

**JANUARY
2018**

**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

New Worship schedule Beginning Jan. 7

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service

9:50 A.M. Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service



We hope you'll join us for worship in January!

We will have special guest preachers while Pastor Alice is on renewal leave.

Jan. 7 Rev. Dr. Sara Thomas

*(Capital Area South Assistant District Superintendent)
Holy Communion*

Jan. 14 Rev. Dr. Tim Bias

(Capital Area South Assistant District Superintendent)

Jan. 21 Rev. Serena Wolfe

(Adult Discipleship Coordinator at Peace UMC)

Jan. 28 Rev. Dr. Tim Bias

(Adult Discipleship Coordinator at Peace UMC)

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.

Happy New Year! I've never been a big fan of New Year's resolutions—not because I have anything against them, but because they don't usually last. They represent commitments we usually don't keep—to God, ourselves, or others. What I am a fan of, though, is that the New Year reminds us of God's commitments (which he always keeps) and how he makes all things NEW (Rev. 21:5)!

In Isaiah 43, God reminded the Israelites that he created and loved them, called them by name to be his children, was always with them and would not let life challenges overtake them, and that he saved them from their slavery in Egypt. Then, God said the most amazing thing:

¹⁸ **"But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.**

¹⁹ **For I am about to do something new.**

See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness.

I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

²⁰ **The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed.**

²¹ **I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world.**
(Isaiah 43:18-21, NLT)

God was about to do something so amazing, he said to forget about all the past things he'd done for them—this would be much greater! God was going to set them free from their slavery in Babylon and provide a new pathway and rivers of refreshment in the wilderness (desert) on their way back to him and their home in Jerusalem. I believe this promise also foreshadowed how God would send Jesus, the Messiah, to set them free from their slavery to sin—and bring them back to him and their eternal home with him.

We just celebrated Christmas and how God came as Jesus to be "God with us." Because of this, God's promises hold true for us, too. Because God loves and created us, because God has saved us from our sins through Jesus, God is always ready to do something new in our lives.

Life can wear us down, but God wants to renew us! If we let things in this world distract us from worshiping God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, God wants to provide rivers of living water to refresh and restore us. Sometimes, we like the Israelites, need time apart to be refreshed by focusing on and being with God. Sometimes we, like the Israelites, need to go through a wilderness to help us refocus and reclaim the plans God has for us—and to catch a new glimpse of God's vision. This is my prayer for all of us while I am on renewal leave.

For you see, God not only wants to make us new, but also, to do a new thing through us! God made us and Christ UMC for himself, and he wants to keep re-making us to become more like him and to be his witness to the world! When we honor God with our hearts and lives, God keeps his promises and will make us new and do a new thing through us! I can't wait to see what God is about to do!

Anticipating and waiting in God with you!

Alice



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Who to Contact for Pastoral or Emergency Care in January?

While Pastor Alice is taking her renewal leave, Jan. 2-29, please contact the following if you have a pastoral care need or emergency:

1) Gayle McCreery (740-438-3820)
Deaconess, Christ UMC

If you need additional care, the following pastors are on-call for Christ UMC:

2) Rita Brown (740-407-1498)
Pastor, Mills Memorial UMC, Lancaster

OR

3) Rick Stuhmer (740-304-5133)
Pastor, New Zion UMC, Baltimore
(Not available Jan. 1-8)

Renewal Leave, Jan. 2-29

I will be taking a renewal leave Jan. 2-29.

The United Methodist Church allows (and encourages) pastors to take a renewal leave (similar to a sabbatical) once every four years. I have been at Christ United Methodist Church for 7.5 years and have not taken a renewal leave.

During my renewal leave, I plan to:

1. Rest and spend time with God in prayer and studying God's Word.
2. Work to develop a sustainable self-care plan so I can be the pastor for Christ Church that God has called me to be.
3. Spend time praying about how God is calling Christ Church to (1) build relationships with each other and live in unity and (2) grow and live out our mission and vision.

I thank God for those who are helping while I'm taking my renewal leave:

Providing Care: Gayle McCreery, the visitation team, Rev. Rita Brown, Rev. Rick Stuhmer

Guest Preachers: Revs. Sara Thomas, Serena Wolfe, Tim Bias

Worship & other details: Darcy Soliday, Dwayne Miller, Jennifer Miller, Julie Ulrich.



New Worship Schedule

**Beginning Jan. 7, 2018,
we will slightly expand the Sunday morning schedule
to the following:**

8:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship
9:50 A.M.	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 A.M.	Contemporary Worship

Why are we slightly expanding the Sunday morning schedule?

1. We value time to grow in our faith.

We are expanding the time Sunday school classes have so they will have more time to study God's Word, share, and grow in their faith.

2. We value time for fellowship.

We are expanding the time between worship and Sunday school so people have time for fellowship. (With the current schedule, 5 minutes between Sunday school and the contemporary service is not enough to even get to worship.)

NOTE:

Please do not enter the youth and children's classrooms until the teacher opens the door at 9:40 a.m., and then pick up your children promptly at 10:45 a.m.
For the safety of our children, please do not leave your children or youth unattended.

Administrative Council Report

It has been an eventful year at Christ United Methodist Church. We have shared some good times and some challenging times. Since I have returned to work recently my time to dwell on issues that impact our future is limited and therefore no longer warrants significant emotional investment. I have resolved to dedicate my time and efforts to support the goal of bringing the Christian message to our community and to focus on healing some raw feelings among our congregation.

My hope and prayer for everyone who attends this church that they will find peace and faith in the coming year. Once again I want to 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. .

Some of the actions that the Ad Council has taken during our November 27 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 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:

1. **The roster of Lay Leadership was presented and unanimously approved. Some of those persons accepting leadership positions are:**

Rob Sayre – SPRC Chairperson

Jim Thompson – Mission & Outreach Chairperson

Diane Miller – College Connection

Jim Keller – Finance Committee

Dana Hoisington – Finance Committee

2. **A second resolution adopted a change in the worship schedule stating January 2018. The new worship schedule is outlined below:**

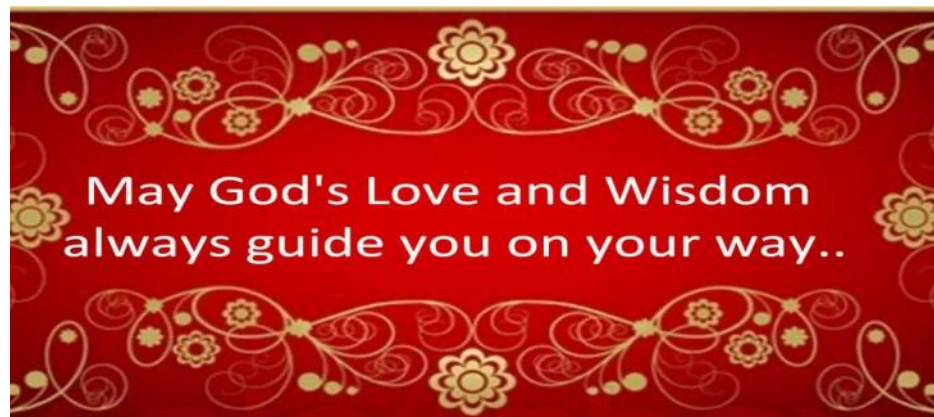
	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Traditional Service	8:30 am	9:30 am
Sunday School	9:50 am	10:45 am
Contemporary Service	11:00 am	12:00 noon

Based on recent tragic events at a Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas Duane Miller and Tom James will enlist the assistance of a local police officer to develop and implement an Emergency Action Plan for our Church.

Prayers were offered for Trudy Keck, Marvin Achtermann, Jim Patterson, Dick & Jean Prayers were offered for Trudy Keck, Jim Patterson, Dick & Jean Weidner, Ann Wolfe's mother, Becky Blackstone, Karen Matthews, Sheila Burns (foot surgery) and others.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom James
Ad Council Chairperson



2018 Lay Leadership – Christ United Methodist Church *(Updated 1-8-2018)*

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Admin. Council Chair	Tom James
Lay Member/Ann. Conf.	Cheryl Fey
Lay Leader(s)	Cheryl Fey, Dave Brookover
Congregational Care Chair	Dottie Harman, Denise Vandermark
Discipleship Chair	_____
Adult Discipleship	_____
College Connection	Sheila Burns, Dianne Miller
Youth Director	Tiffany Jones & Julie Ulrich
Children's Director	Tiffany Jones
Finance Chair	Jerry McCreery
Stewardship Chair	Tim Lawlis
Treasurer	Darla Reedy
Historian	_____
Outreach&Mission Chair	Jim Thompson
Prayer Coordinator	Kristy Schooler
SPRC Chair	Rob Sayre
Trustees Chair	Richard Blackstone
Worship Chair	_____
Deaconess	Gayle McCreery
Youth Representative	Derek Burns
Pastor	Alice Wolfe
At-Large Members 2018	Ann Wolfe, Mary Johnson
<i>(Jr willing to continue)</i>	2018-19 Jr. Coakley
	2018-20 Louise Smith

CONGREGATIONAL CARE *(Co-Chairs: Dottie Harman, Denise Vandermark)*

Dare to Care	Phyllis Johnson, Carla Huntwork, Bonnie Simpson
Funeral Meals	Denise Vandermark, Sharon Anderson
Membership	Ken Warling
Men's Group	Tim Lawlis, Dana Hoisington
Rebekah Circle	(To be elected)
Shut-in Meals	Betty Jo Merle, Sue Cooper
Radical Hospitality	Lisa Motsch, Melissa Bader

DISCIPLESHIP *(Chair: _____)*

Children's Ministries	Tiffany Jones
Children's Choir	Sheila Burns
Puppets	Don Burns
VBS Coordinator	Barbara Huntwork
Youth Ministries	Tiffany Jones & Julie Ulrich
College Connection	Sheila Burns & Dianne Miller
Young Adult Ministries	_____
Adult Ministries	_____
Librarian	Lynda Williams
Sunday School Sec'y	Mike Stilwell

FINANCE *(Chair: Jerry McCreery)*

Treasurer	Darla Reedy
Lay Leaders	Cheryl Fey or Dave Brookover
Lay Member/Ann. Conf.	Cheryl Fey
Admin. Council Chair	Tom James
SPRC Representative	(To be elected)
Trustees Rep.	Richard Blackstone
Financial Secretary	Louise Smith
Stewardship Chair	Tim Lawlis
2018	Ted Reedy, Jody Anderson, Mardi McCluer, Jim Keller
2018-19	Marvin Achtermann, Tim Cooper
2018-20	Vickie Clayton, Mike Snider, Dana Hoisington
Counters:	Louise Smith, Dick Weidner, Ken

STEWARDSHIP *(Chair: Tim Lawlis)*

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE *(Chair: Pastor Alice Wolfe)*

2018-18	Tim Lawlis, Clarissa Lawlis, _____
2018-19	Renee' Slyh, Dana Hoisington, Natalie Clum
2018-20	_____, _____, _____
Lay Leader:	Cheryl Fey or Dave Brookover

OUTREACH & MISSIONS *(Chair: Jim Thompson)*

Craft Show	Becky Ety, Sharon Gates
Sending Love Over There	Becky Ety, Sharon Gates
Work Camp	Dan Johnson
Blood Drive	Dana Hoisington
Scout Coordinator	Zale Maxwell & Robin Johnson
Caring Tree	Peggy Lawlis
Love Fund	Cheri Crist
Open Gym	Holly Harman Fackler
Projects:	Mission Trips, Coins for Missions, Fall Festival

STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS *(Chair: Rob Sayre)*

Lay Leader	Cheryl Fey or Dave Brookover
Lay Member to Ann. Conf.	Cheryl Fey
2018	Ann Wolfe, Mike Stilwell, Rob Sayre
2018-19	Debbie Miller, Shirley Reed, Kevin McCluer
2018-20	Debbi Alderdice, Brenda Snider, Joe Farmer

TRUSTEES *(Chair: Richard Blackstone)*

2018	Ted Reedy, Ruth Staten, Peggy Lawlis
	Jerry McCreery, Carol Sayre, Richard Blackstone,
2018-19	Jacob Ulrich, Rich Reed
2018-20	Dave Wolfe
Round-to-Its	Louise Smith

WORSHIP *(Chair: _____)*

Communion Stewards	8:45 Phyllis Johnson, Carol Cooley
	10:45 Jill Johnson
Acolyte Coordinator	Kim Kilger
Worship Team Members	Don Burns, _____
	<i>(in addition to co-chairs & others listed below)</i>
Pastor	Alice Wolfe
Technology/Media	Dwayne Miller
Youth Director	Tiffany Jones & Julie Ulrich
Children's Director	Tiffany Jones
Choir Director	_____
Praise Band Director	_____

CHRIST U.M. PRESCHOOL BOARD

Preschool Dir.:	Diane Friesner
Pastor:	Alice Wolfe
Teacher Rep:	Jennifer Lodge <i>(Preschool appt.)</i>
Parent Rep:	Barbara Huntwork <i>(Preschool appt.)</i>
Admin. Council Chair	Tom James
Trustee Representative	Richard Blackstone
SPRC Representative	Debbi Alderdice
Preschool Liaison	Tiffany Jones, Children's Director
Board Members:	2018 Debbi Alderdice
	2018-19 Carol Sayre
	2018-20 Clarissa Lawlis

TIM & SUE COOPER

Food Pantry Ministry

Blessed is the person who is kind to those in need. Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor. ~Proverbs 14:21

What a bounty the Food Pantry has been able to provide for our neighbors!!! The larders are full at the pantry and the Christmas baskets have been delivered to the delight of all. A huge thank-you to all who contributed those food items, packed the baskets, and delivered them to our friends. Many hands make light work. It is a huge undertaking as, I believe, 200 baskets were filled and delivered in December. More than in years past. The need is great.

But now it is crunch time! Christmas and the generous Christmas spirit have given way to the rigors of everyday life. No more bows and, sometimes it seems, no more over the top giving spirit are present. Please remember

that our less fortunate friends must eat daily throughout the year.

Now is the time, in the gray days of winter, that we need to dig deep. Bring in those extra cans of soup, those leftover green beans that you didn't use in the green bean casserole, the can of sweet potatoes that you decided the kids wouldn't eat, even that bath powder that just isn't your "smell". We can always share a little more. And a little more is what is needed this time of year.

May the blessings of Jesus' birth follow you into this new year and may 2018 be the best year ever.

Tim & Sue Cooper

Food Pantry Outreach Coordinators

GOOD TIMERS

January Events

In 2011 the Good Timers team was organized with a purpose of being a fundraising group to make money to reduce the mortgage principle on the Family Life Center. We cater meals from as few as birthday party for 25 to wedding receptions for 270 or larger. Some groups return year after year and even book the next year in advance!

Many people volunteer their time and services by baking pies, serving, washing dishes...where ever they are needed.

This January we have a few dinners already scheduled:

- ♦ January 20, the Fairfield County Antique Tractor Club
- ♦ January 27, Liberty Union Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

We will need home baked pies for both of these dinners.

If you would like to help with this ministry or become one of the Good Timers, just let one of us know. We would love to have you!

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

PEGGY LAWLIS

Caring Tree

Caring Tree Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who participated by donating a gift to the Caring Tree. The families were very grateful that their children would have a great Christmas. Each child received at least a shirt, pants, and 2 toys. This year, through donations and the blessing of the Missions

Committee, each child received an age appropriate book telling the story of the birth of Jesus. We were assigned 7 families, which totaled 18 children, so the total number of gifts provided by our church family totaled to be 90 gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Peggy Lawlis

Great Gifts Anytime!

The Rebekah Circle is selling "Rada" knives and utensils as a fundraiser. These are great for home use, sold year round and have a GREAT price!

Available in the office choose from paring, stubby butcher or 10" bread knife. Also a serverspoon and knife sharpener. They are great gifts too!

Talk to Bonnie Simpson or Darcy Soliday at the church office today!



Sermons on the Web

If you miss worship, want to listen to a sermon again, or want to recommend a sermon to a friend, you may listen to the weekly sermons on our web site (www.christum-baltimore.com).

KRISTY SCHOOLER

Prayer Ministry

I celebrated a birthday during the very busy beautiful Christmas season. Though busy, I like to take time to reflect on my life. A new year is another good time to reflect. As I look back over the years, even though I have been abundantly blessed, I don't think I would have written the same script. However, from this vantage point of looking back, the Author did a wonderful job, and I am grateful.

Over the years I have learned valuable lessons, but there are still some things I've never been able to understand. That is to be expected.

I have learned that...

Honesty really IS the best policy.

Love is worth the risk.

It's always right to do right and it's always wrong to do wrong.

Everyone deserves a break.

Being real is better than acting pious.

It's always too soon to quit.

Success is giving it your best.

Trying to please God is not smart.

I've learned that the highest good is to do unto others as you would have others do unto you. That may sound terribly naïve and simplistic, but I know from experience

that it is most satisfying.

Sometimes people ask the question, "If you had your life to live over, what would you do differently?" I have the rest of my life ahead of me. I have no time for trying to change the past. I'm too busy building a future. Whatever your age, please join me!

Philippians 3:10-14 ~ I want to know Christ, yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Kristy Schooler

BERNIE ANDERSON

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hugs in Stitches Prayer Shawl Ministry
January Meeting

Happy New Year! We will be making plans for the year and working on our shawls in 2018. You are welcome to join us as we crochet and or knit shawls that we give out to those who are in need of a warm hug from God.

We are always looking for people who could use a shawl. Our shawls have been prayed over and there is no charge for them. We only ask that the shawls not be sold, but passed along.

If you have any questions please contact the church office or Bernie Anderson 740-862-9223. May the New Year bring you peace and contentment.

Blessings,
Bernie Anderson



REV. DR. SARA THOMAS

Missional GAP Assessment

Missional GAP Assessment

This January, we'll participate in the Missional GAP Assessment. Watch for more information about this online assessment that will help us continue our journey of disciple-making and transformation in four key ways. We will:

- be able to articulate the strength(s) of our congregation
 - gain clarity about our current reality and the missional context we live in
 - make decisions that reflect our strengths and fulfill our purpose
- work on implementing the decisions that are made

Your participation in this process will help us achieve the above goals. The assessment will be

available online and limited number of printed copies. It takes about 15 minutes to complete. The questions relate to what is personally important to you and the effectiveness of the congregation. We'll engage in conversation with District leaders to unpack and process what we learn. Look for more information in January.

Dr. Sara B. Thomas
Assistant to the District Superintendent

Capitol Area South District
West Ohio Conference
of The United Methodist Church
2545 Farmers Drive, Suite 350, Columbus, OH 43235
614-222-0600

capitolareasmouth.org

Friends,

If you have resolved to get involved in doing something meaningful and useful for someone else in the 2018, Good Neighbors in the Village is saying, "Pick me, pick me!" If you have a little bit of time to give, we have a myriad of opportunities to build community and mutual caring.

But not all of our venues of personal contribution require you to give time or money. Some just require you to show up. On a recent trip to her doctor, an elderly relative of mine was prescribed "social interaction." We're just sorry she lives too far away to take part in the Wednesday morning shenanigans at the Christ United Methodist Church Family Life Center. The seniors who come to play chair volleyball, eat together and hearing each other's stories will tell you that their social interaction is better than any medicine. While the Wednesday lunch bunch contains a lot of "regulars," newcomers will find a place at the table, and on one side of the net or the other. Try it out! The advertised start time is 10 a.m., but in reality the fun starts at 9:30. A hot meal follows at 11:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

The GNIV-sponsored After School Program hosted at Faith Lutheran Church (just north of Liberty Union Elementary School) is serving a vital role in the lives of a number of district families. If we had more adult volunteers, we could be more effective with the kids already attending, and possibly enroll a few more. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. each day

school is in session, this program needs people interested in building friendships with kids – having conversations, listening to them read, playing games. We also need volunteers to share their particular skills or passions in a participatory way. For instance, we'd love to have people come who can guide our kids through some yoga and deep breathing exercises, or show them how to crochet or knit. If you want to come and try us out, please contact Debbie Fisher (740-407-2245), Kay Williamson (740-407-7554), or stop by Faith Lutheran Church (side door) during after-school hours.

Is transportation to medical appointments or the grocery store a problem for any of the vulnerable people you know, and what can caring folks in the community do about it? We're thinking about this issue and wonder if you have any observations. If so, please share them via email (hjh409@gmail.com) or call me at the number below.

The next GNIV board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Christ United Methodist Church parlor. Anyone is welcome to attend.

We hope the year is off to a good start for you. Be well!

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

A Great Big Thank You!



**The church staff
would like to say
"Thank You!" for our
Generous Staff Gifts.**

**We are so proud and
honored to serve such a wonderful
church and congregation. Thank
you for your sincere Staff Gifts.
We appreciate you and your
thoughtfulness and send many
blessings to you and your
families.**

Christ UMC Staff

Valentine Family Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, February 17
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Family Life Center**

**\$8.00 Adult \$4.00 Child
Children 6 and under free**

All welcome!!!

Tickets sold at
the door.

Menu :
Spaghetti
Salad
Garlic bread
Cookies
Various drinks
served.



Members of the Liberty Union Musical, Beauty
and the Beast will entertain.

**For more information, please call
the church at 740-862-4343.**

Sponsored by Christ UM Preschool

ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE December 2017

12/3

12/10

12/17

12/24

Christmas Eve
Evening
Service

Attendance Traditional Service	121	136			6:00 PM 50
Attendance Contemporary Service	47	46			8:30 PM 193
Special Sunday Services			One Combined Service	One Combined Service	Christmas Eve Evening Services
Total Attendance	168	182	204	146	243
Attendance Sunday School	68	66	30	No Sunday School	

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

December

YEAR to DATE

OPERATING INCOME	68,042	403,932
OPERATING EXPENSES	41,327	392,612
Sunday School	272	2,679
Coins for Missions	104	1,230
MORTGAGE BALANCE	1,200,401	

Winter Cancellations

If a Level 2 or 3 Emergency exists on a Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M., worship services and Sunday school will not be held.

Cancellations of Christ UMC worship services or activities will be posted on the following:

- 1) Christ UMC web page: www.christum-baltimore.com
- 2) TV stations and their respective web sites: Channel 4 (NBC), Channel 10 (CBS) & Channel 6 (ABC).



MORE CUMC NEWS!

Please join us as the Baltimore-Thurston Community comes together to support

Empty Bowls 2018

Helping to feed the needs in our community

Delicious
Homemade
Soups!

Silent
Auction
4:00-5:30 pm

Live Auction
at 6:00 pm

Children's
Activities



Churches coming together to help those in need in our surrounding community

Sunday
March 4
4 - 6:30 pm

Christ
UMC

Family Life
Center

Taking
Donations
Now

All donations from this event help to support those in need.

For more information or to donate auction items, please contact:

Darcy Soliday, 740-862-4343,
office@christum-baltimore.com

Mark Your Calendar
Sunday, March 4, 2018



Don't miss the PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE PARTIES in 2018!



Sponsored by the

Joy Sunday
School Class

4 Times to Play!

Sat., Feb. 10

Sat., Mar. 10

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 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.

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



MUSIC Is God calling YOU?

Ministry Opportunities

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!

Men's Breakfast

**Christ UMC Men's Group invite all men to join us
Every 1st Sunday of the month at 7:30 am
In the Fellowship Hall**



Food & drink provided

**All Christ UMC Men are
Welcome!**

AND EVEN MORE CUMC NEWS!



Open Gym

Runs Nov thru
March 22, 2018

5:15 - 6:45 pm Family Time

7:00 - 9:00 pm Teens (14 & up) & Adults

A waiver must be filled out
Forms available at Open Gym * on our website
www.christum-baltimore.com

**Need helpers for this
outreach ministry!**

Contact

Holly Harman Fackler 419-564-0964

Church Altar Flower Calendar

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for the 2018 calendar year for worship service one or more Sundays, please sign up in the office on the Flowers Sign-Up poster which is on the bulletin board in the church office. The **cost is \$15**. You may put your checks in the offering plate or just mail it in. Be sure to label your check "Altar Flowers". **Note: New Price for 2018**



There are still many dates open

Caring Nursery Attendants are needed for our Sunday morning worship services. Attendants would need to be the church on the Worship Sundays working at 8:30 am throughout the morning until around Noon. This is a paid position! We will work around your schedule! You can choose the weekends you work and have the opportunity to work up to 3 Sundays a month, if desired. If interested please contact Tiffany Jones at 419-376-2546 or mrs.tiffanyjones@hotmail.com



at

**Congratulations!
It's a Girl!**

**Darbi
Lee
Ulrich**



December 4, 2017

**Proud Parents are
Jacob & Tolli Ulrich**

**Proud grandparents are
Ed & Julie Ulrich**

**Congratulations!
It's a Girl!**

**Rebecca Lynn
Epley**



November 30, 2017

**Proud Parents are
Chad & Hannah Epley**

**Proud grandfather is
Lee Kohler**

**Congratulations!
It's a Boy**

**Lennox (Nox)
Luke
Merrell**



January 3, 2018

**Proud Parents are
Joey & Tiffany Merrell**

**Proud grandparents are
Mark & Darcy Soliday**

CELEBRATIONS & THANK YOU'S!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Lynda Williams
- 5 Kevin Craig
- 6 Alexis Traster, Cameron and Cooper Waites
- 7 Beatrice Blosser
- 8 Karla Waits
- 13 David Brookover, Zale Maxwell
- 14 Elizabeth Alderdice
- 16 Robin Pullins
- 17 Brentley Raver
- 18 Leanne Davis, Steve Pickett
- 20 Justin Shreyer
- 24 Tim Cooper
- 26 Samantha Jewell, Shawn Jones
- 27 Jeannei Damron
- 28 Miles Bader
- 31 Carrie Schrader



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| Jerry & Susan Osborn | January 7 |
| Michael & Jeanne Dulin | January 19 |



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Hello to all my dear friends at Christ UMC,

It has been a surprise and unforeseen journey for my girls and I. I admit I didn't go to the doctor when I knew I wasn't well in many ways for months. My girls went through so much and my heart breaks when I think of their pain, as the doctors were repeatedly telling them my chance of survival was only 10%. If Day 12 came, and no change, my girls were told to be prepared. And as I laid there, I prayed and spoke with God constantly. I could hear some of the conversations. I prayed to God, that it all be His will. My girls stayed by my side constantly, except both going to work, most days. On day 10 of life support, Laura and Krista were talking with me. As they were talking with me, Laura said "Mom", I opened my eyes.

I thank God for Mom and Dad, when over 20 years ago, we put our future plans on legal documents for ourselves and love ones for the unforeseen. My business continued with ease, as well as Mom and Dad's care. We had Financial, Health POAs in place, banking, bills, mine and Dad/Mom's Living Wills for such an emergency. Thank God we planned ahead, not knowing what can happen to any of us.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and the beautiful shawl! It is a while to full recovery, but as you all know, I am a very determined gal. But, I accept all. I'm taking dialysis 3 days a week and pray my kidney functions return, but His will is mine! I am enjoying the patients in the waiting room, as well the entire staff. I arrive early just to fellowship with everyone at 5:30 am. I drink no water...that took some getting used to!

I love you all, and may God be first in your lives, as He is with me, my girls and parents. Many blessings to all of you!

Karen Mathews



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Dear Pastor Alice, Becky Ety and All of the Sending Love Ministry,


Thank you so much for your faithful service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks you for your Sending Love Ministry. You may never know how much your ministry has blessed our service men and women serving the U.S. military. Not just the blessing of a well timed package, but the love and prayers that was the reason for the package. Some day when we are in Heaven, I think you will only then fully understand how the Lord has used you as His hands and feet showing your love for Him and your love through this special ministry.

Our family has been truly blessed by your ministry and the Body of Christ at CUMC. May Gods grace and peace be with you this and every day. Amen.

Love,
Richard and Doreen Fast



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed in Observance of New Years Day	2 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC)	3 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 5:30 pm Children's Ministry (P)	4 5:15 Pm Open Gym (FLC) 7:00 Pm Bell Choir (P)	5	6
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				
7 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (FH) 8:30 am Traditional 9:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Contemp	8 6:45 pm Worship (L)	9 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6:45 pm Empty Bowls (L) 6 pm Scouts (FH)	10 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	11 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	12	13 7:00 pm Euchre Party (FH) 
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				
14 8:30 am Traditional 9:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Contemp	15 Church Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day	16 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC)	17 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH)	18 11 am Baltimore Seniors (FH) 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	19	20 3:00 pm Good Timers hosting Antique Tractor Club Banquet (FLC)
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am—3:00 pm				
21 8:30 am Traditional 9:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Contemp	22 5:30 pm Finance (FH) 6:00 pm Missions (P) 7:00 pm Admin Council (FH)	23 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6:00 pm Scouts (FH)	24 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Senior Lunch (FLC) 3 pm Kids Club (FH) 6:30 pm Girls Scouts (FH)	25 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	26 Fire Dept Christmas Wrapping (FLC)	27 Set up for Christmas Eve Service (FLC)
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am—3:00 pm				
28 8:30 am Traditional 9:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Contemp	29	30 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6:45 pm Empty Bowls (FH) Pick up Pizza Kits 3-6 pm (FH)	31 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC)			
		Preschool in FLC 9:00 am—3:00 pm				



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- ◆ 8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship
- ◆ 9:50 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages
- ◆ 11:00 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</i> Generally in the office, Tues., Wed., & Thurs.; Hours vary (Call any time for appointment)
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Pianist	Julie Ulrich
Custodians	Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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