



changing - caring - connecting  
**COMMUNITY**  
christian church

**OUR MISSION**  
caring, connecting and  
changing people in a  
Christ-centered community

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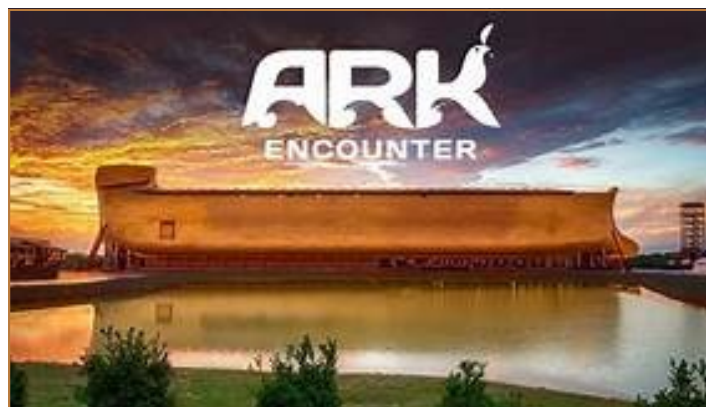
**August 3, 11am** Stop for lunch.

**Pay at time of event!** 4 & Under Free

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**WANTED  
OUTLAWS  
FOR  
GOD**

**WHAT:** Kids Reachout Roundup (VBS)  
**WHEN:** Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6-8pm  
**WHERE:** Community Christian Church 125 E Plane St., Bethel  
**WHO:** All children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (entering 6<sup>th</sup> in the fall)  
**REGISTER:** Email [3cchildren@gmail.com](mailto:3cchildren@gmail.com)  
 Call (513) 734-2232  
 Google Forms <https://goo.gl/forms/1WokSUfJcBOJu6Zl2>  
 In person on Sundays in Kids Kove, via connection card, or opening night 7/23.



You can help with our Vacation Bible School.  
Register on your Connection Card or contact Nicole.  
Volunteer Meeting, July 11, 7pm

- ⇒ Age Group Leader
- ⇒ Activity/Lesson Teacher
- ⇒ Food Prep
- ⇒ Worship Vocalists
- ⇒ Registration/Admin
- ⇒ Set Up/Tear Down
- ⇒ Lend Decorations: Anything Wild West

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Traditional Worship [8:00am]  
ABF/Sunday School [9:30am]  
Contemporary Worship [9:30am & 11:00am]

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm Closed Noon-1pm



*For me, Bible study started at a young age. I was blessed to have parents who encouraged my siblings and me to get into the word early, to learn for ourselves what it had to teach. I thought it was boring at the time, but now that I'm a student minister I'm starting to realize this personal discipline is essential to my life and future. It was through personal, inductive Bible study that I learned to really love God's word.*

*But when I look at the church around me, I don't see much emphasis on Bible study in many homes. We're encouraged to read our Bible, of course, but what the Christian culture gives us is one lesson after another on "issues," and very little encouragement to study the Scriptures in depth. But teens **need Bible study** – more than we even realize. Here are a few reasons I believe pastors, teachers, youth leaders, and Christian parents need to encourage and exhort us to study the Bible, and teach us how to do it.*

*1. We desperately need truth - No one argues that Christian teens today are facing a massive onslaught of temptation and opposition, perhaps even more so than previous generations. Chances are the youth in your church are dealing with all kinds of issues – from depression to peer pressure to the LGBT agenda to uncertainty about what lies beyond graduation.*

*2. We need to see these truths for ourselves - It's also no secret that we learn more and remember better when we enter into the process of discovery for ourselves. I've benefited hugely from the teaching of my parents, my mentors, and many others – but my greatest joy in God's word has been in the truths I discovered on my own. There's something about the process of discovery that makes the thing discovered so much more valuable. You hold it closer, and treasure it more highly.*

*Teens need this experience of discovery in the Bible. Middle and High School are often a time of searching, of discovery, and of wonder. We don't just want to be told something; we want to find it for ourselves. So, teach us to search the Scriptures and give us the tools to do it.*



**Children's Director,  
Nicole Pelvit**



**Birth-5th grade classes  
9:30 and 11am Sundays**

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## Kids Kove News

**Kids Reachout Roundup** (VBS) is quickly approaching! It is July 23-27 from 6-8pm each evening. We need MANY volunteers to make our program successful. We will need help with lessons, decorating, food, music, and much more! If you are able to help in any way please call or email me. **There will be a volunteer meeting Wednesday, July 11th, at 7pm.**

Our K-5th graders are having so much fun with our summer Sunday school series Happy Campers! While hanging out in a tent, eating s'mores and performing silly skits, we are learning about being followers of Jesus who spread the Good News to everyone around us. It has been great to watch the kids grow in their faith throughout this series, memorize their memory verse and invite Jesus into their everyday lives! Be sure to read our weekly parent pages for more details on what we learn each week and ways to make the lesson "stick" during the week.

**Sundays:** We have several open volunteer positions in all classrooms. Please prayerfully consider giving one hour each month of your time to Kids Kove and build into our youngest generation of believers.

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer! Hope to see you at VBS!

~ Nicole



We have many ministry opportunities available. Take some time to pray about where God can use you to help people in **changing, connecting and caring** at Community. Contact Connie Cravens. She would love to help you discover your piece in the 3C puzzle.



Mark Owen

## Upcoming Events



Connie Cravens

**Register for events on your Connection Card. Pay at the Connection Counter or through your offering envelope. Please have correct change. Make checks payable to 3C unless otherwise noted.**

### Women's Ministry

July 3 & 17: No Strings Attached [crocheting/cp] 7pm  
Contact: Teri Martin/Pam Price

### Recreation Ministry

Co-Ed Golf Every Sunday: Friendly Meadows  
Check the bulletin each week for tee times.  
Contact: Steve Guenther

July 8-16: 3C Riders [Wisconsin Dells]  
Contact: Steve Miller

Aug 3: Ark Encounter

Leave 11am. Stop for lunch.

Pay at time of event. Lots of walking!

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4 & Under Free Contact: Kyle Dickerson

PrimeTimer's Ministry [age 50+] Contact: Mabel Gelter

*It is important if you sign up for any event and are unable to make it please let Mabel know. If you didn't sign up in time and want to attend, give her a call.*

July 14: Belairs In Concert, 7pm

Weithorn Memorial Beach Park Leave 4:30pm.

Fireworks following concert. Eat before you go, bring your dinner, or purchase from vendors that are set up with food and drinks. Bring folding chairs and maybe a small cooler with drinks. Sign up ASAP for transportation arrangements.

Sept 13 & 14 [Thurs/Fri]: [Zinck's Inn](#) & [The Ohio Star Theatre](#)

Cost: \$160 [Berlin OH] Includes lodging, breakfast, tour of Amish farm and buggy ride and Amish/Mennonite Cultural Center with barn and school house, the play *Stolen*, and more. Two lunches are not included. See east entrance bulletin board for details. Balance Due Aug 5

### Mission's Ministry

Soup Kitchen 1st & 3rd Wed Contact: Ken Day

Mission Trip [Cairo, Egypt]

Late January/Early

February [10-14 days]

Cost: \$2000-\$2500

**\$500 deposit due by July 22nd**

3C supports the work of Safaa & Mona Fahmi through



Christian Arabic Services. While there we will lead a seminar on a topic to be determined. In addition, we will visit churches where we will share our lives with them and theirs with us. Option for an additional 2 days to travel to Luxor to see the Valley of the Kings, temples and ruins. Contact: Becky Conover or Steve Torok with any questions.

## Community 301 Discover Your



S - Spiritual Gifts H - Heart A - Abilities P - Personality E - Experiences

If you have an interest in discovering your SHAPE let Connie know and she will be happy to work out a time that works best for you.



Join us as we read together in 2018.

Pick up a full 2018 schedule in the east foyer bookrack. Also, you can [follow up on our website](#) to see the summaries of each book we are reading.

Check out our [3C Ministry Catalog](#) on our website [located at the bottom of the ministries page]. If you do not have access to a computer, pick up a copy from our bookrack in the east foyer. Take the next step and discover a place to serve.



See the bulletin, newsletter and calendar at:  
[communitychristian.cc](http://communitychristian.cc)

Click [here](#) to use GoodSearch as your internet browser and earn \$\$\$ for 3C. Every click helps!



Community Christian  
Church, Bethel OH

Use Givelify to conveniently give and track church giving from your Smartphone or through our website. Contact: Carol Lawson



If you were unable to participate in our Victory Sunday there are Intention Cards in the east foyer book rack. Just fill out the card and drop it in the Connection Counter slot. **Give through your offering envelope [check "other" and write DIG - no need to write two separate checks] or Givelify.**

### Important 3C Dates

- Every Tues:** Grief Share [Rm 207] 7-8:30pm
- 2 & 16:** Elders [Rm 207] 7pm
- 4:** Office Closed
- 4 & 18:** Soup Kitchen
- 8:** Prayer Warriors [Rm 207] 5pm
- 8-18:** 3C Riders [Wisconsin Dells]
- 11:** VBS Volunteer Meeting [fth] 7pm
- 12:** Finance Team [Rm 207] 7:05pm
- 14:** PrimeTimers [50+] Belairs Concert, Leave 4:30pm
- 15-21:** CCSM High School Mission Trip [West VA]
- 23-27:** Reach Out Round Up [Age 3-Entering 6th grade] 6-8pm

*Dan is out of town this week with our Mission Team in Memphis TN. Here is something to think about.*

There was a couple who took a trip to England to shop in a beautiful antique store to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They both liked antiques and pottery, and especially teacups. Spotting an exceptional cup, they asked "May we see that? We've never seen a cup quite so beautiful!"

As the lady handed it to them, suddenly the teacup spoke, "You don't understand. I have not always been a teacup. There was a time when I was just a lump of red clay. My master took me and rolled me pounded and patted me over and over and I yelled out, 'Don't do that. I don't like it! Let me alone.' But he only smiled, and gently said; 'Not yet!'"

"Then. WHAM! I was placed on a spinning wheel and suddenly I was spun around and around and around. 'Stop it! I'm getting so dizzy! I'm going to be sick,' I screamed. But the master only nodded and said, quietly; 'Not yet.'

"He spun me and poked and prodded and bent me out of shape to suit himself and then... Then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat. I yelled and knocked and pounded at the door. Help! Get me out of here! I could see him through the opening and I could read his lips as he shook his head from side to side, 'Not yet'."

"When I thought I couldn't bear it another minute, the door opened. He carefully took me out and put me on the shelf, and I began to cool. Oh, that felt so good! Ah, this is much better, I thought. But, after I cooled he picked me up and he brushed and painted me all over. The fumes were horrible. I thought I would gag. 'Oh, please; Stop it, Stop it!' I cried. He only shook his head and said. 'Not yet!'"

"Then suddenly he put me back in to the oven. Only it was not like the first one. This was twice as hot and I just knew I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed. I cried. I was convinced I would never make it. I was ready to give up. Just then the door opened and he took me out and again placed me on the shelf, where I cooled and waited...and waited, wondering "What's he going to do to me next?"

An hour later he handed me a mirror and said 'Look at yourself.' " "And I did. I said, 'That's not me; that couldn't be me. It's beautiful. I'm beautiful!' Quietly he spoke: 'I want you to remember, then,' he said, 'I know it hurt to be rolled and pounded and patted, but had I just left you alone, you'd have dried up. I know it made you dizzy to spin around on the wheel, but if I had stopped, you would have crumbled. I know it hurt and it was hot and disagreeable in the oven, but if I hadn't put you there, you would have cracked. I know the fumes were bad when I brushed and painted you all over, but if I hadn't done that, you never would have hardened. You would not have had any color in your life. If I hadn't put you back in that second oven, you wouldn't have survived for long because the hardness would not have held. Now you are a finished product. Now you are what I had in mind when I first began with you."

The moral of this story is this: God knows what He's doing for each of us. He is the potter, and we are His clay. He will mold us and make us, and expose us to just enough pressures of just the right kinds that we may be made into a flawless piece of work to fulfil His good, pleasing and perfect will.

So when life seems hard, and you are being pounded and patted and pushed almost beyond endurance; when your world seems to be spinning out of control; when you feel like you are in a fiery furnace of trials; when life seems to "stink", try this....

Brew a cup of your favorite tea in your prettiest teacup, sit down and think on this story and then, have a little talk with the Potter.

- Author Unknown

Meditation: *And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.* - Jeremiah 18:4