

**MARCH
2020**

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 1st Sunday of the month only

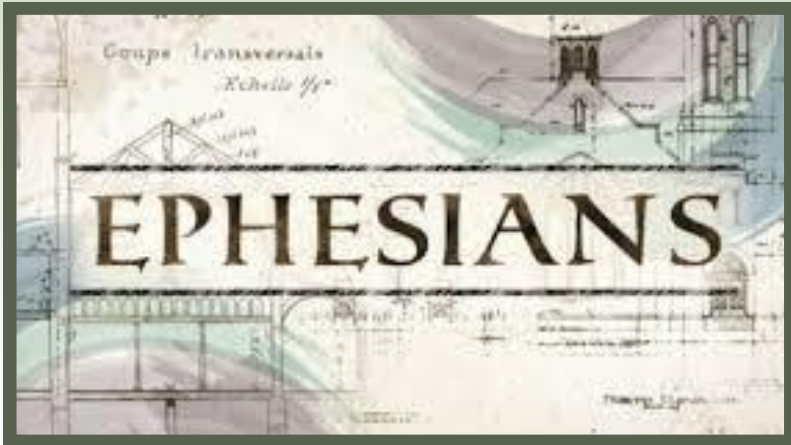


Christ United Methodist Church

THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH

...to help people find and follow Jesus Christ

March Sermons



- Mar 1 "Ephesians 1"
Holy Communion
"Sunday Supper" Service 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- Mar 8 "Ephesians 2"
- Mar 15 "Ephesians 3"
- Mar 22 "Ephesians 4"
- Mar 29 "Ephesians 5"

During Lent we will be taking an in-depth look at Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Please bring your Bible with you to church!

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.

Administrative Council Report

We had 14 members at our February 10th meeting. The following is an overview of the actions/reports that were taken/given during this meeting.

1. Cheryl Fey, Worship chair, reported the Ash Wednesday service is a community service to be held at Thurston UMC. We will be having a Maundy Thursday service at our church. The Good Friday service is also a community service. The men's group will be serving breakfast Easter morning. 1st Sunday Supper has been averaging 35-40 people.
2. Outreach and Missions chair, Jim Thompson, reported via e-mail about a couple possible mission projects. One would be to help local people getting out of jail get personal hygiene items and an out of state mission to help raise funds for the Tree of Life in South Dakota for a new kitchen and eating area.
3. Jerry McCreery, Finance chair, reported we have raised \$99,150 for the mortgage reduction fund. We are planning to host an event after we reach our goal. The church audit is underway.
4. Joe Farmer, SPPRC chair, handed out highlights of their meeting. It included a plan for staff evaluations and that Mary Johnson will be their representative on the Pre-School board. Joe had talked to Pastor Brian Straub, our interim pastor about what he is going to be responsible of while here.
5. Jim Anderson, Trustees co-chair, reported many projects have been completed around the church and parsonage. **Saturday, May 16th is Trustee work day from 8 am to noon. Everyone is invited to come and help.** The trustees are looking into a new sign for the front of the church.
6. In other business, Sheila Burns said **we need a VBS director** for our church as soon as possible. The community VBS leaders will be meeting soon to start planning for VBS, which is not at our church this year. Tim Lawlis said we need to reach out to families that are no longer coming to our church to find out why and what we can do to become better.

I would like to thank everyone that attended for their dedication and leadership to our church. Our next meeting is Monday, April 13th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We are still searching for members to help on different committees. **You can make a difference.** We need input, ideas and help. It is never too late to step up.

Yours in Christ,
David Brookover
Ad Council Chair



Order Easter Flowers Now!



It is always a good thing to decorate our sanctuary with beautiful Easter flowers during the Easter morning services, April 12. The flowers being offered this year include Easter lilies, daffodils and spring mums.

Be sure to sign up during worship on March 1 & 8, or in the office no later than Monday, March 9. Flowers are \$6.50 each and may be purchased in honor/memory of loved ones.

Thank you for helping to bring beauty and spring fragrance to our sanctuary on this joyous Easter day.



CHERYL FEY

Worship

This is a wonderfully spiritual time as we travel through the holy season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Pastor Brian, our interim pastor for the next few weeks, will lead us on this journey during Sunday worship. Our plans for Holy Week include a cantata on Palm Sunday, beginning with our children participating with a "Parade of Palms" during our opening hymn; our Maundy Thursday service will be held in Fellowship Hall ending with Holy Communion; Good Friday services will be held at Trinity United Church of Christ in Baltimore. Our Easter services will include Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. and our traditional service at 8:45 a.m. A gathering for breakfast will follow the Sunrise Service. The various times and more details will be coming in April. Don't forget that Easter is April 12 this year!

God blesses us with special gifts and talents; He often nudges us to become involved in ways to further His kingdom on Earth. There are several opportunities for our



members to serve during our times of worship and we invite everyone to prayerfully seek God's calling to become more involved.

If you would like to participate by being Worship Leader, offering Children's Moments or helping lead Jr. Church, please contact Cheryl Fey (740-468-3441) or the office. If

you would like to be a Communion Steward, helping to serve communion, please sign up in the office or contact Natalie Clum (740-974-2124); perhaps you wish to join the team that plans and prepares our once-a-month Sunday Supper service. All are welcome!

God is good, all the time! May God continue to bless each and every one.

Cheryl Fey,
Worship Chair

RENEE' SLYH

Historian

Hello Church Family,

A picture is worth a thousand words and we would love for you to share your pictures of church activities. The pictures can then be used to share our story with others. As a leader or organizer of an event, activity, special service, etc., please take pictures to document the occasion. Then share the pictures, along with the date and name of event, with the church office via email (office@christum-baltimore.com).

Examples include: pictures at church picnics; outdoor services; puppet shows; Mother Daughter Teas; Easter programs; Christmas programs; special receptions; Men's Group activities; Preschool Sundays; Scout Sundays; Craft Bazaars; Open Gym; Chair Volleyball; Senior Lunch; Vacation Bible School activities; Ice Cream Socials; Red Cross Donation Days; special music groups; Sunday Supper; knit/crochet group; 'Sending Love Over There' packing



group; noodle making days; Turkey Suppers; Gardening Group activities; Outreach activities; Fall Festivals; NOMAD events; mission trips; youth activities; etc.

Thank you for sharing pictures of our church family with our church family. Praise God, we have so many things to share!

Yours in service,
Renée Slyh, Historian



A PRAYER FOR YOU

"How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob..."

Father, I ask you to bless those who are reading this right now. I ask You to minister to them at this very moment.

Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy.

Where there is discouragement, release a renewed confidence in Your ability to work through them.

Where there is weakness or exhaustion, I ask You to give them understanding, patience, and strength as they learn submission to Your leading.

Where there is spiritual stagnation, I ask You to renew them by revealing Your nearness, and by drawing them into a greater intimacy with You.

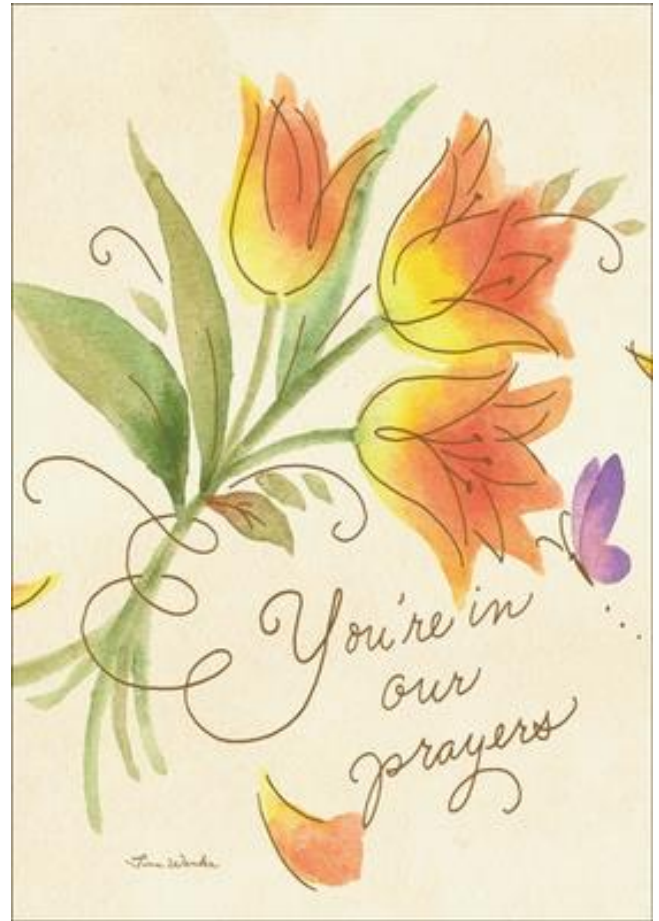
Where there is fear, reveal Your love, and release to them Your courage. Where there is a sin blocking them, reveal it and break its hold over them.

Bless their finances, give them greater vision, and surround them with friends to support and encourage them.

Give each of them discernment to recognize the evil forces around them, and reveal to them the power they have in You to experience victory.

I ask You to do these thing in Jesus' name. Amen!

(Scripture reading: Psalms 146)



Keep praying and praising,
 Kristy Schooler
 Prayer Coordinator

GOOD TIMERS

2019 Year end Report

The Good Timers thank the pie bakers and volunteers for the Liberty Union Athletic Hall of Fame lunch February 1. We will be serving the Baltimore Twigs March 17 in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help, let one of us know.

Our 2019 Summary of Activities and report to the church:

10	Fundraisers, included
4	Euchre Parties
1	Home Made Noodles
5	Catered events, the smallest was 22 guests and the largest was 283 dinners
1	Craft Show Lunchroom
1	Turkey Supper
3	Private Events



We had 66 volunteers serve 928 guests plus 57 pies were donated!

In addition to paying for their meals, our guest organizations paid \$542.50 in building rental.

After the meal expenses were paid, 100% of the profit - \$7,431.33 went to the church; 10% to the church for operating expenses - \$674.53 and 90% to the mortgage principal - \$6,756.80.

Since we organized in January 2011 we have served 13,582 guests and raised \$101,058 for the church.

We thank everyone who supports the Good Timers Fundraising Team. If you would like to help with this ministry, let one of us know.

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

SUNDAY SUPER COMMITTEE

March 1st at 5:00 P.M.

Please plan to join us for Sunday Supper on March 1!

We're bringing back one of your favorites: The Potato Bar & Salad. We'll provide all the fixings. You simply come, eat and enjoy a little God time!

If you love to hear Julie Ulrich play the piano (and who doesn't?), you are in luck! She will be playing prior to dinner and during the service.

Jennifer Miller will offer a short message on "How are those New Year's resolutions going for you...and God?" Please join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

And Addison Fey will also grace us with her beautiful voice. Invite a friend or neighbor!



**Sunday
Supper**

**Sunday,
March 1**

5:00-6:00 PM

**Fellowship
Hall**

No Reservation Required!

LESLIE MARTENS

Food Pantry Ministry

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor in your land" Deuteronomy 15:11

Special needs for the month:

- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Flour
- ◆ Sugar



Lent is the season when most Christians choose prayer, reflection and fasting in preparation for Easter. Remember there are many in our community who have no choice...they fast because there is not adequate food to eat.

Thank You.

Please help our neighbors with their necessities.

Leslie Martens
Food Pantry Ministry
leslieann247@gmail.com

JIM THOMPSON

Missions & Outreach

Hats for Rosebud

The second collection date for knitted hats for the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota is Sunday, March 15. You may wish to purchase hats rather than knitting. The first shipment in December had over 150 items.

Here is a list of suggested items: 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, Little Debbie's, cereals and snacks.

Kentucky Work Trip



The Aldersgate Work Trip begins Sunday, March 29 and the return home is Friday, April 3. There will be opportunities to maintain and improve the facilities. You don't need a skill. The lodging is excellent, the food great and the

evenings are fun! The cost is \$130.00 for each person. Please place a check or funds in an offering envelope payable to Christ UMC and marked as Aldersgate trip. The deadline to sign up (including the fee) is Sunday, March 22. Any questions, contact Jim T.

Committee volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Mission and Outreach Committee in 2020. Two to three other meetings would occur in the year. If you have questions, contact Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson
740-438-6575
Missions and Outreach Chair

March 22: Collection date for Backpacks for Buddies

You can help middle school children in need of food in our second Backpacks for Buddies food collection on March 22.

Mission Thoughts

Always help someone. You might be the only one who does.

You never forget a person who came to you with a torch in the dark. M. Rose

Do what you can and leave the rest to God. St. John Bosco

ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE February 2020

2/2 2/9 2/16 2/23

Attendance Worship Services	118	115	137	133
Attendance Sunday School	48	48	56	44
Special Worship Service	Sunday Supper 30			
Special Bible Studies				

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

2020 Report

January	YEAR to DATE
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OPERATING INCOME	29,931	29,931
OPERATING EXPENSES	24,531	24,531
SUNDAY SCHOOL	127	127
COINS FOR MISSIONS	67	67
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$936,161	

*Keep
going
you
can
do it*

Don't forget
to pay on the
Principal of
Mortgage!

Every month
LET'S SEND
extra to the
"Principal"!

KEEP that mortgage
going **DOWN!!!**

CUMC NEWS!



Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7



2020 Yard Sale

As you clean out closets and storage areas during these winter days, please remember to save your treasures for the Annual Church Yard Sale. Items can be dropped off in the Family Life Center starting Monday, June 1. **The sale will be June 11, 12 and 13.** Please do not bring items for sale before June 1 and NO televisions or electronics please.

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.

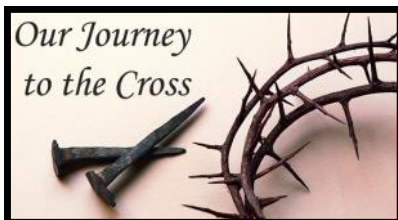
If you are able to help out, contact Holly Harman Fackler, 419-564-0964 or email her at hjh409@gmail.com.



Lenten Fish Fry's

Thurston UMC will have **Fish Fry's on the following Fridays. March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Cost is \$10 adults and kids 10/under \$5.**
Call 740-304-9822

Our Journey to the Cross



Adult Discipleship

Join us in the parlor each

Wednesday March 4th - April 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a Lenten Devotion as we prepare for Jesus' passion journey!



Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year!

Registration forms and information is available at <http://www.christum-baltimore.com/ministries/preschool.html>. Some classes fill up fast so be sure to register soon and let your friends and neighbors know. Children entering preschool classes must be 3 on August 1, 2020, and those entering Pre-K classes must be 4.

CELEBRATIONS & MORE NEWS!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

- 2 Rebecca Petty
- 3 David Keller
- 4 Natalie Clum
- 7 Jill Kilger
- 8 Doug Merle
- 9 Marshall Johnson
- 11 Betty Jo Merle, Carol Sayre
- 12 Maryellen Anderson, Jacob Ulrich
- 14 Pat Quinn
- 16 Cheri Christ, Andrew Fey, Mark Maldovan
- 18 Michael Burns, Debbie Miller, Loraine Stump
- 19 Lachlan Fey
- 20 Rob Sayre, Mike Shreyer
- 22 Jeff Slyh
- 24 Peggy Lawlis
- 25 Gayle McCreery
- 27 Reed Farmer
- 28 Bernie Anderson, Mark Spencer
- 29 Erin Berlekamp, Mike Snider

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES!

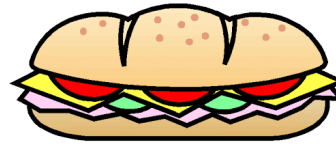
Mike & Lisa Motsch	March 8
Dave & Leslie Martens	March 20
Gary & Barb Taylor	March 21
Jim & Judy Keller	March 23

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).



Summer Work Camp March Madness Sub Sale

Order you Subs March 1st - March 16th! Subs are \$5.00 ea or 3/\$14.00

Pick up Subs Sat., March 28 at 12:00 pm and March 29 during Sunday service times.

All proceeds are used to off-set materials fees for the Youth Summer Work Camp Project

Pick up your M&M containers between services in the narthex area and return them with quarters over the next few weeks.



Each container holds \$14.00

All proceeds off-set expenses of materials fees for the Summer Work Camp Project with Jackson Area Ministries

Congratulations!

Chase Maxwell Sanderson

Proud Parents
Ryan & Lyndsay
Sanderson

Proud Grandma
Marsha Smith

Proud Great Aunt
Melissa Bader

Proud Great Grandparents
Jim & Louise Smith






MARCH 2020

Christ United Methodist Church

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (FH) 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 5 pm Sunday Supper (FH)	2 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 7 pm Rebekah Circle (P)	3 7 pm Trustees (FH) Preschool I FLC →	4 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S)	5 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	6	7
8 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School	9 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC)	10 6:30 pm Scouts (FH) Preschool FLC →	11 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	12 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	13	14
15 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School	16 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 7 pm SPRC (L)	17 3 pm In Use (FH) Preschool FLC →	18 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 6:30 pm Health & Wellness (P)	19 Preschool Fun Day (FLC) 11 am Baltimore Seniors (FH) 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	20 Preschool Parent Conference 1 - 6 pm	21 Eggstravaganza Stuffing of the Eggs (FLC) 3:30 pm 
22 8:45 am Worship 10 am Sunday School	23 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) 6:30 pm Worship (FH)	24 9 am Lifetouch Preschool Pictures (FH) 6:30 pm Scouts (FH) Preschool in FLC →	25 10 am Senior VB (FLC) 11 am Sr. Lunch (FLC) 10:45 am & 1 pm Preschool Chapel (S) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	26 7 pm Bell Choir (P)	27	28
29 8:45 pm Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Aldersgate Trip →	30 5:15 pm Open Gym (FLC) Last Day!	31 Preschool in FLC →				



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.

Pastor	Pastor Steve Rath pastor@christum-baltimore.com 740-575-6190
Administrative Asst.	Darcy Soliday 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. office@christum-baltimore.com
Treasurer	Darla Reedy 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tues. treasurer@christum-baltimore.com
Choir Director	Tim Lawlis 614-570-9021
Bell Choir Director	Becky Ety 614-581-8037
Preschool Co-Administrators	Shelly Beckham Jennifer Lodge preschool@christum-baltimore.com
Pianist	Julie Ulrich
Custodians	Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark

ATTENTION!

We are emailing our newsletters!

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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