

**JANUARY  
2020**

*New Year's*  
**BLESSINGS**

**Christ United Methodist Church**

**THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH**

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

**Worship Schedule**

**8:45 a.m. Worship Service**  
**10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages**  
**5:00 p.m. "Sunday Supper" Service**  
**Sunday Supper 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month only**

**GOD'S PROMISE**



**Sermon Schedule:**

Jan. 5	<b>"Wesley Covenant Service"</b>	Various
	<i>Holy Communion</i>	
	<b>"Sunday Supper" Service 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall</b>	
Jan. 12	<b>"God's Promise of New Life"</b>	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>
Jan. 19	<b>"God's Promise of Faithfulness"</b>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</i>
Jan. 26	<b>"God's Promise of Ministry"</b>	<i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>

**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.



With the coming of 2020, lots of folks will certainly making resolutions or promises toward some aspect to better their lives: get in better shape, spend to a budget, read the Bible daily, or any number of ways we

think could improve our lives. Are you one of them?

I am also doing some personal goal-setting for the year ahead. Statistics show that 97% of folks who set goals don't achieve them for one common reason – they aren't written down and reviewed. It's the old adage that “out of sight, out of mind” has some truth to it. The 3% of those who do write down and review goals truly achieve them.

Some years ago, a famous preacher named Jonathan Edwards, wrote down 70 goals for the year ahead in his pursuit of a better and deeper relationship with God. Each week he'd assess his progress in these ways. (I dare say that he was perhaps a bit on the overly optimistic side, but one has to be impressed with his dedication at least.)

Among Edwards' ideals were these:

\*Never to speak evil of anyone, except I have some particular good purpose for doing so.

\*To maintain the wisest and healthiest practices in my eating and drinking.

\* Never to allow any pleasure or grief, joy or sorrow, nor any affection at all, nor any degree of affection, nor any circumstance, but what advances the gospel.

In all the promises we make to ourselves, there are also some promises that God makes to us that never change. They are the same every year because they are the very essence of who

God is. As we begin the New

Year, we'll be reminded of some of those unchanging promises of God for us, for our community, and for the whole world. Among God's promises for you:

*God promises to be faithful.*

*God promises his blessings.*

*God promises his freedom.*

There are lots of others we'll discover, but these are some worth claiming for your life – not just for the New Year but in all the days in between.

Yours for a blessed 2020!

Pastor Steve



## A Service of Covenant Renewal

## 2020 Worship Begins with special Wesley Covenant Service

As we begin worship in 2020, we will do so with a special service of communion and preparation for the coming year together. With the new year, we will have the opportunity to think about how we might grow deeper in our relationship with God and with each other.

Years ago, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote extensively in his personal journals about his life with God. Among his many thoughts were experiences he had in prayer, worship and communion at the time of a new year. In his heart and life, it was a time of recommitment and reflection on what it meant to grow in the grace of God and love for others.

In that spirit, on Sunday January 5, we will share in what is called a Wesley Covenant Service. We will sing, pray, read scripture, and share in Holy Communion, considering our own lives, our church, and desire to grow to be everything that God would have us be together. I look forward to beginning our year together in this way, and hope you will join us in this meaningful experience together.

## 2020 Lay Leadership – Christ United Methodist Church (Updated 12/17/2019)

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Admin. Council Chair	Dave Brookover
Lay Member/Annual Conf.	_____
Lay Leader(s)	Waid Radford & Joe Farmer
Congreg. Care Co-Chairs	Dottie Harman, Denise Vandermark
Deaconess	Gayle McCreery
Adult Discipleship	Gayle McCreery
College Connection	Sheila Burns
Youth Director	Scott and Amy Helsel
Finance Chair	Jerry McCreery
Treasurer	Darla Reedy
Historian	Renee' Slyh
Outreach/Mission Chair	Jim Thompson
Prayer Coordinator	Kristy Schooler
Safety Chair	Dwayne Miller
Stewardship Chair	Tim Lawlis
SPRC Chair	Joe Farmer
Trustees Chair	Dana Hoisington
Worship Chair	Cheryl Fey
Pastor	Pastor Steve Rath
At-Large Members	2019 J.R. Coakley, Mary Johnson 2019-20 Louise Smith 2020-22 Tricia Rath

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

Dare to Care	Bonnie Simpson, Kristy Schooler,
Funeral Meals	Sharon Anderson, Leslie Marten
Membership	Ken Warling, Dottie Harman
Men's Group	Tim Lawlis, Dana Hoisington
Rebekah Circle	(To be elected)
Shut-in Meals	Betty Jo Merle, Bernie Anderson
Radical Hospitality	Lisa Motsch, Melissa Bader

### DISCIPLESHIP (Chair: \_\_\_\_\_)

<b>Children's Ministries</b>	_____
Children's Choir	Sheila Burns
Puppets	Don Burns
VBS Coordinator	_____
<b>Youth Ministries</b>	Scott and Amy Helsel
<b>College Connection</b>	Sheila Burns
<b>Young Adult Ministries</b>	_____
<b>Adult Discipleship</b>	Gayle McCreery
Librarian	Lynda Williams
Sunday School Sec'y	Mike Stilwell

### FINANCE (Chair: Jerry McCreery)

Treasurer	Darla Reedy
Lay Leaders	Waid Radford or Joe Farmer
Lay Member/Annl. Conf.	_____
Admin. Council Chair	Dave Brookover
SPRC Representative	To be elected
Trustees Rep.	To be elected
Financial Secretary	Louise Smith
Stewardship Chair	Tim Lawlis
2020	Mike Snider, Dana Hoisington,
2021	
2022	Rob Sayre, Susan Maxwell
Counters:	Louise Smith, Ken Warling, Bonnie Simpson, & Sharon Anderson (assist)

### SAFETY (Chair: Dwayne Miller)

Dave Brookover, Mardi McCluer, Don Burns,  
Jerry McCreery, J.R. Coakley, Dwayne Miller

### STEWARDSHIP (Chair: Tim Lawlis)

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Chair: Pastor Steve Rath)

2020	Jane Farmer, Natalie Clum, Frank Anderson.
2021	Nicole Jewell, Cookie Friesner, Jr. Coakley
2022	Tricia Rath,
Lay Leader:	Waid Radford or Joe Farmer

### OUTREACH & MISSIONS (Chair: Jim Thompson)

Craft Show	Becky Ety, Sharon Gates
Sending Love Over There	Becky Ety, Sharon Gates
Work Camp	Waid Radford
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: Joe Farmer)

Lay Leader	Joe Farmer &/or Waid Radford
Lay Member to Ann. Conf.	_____
2020	Debbi Alderdice, Brenda Snider, Joe Farmer
2021	Mary Johnson, Dianne Milller,
2022	Melissa Bader, Don Burns

### TRUSTEES To be Elected

2020	Jacob Ulrich, Tricia Rath,
2021	Bob Williams, Dana Hoisington, Jim Anderson
2022	Zale Maxwell, Bob Hunter, Jerry McCreery
Round-to-Its	Louise Smith

### WORSHIP (Cheryl Fey)

Communion Stewards	Natalie Clum,
Acolyte Coordinator	Kim Kilger
Worship Team Members	Don Burns, Jennifer Miller, Mallory Stillwell, Ann Wolfe

(plus co-chairs & others listed below)

Pastor	Pastor Steve Rath
Technology/Media	Dwayne Miller
Pianist	Julie Ulrich
Youth Director	Scott and Amy Helsel
Choir Director	Tim Lawlis (interim)

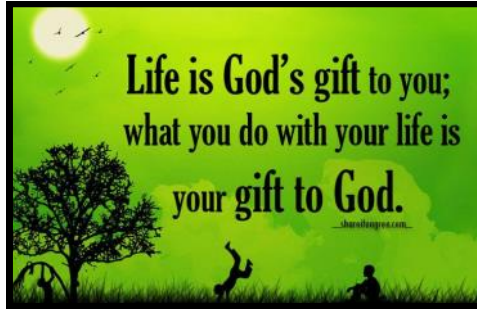
### CHRIST U.M. PRESCHOOL BOARD

Chairperson:	Barbara Holland
Preschool Co-Admin.:	Shelly Beckham & Jennifer Lodge
Pastor:	Pastor Steve Rath
Teacher Rep:	To be selected (Preschool appt.)
Parent Rep:	Clarissa Lawlis (Preschool appt.)
Admin. Council Chair	Dave Brookover
Trustee Representative	To be selected (Trustees need to confirm)
SPRC Representative	To be selected
Board Members: 2020-21	Eryka Gaskill, Barbara Holland
2020-22	



*There are two words this month, "contentment" and "joy-giving." As I was reading my email devotions, I came across this one. Normally, I would write my own thoughts, but this couldn't have been written better. I pray this touches your heart as much as it has touched mine.*

Happy New Year! Tricia



Corinthians 9:10, "For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will give you many opportunities to do good, and He will produce a great harvest of generosity in you."

Give materially.  
Give your time.  
Give encouragement.

### **Girlfriends in God The Secret of Being Content by Gwen Smith**

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. (Philippians 4:12 NIV)*

I once heard a story that offers a great prescription for joy. A young believer came to a man who had followed Christ for many years with this complaint: "I have lost my joy!" the young man said. The older, wiser Christian responded, "Go out and do something for someone else. Repeat that act of kindness nine more times. Then you will find joy!"

When we develop the habit of looking for a need and then meeting it, we will experience joy as never before. Many times, instead of looking for a need, we look the other way.

*Once upon a time, there were four men named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job and Everybody was asked to do it; but, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it and Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody and Nobody did the job that Anybody could have done in the first place (author unknown).*

It is a paradox in the Christian life that the more we give, the more we receive. In Luke 6:38, we find an amazing promise, "If you give, you will receive." Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving – large or small – it will be used to measure what is given back to you." If you want joy, learn to invest your life in others. Be on the lookout for a need and meet it. God created us to share each other's load because a shared load is a lighter load.

F. B. Meyer once noted: "I used to think, that God's gifts were on shelves – one above another and the taller we grow, the easier we can reach them. Now I find that God's gifts are on shelves, one beneath another and the lower we stoop, the more we get." The apostle Paul says it this way in 2

Give a praying heart.  
Give a listening ear.  
Give yourself.

The more you give the more joy you will experience. The more joy you have, the more you will want to give – but you cannot out-give God. He rewards "joy-givers."

Philippians 4:17 "Really, it is not that I want to receive gifts from you. But I want you to have the good that comes from giving. Your gift is like a sweet-smelling sacrifice, and it pleases Him."

The idea of a sweet-smelling sacrifice is taken from the sweet-smelling incense that was burned along with the Jewish sacrifices. When we meet in the life of someone, it is a pleasing aroma to God and a sacrifice of praise to Him. In fact, when we meet someone's need, we are actually giving through that need to God Himself. In other words, that met need becomes a deposit slip in our kingdom account. Joy-givers please God, and the perspective and heart behind the giving matters.

In Philippians 4:19, Paul goes on to say that when we meet the needs of others, God will meet *our* needs. "My God will use His wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need." When we give out of our limited resources, God gives out of His unlimited resources. What a solid foundation for a life of joy! We simply cannot out-give God.

God stands today, arms open wide, ready to pour out His unspeakable gift of joy into our lives so that we can have joy; so that we can share that joy with others. Our gift back to Him is to be a joy-giver.

**Let's Pray** - Father, please forgive me when I am so focused on what I can get that I ignore what I can give. Help me to see others as You see them, to love others as You love them and to give like You give. May I be a vessel through which Your joy flows into the people around me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Administrative Council Report

We had 14 members at our December 9th meeting. The following is an overview of the actions/reports that were taken/given during this meeting.

1. For the Worship committee, Pastor Steve reported the planning for the Christmas and Christmas Eve services was complete.
2. Jim Thompson, Outreach and Missions chair, shared that we will be collecting for Backpacks for Buddies in January, March and May.
3. Finance chair, Jerry McCreery reported we are still running behind on our giving but have paid our bills with the exception of apportionments, the capital repayment fund, the parking lot fund and the extra principal payment amount. This is due to our operating expenses checking account dollar amount falling below our set minimum. The Pre-School budget was ok'd.
4. Rob Sayre, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations chair, reported that we had one more Sunday to collect for staff gifts.
5. Tom James reported for the Trustees that the flat roof repair was completed by River Valley Restoration.
6. Lay Leadership changes: Tricia Rath was added as a member at-large, Mary Johnson to SPPRC and Tricia Rath and Jacob Ulrich to Trustees. Jennifer Lodge stepped down as VBS Coordinator.
7. The Facility Usage Fees portion of the Facility Use/Rental Policy was passed.
8. The fundraisers for Workcamp passed after a presentation by Waid Radford.
9. Pastor Steve thanked everyone for getting all the projects done.

Pastor Steve closed the meeting in prayer.

I would like to thank everyone that attended for their dedication and leadership to our church.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 13th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We are still searching for members to help on different committees. We need you to help keep our good programs going and to help change or develop new programs. It is never too late to help.

Yours in Christ,  
David Brookover  
Ad Council Chair



### TRICIA RATH

### Health & Wellness

We had our December Health and Wellness meeting and we are ramping up for the holidays! As it is the hardest time of the year to be accountable for our health, instead of accepting this as a defeat, we accepted it as a challenge.



We also shared, laughed and prayed. It was truly a blessing of a meeting. Remember, ladies: 3x3s and 12/12!

We are getting ready to plan our Food Walk for our February meeting. Our January meeting will be Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, in the Parlor.

Happy New Year from your Health and Wellness Ministry!

HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

The logo features a green apple with a single green leaf attached to its stem. Below the apple, the words 'HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!' are written in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

**"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ..."**

Some of my friends and I were discussing the upcoming new year and New Year Resolutions. I confess, I haven't made a New Year Resolution in years. It isn't that I don't think I can make improvements in my life, it's just that so often we make grand sweeping resolutions that pretty much set us up for failure.

I meditated on this awhile and prayed about it, because January first of any year is a good time to reflect on the past and the future. What might the new year bring? What might God want me to do and how can I prepare?

Army recruiters use the slogan, "Be All That You Can Be." That is a dramatic challenge - a call to realize one's full potential. I like that! Psychologists and educators tell us most people use only ten percent of their abilities. **That means ninety percent of our potential goes unrealized!**

Leonard Ravenhill relates that a group of tourists were in a village in Europe, and one of them asked an elderly villager, "Have any great men been born in this village?" The old man replied, "No, only babies." No one is born "great." At birth we're given the "seeds of greatness." We are given "potential." We must do something with those "seeds." Success is not so much due to "genius," but to what we do with what we have. Attitude, plus aptitude, equals altitude, someone has said.

Though many people make attempts at "stretching" to reach their potential, they give up because success often comes disguised as "hard work." There are obstacles, hurdles to overcome, and moments of failure and discouragement. "Stretchers" are exposed to critics and criticism, misunderstanding and loneliness.

Here are a few suggestions to help us step out from the "average" to pursue "excellence" in the new year:

1. Surround yourself with winners, with those who are going somewhere and doing something. Watch out for those who enjoy the sunset more than the sunrise.
2. Do everything with fervency and enthusiasm. Make your present situation the very best it can be. Improve your present situation before you move on. Go from success to success.
3. Avoid shortcuts; you will come up short. Don't settle for second-best. Shortcuts may require less effort, but they are less effective.
4. Prepare for success by developing and nurturing your relationship to Jesus Christ. Remember true growth and success come from the inside and are manifested on the outside. Jesus put the "seeds of greatness" in you and He knows how to make them grow. As Zig Ziglar said, "What you get by reaching your goals is not nearly as important as what you become by reaching them."
5. Finally, never give up. Remember the Scriptural promise, "He who began a good work in you will continue to perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." God will never give up on you, so you must never give up on yourself! Thurgood Marshall, who overcame many obstacles to become the first African-American to serve on the Supreme Court, when asked how he would like to be remembered, said, "I did all I could with what I had."

So as I begin a new year I am asking myself, What am I doing with what I have?

Keep praying and praising,  
Kristy Schooler

**May God richly bless you throughout 2020!**

**JIM THOMPSON****Outreach & Missions****Contribute Food Items for Backpacks for Buddies**

For those wishing to contribute, collections date for Backpacks for Buddies at Liberty Union-Thurston Middle School are offered to help children deemed nutritionally at risk. This program, sponsored by the Middle School Student Council, provides food to children to take home every other weekend. Christ Church members and friends were a big contributor to this effort last year.

Food items requested are, canned pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, fruit snacks, pudding cups, apple sauce, canned vegetables, crackers, peanut butter, Ramen noodles or any soups, canned chicken, etc., mac and cheese, cookies, and Little Debbie's. Other food offerings



last year, like cereals and snacks are also okay. Collection dates are Sunday January 19 and 26. The March Sunday collection dates will be 8 and 15. Christ Church's final collection will be May 3.

Jim Thompson  
Missions & outreach Chair  
740-653-7034  
jthompson008@columbus.rr.com

***Mission thought for January:  
"You must give what you most  
need," Anonymous***

Dear Church Family,

This is a thank you I received from the American Red Cross after our last Blood Drive in November. This makes me feel so good to know your kind donations were sent to where there was a need, but it also made me pause with a bit of sadness to know that Mike Snider's brother's heart surgery had to be delayed because of the shortage of blood products his surgeon needed. I hope when our next Blood Drive rolls around in June you will be able to work it into your busy schedules to make a donation. Thank you, Dana Hoisington, Blood Drive Coordinator

### The journey of a pint of life saving blood begins with you.

Dear Christ United Methodist Church,

Thank you for hosting a blood drive. Your willingness to open your doors and recruit blood donors is vital to the lives of the patients that we serve. Your support and generosity helps to ensure blood needs are met locally. And, once that is done, assists the Red Cross in ensuring blood is available when and where it is needed the most – the ongoing fulfillment of our mission depends on you!

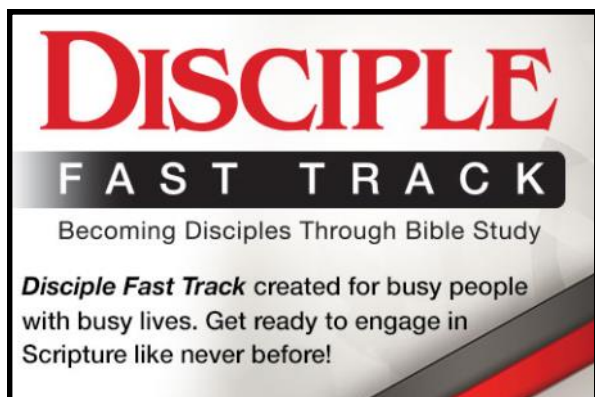


Your blood drive held in November is now on its way to helping hospital patients at the below hospital. You and your team should be proud! **Grant Medical Center**

#RedCrossOnTheWay

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

### Starting February 5



Pastor Steve is offering a new Disciple Bible Study format called *Fast Track* that is 12 weeks for the Old Testament and 12 weeks for the New Testament. This study will begin on February 5 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Be sure to sign up at the Connection Center or let Darcy at the church office know that you are interested in participating so we can order books.



## SUNDAY SUPER COMMITTEE

January 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

Thanks to all those who joined us last month for Sunday Supper. We had a great group and celebrated Christmas a little early with carols and special treats!

We hope you can join us for January's Sunday Supper. After all the heavy foods of the holiday, we're planning a buffet we are calling "Appetizer Extravaganza." Each committee member will share their favorite appetizer! For dessert, we are each bringing in our leftover Christmas cookies! (Just kidding...we'll have some new sweets and Dave Brookover's "Almost Famous" homemade candies.)

You can welcome the New Year with music from Pastor Steve and a beautiful message from Tricia Rath! It's the perfect time to start anew in your spiritual awakening. Please try to join us!



**Sunday Supper**

**Sunday,  
January 5th**

**5:00-6:00 PM**

**Fellowship  
Hall**

**New Year "Appetizer  
Extravaganza" Buffet**

## LESLIE MARTENS

## Food Pantry Ministry

**"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" 1 John 3:17-18**



Food Pantry items requested for this month:

- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Paper Products

Thank You!

The New Year is upon us. Let's make a resolution to give a little more, so those in the community who are in need can worry a little less.

Leslie Martens  
Food Pantry Ministry  
leslieann247@gmail.com

## JENNIFER LODGE/SHELLY BECKHAM

## Preschool News!

We hope everyone had a nice Christmas and is off to a wonderful New Year.

We will be having our Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser in the near future. We will let you know the dates in the church bulletin soon.



If you haven't seen our Facebook page lately be sure and check out the photos we posted

from our December activities! We were quite busy last month.

[facebook.com/christunitedmethodistpreschool/](https://facebook.com/christunitedmethodistpreschool/)

Planning ahead? Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is open to currently enrolled families and members of the congregation on February 4<sup>th</sup>. On February 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Open House from 6-7 p.m. and on that date registration is open to everyone.



Jennifer Lodge  
Shelly Beckham  
Preschool Coordinators

Web: <http://www.christum-baltimore.com/ministries/preschool.html>

HAPPY ♥ NEW ♥ YEAR



# ATTENDANCE

## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE December 2019

12/1 12/8 12/15 12/22 12/24

Attendance Worship Services	146	163	157	165	219
Attendance Sunday School	54	51	43	31	N/A
Special Worship Service	Sunday Supper 33	N/A	N/A	N/A	Christmas Eve
Special Bible Studies/Advent	50	45	26	20	N/A

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. I 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 Report

November

YEAR to DATE

OPERATING INCOME	30,015	299,593
OPERATING EXPENSES	29,096	316,215
SUNDAY SCHOOL	145	1,492
COINS FOR MISSIONS	86	1,591
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$988,772	

**Mortgage Principal  
Challenge**

**Amount as of  
December 29**

**\$95,100.00**

# CUMC NEWS!



## Staff Christmas Gifts 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**



## Annual Giving Statements

**Attention!!!  
Giving  
Statements Must  
be Requested**

In order to save on costs, please request your 2019 Giving Statements from our Treasurer, Darla Reedy by leaving a note or email [treasurer@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:treasurer@christum-baltimore.com)



## News from your Nominations Committee

Members of our Nominations Committee have been busy securing leaders in a variety of ministries as we prepare for 2020.

We have a position open in the following area:

### Lay Member to Annual Conference

If you would be interested in this opportunity to serve as a Lay Member, please see Pastor Steve for more information.

## Open Gym

Open Gym will meet on Mondays only this year.

Family gym time will be held from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. followed by "The Bigs" (ages 14 and up) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with family gym time Jan. - Mar.

If you are able to help out, contact Holly Harman Fackler, 419-564-0964 or email her at [hjh409@gmail.com](mailto:hjh409@gmail.com).



## Culinary Retreat at Camp Otterbein

<https://www.westhiocamps.org/camp/otterbein/event/camp-otterbein-culinary-retreat>



## Need Connection Center Volunteers

Connection Center volunteers are needed to greet visitors & share a little formation about our church service, programs, etc.

All the church information is in a folder that is given to the visitors. The biggest responsibility is to be welcoming & smile!! The Connection Center is an "easy" outreach ministry & volunteers can choose the number of Sunday's they'd like to serve.

If you are interested contact Denise Vandermark at 740-653-3234.



# CELEBRATIONS & THANK YOU!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Lynda Williams
- 5 Kevin Craig
- 6 Alexis Traster
- 13 David Brookover, Zale Maxwell
- 14 Elizabeth Alderdice
- 16 Robin Pullins
- 17 Brentley Raver
- 18 Leann Davis, Steve Picket
- 20 Justin Shreyer
- 24 Thomas Anderson
- 25 Justin Reeves
- 26 Samantha Jewell
- 29 Jared Whittington
- 31 Carrie Schrader



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES!

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

## 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](http://www.christum-baltimore.com)
- 2) TV stations and their respective web sites: Channel 4 (NBC), Channel 10 (CBS) & Channel 6 (ABC).



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your visits, cards, prayers and food after my recent surgery. We really appreciate it!

Shirley & Rich Reed



Dear Darcy,

I wish to thank you for the church "Voice" newsletter. I always enjoy reading it! I have fond memories of Christ UMC!

Son, Dave, he's done a great job helping me to adjust. I have greatly improved.

Hello to everyone!

Love always,  
Josephine Eversole



To our church family and friends at CUMC:

Betsy, Andy, myself and our families would like to say many thanks for your thoughts, prayers, and support for us, your cards, flowers, and contributions to the church in memory of our loved one, Ivan. It has been a long 15 months, but God truly gave us the strength to get us through and we know that Ivan is at peace with his Heavenly Father. We want to thank the Men's Group for taking pizza and the trimmings and going to visit and eating a meal with Ivan. Many THANKS to Pastor Steve and Trisha for their time spent with the family and for the beautiful tribute Pastor Steve delivered at Ivan's memorial service. Thanks to Karen Mathews for her beautiful music she provided at the service and thanks to the funeral meal committee for the delicious meal after the service. May God richly bless all of you now and forever.

In HIS Love,  
Becky, Betsy, Andy and Families





# JANUARY 2020

## Christ United Methodist Church

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Office Closed Happy New Year!</b>	2 5-8 pm LUBB (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	3	4
5  7:30 am Men's Breakfast (FH) 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 5 pm Sunday Supper (FH)	6  5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC)	7  5 pm LUBB (FLC)  Preschool Starts Back   <b>Preschool in FLC</b>	8  10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 4 pm LUBB (FLC) 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (FH)	9  5 pm LU Girls BB (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	10	11  1 pm Krile Shower (FH)
12  8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School	13  5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6 pm Finance (FH) 7 pm Admin Council (FH)	14  5 pm LU Girls BB (FLC) 6:30 pm Scouts (FH)  <b>Preschool FLC</b>	15  10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 4 pm LUBB (FLC) 6:30 pm Preschool Board (L)	16  11 am Baltimore Seniors (FH) 5 pm LUBB (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	17	18  9 am Fairfield Tractor Club (FLC) Good Timers event
19  8:45 am Worship 10 am Sunday School	20  5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) <b>Church Office Closed</b>	21  5 pm LU Girls BB (FLC)  <b>Preschool in FLC</b>	22  10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 4 pm LUBB (FLC)	23  Preschool (FH) 5 pm LUBB (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	24	25  All Day Scouts Pinewood Derby (FLC)
26  8:45 pm Worship 10:00 am Sunday School	27  5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6:30 pm Worship (FH)	28  Preschool Fundraiser Set Up (FH) 5 pm LU Girls BB (FLC) 6:30 pm Scouts (FH)  <b>Preschool in FLC</b>	29  10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 4 pm LUBB (FLC)	30  5 pm LUBB (FLC) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	31	



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#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- ◆ 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship
- ◆ 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages
- ◆ 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Supper  
1st Sunday of Every Month Only

*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.**

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