

**NOVEMBER
2017**



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

Our Worship Services

8:45 A.M. Traditional Service

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

10:45 A.M. Contemporary Service

I WILL!

**NINE TRAITS OF THE
OUTWARDLY FOCUSED CHRISTIAN**

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| Nov. 5 | 6. I Will Serve"
All Saints' Sunday; <i>Communion</i> | Mat. 20:20-28 |
| Nov. 12 | 7. I Will Make a Difference
Consecration Sunday | Isa. 6:1-8 |
| Nov. 19 | 8. I Will Focus on What Christ Has
Done for Me | 1 Thess. 5:18
1 Cor. 12 |
| Nov. 26 | The Symbols of Advent and Christmas | |

Nov. 21 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 p.m.
At Christ UMC - We hope you'll join us!

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.

Christ United Methodist Church

THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH

...to help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Our nation and world have experienced a lot of suffering in recent months—terrible and tragic shootings and bombings, earthquakes, fires, floods, multiple hurricanes, death, disease, dis-ease, division, unrest, misunderstandings, and conflict of many kinds. We, as individuals and a church, have also experienced some of these. In the midst of such trying times and thorny situations, we're tempted to complain, blame, or grow angry or cynical. But one response we may tend to forget is this: to give thanks.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV), Paul wrote,
**Give thanks in all circumstances,
 for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

Certainly Paul couldn't have meant to give thanks in *all* circumstances; not when our lives or the world may seem to be falling apart. But that is *exactly* what Paul meant. He and thousands of Christians in the first century faced terrible suffering, persecution, and death—just for following Jesus and sharing his love. And in that in all things, he said, we are to give thanks. Why? Paul explains, "This is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." You see, even when life and the world we know seem to fall apart around us, we still have Jesus and can give thanks for him, his life, his death, his resurrection, and the hope, healing, and new and everlasting life Jesus offers us through all that. Paul's point is this: Even if we have nothing else than Jesus, we still have reason to give thanks.

James, however, takes it a step further—calling us to not just thank God *in* all circumstances, but to

- ² **Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
 whenever you face trials of many kinds,**
- ³ **because you know that the testing of your faith
 develops perseverance.**
- ⁴ **Perseverance must finish its work so that you
 may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

(James 1:2-4, TNIV)

Even though we may not like or enjoy the circumstances of life at times, God can use it to help us grow in our faith and become more mature in Christ. The thorny trials can help us turn to God and learn to pray and trust him even more. Just in the past month, I've had two people tell me that God is using their life challenges to help them grow in their faith, and they are experiencing a deeper relationship with Christ than they have ever known. God is so good! He doesn't waste the hurts of life; he can use them for our good! As Paul said in Romans 8:28,

**And we know that in all things God works
 for the good of those who love him,
 who have been called according to his purpose.**

As we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, all the while experiencing thorny trials, let us learn to thank God for our thorns: **"My God, I have never thanked You for my thorns. I have thanked You a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my thorns. Teach me the glory of the cross I bear; teach me the value of my thorns. Show me that I have climbed closer to You along the path of pain. Show me that, through my tears, the colors of Your rainbow look much more brilliant."** (Author unknown)

Thanking God for you and the thorns of life,

Alice



In light of all the suffering in our world, we encourage you in this upcoming season of giving to give gifts that can change lives in this world and the next. In-

stead of giving gifts that people don't want or need, gifts that are two sizes too small or too big, or gifts that break or only last a short time, we encourage you to give to people who have experienced tragedy and trials and help them rebuild their lives—and find eternal life in Jesus Christ.

This year's Christmas offering will be split between CarePortal and UMCOR:



CarePortal brings the needs of hurting children and families in your community to your attention. Child welfare workers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. For

more information, see careportal.org.



The United Methodistist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and develop-

ment arm of The United Methodist Church. One hundred percent of all gifts go directly to the designated need. Our Christmas offering will go to help people in the recent hurricanes, fires, and disasters in the United States and Puerto Rico. For more information, see umcor.org.



Is God calling YOU?

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

1. Praise Band Director (*part-time, paid position*)
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

If you are interested in or have questions about any of these ministries, please contact Pastor Alice Wolfe (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 the September meeting, I would like express my appreciation for everyone who diligently attend our meetings and provide valuable input to the decisions that affect the future of Christ United Methodist Church.

The following actions and resolutions were addressed in our last meeting. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached via email at 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. All Council meetings are open to everyone. Check the church calendar for meeting dates and times.

The following resolutions were made and approved by the Council:

1. With respect to the rescinding hiring freeze that is presently in effect it was decided that the hiring freeze would be rescinded on a limited basis to allow the SPRC committee to seek a director for the praise band which is a paid position in the amount of \$4,366 annually. This will respond to the overwhelming need for a leader of the contemporary service to continue ministering to those who regularly attend that service.
2. As noted by the trustees, the stained glass window in the main sanctuary balcony is in need of repair. **A motion to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 to repair the stained glass window and replace several fans in the sanctuary was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Funding for the project will be made from the Improvement Fund.**
3. Regarding the altar flowers, due to the retirement of Peggy Hutchinson as the person responsible for coordinating the flower arrangements, **a motion was made to authorize Hoffman Flowers to provide \$25 arrangements for each Sunday for the remainder of the calendar year. The motion was unanimously approved.**

I have agreed to continue as Ad Council Chairperson for 2018 and look forward to fulfilling those duties to the best of my ability. I am always open to suggestions and welcome all input from our members, regular attenders, and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom James
Ad Council Chairperson

Annual Turkey Supper

Sat., Nov. 11th

4 - 7 PM

Family Life Center

\$10 Adults Children ~ \$5 Child (child 10 and under)

Carry Out Available



Uncooked turkey breasts can be ordered again this year. They average 6 to 8 pounds each. We don't have a cost per pound at this time. **The deadline to order is Nov 1.** They will be delivered with our turkey supper ingredients the week of November 6. Louise Smith will contact you with your cost, when and where your order can be picked up. To place an order contact Louise at 740-862-6018 or email to louisessmith2007@hotmail.com

MENU

Turkey/Gravy	Cole Slaw
Dressing	Cranberry Salad
Mashed Potatoes	Homemade Pies
Green Beans	Lemonade, Iced Tea
Rolls	Coffee



Youth & Family News



Please add to your calendar these Upcoming events:

If you have any questions Please contact : Tiffany Jones 419-376-2546



Join us on Sunday, November 5th for a fun night of youth group for 4th-12th graders. We will meet in the FLC from 6:00– 7:30 pm for games, crafts, and bible study. Snacks provided. Friends are always welcome.



Boxes are Due and will be blessed during worship on Sunday, November 5th. Boxes are on a table in the narthex. Don't forget to fill out the "Let's Be Friends" page too!

This year no GUM, TOOTHPASTE, CANDY, FOOD (along with shampoo and conditioner) are allowed in the boxes. They recommend adding a wow item like a soccer ball and pump, stuffed animal, doll, car, etc. Washcloths and bar soap are also needed. Please don't forget if you pack pencils or colored pencils to include a pencil sharpener as well. You can see all of the ideas listed at www.samaritanspurse.org.



Beginning Sunday, November 5th we will begin rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Pageant during Sunday School. We will all meet in the FLC at 10:00 am and have practice from 10:00-10:15 am. We will dismiss to their classrooms for lessons. (Please drop off your child in the FLC and pick up in their normal classrooms at 10:40 am) The Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 17th at our one combined 10:00 am service. Dress Rehearsal will be held that day at 9:00 am in the FLC. We will have our run through and Happy Birthday Jesus Party with Family Dinner on Saturday, December 16th beginning at 5:00 pm. Please mark your calendars.



Also on November 5th from 2-4 pm in the FLC we will have the community resource fair again this year. There will be a section for youth to complete a service project. It's fun to come and do as a family!



Preschool to 3rd graders are invited to join us for a fun filled after noon at Kid's Club on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 pm. We learn about Jesus through games, crafts, and story time. Register online today! More information is provided on the church website.

TIM & SUE COOPER

Food Pantry Ministry

Well here we are - another month, another season, a change of time. Hard to believe another season of need will be upon us. The Food Pantry will be distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets as is their custom. However, the needs remain great for the upcoming winter for all clients.

Those things most needed:

- ♦ Chunky Soups
- ♦ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ♦ Soap



- ♦ Shampoo
 - ♦ Dishwashing Detergent
- Thank you again for your energized support of this ministry.

May God bless you and your families during the up-coming Holidays. And REMEMBER to GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS and in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Tim & Sue Cooper

Food Pantry Outreach Coordinators

GOOD TIMERS

Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen & dining area during the Craft Show and to the pie bakers who donated popular homemade pies!

We have one event scheduled for November. The Annual Turkey Supper is November 11. As always, we'll be asking for homemade pies for the Turkey Supper and will need help, If you can help, please let one of us know.



Upcoming Events

The Good Timers is a fundraising team whose profits go 100% to the church.

The Good Timers are Melissa Bader, Cookie Friesner, Dana Hoisington, Tim Lawlis, Susan and Zale Maxwell and Louise Smith.

If you would like to be a part of this group, let one of us know!

HOLLY HARMAN FACKLER

Open Gym



Please continue to pray for the leadership and volunteer needs of Open Gym. As Mardi McCluer wrote last month, Tiffany Jones is working on another important outreach ministry that prevents her from being responsible for Open Gym as she was last year.

A number of people have stepped up to help with supervising the older group (thank you!), but there's a volunteer vacuum for family gym, where the needs are most acute, and where the opportunity to make a significant difference may be greatest. A knowledge of basketball isn't necessary, but if you have those skills, all the better. What's most needed is a passion for serving Christ, building relationships, and keeping children safe.

God has given Christ United Methodist Church this particular ministry. It is the only thing we do that absolutely requires the God-inspired gymnasium we built a decade ago. The program serves from 30 to 70 people a night. To carry on, we must be able to staff it adequately.

Is God tugging on your heart a little bit as you read this? Do you find yourself thinking about Open Gym during your quiet time or as you go through your week? Are you looking for an active way to become more connected to the community and to put your faith into action (which is sure to deepen it)? If so, contact me at 419-564-0964 or hjh409@gmail.com

Holly Harman Fackler
Interim lead

TIM COOPER

Seeker Class

Recently, members of the Seekers Sunday School class were wondering about what's missing in O __ Class.

We decided **U** R !!!

We invite you to come and learn with us! All are welcome! Try us out to see if our class speaks to you or stay just for a certain topic. You know we would love to have "U"!

Here is the line up of topics for November's Sundays— Come check us out.. We hope to see "U".

- 11/5/17 God's Conditional Covenant
- 11/12/17 Promise of a New Covenant
- 11/19/17 High Priest of the New Covenant
- 11/26/17 God's True Covenant People

Tim Cooper

KRISTY SCHOOLER

Prayer Ministry

With his permission, I'm sharing a devotional a friend from my youth, now, Pastor Tom Gardner of British Columbia, Canada, recently wrote. I hope you will appreciate it as much as I did.

On this Thanksgiving weekend here in Canada, I turn to the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15. A thanksgiving story, you ask? Yes.

Prodigal means wasteful not wayward. The son who left was oblivious to the provision and love of his father. Because he was not grateful, he failed to see what his father had done for him. The blessings of the father became his right to own: "Give me" he demanded. What an ingrate. By his demand to have his inheritance while the father still lived, he was in fact saying "I wish you were dead!"

We get a glimpse of the character of his father. He gave freely. He released his son to learn the hard way. And learn the son did. After burning through the money, he woke up in a pig sty, much poorer in an earthly sense but much richer in a spiritual sense. He returned to the mercy and love of the father. He changed his tune from "give me" to "Make me as one of your servants...I am not worthy." He went from wasteful to grateful.



What about the other dutiful son, you know, the oldest? In his own way, he was prodigal, too. He didn't get what the father had done for him, either. Because of his attitude and lack of understanding, he wasted the riches of the relationship the father had to offer. He too, was blinded by his lack of being grateful; grateful for a love father.

We know of the end of the first son; because of his gratefulness, relationship was restored. The jury is out on the end of the second son; did he come to understand the love of the father? Did he learn to see all the things for which he could be grateful? We don't know. How about you? How about me? Am I wasteful or grateful? A grateful heart will see and acknowledge the love and provision of our Father in Heaven. A grateful heart creates possibilities to enjoy what we do have instead of whining about what we don't have.

Happy Thanksgiving, from Tom and me!!!

Keep praying and praising,
Kristy Schooler

BERNIE ANDERSON

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Here it is November already. Where does the time go? As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays remember to take time to reflect on all the great things that God was done in your life. Even in the not so good times God is at work for the good. Sometimes we don't realize that God is at hand while we are going through difficult times. Looking over my life and struggles I have found God in every scene of my life good and bad. God has never abandoned me and has carried me through some pretty tough situations Today and everyday is a "Thanksgiving " to me.

Our prayer shawl group continues to make shawls to bring



comfort to those hurting and in need of a warm hug from God. This month we will be meeting on Nov.14 at 10:00 in the church parlor. As always if you know someone in need, whether a member of our church or not who could use one of our shawls please feel free to contact Bernie Anderson at 740-862-9223 or the church office. We also welcome you to come visit our group and join in. God is good all the time! All the time God is good!

Bernie Anderson

FRANK ANDERSON

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Bible studies tentatively plans to continue a 12-week Book of James study in November and December weather-permitting. However, we will not hold classes on November 15 & 22. I want to encourage all church members or attendees and your friends to come out and join in the discussion whenever available on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in the Church Parlor.

In November & December, we'll continue the study of the Book of James with main focus on Chapters 3, 4 & 5, as follows:

Nov. 1, James 3:1-12
Nov. 8, James 3:13-18

Nov. 15, No Class
Nov. 22, No Class

Nov. 29, James 4:1-12
Dec. 6, James 4:13-17

Dec. 13, James 5:1-12
Dec. 20, James 5:13-20

The Book of James is sometimes called the Book of Proverbs of the New Testament and it is very thought-provoking. So, once again, everyone is welcome to attend and/or express any ideas on ways to help us to better find and follow Jesus through Bible studies. Please email any thoughts to banderson9@insight.rr.com or call 740-862-9223. Thanks!

Frank Anderson
Adult Discipleship Co-Chair

HOLLY HARMAN FACKLER

Good Neighbors in the Village

As a group, Good Neighbors in the Village doesn't meet a lot; we mostly do stuff. But if you'd like to join in on the brainstorming, networking and decision making, please join us for our next quarterly meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at New Zion United Methodist Church. If you don't want to attend meetings, you can still hook into what we're doing in any of the following ways (plus building ramps):



Our chair volleyball folks have finished another season of league play and are settling into weekly practices followed by a yummy lunch with lots of laughter, adding up to morning that every one of the participants values. You are invited to join them any Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center; if you arrive by 11 a.m., you can get a dinner that will fill you up for the rest of the day.

Meanwhile, across the parking lot and a field, about 25 kids and a battalion of volunteers (including quite a few high school students) meet daily for the LU After School Program. A group of program children and adults attended the Oct. 16 school board meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and answer some questions from school leaders. Elementary Principal Linda Rainey affirmed that teachers see results in the classroom from program participants. And even the adult volunteers learn a thing or two through these valuable multi-generational connection.

We plan to offer a workshop in crockpot cookery on Nov. 18. Shannon Carter, Extension educator in Family and Consumer Science, will lead the Saturday morning workshop, which we will promote through the Baltimore Food Pantry, After School Program, chair volleyball program and other venues with the hope that we can contribute to helping households make nutritious cost-efficient meals. If you have interest in helping with this program (or contributing a favorite family-pleasing recipe), please contact me or another Good Neighbor.

Christmas caroling sounds so quaint but it does still happen, at least in Baltimore. Good Neighbors organizes a caroling event each year, and this year it will be held Dec. 10. We need carolers (men, women, children, families), and we need addresses of households to carol to. Meet at 4 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. GNIV will provide songbooks and a simple supper after caroling.

Thank you to the dozens of people from area churches who partner to keep Good Neighbors vital to the community it serves.

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

DANA HOISINGTON

Blood Drive

**Upcoming Blood Drive Monday,
November 13, 2017, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
in the Family Life Center.**

Our last Blood Drive on August 16th resulted in 12 units of blood collected, which will help 36 people in need of blood products.

Our numbers have been declining through the years and unfortunately if we don't have reservations for at least 15 donors for the next drive we may lose our collection site. The American Red Cross has been facing critical shortages after a lack of donations due to so many natural weather related disasters this year.

Sign up sheets will be out on the Connection Center desk in mid-October. Please mark November 13th on your calendars and consider starting your history of donating to the American Red Cross when it comes back to Christ UMC. We will have a hot sandwich and snacks waiting for you. Come and join us for some good fellowship around the snack table after your donation.

Thank you,

Dana Hoisington,
Blood Drive Coordinator



LIFE'S A GIFT. GIVE MORE OF IT. **DONATE BLOOD.**

Blood Drive **Christ United Methodist Church**

Family Life Center
700 South Main St
Baltimore, OH 43105

Monday, November 13, 2017
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call the church office at (740) 862-4343 or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: ChristUMCBaltimore.



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE October 2017

10/1 10/8 10/15 10/22

Attendance Traditional Service	107	92	89	118
Attendance Contemporary Service	32	35	35	42
Special Sunday Services		Fair Week	Fair Week	
Total Attendance	138	127	124	160
Attendance Sunday School	71	58	61	67

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

September

YEAR to DATE

OPERATING INCOME	27,101	264,398
OPERATING EXPENSES	26,650	262,555
Sunday School	138	1,973
Coins for Missions	95	714
MORTGAGE BALANCE	1,210,877	



MORE CUMC NEWS!

Fall Back....Time Change

Remember to set your clocks
BACK 1 hour before you go to bed



on
**Saturday,
November
4th.**

WANTED: Praise Band Director

**Christ United Methodist Church is
seeking a part-time**

**Praise Band Director for our
Contemporary Worship Services,
Sundays at 10:45 a.m.**

**For more information and an
application, go to the church website
(www.christum-baltimore.com).**

**If you have questions, please contact
the church office at 740-862-4343:
office@christum-baltimore.com**



Don't miss the PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE PARTIES in 2018!



**Sponsored by the
Joy Sunday
School Class**

4 Times to Play!

Sat., Jan. 13

Sat., Feb. 10

Sat., Mar. 1S

Sat., Apr. 14

Sign-in is at 6:30 pm

**Play time starts at
7:00 pm**

Refreshments served!

Liberty Union Delayed Start Chaperones Needed November 1 & January 24

Area churches are hosting activities at the elementary school for children who need a safe place to go during L.U.'s delayed start.

We need at least 6 chaperones for each or both of the two shifts: 6:45-8:45 am, & 8:45-10:50 am.
Sign up to help at [//doodle.com/poll/gtt dawbs8ib5r3t5](https://doodle.com/poll/gtt dawbs8ib5r3t5).

Questions? Contact Pastor Alice
(pastor@christum-baltimore.com)



All Saint's Day, Sunday, Nov. 5

On Nov. 5, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. If you would like us to remember in worship a loved one who died this past year, please submit the following to the church office no later than Mon., Oct. 30: name, birth date, death date, the person's relation to you, and photo of the person. If you are not able to give us a digital photo, we can scan and return your photo to you.

THANKS!!!!

We would like to say CONGRATULATIONS and a BIG THANKS to all of you who helped to make the 2017 Craft/Antique Show a huge success. To those who helped with setting up placements for vendors Friday morning, to those who helped the vendors bring in their wares Friday evening and Saturday morning and helped them pack their wares Saturday afternoon. We are truly grateful to those who worked and prepared food in the kitchen, the bakers and bake sale chairman and helpers, ticket sellers and cashiers, those who shuttled both Saturday AM and PM, the runners who served drinks and lunches throughout the day, our publicity chairman, door prize chairman and her helper, Pastor Alice, office staff, custodians, the clean up committee including the Boy Scouts, and to all who just showed up to help. You were greatly appreciated and we are sure our Heavenly Father was very pleased to watch HIS church family work together as a team in HIS name.

Again this year we had vendors from our own church family. What a joy! In closing, here are a few of the comments that were made by our vendors in attendance:

I was very impressed with how organized you were. Best show I have ever entered! All of the people there to help were amazing. This is the best show I have been to because (1) it's well organized, (2) ALL are friendly, (3) wonderful help unpacking and packing vehicles, (4) driving us back and forth to retrieve our vehicles, and (5) GREAT FOOD. Very nice! Everyone was very helpful and friendly and I plan on returning next year, the Lord willing!"

This makes the whole day truly a blessing as we FELLOWSHIP with one another and perhaps bring new sheep into our fold. Again, THANKS for all of your help and don't to forget to mark your calendar for October 27th, 2018! God bless each of you as you were a blessing to others throughout the two days as we worked and fellowshiped together so we could continue to SEND LOVE OVER THERE!!!

In His Love,
Sharon Gates and Becky Ety

Mark Your Calendar for Next Years Craft Show

October 27, 2018



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 or
740-862-4343 to register or get more information.

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



Christ UM Preschool Book Fair

Get some great Christmas gift at our Preschool Book Fair.

***Tuesday, November 14
Thru***

Thursday, November 16
Open all 3 days 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wed & Thurs evenings from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

These Scholastics books are reasonably priced. We have children and adult books! Shop in the Fellowship Hall.



Men's Breakfast

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

November 5th
at

7:30 am

in the
**Fellowship
Hall**



Food & drink provided

We will have a short meeting

All Men are Welcome!

Consecration Sunday Is Coming, Nov. 12

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "**What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?**"

During morning worship on Consecration **Sunday, November 12**, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. Even if you do not wish to complete a card, we still urge you to attend. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During our morning worship service (8:45 and 10:45 a.m.), in response to God's love and goodness, we will invite people to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and have everyone attend Consecration Sunday worship on **Sunday, November 12**.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events!

Administrative Council Chairperson, Tom James
Stewardship Chairperson, Tim Lawlis



Mark Your Calendar!

2017 Charge Conference, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

at First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, OH.

Christ UMC's annual charge conference will be Tues., Nov. 7, at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. Our District Superintendent, Tim Bias, has coordinated regional charge conferences for the churches in the Capital Area South District. As a result, our administrative council will care for the business part of charge conference (receive and vote on nominations for church leadership, set the pastor's salary for the coming year, and receive membership, lay speaker, and any other reports) at a meeting prior to charge conference, and then charge conference will be a celebration of ministry, with our charge conference forms as the offering.

CELEBRATIONS & THANK YOU'S!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Eryka Gaskill, Kari James
- 2 Mary Johnson, Adrienne Miller
- 3 Raylee Barr
- 4 Kylie Schrader
- 5 Roxanne Warling
- 6 Kyle Schrader, Joshua Spencer
- 7 Ann Wolfe
- 11 Steve Harman, Kevin McCluer
- 13 Worth Harman
- 14 Ed Duggan
- 15 Joe Farmer
- 17 Ed Ulrich
- 18 William McCreery
- 22 Chase Holland
- 25 Trudi Coakley, Dianne Miller
- 26 Kelsie Huntwork
- 29 Holly Hettler, Silas Kohler



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear Christ United Methodist Church Members,
The families and staff members of Liberty Union Elementary would like to thank you for your monetary gift for school supplies.

The need is great and your generous gift is so helpful to so many.

We appreciate all that you do for our students!

Linda Rainey



Dear Christ UM Church ,

Thank you for my Bible. I love it. Thanks Again,

Elizabeth Alderdice



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Polly Spencer	November 2
Jacob & Tolli Ulrich	November 3
Chris & Shelley Barr	November 6
Zach & Eryka Gaskill	November 7
Clark & Shelly Raver	November 7
Matt & Rebecca Petty	November 8
Jim & Bonita McCall	November 14
Kasey & Tracy Farmer	November 21
Seth & Elisa Kohler	November 22
Braden & Amy Moore	November 24
Ken & Roxanne Warling	November 27



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the fall fest to make it such a great success again this year. Your continued support helping with set up, clean up, baking cookies, serving food, manning the games, donating candy and so much more is truly appreciated.

Blessings,

Tiffany Jones



Dear Church Family,

All is well here. We have been inundated with rain. Way more than we needed. Think of you all often and wish you well.

Jayne Fox








November 2017

Christ United Methodist Church



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 6 pm Bible Study (P)	2 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	3	4 10 am Community Resource Fair Set up (FLC)
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				
5 Community Resource Fair 2 PM 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (FH) 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10 Children's Rehear 10:45 am Contemp 6 pm Youth (FLC)	6 7 pm Rebekah Circle (P)	7 6 pm Cub Scouts/ Special Meeting (FH) 7 pm Charge Conference First UMC Lancaster	8 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 6 pm Bible Study (P) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	9 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	10 Turkey Supper Set up (FLC)	11 Turkey Supper 4 - 7 PM FLC 
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				
12 Consecration Sunday 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10 am Children's Rehearsals 10:45 am Contemp	13 2 - 7 pm Blood Drive FLC 6:45 pm Worship Team (L) 	14 Book Fair 10 am Prayer Shawl (P) No Scouts	15 Book Fair 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) Preschool Fall Program Sanctuary	16 Book Fair 10 am Baltimore Seniors (FH) 7 pm SPRC (L) 7 pm Bell Choir (P) Pre-K Fall Program Sanctuary	17	18
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				
19 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10 am Children's Rehearsals 8:45 am Contemp	20 6 pm Finance Budget (FH)	21 Community Thanksgiving Service 7:30 pm At Christ UMC	22 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Senior Lunch (FLC) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	23 Church Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	24 Church Office Closed	25
		No Preschool/ Thanksgiving Break				
26 Hanging of the Greens 8:45 am Traditional 10 am Sunday School 10 am Children's Rehearsals 10:45 am Contemp	27 5:30 pm Finance (FH) 7:pm Admin Council (FH)	28 5 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	29 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH)	30 5 pm Open Gym (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)		
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				



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.

Pastor	Alice Wolfe <i>pastor@christum-baltimore.com Generally in the office, Tues., Wed., & Thurs.; Hours vary (Call any time for appointment)</i>
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Custodians	Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Our mission is... to help people find and follow Jesus Christ.