

**SEPTEMBER  
2017**

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
AND BRING A FRIEND!**



**Christ United Methodist Church**

**THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH**

*...to help people find and follow Jesus Christ*

**Our regular schedule resumes Sept. 3:**

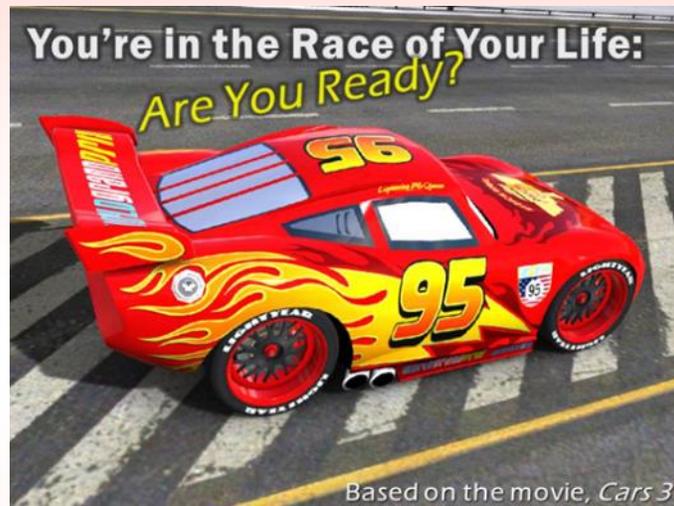
**8:45 A.M. Traditional Service**

**10:00 A.M. Sunday School for All Ages**

**10:45 A.M. Contemporary Service**

**Series: You're in the Race of Your Life.**

**Are You Ready?**



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| Sept. 3  | 1. <b>Get Ready for What's Coming</b><br><i>Holy Communion</i>                     | Lk. 5:29-39                  |
| Sept. 10 | 2. <b>The Next Generation</b><br><i>Grandparents Day</i>                           | Deut. 6:1-17                 |
| Sept. 17 | 3. <b>Do Your Words Inflate or Deflate?</b><br><i>3rd Grade Bible Presentation</i> | Eph. 4:29                    |
| Sept. 24 | 4. <b>What Drives You?</b>   | 1 Cor. 9:19-27<br>Gal. 5:1-7 |

**Our MISSION:** To help people find and follow  
Jesus Christ

**Our VISION:** by CONNECTING people  
with GOD through WORSHIP,  
with the CHURCH through whole-life  
DISCIPLESHIP, &  
with the WORLD through MISSION.



In March, 1993, I went on my Walk to Emmaus (a 72-hour retreat with God that I highly recommend to everyone!), and someone that I hadn't met prior to that weekend asked me, "Have you ever considered the ordained ministry?" I did not hesitate as I honestly and emphatically said, "No!" I assumed I would be a Sunday school teacher and Vacation Bible School Teacher, and maybe a lay leader, but the thought of being a pastor had NEVER entered my mind... However, in that moment, God spoke through another person to plant the seed of his calling in my heart... and, oh, how that seed began to germinate and grow!

Over the years, many people have told me that they wished they (like I) knew how God was calling them. Perhaps you've felt that way. If so, I want to encourage you the way I've encouraged them—pray and seek God. Ask God to open your heart so you may grow closer to him, and your eyes and ears so you may see and hear how God is calling you to serve and be part of the Body of Christ—BECAUSE GOD IS CALLING YOU!

Each and every one of us, by nature of our baptism in Christ, is called by God. If you have been baptized, then it's not a matter of *whether* God is calling you but *how* God is calling you. That is what Paul is talking about in his letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul was not writing just to the leaders in the church, but to EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH. In Eph. 4:1-13 (TNIV; emphasis added), Paul wrote:

<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received.**

<sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup> There is **one body** and one Spirit just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> **But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.**

<sup>8</sup> This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives & **gave gifts to his people.**"

... <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

<sup>12</sup> **to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up**

<sup>13</sup> **until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

If you've been baptized in Christ, you are part of the body of Christ, and God is not only calling you to do your part in building up the body of Christ, but he's given you the gifts and abilities to do so. You, however, may not have realized it. Just like God spoke through someone to help me begin to realize how God was calling me, I pray God will speak to you through these words, "How is God calling you?"

**How is God calling you to serve him and others in this world?** What gifts and talents has God given you that he expects and needs you to use to help others and build up the body of Christ? Christ purposely gives us different gifts and abilities so he can do many different things through us, and he needs us to do our part. In many churches today, 20% of the people do all the work. It's no wonder so many

people get tired and burned out; that's not the way God intended or planned. God intended for every single one of us to do our part.

Worship in the Park was a great example of many people helping and doing their part to pull it all together. Thanks to all who helped make the worship and picnic in the park so special! God blessed many others through you!

Indeed, I don't believe there is any greater blessing or joy in this world than to be who God has called us to be. **How is God calling you? What are you doing to live out God's calling on your life to help build up the body of Christ?**

The body of Christ, as the universal church, and the body of Christ at Christ UMC need you to be who God is calling you to be—because without you, our ministry is limited and hampered. We need you! Christ needs you! The world needs you! **Will you answer God's call?**

Every year at Christ UMC, we ask and encourage people to pray about how God is calling them to serve in the coming year, and then, to let us know by filling out a "Service and Mission" form. Unfortunately, only a few usually do. Will this year be different? Will you please (1) pray about how God is calling you to build up the body of Christ, (2) fill out the form (available in worship, at the Connection Center, and on our website: <http://www.christum-baltimore.com/resources/service--mission-at-christ-umc.html>) and then (3) return it to the church office as soon as possible? This year, we have vital openings in our music ministries (see below).

**Would you please pray about whether God is calling you so we can continue these important ministries?**

God is calling you to use the gifts he's given you to build up the body of Christ and help others find eternal life in Christ! **God is calling YOU and counting on YOU!**

Serving you and with you, *Alice*

**Is God calling YOU?**



Christ United Methodist Church is looking for volunteers to serve in one or more of four different music ministries:

1. Praise Band Director
2. Choir Director
3. Choir Pianist
4. Traditional Service Substitute Pianist

Please pray about these opportunities to discern if God is calling you or if you know someone God might be calling. For a detailed ministry description of these music ministries, go to [www.christum-baltimore.com/resources/music-ministry-opportunities.html](http://www.christum-baltimore.com/resources/music-ministry-opportunities.html)

If you are interested in or have questions about any of these ministries, please contact Pastor Alice Wolfe ([pastor@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:pastor@christum-baltimore.com) OR 740-862-4343).

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS WITH ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED!**

## Administrative Council Report

Before I get in to the details of Ad Council activities from our last meeting on July 24, I would like express my appreciation for the dedicated participation of all members of the Council and other interested members of our church in the Ad Council meetings. Since the Ad Council is the legislative branch of our church, the larger participation results in more discussion related to the decisions made that ultimately affect the entire membership.

Some of the actions that the Ad Council has taken during our July 24 meeting are summarized below. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on those actions. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached via email at [tjames@indenv.com](mailto:tjames@indenv.com) or by my cell phone which is (812) 305-0734. Copies of our meeting minutes are available in the Church Office or can be emailed upon request.

**The following resolutions were made and approved by the Council:**

**Regarding the repairs to the Fellowship Hall, a motion was made and unanimously approved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$19,000 to complete the mold remediation and installation of the a new heating and air conditioning system for the Fellowship Hall. Funds for this project will be made from the "Improvement Account".**

**A resolution was and unanimously approved to appropriate \$2,000 to replace all commodes in the main church.**

With respect to the designated funds that were inadvertently accessed in the past for operating expenses, a previous commitment to replenish those funds once proceeds from the sale of the former parsonage were available was discussed. After vigorous debate, it was decided to reimburse those funds. The following resolution was introduced. **A motion was made, seconded and approved by hand vote with two opposing votes to replenish those designated funds in the total amount of \$23,749 from the "Improvement Account". The Improvement Account will be replenished from the Operating Account in the amount of \$500 per month when the balance in the Operating Account exceeds \$45,000. The payments will be distributed as follows:**

- **Bell choir:** \$ 6,749
- **Sending Love Over There:** \$12,000
- **Rebekah Circle:** \$ 4,000
- **Funeral Meals:** \$ 1,000

Other items discussed at the Council meeting are summarized as follows:

Richard Blackstone (Trustee Chairperson) advised that the sale of the former parsonage netted approximately **\$156,000** which will be placed in an "Improvement Account" that can be utilized to fund necessary repairs and improvements to our facility. He also indicated that four families loaned approximately \$80,000 (interest free) for the new parsonage renovation that made this transition possible. Three of the families prefer to remain anonymous while the fourth family (Steve Harmon) chose to donate his loan of \$20,000 to the church as a memorial for Jack Van Dine. A letter of thanks will be sent to all families that loaned funds for the new parsonage renovation and suitable recognition of the generous gift from Steve Harmon will be made in the near future.

With regard to nominations, Pastor Alice noted a change in the 2017 Lay Leadership Team roster. Dana Hoisington will replace Diane Friesner as the chairperson for the Blood Drive.

Pastor Alice also noted that the attendance for the Summer Services has not resulted in an increase in the number of attendees normally attending both of the separate services.

Denise Vandermark and Dottie Harmon noted approximately 90 persons attended the string quartet concert on July 23 as part of the Lancaster Festival activities.

Prayers were asked for Dick & Jean Weidner (health concerns), Mike Donnally (recently passed), Michael Burns (Mission trip to Dominican Republic), Baby Jack Schooler (recent trip to emergency room), Glenna Hoisington (upcoming surgery), Brian Simpson (ongoing health concerns), Helen Hodsden (aging health concerns), and Andy Fey (back Surgery).

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## TIM & SUE COOPER

The Baltimore Food Pantry has had an exciting summer. We have increased the square footage of the pantry to better serve families and to better store the reserve supplies and thus take advantage of bulk purchases. If you haven't been to see us lately please arrange for a visit. Better yet we are always looking for volunteers. Just see Tim or Sue Cooper and they can help you.



As for the needs for this month - as we enter the colder months and the needs of our families increase - please be diligent in your giving and intentional in your desire to help this ministry grow. I am going to list the staples that we provide each family every month so you can decide what to give and you can take advantage of the specials at the grocery stores (like 10 items for \$10).

We give: canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, noodles, canned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.),

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macaroni and cheese, rice or rice mixes (rice-a-roni), cake mix, jello, pudding, corn bread mix, boxed potatoes, stuffing and lots of soup and chunky soup. We also provide personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, and toilet paper along with dish washing detergent. Don't forget cereal and saltine crackers.

If you want to narrow down that list, we can concentrate this month on tomato, chicken noodle and vegetable soup. Chunky soup is always appreciated because it is a bit pricey, but can be used as a main meal item over rice or noodles.

We thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry. May God's blessings rain down on all of you.

Tim & Sue Cooper

## MASTER'S GARDENERS

With all the rain we've had this summer, the flower beds at the church are full and blooming.

The purple coneflowers in Sue Cooper and Betty Jo Merle's garden are in this first photo.



## Enjoy Our Beautiful Flowers

Jill Johnson's sedum, brown eye Susan and day lilies are blooming in this other photo.



Thank you to all the gardeners for your work and dedication to beautify the church entry and gardens.

## REBEKAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah Circle met Monday, August 14 in the parlor with seven members present. We reviewed the June Yard Sale and voted to donate \$300 to the church general fund to assist with the cost of air conditioning the Family Life Center during the yard sale. The 2018 Yard Sale is scheduled for June 14, 15 and 16. Items can be dropped off starting June 4, 2018.

The parlor has been cleaned, walls painted and updated with new carpet, couches and recovered chairs. We haven't been successful in purchasing a replacement flat screen TV for the church that is compatible with our existing equipment, but will continue to work on this. Our next project will be replacing curtains and curtain rods in the nursery and some of the Sunday School classrooms.

## Updated Parlor Room

We will meet again Monday, November 6 at 7 pm in the parlor. All women of the church are welcome.



Re-decorated Parlor Room at Christ UMC



## Youth & Family News



### Please add these upcoming events to your calendar :

If you have any questions Please contact : Tiffany Jones 419-376-2546  
Kid's Club will be held on Wednesday's starting September 6th and will follow LU's school calendar. (If there is no school, there will be no kid's club) for Preschool to 3rd graders. Preschool and Pre-K will meet in the Fellowship Hall following school. Elementary age students can be dropped off in the Aqua room after school. (They will not miss any programming) You must be registered to attend. Our Facebook page, Christ UMC Baltimore, has more information and the link to register. The program will offer Bible Story, Games, a craft and a snack. Pick up is at 5:00 pm. If you would like to help with kid's club please contact Tiffany.



**Honoring Grandparents**

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is Grandparent's Day! Grad a donut and some coffee or juice with your Grandparent or someone special to you. A table will be set up in the narthex.

Our next youth meeting for 4th-12th Graders will be Sunday, September 17th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Please note the new time. A snack will be provided.



We have moved the date to try to not conflict with 4-H. If there are other dates we need to be aware of, please let us know. Tiffany will have bible study with 4th-6th graders and Julie Ulrich will lead the 7th-12th grade bible lesson in the youth room. Friends are always welcome!

\*\* If you are entering the 4th grade you are welcome to join us!\*\*



Presentation of Bibles

Those youth entering the 3rd grade will be presented with a bible during either worship service on Sunday, September 17th.

If your child is entering the 3rd grade and has not been contacted by the church office, please let us know so we can add them to the list!



Sunday School will return to the 10:00- 10:40am time slot on Sunday, September 3rd with church services at 8:45 and 10:45 am. Please note there is no move up Sunday this year. All of the students, with the exception of those entering 9th grade, will remain in their normal classroom due to class sizes.

Thank you for the Sunday School offering donations. We have raised \$130.00 for the Baltimore Community VBS Heifer International project. It was enough to buy 1 ewe! We will be collecting money and items for Operation Christmas Child next. A donation list will be sent home with your child shortly. Thank you for your continued support.

## KRISTY SCHOOLER

**And thy right hand shall hold me. ~Psalm 139:10**

Change. I don't hate it, or dread it. But I'll admit I don't always find it easy. Many times when change comes, which it often does, I feel like I'm in an "in-between" place...a kind of suspension. My life has lost its natural sense of flow.

Sometimes the natural rhythm of life is jarred by divorce, loss of a job, a personal failure, disappointment, household move. Even positive events such as a graduation, the birth of a baby, a major success, (a child's wedding!) can jolt our lives to the point where everything stops and time stands still. Things don't feel "normal."

These times sometimes make me feel uncomfortable, sad, unsettled. Occasionally I feel a real loss and I wonder what's going to happen next? What should I do now? How will this change the direction I should take? I have to spend some time thinking and praying about

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where I am and where God might be directing me.

When I'm caught in these "in-between" times, I think about Jesus the three days he was in the tomb. That was surely an in-between time for Him! But He had victory over the grave! He was risen to new life!

I'm thankful He has a plan and will guide me into the next stage of my life, the next chapter. I'm thankful He doesn't change, no matter what else does, and that He will walk with me every step of the way.

Teach me, Lord, to dwell not on fading sunsets, but renewing dawn.

Keep praying and praising,  
Kristy Schooler



## GAYLE MCCREERY

### A Personal Message From Gayle



Greetings my church Family!

The little person to the left will be "ME" for the next few months. I am taking leave from the work that I do with The Good Neighbors in the Vil-

lage, Inc. and from program involvement at CUMC.

Jerry and I are downsizing, not moving away, but there is much sorting to be done as any Boomer will know of "stuff" that has collected from parents, grandparents and such. I

## Deaconess Note

have been making little progress when my days are broken up with the work that I dearly love to do in the community and the church. FOCUS is my mantra from September to January 2018.

Please keep us in your prayers as I work to simplify and ultimately free myself up to resume mission and ministry next year.

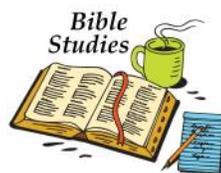
Blessings,  
Gayle McCreery  
Deaconess

P.S. I haven't taken a vow of silence, so calls are welcome!

## FRANK ANDERSON

The Wednesday Night Bible study will begin a 12-week Book of James study on September 13. I want to encourage all church members or attendees and your friends to come out and join in the discussion whenever available. This is a good way to get into the Bible and study God's word while developing new friendships.

There is no need to purchase any materials, just meet in the parlor on Wed. Class starts at 6:00 pm till 7:00 pm.



Discipleship Co-Chair

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

However, any new ideas on any changes would be appreciated. Once again, everyone is welcome to attend. Questions, call 740-862-9223. Thanks!

Frank  
Anderson

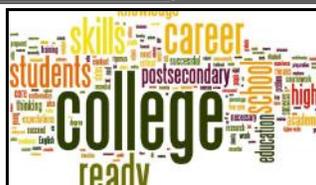
Study starts on:

- ♦ Sept. 13 - James 1:1-12
- ♦ Sept. 20 - James 1:13-18
- ♦ Sept. 27 - James 1:19-17

## SHEILA BURNS

Christ UMC Families,

We would like to stay in contact with our college students over time. If you have a college student that attends or attended Christ UMC, please send their updated email address, birthdate, address & phone number to Shelia Burns with our College Connection Team. We like to keep in touch with each student and send special gifts.



## College Connection Team

You can email Shelia at [emdmom3@hotmail.com](mailto:emdmom3@hotmail.com) or call 740-862-6718. If you have any questions please contact me.

Thanks for all your help so that these students know that Christ UMC is praying & thinking of them!!

Shelia Burns,  
College Connection Team

## HOLLY HARMAN FACKLER

## Good Neighbors in the Village

Dear Partners in Service,

School has begun and that means the After School Program sponsored by Good Neighbors in the Village and hosted at Faith Lutheran Church is underway. And it means that you will see monthly nudges in this space offering you the chance to get involved in a program that is changing lives. During 2016-17, 24 adults and 16 high school students helped provide a supportive, interesting, and helpful learning (and play) environment to some 35 Liberty Union students who may otherwise have gone home to an empty house. Quite a few of those volunteers will return, but more are needed as we become better equipped to meet the academic challenges of our students and respond to their curiosity and interests. In particular, we need volunteers who can help our students explore their interest in music and singing. We need nature lovers, gardeners, bird watchers, woodworkers, scientists, mechanics, artists, crafters, etc. If you have a hobby that fascinates you, chances are that it might inspire one of "our" kids, especially if it can be introduced to them in a hands-on way. Volunteers don't have to commit to being at the After School Program every day. You can come once and do a project. Or you can come once a week, or once a month, or everyday for a week. For more information, contact Kay Williamson (ASP administrator) at 740-407-7554, or Deb Fisher (ASP board chair) at 740-407-2245.

The Summer Lunch Program experienced lower attendance this year than last, causing us to question whether our model for getting food to children and families in need is the right one for our community. We have formed a working group to try to better understand the local need and consider options for 2018. Does our program need to look beyond delivering calories to examining ways in which we can help build the capacity of families to stretch food dollars and simultaneously get better nutrition? If you have an interest in being part of this working group, please contact me (see number below). All that said, we appreciate the efforts of kitchen leads, cooks, servers, cleaner uppers, door and restroom monitors, craft wizards, bakers, and all those who contributed time and talent toward this Summer's Lunch Program, or who provided items for the take-home bags.



Our ramp builders have been pretty busy this year, but if you or someone you know has a legitimate need for a wheelchair ramp, please call us. We can help.

We've set Dec. 10 as our annual date for caroling. We'll soon contact the music/choir directors at partner churches and invite them to contribute some voices. We also will need names and addresses of households that could use a visit from these bearers of Christmas cheer.

### Good Neighbors' weekly activities

- Bible study: 2 p.m. Mondays at Walnut Creek Village Apartments, led by Worth Harman
- Chair volleyball: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at CUMC Family Life Center, followed by a hot lunch at 11.
- After School Program: 2:30 to 6 p.m. every day that school's in session.

### Save the dates

- ASP board meeting, 6 p.m. Sept. 6 at Faith Lutheran Church
- Good Neighbors quarterly board meeting, 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at New Zion UM Church
- Caroling, Dec. 10

**REMINDER:** During the next few weeks, Meijer's Simply Give program will benefit the Baltimore Food Pantry, a ministry that serves everyone in this community in one way or another. Between now and Sept. 16, Meijer will give \$10 in food purchases to the pantry for every \$10 you donate to the pantry when you visit the Lancaster store. And on the "double match days" of Sept. 1 and 2, Meijer will match each \$10 donation with \$20. Use the Simply Give cards being distributed among area churches or that are available near the checkouts at Meijer (be sure the bar code on the card is 0882002527). You can make your donation when you purchase your groceries.

Is God calling you to be a Good Neighbor? There is work to be done.

Holly Harman Fackler, chair  
hjh409@gmail.com  
419-564-0964

## MARDI MCCLUER

## Outreach & Missions Chair

### Your Change is Greatly Appreciated!

Thank you so much for your change that goes to "Coins for Missions". So far this year the Coins for Missions have contributed to the Empty Bowls Community Fund Raiser in the amount of \$400.00, to Care Portal towards requested needs in the amount of \$300 and Cru for missionary work on the Athens college campuses in the amount of \$300.00.

This week the Coins for Missions purchased cookies that were given to all of the teachers & staff (168 total) at the

Liberty Union Schools as a reminder that CUMC is praying for them and appreciates all they do for the children of the community.

Please consider emptying your pockets and purses of loose change every Sunday and place all of those coins in the offering plate in order to continue this wonderful mission.

Thank you and blessings!  
Mardi McCluer  
Outreach & Missions Chair



# ATTENDANCE

## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE July /August 2017

7/30

8/6

8/13

8/20

8/27

Attendance Traditional Service					
Attendance Contemporary Service					
Special Sunday Service/Summer Sundays (9:00 am Combined Worship Service)	Youth Sunday	Communion Sunday	Prayer Walk Ice Cream Social	Blessing of the Back- packs	Worship in the Park
Total Attendance for Summer Sundays	132	122	165	130	112
Attendance Sunday School	54	65	66	63	0

Please Note: It is important for everyone to fill out the Connect Cards on Sunday so that the attendance records and reports I need to run are accurate. It also helps me with knowing how many bulletins to run every Sunday along with other important information. Thank you!

Darcy Soliday, Admin. Asst.

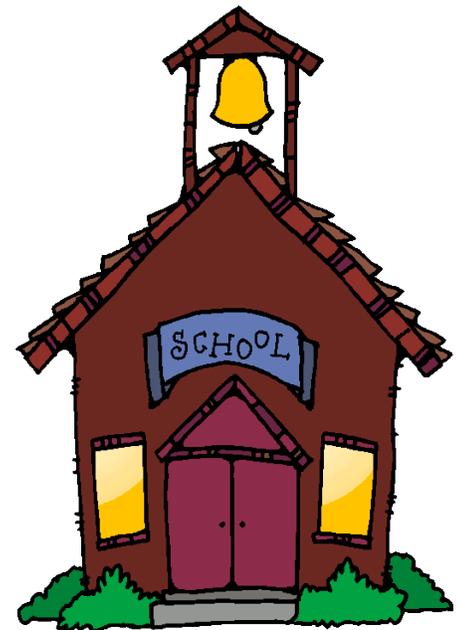
## FINANCIAL UPDATE DARLA REEDY, TREASURER

2017

July

YEAR to DATE

OPERATING INCOME	31,532	212,330
OPERATING EXPENSES	27,678	202,224
Sunday School	182	1,669
Coins for Missions	87	729
MORTGAGE BALANCE	1,219,523	

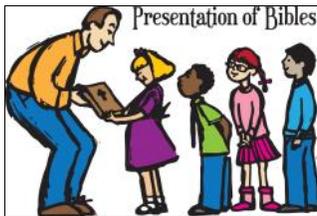


# MORE CUMC NEWS!

## 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

We look forward to presenting Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in worship on **Sunday, September 17**

Please contact the church office (740-862-4343 or e-mail [office@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:office@christum-baltimore.com)) and let us know of any children involved at Christ UMC who are



*entering the third grade this fall, or any elementary children who are older, but have not received a Bible from us.*

Attention Christ UMC Women  
Invite to Faith Lutheran

**Women's Guest Night**  
**Monday, Sept. 25, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

For those that are quilters or interested in quilts, our program will be of interest to you. Our speaker will be Denise Hartley from the Quilters Group at Olivedale.

Faith Lutheran Women will also be sharing their own quilts.

Following the program will be door prizes & refreshments.

Contact Darcy at Christ UMC church office if you are interested in going.  
740-862-4343 or email [office@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:office@christum-baltimore.com)



## LU Schools 5th Quarter

Baltimore United Methodist Church hosts a gathering of the LU Middle & High School kids after each home football game.

**Time: 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm**

**Place: Baltimore UMC**

### Ways You Can Help

Needed are cookies. They can be baked and donated at any time. The church will freeze them. Helpers are needed to serve & chaperone kids. There is a Baltimore policeman at each event also. Monetary donation helps cover the cost of 26 pizzas (\$200). This is a great opportunity for a group from Christ UMC to choose a night to cover all or part of these needs.

Home game schedule is:

9/8/17	10/6/17
9/22/17	10/20/17

Contact Frances Wels at  
740-438-6784.



Please Join St.  
Michaels UCC to  
Celebrate 200 Years!

**1817 - 2017**

on September 10, 2017

**3:00 P.M.**

also they are having a

**Chicken Dinner**

**Thursday, September 7, 2017**

**4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Dine in or carry out/Open to the public  
Chicken, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles,  
green beans, slaw or applesauce, desert & drink

**Adults: \$10 & Kids meals available**

17th Annual Craft & Antique Show  
Saturday, October 28  
9 AM to 3 PM

**Our Annual Mission Craft/Antique Show is fast approaching and we wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to continue to be supportive in the following ways:**

**Remember this event in your thoughts and prayers:** This year again, our main project will be "Sending Love Over There". Keep the military men and women in your prayers.

**Donate your time:** We need volunteers Friday morning the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to get spaces ready and 6 pm to 8 pm to help the vendors unload. Also Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 am and 3 pm to help with the vendors.

**Transportation People:** Need drivers at both am and pm times to transport the vendors and workers to and from the elementary parking lot.

**Publicity:** Louise Smith is in charge of the yard signs, posters and newspaper articles. The yard signs will be available in September and they must be signed out. There will also be a sign up sheet in the office for posters to take to work, give to friends, neighbors, etc. We need your help to get the word out!! Please post on your Facebook pages.

**Baked Goods:** We need cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, candies, cup cakes, sweet rolls, bread, no bake cookies, snack food mixes, jellies & jams. Sharon Anderson is in charge of the bake sale. There will be forms out at the Connection Counter the first of October for you or you can call Sharon Anderson at 740-756-7265 to let her know what you'll be making for the bake sale.

**Sales Vendors:** In June we communicated with our listing of vendors from previous years and responses are coming in from the vendors. Fellowship Hall spaces are full already & the Family Life Center is filling fast! If you know anyone who might like to be a vendor, have them contact us for information asap.

**Sharon Gates 614-864-5550 and Becky Ety 740-862-4050**

## New Member Class

Are you interested in joining Christ United Methodist Church or learning more about what it means to be a member?

If so, contact Pastor Alice [pastor@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:pastor@christum-baltimore.com) or 740-862-4343 to register or get more information.

Classes will be scheduled in late October, November, and/or early December at a time convenient for persons interested.



## *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Where did Summer go? It's time to dust off your crochet hook or knitting needles. We will start up our regular meetings on Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 at 10:00 in the church parlor. Please come and join us as we make shawls and prayer squares to bring comfort to those who could use a " Hug from God". We have patterns and yarn to get you started.

If you have any questions please contact the church office or Bernie Anderson.

Fall Blessings to all,  
Bernie Anderson

## Men's Breakfast

Christ UMC Men's Group invite all men to join us Sunday

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

at

**7:30 am**

in the

**Fellowship Hall**



**Food & drink provided**

**We will have a short meeting**

**All Men are Welcome!**

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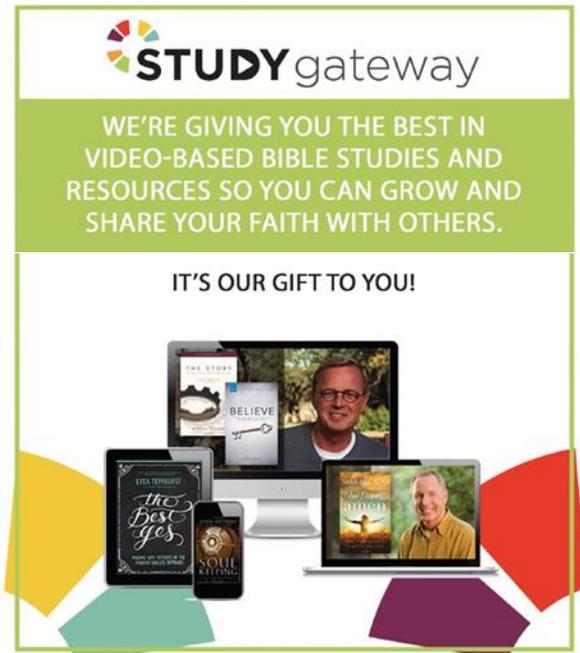
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## **Mark Your Calendar!**

**2017 Charge Conference Date is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 in  
Lancaster, OH.**

**More Information Coming in October's Issue!**

# CELEBRATIONS & THANK YOU'S!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Mary Ann Thompson, Kevin Wagner
- 2 Gary Taylor
- 4 Ken Warling
- 5 Jeanne Dulin, Autumn Miller, Jerry Osborne
- 7 Lily Endsley
- 8 Blake Schooler
- 10 Jacob Berlekamp
- 11 Ruth Sims
- 12 Becky Blackstone
- 13 Samuel Petty, Scarlet Shreyer,  
Dan Thompson
- 14 Melissa Bader
- 15 Andy Ety, Kennedy Maxwell
- 16 Kathy Poth
- 17 Melanie Keller, Celler O'Toole
- 18 David Stump
- 23 Libby Fackler Spangler
- 24 Katy Endsley, Gwentyth McCreery
- 25 Jan Kemmerer, Glen Sims
- 26 Colton Holland
- 27 Erik Hoisington, Mary Mandeville
- 28 Martha Dowd
- 30 Dave Friesner



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To Our Friends at Christ UMC,  
We just want to thank you all so much for the generous gift we received. Your \$300.00 special gift is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the fall semester. We will be keeping you all in our prayers over the coming weeks. Thanks again!

In Christ,  
Clay & Emily Selway



Dearest Christ UMC Children,

Thank you for your caring cards. It is so sweet of you to think of us. Yes, Jesus loves all of us and gives us many blessings.

Lots of love,  
Dick & Jean Weidner



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Brenda Snider	September 1
John & Connie Mandeville	September 4
David & Jennifer Lodge	September 8
Kevin & Carol Craig	September 13
Ed & Karen Duggan	September 14
Mark & Carla Huntwork	September 15
Tony & Ashleigh Traster	September 20
Blake & Chelsea Schooler	September 21
Matt & Chris Shreyer	September 22
JR & Trudi Coakley	September 23
Jay & Tammy Harris	September 23
Rich & Alicia Clum	September 25
Pat & Elaine Quinn	September 25
Barry & Holly Hettler	September 28



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Dianne Miller for her years of service as our High School Sunday School Class teacher.

You have been a blessing!

Together we help  
"quench" the "thirst"  
for knowledge!



We appreciate you!

Thank you for the thoughtful note and bag of cookies. I really appreciate the kind words, prayers and appreciation for what we do for our kids here in Baltimore.



Holly M. Griffin  
Liberty Union HS Assistant Principle



# September 2017

## Christ United Methodist Church



Please Note: The information on the calendar is subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
<b>3 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>7:30 am (FH)</b> 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10:45 am Contemp	<b>4 Church Office Closed</b> 7 pm Canal Strings (FH) 	5 7 pm Trustees (FH)	6 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 6 pm Bible Study (P)	7  	8  	9  
		<b>Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm</b> ← →				
<b>10 Grandparents Day</b> 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10:45 am Contemp 4 pm Court of Honor (FH)	11 6:45 pm Worship Team (L)	12 10 am Prayer Shawl (P) 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	13 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	14 7 pm SPRC (L)	15  	16  
		<b>Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm</b> ← →				
<b>17 3rd Grade Bible Presentation</b> 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 8:45 am Contemp 6 pm 4th-12th Grade Youth	18 7 pm Canal Strings (FH)	19  	20 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Senior Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH)	21 10 am Baltimore Seniors (FH)	22  	23  
		<b>Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm</b> ← →				
24 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10:45 am Contemp	25 5:30 pm Finance (FH) 7 pm Admin Board (FH)	26 10 am Prayer Shawl (P) 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH) <b>Darcy at PAUMCS Conference</b>	27 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club 6 pm Bible Study (P) <b>Preschool Open House 6:30 pm</b>	28  	29  	30  
		<b>Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm</b> ← →				



**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

- ◆ **8:45 a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship**
- ◆ **10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School for all ages**
- ◆ **10:45 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Worship**

*Our **MISSION** is to help people find and follow Jesus Christ, by (**VISION**) connecting people with **GOD** through worship, connecting people with the **CHURCH** through whole-life discipleship, and connecting people with the **WORLD** through mission.*

**Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Alice Wolfe</b> <i>pastor@christum-baltimore.com</i> Generally in the office, Tues., Wed., & Thurs.; Hours vary (Call any time for appointment)
<b>Children's Director</b>	<b>Tiffany Jones</b> <i>children@christum-baltimore.com</i>
<b>Administrative Asst.</b>	<b>Darcy Soliday</b> 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. <i>office@christum-baltimore.com</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Darla Reedy</b> 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tues. <i>treasurer@christum-baltimore.com</i>
<b>Preschool Director</b>	<b>Diane Friesner</b> <i>preschool@christum-baltimore.com</i>
<b>Pianist</b>	<b>Julie Ulrich, Kathy Poth</b>
<b>Custodians</b>	<b>Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark</b>

***ATTENTION!***

**We are emailing our newsletters!**

If you would like to receive your church newsletter by email, please contact the church office.



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