,
 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.

COFFEE IN THE CAFÉ

Martha Buckner is looking for volunteers to help with coffee in the cafe, specifically on the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month. If interested, please call or text [419-282-1963](tel:419-282-1963) or email malbuckner@gmail.com.

HEALTH AID HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know is in need of medical items such as crutches, cane, walker, etc. we do have some available for short term use. Contact the church office or a member of the Trustees.

**Keeping up with
Our Senior Members...**

Bradford House
Connie Workman

Brethren Care
Doris Plice

Brookwood Place
Mary Ellen Budd

Good Shepherd
Paul Lifer

Kingston of Ashland
Velma Pifer

At Home
Joe-Ann Edmondson
Beulah & Gaylord 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.

**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 | Pillows |
| Canned Soups | Deodorant |
| Disposable razors | Cleaning supplies |
| Bath Soap / Body Wash | Paper Towels |
| Pasta Sauce & Pasta | Powdered Milk |
| Coffee, tea or hot chocolate | Laundry soap |

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

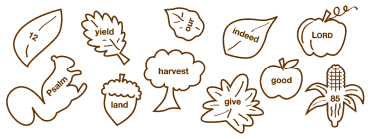





PUZZLE



HARVEST OF GOODNESS




God always provides, no matter the season.


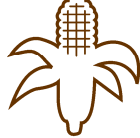

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  

what is , and 

 will  its .”

  : , NIV

Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV

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.



Heartfelt Thanks

♥ Greetings ~ Evelyn and her family wish to thank all who have been sending greetings and prayers these last several weeks—the cards are uplifting and serve as a reminder of the MANY friends and prayers on her behalf.

In Christian Love ~

The Family of Evelyn Strausbaugh

♥ The Vet's want to say THANK YOU for the great homemade pies. A reputation has developed, when they (the vets) walk in for dinner, they just keep on going to the PIE TABLE. Oh what a great problem to have—picking out a piece of pie.

God Bless each of you.
The Veterans Ministry team,
George Bringman and Debbie Rogers

♥ Dear Saints and Prayer Warriors,

I enjoy receiving your cards and seeing the signatures of those who have been keeping me in prayer with this cancer struggle that I have been engaged in for the length of this year. It has been a battle and I have been through "*many tools in their bag*" as they claim down at the James Cancer Center to try to find something that would get this cancer in control.

Many have prayed for me including Christ (Hebrews 7:25). They (God actually) finally found a tool a couple of weeks back that brought the cancer numbers (PSA) way down. It was because of the prayers of the many saints and a loving Savior that this came about.

I wanted to let you know your prayers were heard and His answer came. Cancer is very smart and figures out the plan of attack and changes it's make-up and they have to then find another tool. So don't quit praying but know the He is hearing you.

Thanks so much for your thoughtful prayers,
Tom & Becky Young

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.



Our Congregational Congratulations

to Jenise Vaughn, on being named the Coach of the Year! She coaches the Ashland High School girls volleyball team. Her family includes husband Kyle and children, Arienne and Oliver.

*The Ohio Cardinal Conference released its all-league volleyball team, and Ashland High's Jenise Vaughn received one of the top awards. Vaughn, who guided the Arrows to a 19-3 overall record and 10-2 mark in the OCC, was named Coach of the Year for the third straight year.

[*from article printed in Ashland TG 10/18/2018]

YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE



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

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.



PLEASE JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM

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[®] 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 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

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 now already planning for our busy holiday season food distribution. We also appreciate any non-perishable items used for traditional holiday meals. Currently our needs are:

Pancake mix & syrup	Soups—any kind
Canned chicken or tuna	Egg noodles
Coffee, Tea bags, Hot Cocoa	Cans of fruit
Cereal or Oatmeal	Green beans
Yams or potatoes	Stuffing mix
Turkey gravy / broth	Mushroom soup
Shampoo & Conditioner	Laundry Detergent
Deodorant (male & female)	Bath Soap
Toilet Paper & Kleenex	Dish Soap

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

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.

This is a new community outreach coming to the Ashland community. Pastor Laura has been involved with this as a founding board member since it began in 2015.



Matthew 25 Outreach Center is called to feed the hungry in our community, as we bring to life the words of Jesus found in the scripture of Matthew 25:31-40. Through the combined efforts of countless volunteers from area churches, businesses, schools, and civic organizations, our monthly FREE produce distributions provide year-round supply of fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables.

Providing food is important, but we also enjoy visiting with our guests while we conduct our food distributions. Engaging in conversations often inspire meaningful interactions, which foster the development of heartfelt relationships, as we strive to make a difference in the lives of those we encounter.

Matthew 25 Outreach Center employs a strong collaborative effort to engage the community in support of one another. Utilizing the strengths and gifts of the entire community affords the opportunity for more people to serve, leading to more people being served.

When we put our faith into action we can do more than provide much needed food - we develop personal relationships, which build trust and open hearts, allowing us to bring hope and share God's love with our friends.

You can make a difference.

We invite you to join Matthew 25 Outreach Center as we distribute food, build relationships, and share the love of God. Contact us to learn more, volunteer with us, or send your financial contribution to support this ministry.

MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH CENTER

P.O. Box 3911

Mansfield, Ohio 44907



419-961-0110



info@m25oc.org



www.m25oc.org



[facebook@m25oc.org](https://www.facebook.com/m25oc.org)

Monthly food distribution for this project will take place at Luray Lanes parking lot on E Main St. If you would like more info or want to help as a volunteer, contact Jeff Wright @ 419-961-0110 or contact Pastor Laura.



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 RUMMAGE SALE 9am-5pm 7 Education - lounge	2 RUMMAGE SALE 9am-5pm	3 RUMMAGE SALE (bag day) 9am-1pm
4 Communion All Saint's Sunday Daylight Savings Ends [Turn clocks BACK] Blood Pressure clinic—café 6 Yth @ CUMC	5 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh 7 Weekly Scrip study group	6 Election Day 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks	7 10 Ash Co Genealogy—215 10 Prayer Group—lounge 1 Quilt Guild —rm 15 Choirs practice	8 1:30 UMW Circle—rm 15 7 Church Council—rm 15	9	10
11 Veteran's Day Service 1 God's Trailblazers mystery hike 6 Yth @ FUMC	12 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh 7 Emmaus Bd—rm 108 7 Weekly Scrip study group	13 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 6 Ash Co Genealogy—fh	14 10 Ash Co Genealogy—215 10 Prayer Group—lounge 1 Spirit formation—lounge Choirs practice	15 Dec & Jan Newsletter Deadline 7 Altar Guild—library 7:30 Worship committee—rm 108	16	17 10am-1pm Matthew 25 @ Luray Lanes 10am—noon Soup & Salad prep—fh
18 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY Stewardship Pledge Sunday 11:30-1:30 JOSHUA Soup, Salad & Pie Auction—fh	19 6 Scouts-rm6 7 Weekly Scrip study group	20 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks	21 10 Ash Co Genealogy—215 10 Prayer Group—lounge OFFICE CLOSED	22 THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office Closed 12noon FH reserved	23	24
25 Christ the King 11:45 Hanging of The Greens 6 Yth @ FUMC	26 6 Scouts-rm6 & fh 7 Weekly Scrip study group	27 10 Pastors @ Downtown Perks 7 Quilt Guild—fh	28 10 Ash Co Genealogy—215 10 Prayer Group—lounge Choirs practice	29 2:30 Newsletter sent out	30	Choir Practices: 6:30pm Celebration Bells 7:15pm Chancel

WILLING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER

Greeters

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Mary Jane & Roger Amos | Sandy & Jim Pifer |
| 11 Carol & Kevin Oberholtzer | Megan & Jeff Studer |
| 18 Joan & Jim Scott | Dawn & Wayne Fryback |
| 25 Pat & Joe Denbow | Diane & Larry Moretz |

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
Fred Rafeld
Larry Portner
Steve Crone
Ken Brown

Altar Guild

Bea North
Pat Weil

Scripture Readers

- 4
11
18
25

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

- 4 Caleb Moore
11 Braden Thomas
18 Arienne Vaughn
25 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!!

JUST A REMINDER

For some, being able to enjoy a beverage while participating in worship helps add to their experience of feeling comfortable & relaxed. The Trustees would like remind everyone, and as a courtesy to our custodian, please be careful with liquid refreshments in the sanctuary to avoid spills and possible damage.

Altar Flowers

- 7 Baker
11 Barr / Veterans
18 L Kline
25

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".

BUILDING USE FORMS:

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 conflicts from happening.



Counters

Fred Rafeld
Brooke DaHinden
Ken Brown
Steve Crone

Stewardship Sunday
will be
Sunday, November 18th
during the morning
worship service.



JOSHUA SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON AND PIE AUCTION

Nov. 18th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) our Youth Missions team will be hosting a Soup & Salad Luncheon with a Pie Auction at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School. Proceeds will help support the annual JOSHUA mission trip next summer.

Please provide a pie and then together we can experience the joy of bidding them up for a nice donation to the JOSHUA mission trip. Pie anyone???



LIFE GROUPS

GOD' TRAILBLAZERS OUTING

next gathering will be **Sunday, November 11th** for a mystery hike. 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 and enjoying the beautiful season of fall. If you have other questions, contact Bob or Doris Quackenbush at 419-651-4484.

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 330-880-6089. We welcome you!

The Ashland Elks Lodge is starting an "adopt a veteran" program. If anyone knows of a veteran who is not in a nursing home, but would like to come to our dinners and activities, please contact either:

Michele LaRue @ 419-606-2971
michelelarue@donleyautogroup.com
or Gayle Lantz @ 419-496-6367
whirleygirl926@yahoo.com

with their name, address and phone number. There will be no cost for them and they will be picked up and brought home. Spouses are welcome too. Thank you for your help. If you need more information or have questions, contact George Bringman.

Caring for this world and the people in it by using our Prayers, our Presence, our Service and Witness and our Gifts.

On Sunday October 21 Martha taught our young children the three T's, Tithing, Time, and Talents. What a blessed way to introduce our children to the meaning and why of stewardship and its importance in our lives.

I thank Martha for this as we enter into our stewardship program for 2018.

Our 2019 budget is \$284,189.95 which is approximately the same amount that it has been for the past several years. I thank the trustees, church council, and everyone who has helped keeping our expenses at this level.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 18th and during the service you will be asked to come forward with your estimate of giving card and place it before the altar. Prior to this date you will receive in the mail your stewardship package. Please pray to our Lord for guidance in how you will use your financial resources in support of our church and how you may use your time and talents to support the ministries of our church, God's Church.

On Oct 21st we had teams participate in the activities of the great race, children in costumes trunk or treating, and everyone tasting and voting which chili was the best, and at the end, we enjoyed a bowl of chili, corn bread, and crackers, and meeting and talking with new people. In all we had over 100 people participating and serving. Then our young people went to Kenny O's for a hayride and weenie roast. What a great day of outreach and fellowship.

On Saturday Oct 27th we will continue our outreach with the Matthew 25 Outreach Center at Luray lanes with the free produce distribution.

Our farmers market has just ended, our rummage sale starts Nov 1 and our celebrated recovery continues every Wednesday. Pastor Laura is leading us in the way forward on the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality.

These are just few of the ways that you can serve in the missions of the church.

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Please read the newsletters, the Sunday bulletin's, and church mailings, as this is how we stay in communication with you and let you know what is happening and what events are planned. Listen and read with an open mind and an open heart so you may do what as Jesus asked us "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

God Bless,

11 Bill Whipple, Stewardship Leader



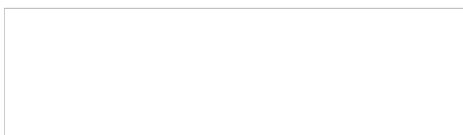
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