

**MAY
2019**



Worship Schedule

8:45 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

Christ United Methodist Church

THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH

...to help people find and follow Jesus Christ



- May 5 Two Faces of Grace** *2 Sam 2:1-9*
Graduation Sunday; Holy Communion
- May 12 God Helps Those Who Help Themselves** *Psalm various*
Mothers' Day
- May 19 Everything Happens for a Reason** *Deut 30:19-20*
Reception for Pastor Steve and Tricia
- May 26 God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle** *1 Corin10:13*

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.

Among the titles on the shelves of my office at home there is a delightful little book by leadership coach Ken Blanchard called *Whale Done!* It is a simple, yet powerful story of how trainers at Sea World get those giant whales like Shamu to do all the amazing tricks they can do.

If you ever saw them, then you can recall the sheer amazement and delight that comes from such powerful creatures and their astonishing feats. So just how do those trainers get these giant animals to do such things? The answer is remarkably simple: positive encouragement. In essence, they praise and affirm good results!

Though I've never swam with a giant whale, I do believe that there is an important lesson for all of us to consider. When was the last time you saw someone in our church family do something outstanding and worth praising? When was the last time you paid someone a compliment for something that helped us succeed in our mission of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Too often, a little of our human nature creeps in and looks for things we don't like and would rather criticize. Instead, try looking from a more positive perspective. Catch someone doing something well and thank them for it! Encouragement can be just as contagious as criticism, and it is so much better to spread good news than bad.

Does this seem too good to be true? It seems that the Apostle Paul had some pretty glowing things to say



about the early church in Thessalonica. Listen to some of what Paul writes to them:

Encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

Paul commends them for doing a “whale of a job” at being encouraging, enthusiastic, energetic disciples of Christ. Let me briefly offer the same blessing

to each of you.

In the months preceding my coming to be with you here at Christ Church, I must tell you how grateful I am to see the encouragement you bring to one another and brought also to me and my wife, Tricia. Each month, joy filled my soul reading of our life together in the pages of the monthly newsletter. You have worked faithfully and diligently in the months of transition with Rev. Stacy Evans as your interim pastor. I know Stacy well and am grateful for his guidance and leadership with you. It will be my honor and privilege to continue in the work you and he have done together. There is much to do and much we will accomplish together, so I can hardly wait to get started!

Your prayers, warm welcomes, caring concern, and team spirit have brought a smile to my face and warmth to my heart as I think about all of you!

Thank you so much to our Christ church family! “Whale Done” to each of you!

Pastor Steve Rath



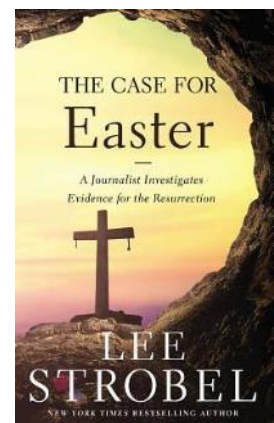
Adult Study for Easter “The Case for Easter”

Tuesday's April 23 – May 28 at 6:30 pm

This is a 6 week study for anyone interested.

Registration will be in your bulletin & at the Connection Center

You can still register and encouraged to join Pastor Steve & us!





Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates!

High School Graduates



**Leia
Blackstone**
Graduate of Liberty
Union High School



Kaden James
Graduate of
Lancaster High
School



Jill Kilger
Graduate of Liberty
Union High School



Lauren Wagner
Graduate of Liberty
Union High School



Kaleb Waits
Graduate of Liberty
Union High School

College Graduates



Michael Burns
Graduated from Penn State
University
Degree: Bachelor of
Science in Agriculture
Engineering



**Mariah
Maldovan**
Graduated from Ohio
State University
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
in Political Science



Autumn Miller
Graduated from Ohio State
University
Degree: Bachelor of Science
in Agriculture



Avery Miller
Graduated from University
of Northwestern Ohio
Degree: Associates in
Diesel Technology



Caleb Slyh
Graduated from Ohio
University, Russ College of
Engineering & Technology
Degree: Master of Science
in Civil Engineering

Graduates Celebration Luncheon at Christ UMC

The men's group will host a carry in lunch to recognize the 2019 graduates and their families. The lunch is open to the **ENTIRE church family**.

Hot dogs and burgers will be provided, please bring a side dish or two to compliment the meal.

The men will be providing the grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixn's. With the exception of graduates and their families, everyone else is encouraged to bring a dish or two to share. Both pastor Stacy and Steve have been invited to attend so we'll have an opportunity to say thank you and best wishes.

What: Carry In Lunch

When: May 5, 2019, beginning around 11:30 once the tables are set.

Where: Family Life Center

Why: Celebrate the 2019 Graduates

Questions?: Please contact Tim Lawlis, 614.570.9021 mobile, tpclb78@gmail.com e-mail

SUNDAY SUPPER



Imagine a short, but powerful service with warm welcomes, hospitality, a meal, conversation, worship and communion! Welcome to the new **Sunday Supper** – a special service where everyone will “Belong. Be Loved. Be Fed.”

We know that when people gather at God’s Table (a sacred and time-honored tradition), doubters and disciples share in a tradition that’s been practiced for over 2000 years. We want everyone to experience and share the love of Jesus, as we live our lives like him!

The goal of Sunday Supper is to offer a simple worship experience for those preferring a different type of devotion and connection to God. All are welcome to attend, including people who may have little or no church experience, those who are lonely, or those who just need a meal. The table is open (shared meals are the best meals) and a space is reserved for everyone. All means all.

Sunday Supper’s components are a meal, message and music. The meal is prepared by church members. The message will be a short, “kid-friendly” object lesson relatable to the entire family. Prayer, communion and music are integral pieces of the experience.

Sunday Supper is not big into dogma or creeds. It is intentionally low-tech. We are trying our best to connect with God; to love God and people. We want to live like Jesus.

Sunday Supper welcomes faith questions and doubts. Sunday Supper will be a fun event with a family atmosphere. It is a place to listen and talk about things that really matter. Hopefully, it changes lives and strengthens the community.

Preparation is key to efforts starting a new project. Much time, effort, research and reflection have been part of our Sunday Supper planning. Since October, the committee has met on a regular basis.

Every person on the committee knows the significance of trying to do things well and address the details. The committee has examined efforts of other dinner churches, and one dinner church has even been visited.

The committee knows Sunday Supper is something

Welcome to Our New Worship Experience

we will all “grow” into. The heart of Sunday Supper is not telling people what they should want, but reminding them who they are.

Join us June 2nd at 5:00 PM for the FIRST SUNDAY SUPPER!

The committee would like to treat the first Sunday Supper like a dress rehearsal, essentially a trial-run that allows us to work out the details. This will give us a chance to evaluate and improve. In July, Sunday Supper will be open to all!

How can you help?

- Be a part of the experience.
- Prayer, encouragement, support of the effort, and becoming involved are good ways.
- Individuals or groups can volunteer to be the kitchen crew.
- You can be on the Sunday Supper team as you desire.

We need YOU to attend! To be accurate, we need an RSVP to the office by May 24th if you plan to come to the June 2nd Sunday Supper. (Of course, we will have extras for those who forget to RSVP!)

The Important SUNDAY SUPPER Facts:

Who: All who want to find and follow Jesus Christ!

What: Sunday Supper

Where: CUMC Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday June 2nd (and every first Sunday of the month thereafter) 5:00-6:00 p.m.

How: RSVP to the office by May 24th for the June 2nd service!

Please come and help start the Sunday Supper Journey on June 2nd. Be curious!

LESLIE MARTENS

"A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" Proverbs 11:25

We are approaching the summer season. Soon schools will be out and the children can no longer count on school lunches.

The need is greater to provide these nutritious meals at home. Please continue to give generously so our families can receive what they need to meet these demands.

Food Pantry Ministry

Items needed for April:

- ♦ Soups of any kind (top priority)
- ♦ Boxed potatoes
- ♦ Noodle side dishes
- ♦ Canned fruit



Thank you!

Leslie Martens
Food Pantry Ministry
leslieann247@gmail.com

However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners) will not come to you (into close fellowship with you); but if I go away, I will send Him to you (to be in close fellowship with you). ~John 16:7

We probably all have a friend who's cup is always half empty, who criticizes everyone and everything, who is a worrier, talks negatively and ridicules our ideas or plans. On the flip side, hopefully we all have a friend or two who has a glass half full, sees the good we do and compliments us, even thanks us. One who cheers us on and listens to our plans and ideas with interest and encouragement. Who is the better friend, the one we enjoy meeting more often?

I have been pondering which kind of person I'm more like. I know which one I WANT to be and I'm going to make an effort to be more positive and encouraging. We all need and desire encouragement and a little recognition

for our efforts.

Isn't it interesting that when Jesus left his followers here on earth He said it was a good thing for Him to go. Why? Because he could send the Holy Spirit (see the list of some of His characteristics in the above scripture) to dwell within each of us at the same time, while He, in human form, could only be with a limited number of people at a time! The Greek word for Holy Spirit is "Encourager." He wanted us to be strengthened, encouraged, helped; so He sent us the Holy Spirit. He knew how important it is for His people to be lifted up vs. put down so we don't give up in our walk of faith.

I'm so grateful for the Holy Spirit in my life, for His edification. I think it is also great when we encourage one another.

Keep praising & praying,
Kristy Schooler



HOLLY HARMAN FACKLER

Good Neighbors in the Village

"Living out Christ's love by responding to our neighbors' needs."

One of our board members requested that I emphasize the collaborative nature of Good Neighbors in the Village. This group, now fully 6 years old, does not belong to any one church in our community. While our official address is 700 S. Main St. (Christ United Methodist Church), where we have office space, Good Neighbors has always been a partnership among multiple churches as evidenced by its participants. We have our own tax-exempt number, our own board, and our own by-laws, policies and procedures. Just in case you were unclear about any of that.

While the Baltimore Stars (chair volleyball team) started their season of league play in April, the After School Program is entering the final stretch of its third year. Both of these Good Neighbors efforts, in addition to Wednesday lunch, serve vulnerable populations in the community in keeping with our focus and mission. Both programs have come to be respected and relied on to fill needs that were not being met before Good Neighbors heard the call and followed. Like all of our programs, these are run by volunteers and powered by the Holy Spirit, with funding that seems to arrive without much begging on our part.

Right now we are gearing up for a trial summer effort that will replace the "feeding site" model of the Summer Lunch Program we have pursued for the last six years or so. We plan to use a "food box" approach. Volunteers will shop for quality food (fruits, vegetables, whole grains, meat, some dairy) and allow enrolled families to fill their box with items their families will eat. When families come for their food, we will have other volunteers available to help them think through what meals they can prepare that will be economical, healthful and satisfying, and to answer food preparation

questions. A number of families have already signed up and we are trying to get the word out to others who need help filling nutritional needs during the weeks that school lunches are not available. We have applied for two different grants that we hope will stretch our resources to cover this new approach.

Our major need is for volunteers. We need the ears and hands of experience. And sometimes we just need individuals who are willing to learn something new or to share something they know but take for granted, such as a competence in creating healthy meals out of simple, wholesome ingredients.

- **We need people** (of any age) to help with the Food Box Program as food coaches, resource people and shoppers.

- **We need teens and adults** interested in helping to build ramps or in learning how.

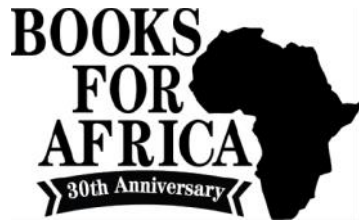
- **We need handyfolks** to assist with simple home repairs for neighbors who need a helping hand and don't have other options or resources.

Our next board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 at (we hope!) Faith Lutheran Church (this is a change from earlier plans). Call Darcy at 740-862-4343 if you want to participate in our programs, feel called to volunteer in any capacity, or need our services. Or call me!

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



JIM THOMPSON



Donate used books to children in Africa

As announced in the April newsletter, a mission outreach will be held to collect books to send to children in Africa. There will

be a box by the main door to the church to leave books in May and June.

Please follow the guidelines below from Books for Africa to make our effort successful.

"We send textbooks, other reference books, and leisure reading (paperback and hardcover novels, picture books, etc.) that are less than 15 years old and in great condition (no cover damage, compromised bindings, etc.). Picture/reading books for primary aged children are greatly desired. We send French books (not instructional French books) of all categories and ages. School supplies (like pens, paper, rulers, etc.) are also desired.

We do not send Spanish or any other foreign language books. As we are interested in sending books that are culturally relevant to an African learner, please do not donate books about American History/ Government/ holidays/culture/self-help. We no longer ship academic journals, used encyclopedia sets or National Geographic magazines."

Outreach & Missions

Christ Church is a member of the local churches making up the CarePortal team supporting the needs of children under Fairfield County Child Protective Services. The FCCPS is a part of Job and Family Services.

CarePortal invites people to participate in the Cost of Poverty Experience taking place at the Life Church on Route 37 on May 23. You can go as an individual or group to see what living in poverty is like in a realistic problem-solving simulation. Sign up or see Jim Thompson for more information about the event.

Jim Thompson
Missions & Outreach Chair



1 in 5 children in America live at or below the poverty line.
These numbers should disturb us, yet statistics can have a numbing affect. The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) offers an opportunity to gain a glimpse into the lives of families in our communities that face poverty every day. Join us for a morning to learn engage with other people committed to serving children and families in our community.

DATE Thursday May 23
TIMES 9:30 am to 11:30 am
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
WHERE Life Church
5550 Lancaster-Newark
Rd NE Pleasantville Ohio
43148

Go to www.EventBrite.com and search for "COPE Fairfield County" to register

PRESCHOOL



It's hard to believe our preschool year is coming to an end. Our last day for class is May 9th. We'd like to thank all of you who purchased items during our various fundraisers and Scholastic Book Fairs. Having successful

fundraisers help us keep our tuition prices low and to purchase needed supplies.

Some classes for the 2019-2020 school year have already filled! We do still have openings, though, so please share

with your family, friends and neighbors who have preschool-aged children about our preschool. There is information about the school on the church website, as well as, our Christ United Methodist Preschool Facebook page.

Jennifer Lodge
Shelly Beckham



Preschool News



Sunday, June 9
everyone is invited to wear red
in celebration of our Pentecost celebration.

Churches that employ liturgical colors generally use red on Pentecost as a symbol of power and fire of the Spirit. For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Before

the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningful called "the church". Thus, from a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens. Thus, Pentecost is the church's birthday!

Mortgage Reduction Challenge

Jerry McCreery, Chair of Finance made the following announcement Sunday, March 17: The late Dale and Joan Landis will give a gift of \$100,000 to be applied to the Family Life Center mortgage principal. This gift is contingent on matching funds from church members. The church will receive this gift if we match it dollar to dollar. The maximum gift is \$100,000. If we fall short of the \$100,000 and match a portion, the gift will match our donations. We can donate more than the \$100,000 gift, but donations over \$100,000 will not be matched.

The challenge to match the gift dollars will run through December 31, 2019. During this time the church will continue to make the monthly mortgage payment. Our matching dollars will be above and beyond our 2019 pledges and regular giving. Check or cash donations can be put in the Sunday collection plate and must be **designated** to the **mortgage principal** either on the giving envelope or check. Donations will be tracked and communicated during the challenge.

At the end of each month, all designated Mortgage Reduction Challenge donations will be forwarded to the mortgage company and applied to the mortgage principal. As of April 21 we have a total of \$7,930.00. Look for the "Challenge Thermometer" out in the Narthex area!



Mothers' Day Video--Pictures Needed!!!

For Mothers' Day, we would like to prepare a video that includes pictures of mothers and their children--you & your mother, or you (if you're a mother) & your children.

Please email your high-resolution pictures to the church at office@christum-baltimore.com

by May 8.

If you don't have digital pictures, we can scan them.
Be sure to label your pictures so we can get it back to you.



Mother's Day Celebration Invite

"Grandma's Favorite Thing"

Ladies of Christ UMC, bring your mother, daughters, aunts, grandma, friends to Millersport UMC for our Mother's Day celebration.

The program will be "Grammatones".

May 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Also, bring an item to show of your Grandmother's...a recipe, a spoon, a rolling pin, a hankie, an apron, a hat, a doll...

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the program.

Millersport UMC is located at 2310 Refugee Street, Millersport, OH 43046

PASTOR STACY EVANS

Again, I want to thank all members of the congregation who have provided prayers and other form of support during the last few months. When I responded positively to this invitation to be with you for six months I was rather hale and hearty. What a change four months can bring. I am so pleased that your new pastor is younger than I am and much more vigorous.

I also want to comment on where Christ Church can be in the immediate future.

- ◆ You have great lay leadership: enjoy it and help your leaders stay focused.
- ◆ Your staff is energetic and committed to Christ's ministry.

I want to thank all of you who have made my time with you enjoyable and meaningful. I have known about your church for a long time but I did not know how compassionate an energetic you are. Be a blessing to others as you have been to me during my bouts with illness. You are a church with people of all ages. That is great! Your Sunday School has many more people of all ages participating than many other congregations. As you move forward with Pastor Steve, please embrace all the folks who show up on Sunday, especially newcomers. You are wise and caring: show that to seekers and new Christians

From the Interim Pastor

Now a few specifics:

- ◆ Your work to reach out to families with children is prominent. Keep it that way!
- ◆ You have a well-organized plan for visiting shut-ins.
- ◆ The music department has great potential to grow and to be a major instrument in your Christ-based orchestra, offering many avenues to find Christ.
- ◆ The youth program is well organized and well led.
- ◆ Music offerings can be deepened in terms of effect on the congregation and expanded as much a God delights to support you. Strong Christians make themselves and all those around them better.
- ◆ You have many enthusiastic Christians: build and strengthen their faith and show how it works in daily lives.
- ◆ I could make this list much longer. Suffice it to say that I believe in you and your growing relationship with Christ's leadership. Let him lead you.

Best wishes to all of you and to Pastor Steve. I know that you will have a fruitful ministry together.

In Christian love,
Pastor Stacy Evans

SUMMER CAMPS

Wesley Explorer Camp is Perfect for Beginning Campers

Going away to camp for the first time can be scary for youngsters. West Ohio Camps has a perfect solution with Wesley Explorer Camp. The camp is open to all kids ages 7 and 8 that are new to summer camp or just want a short stay at camp. This three-day experience at Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine is packed with archery, canoeing, and swimming at the pool and lake. Campers will enjoy Adventure Island at the beach and the turbo-shoot water slide. They will spend time with new friends and grow closer to God during fun and exciting morning and evening worship.

Campers will enjoy air-conditioned lodging in Camp Wesley's yurts and log cabins. Wesley Explorer Camp will run Wednesday, **June 5 through Friday, June 7**. The price is \$170 per camper, and registration is underway. Sibling discounts are available. For more information, check out our website at www.westohiocamps.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A Note From Jennifer Lodge

It is difficult for me to say, but I need to step down from teaching Sunday School. I love teaching about God and the bible stories. I love meeting with the kids and I care about each of them. But, I have too much on my plate. This wasn't an easy decision to make. I have been thinking and praying about this since November.

My last day to teach Sunday School was March 31st. The class is for 3 year olds through 1st grade. I have supplies/materials to pass on to the next person. I can also go over my routine with someone if they are interested. Jennifer

Christ UMC would like to thank Jennifer for all her years of service with the Sunday School classes. Peggy Lawlis has become the Sunday School class teacher. Thank you Peggy for your ministry to our children!

We are still in need of substitute teachers and helpers. Please contact Greg Dolce if you can help! youth@christum-baltimore.com

ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

March and April 2019

3/31 4/7 4/14 4/18 4/21 4/21

Attendance Worship Services	112	132	137	11	51	166
Special Worship Service				Holy Thursday	Sunrise Service	Easter Service
Attendance Sunday School	32	54	36	N/A	N/A	6 No Children/ Youth classes

Please Note: It is important for everyone to fill out the Connect Cards on Sunday so that I will have accurate information if needed. That way I can assist you and others the best way possible. You can just put your names. Only need all other info if anything changes or to update your family information. Thank you! Darcy Soliday, Admin. Asst.

FINANCIAL UPDATE DARLA REEDY, TREASURER

2019

MARCH

YEAR to DATE

OPERATING INCOME	28,440	84,069
OPERATING EXPENSES	24,406	76,362
Sunday School	204	404
Coins for Missions	93	208
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$1,107,275	

Mortgage Challenge Total
for April 2019

\$7,930.00

MORE CUMC NEWS!

Vacation Bible School

We are partnering again with area churches to provide a fun, "out of the box" VBS this Summer. We are getting inspiration for games from the television show *American Ninja Warrior*.

July 28 - 31
6:30pm- 8:00pm
at Faith Lutheran

The Family Life Center here at Christ will be the back-up location for inclement weather.

VBS is open to children in preschool through grade 5.

Online registration will be available on the church website soon. Please contact Jennifer Lodge if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. More to come!

National Day of Prayer

Please join the community in praying for our nation on **Thursday, May 2.**



Pies Needed for a Good Timers Event!

The Good Timers will be serving a dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 pm.

We will need donations of fruit pies.

If you can help serve this dinner or donate a homemade pie, please contact Louise Smith at 740-862-6018 or email louisesith2007@hotmail.com



Office Closed

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on **Monday, May 27.**



Summer Camp registration open.

The West Ohio Conference is taking Summer Camp registrations now. For more information on job opportunities and to register. Go to

[http://www.SummerCampRegistration & Job Opportunities:](http://www.SummerCampRegistration&JobOpportunities)



West Ohio Conference
Camps & Retreats

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 sharpeners. They are great gifts too!

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



Reception to welcome Pastor Steve and Tricia

Our new Pastor, Rev. Steve Rath will be joining us Sunday, May 5th. His wife, Tricia, will be joining us on Sun., May 12. Please make plans to come and welcome Pastor Steve & Tricia as they start their ministry with Christ UMC.

On Sunday, May 19

there will be a reception to welcome Pastor Steve and Tricia after the worship service.

We are all very
excited to have
them join us!
Mark your
calendars now!!!



Communion Servers Needed

We still need communion servers in August, September & October. Please contact Natalie Clum at 740-974-2124 if you are interested in helping



Community Gardens

It is not too early to begin thinking about spring and gardening. Faith Lutheran Church will again be sponsoring the Baltimore Community Gardens on our property at 990 South Main Street. The gardens are easily accessible from the parking lot in front of the LU-T Middle School.

This is the tenth year to assist the Baltimore Community by raising fresh produce for the Baltimore Food Pantry. We have given many pounds of produce to the food pantry each year. Gardeners may use any of the produce they raise, but we ask that any excess be given to the food pantry.

Our garden plots are 25 ft. by 25 ft. square. We will have them tilled up for planting when the soil dries out this spring. Water is available along with a variety of free seeds and vegetable plants.

If you or your family, a church or school group, or a 4-H or scout group would like more information, please contact: **Art Brate**,
740-862-4821,
habrate@gmail.com



Cleaning Out Your Storage Area?

Please remember to save your treasures for the Annual Church Yard Sale as you clean out closets and storage areas this spring. Items can be dropped off in the Family Life Center starting Monday, June 3. The sale will be June 13, 14 and 15. Do not bring sale items before June 3 and NO electronics or TVs please!!!



CELEBRATIONS, THANK YOU'S & MORE!

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Sharon Gates
- 4 Zoey Gaskill
- 5 Jennifer Lodge
- 6 Chad Endsley
- 9 Jessica Kilger, Megan Shreyer
- 10 Matt Petty
- 11 Elliott Selway, Dave Wolfe
- 12 Ruth Staten
- 13 Marvin Achtermann, Shirlee Ety, Lyndsey Lawlis
- 14 Micah McCreery, Landon Moore
- 17 Sharon Anderson, Braden Moore
- 18 Bonnie Simpson
- 25 Jim Anderson
- 26 Rev. Stacy Evans
- 27 Caroline Endsley
- 29 Bonita McCall
- 31 Mindy Ety, Caleb Slyh



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Sheila Burns	May 2
Dan & Jill Johnson	May 5
Bob & Sherry Looney	May 14
Dan & Mary Ann Thompson	May 19
Jim & Jodi Anderson	May 23
Mark & Darcy Soliday	May 28
Rich & Shirley Reed	May 30
Kevin & Susan Wagner	May 31



MORE NEWS!

Dear Church Family,

I send my belated thanks to each of you, who remembered me this past Christmas and January 7th for my 94th birthday. Your cards, gifts and food were appreciated.

I haven't been doing well and was unable to send this information sooner to each of you.

Thanks to Pastor Alice and the girls for my many visits. I now miss seeing you often again at my apt.

In Christian Love and Blessings to each of you,

Beatrice Ann Blosser



To All at Christ UMC,

April 11th Pat underwent emergency surgery at St. Ann's Hospital for gastrointestinal infection. I am pleased to report that the surgery went well, but she will have a long road to recovery. She will remain in ICU for several more days and will likely remain in the hospital for several more days after being released from ICU.

Her protracted illness may now be ended. I cannot begin to properly express my heartfelt appreciation for all of the cards, prayers, offers of help that has come from our Church family, neighbors, and people whom we did not know.

Pat will be spending her 70th birthday (April 18) in the hospital, but it will probably be one of the most joyous birthdays of her life.

Never underestimate the power of our Heavenly Father and the power of prayer because both have played a significant role in guiding the hands of the surgeons and nurses that cared for Pat.

May God continue to bless everyone who prayed for Pat.

Sincerely,
Tom James



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards and prayers that have been uplifted in Steve's behalf the past several months.

Please continue those prayers as he needs to regain strength in order to walk on his own again.

Sincerely,
Debbie Miller





May 2019

Christ United Methodist



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)	2 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	3	4
		Preschool in FLC 9 am - 3 pm				
5 Graduate Sunday 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:30 am Graduates Luncheon 5:30 pm In Use	6 7 pm Rebekah Circle (P) 7 pm Canal Strings (FH)	7 6:30 pm Easter Study (P) 7 pm Trustees (FH) Preschool in FLC 9 am - 3 pm	8 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	9 7 pm Bell Choir (P) Last Day for Preschool/Pre-K	10	11 Trustee Church Work Day 8:00 am CHURCH YARD WORK
12 Mother's Day 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School	13 6 pm Finance Meeting (FH) 7 pm Admin. Council (FH)	14 6:30 pm Easter Study (P) 6:30 pm Scouts (FH)	15 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC)	16 11 am Baltimore Sr. (FH) 3 pm In Use (FH) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	17	18 Trustee Church Work Day (Rain Date)
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

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