

**JULY  
2020**



**Christ United Methodist Church**

**THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH**

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

## Worship Schedule

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service (In-house/Streaming)**  
**9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults (zoom)**

It is hard to believe we are halfway through 2020 already – and what a year it has been! In what we might call a “normal” year, summer means time away to the mountains or beach, fireworks, time at the park or pool, or just relaxing with family and friends. Maybe this summer you’re finding yourself sticking a little closer to home. That’s okay, too!



One staple of summertime as I grew up was attending Vacation Bible School at my local church. Singing songs, making crafts, and reading stories from the Bible about heroes and heroines have been ingrained to my memory. I am still thankful for adults and leaders who helped shaped my faith and life.

Even if we don’t remember it, most of us recognize that we saw the world and people differently when we were young. We learned lessons that we would be wise to remember today. This four-week series looks at lessons we learned when we were young and sees how they were related to the teachings of Jesus. Using some verses in Paul’s letter to the Galatians, we’ll think about some of the important lessons most all of learned as a child and are still growing into as adults: doing good to others, having patience, keeping your hands to yourself, and saying thank you.

We will take a more lighthearted look in God’s word and maybe even have some fun with ourselves along the way. I look forward to sharing with you!

Praying God’s best for you,  
Pastor Steve

P.S.: Reminder: We are having in-person worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., practicing guidelines for everyone’s health and safety. Come and join us are able and ready! Services will also be simulcast on Facebook Live and YouTube for your convenience as well.

## **July Sermon Series and Scriptures**

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| <b>July 5</b>  | <b>“When You Can Help Someone”</b>     | Galatians 5:22-24; Matthew 7:12      |
| <b>July 12</b> | <b>“When You’ve Lost Your Patience</b> | Galatians 1:6-9 and 5:22-24          |
| <b>July 19</b> | <b>“The Power of Self-Control ”</b>    | Exodus 16:41-30; Galatians 5:22-24   |
| <b>July 26</b> | <b>“Where Joy Resides”</b>             | Galatians 5:22-24; Philippians 4:4-7 |



For many years, my family name – Rath – has been attached to any number of things from a bacon company to a chain of hotels in the Midwest. While I do like bacon and a

good night's stay, I cannot claim an inheritance to either pork products or a series of old lodging houses in Iowa. I do, however, have an inheritance to my name though, and one morning a few weeks ago I learned more about it.

The sound of a single ping on my phone told me that someone wanted to tell me something. As I reached over to see who it might be, I didn't recognize the name. Only reading the message the caller had sent would offer a clue to our connection. It turns out she is a distant relative in my father's family living in Cincinnati.

For those of you who know me well, most of my immediate relations on that side of my family tree come from east of the Buckeye State. Who knew that our tribe extended to other places like Cincinnati and Cleveland?! (It does!) I did know growing up that I once had a great uncle Nick who lived in Cincinnati many years ago. My dad and his brothers know about him through their father. What I do know is this: He is my namesake.



Occasionally in my growing up years my mother would often use my full name – Stephen Nicholas Rath – as a means of getting my attention for something important. (You likely know that whatever follows the use of one's full name does not usually end well for them....) Otherwise, my full name is seen on truly important things in my life: a birth certificate, a passport several diplomas, and professional licenses just to name a few. In other words, there is no mistaking who I am....

Live any number years after you've drawn first breaths in this world, and you and I are likely to be called any number of other things – some commendable and others not so. Sometimes we verbalize them. Sometimes we post them, text them, tweet them, and such, because we can. Sometimes those labels even stick. The names and labels we often accumulate and associate with ourselves and others can last much longer than the moment we first heard them.

Friends, people in this world call one another by any number of names under the guise of race, creed, gender, or nationality, and some of those names still stick sometimes even today. Yet as followers of Jesus Christ, all of us need a daily reminder that God calls us differently.

Some eight centuries before the coming of Jesus, God's people were in exile to their warring neighbors of Babylon. It was a decades-long period of oppression and struggle, while God's temple was pillaged and left in ruins. Yet, in the midst of those dark days and nights, God's prophet Isaiah, spoke tender and beautiful words of hope reminding his people of the hope and promise forever theirs throughout chapters 40-43. Here are just a few:

**"In a day and time, filled with so much violence and negativity, it is always good to remember who and whose we truly are. There is no mistaking who you are in the eyes of God and you and I would be well served to not let ourselves forget it."**

"But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...." (Isaiah 43:1-3, emphasis mine.)

Later in that same passage, God goes on to call his people "honored and precious" to him, just to offer a few more names. It wasn't temporary, or conditional, to anything of the sort. It was an everlasting, eternal gift of God.

In a day and time, filled with so much violence and negativity, it is always good to remember who and whose we truly are. There is no mistaking who you are in the eyes of God and you and I would be well served to not let ourselves forget it. Yes, the world may call you any number of things, but what God calls you and me is what will ultimately matter most in the end.

Until next month,  
Pastor Steve

## Administrative Council Report

The Administrative Council did not meet in May.

The ad hoc committee is continuing to meet weekly. I would like to thank the committee members and everyone else who are working behind the scenes to keep the church and our outreach projects going.

The Administrative Council had to make a very difficult decision this past month. After reviewing new requirements due to COVID-19, finances, the need for an administrator and other items the Administrative Council voted to suspend the Pre-School for the upcoming school year. We will start planning this fall for the next school year. We know how important this mission is in our community.

The ad hoc committee's focus the last few meetings has been on reopening church services. There will be some changes, at least for now, that you will notice. Safety is our main concern. We will follow physical distancing, as in using every other pew and limiting how many people may sit in each pew. We are trying to limit the amount of contact people have with the church by using only the doors by the sanctuary and decreasing the use of the hallways to help reduce the amount of cleaning required.

I would like to thank you, our congregation, for your patience, understanding and your faithfulness during this difficult time. Keep praying, reading your Bible and looking out for your neighbors, shut-ins and the less fortunate. I hope to see you soon. Stay healthy.

Yours in Christ,  
David Brookover  
Ad Council Chair



## A New Place for Our Steeple Cross



The Cross from the church steeple is back! A couple years ago the steeple had to be removed from the main church roof because of continual leaks in the altar area and also being a great nesting spot for bees/wasps. The Trustees kept the steeple for over a year trying to figure out how it could be displayed as a memorial. Due to the poor structural condition and so many sharp places on the steeple we didn't think it would be feasible to erect it in a location that someone wouldn't climb or play around it and seriously get hurt. We decided to salvage the cross and scrap the steeple. Over the next year we talked about building a pad to mount the Cross on or maybe put it on the wall of the FLC between the two large picture windows and put lights up to illuminate it. At the last Trustees Work Day we took the cross to the FLC wall and discovered it was totally lost in that big space. It was then suggested to put it below the outside light by the FLC door and viola! We had a small modification made so it could be mounted flat on the wall and a bronze plaque was placed beside the Cross to commemorate the Consecration of Christ United Methodist Church on April 28, 1967. (Bronze plaque donated by Dana & Glenna Hoisington)

**Shine THE Light...**

John 1:9-the true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

John 8:12-Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14-(Jesus) "You are the light of the world."

Been thinking and processing the extraordinary days we have been living since early 2020. We have been called to a sense of community, of caring for our sisters and brothers with our responses to the new and deadly virus and with our responses to diversity of race in our neighborhoods. The question is, how can each of us NOT think about these issues? If you ever turn on the news in any form-these issues are there-every day.

We can agree on what we have to do about the virus. While we have largely been unaffected in Baltimore; we aren't exempt from taking measures to stay well and to keep our neighbors well--masks, handwashing, yada, yada....

We may agree that all 'men' are created equal and should be treated equally...And we are largely unaffected in Baltimore, as the predominately white population, in this latest unrest in the US over race relationships and policing of people of color. We are not exempt in Baltimore from taking measures to address the inequities among our peoples in America. What can we do aside from wringing our hands and clucking our tongues over the deaths, the violence that are on the rise in these days?

We can march. I have marched. Several marches have taken place in Baltimore that raise the issue of inequities of treatment to the point of tragic and pointless deaths of some of our citizens. It is good to raise the issue, but marches alone won't solve the problems. The hope is that the marches will spark some conversation in our churches, around our dinner tables about diversity in America while we live in a place with little of it.

My guess is that when you have that conversation with family or friend about the issue of race relationships that you will have your own experience(s) at school, work or what you've observed in your lifetime. That is a great place to start DOING something about this issue. I believe we are called to 'don' our headlamps and look closely at our own story across our own timeline. "Everyone of us has an extraordinary story worth hearing.", from Walking to Listen, Andrew Forsthoefel. I will share a couple of things along my own timeline and I hope to hear your story soon.

Most of my growing up years were spent in the South -Louisiana and primarily Virginia-due to my Dad's military career. As a 5 year old I remember watching teams of black men working on the roads, sometimes as prisoners in a chain just sweating profusely in the southern heat. I remember offering one worker a glass of grape juice- I was selling on our stoop. I remember my Mother hiring a black lady to do her ironing for a couple bucks a day-we all wore cotton in those days; I remember my Mom coming to the rescue of a young black lady and her small children stranded at Union Station with no money to get on a train as she was robbed. I remember my Middle School having to integrate and that only 2 families were able to be recruited to attend. There were incidents of spitting on those students. They always looked unhappy to be there. I remember in the first couple of weeks that we moved to Baltimore in 1973, a neighbor lady came across the lawn to meet me and she declared, "You will like Baltimore, there are no \_\_\_\_\_(N-word) here. That is why we moved out of Columbus." I was dismayed but I said nothing to her. I remember taking my son, Joel, to a church preschool on James Road in Columbus(we had none in Baltimore then) and he made friends with a little boy who was African-American. Finally, after half the year was over, Joel noticed that the friend was brown, a different color than himself. He just noticed; they remained good playmates.

So, you can see my story of relationship with our African American brothers and sisters is uneven at best. Sometimes we shined that light that Jesus gave us to love our neighbors and sometimes we failed. It is time for me to own my story, to share it, to do better next time that I get the opportunity to write a new chapter in how I love my brothers and sisters in this life. I hope we can listen to each other's stories, forgive each other where we need to, call each other to account when we need to, march when we should and get ready to shine the Light of Jesus on all of God's children as we encounter each and every one.

G. McCreery, Deaconess



## Let's Be Anti-Racist: An Incomplete Listening, Reading, and Viewing List

A book-loving journalist I knew wrote in his blog some years back that reading is homework for life. Because we can't all experience everything even though everything eventually affects us, reading out of our comfort zone helps prepare us for the unknown and expand our empathy and understanding. Here's a list of books (fiction and nonfiction), movies, plays, poetry, podcasts, essays, speeches to promote thinking about racism in the United States. Let's do some homework!

*Cokesbury*, which is the retail division of the United Methodist Publishing House, has a robust list of books addressing the construct of "race" and, in particular, looking at the role of individual whites and their communities in understanding, talking about, and deconstructing the attitudes, practices and policies that have institutionalized racism to the terrible detriment of our black brothers and sisters, and of our own souls. Titles include "Raising White Kids" by Jennifer Harvey, "White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin Diangelo, "Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding freedom from slaveholder religion" by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo, and many more. <https://www.cokesbury.com/resources-on-race?pagenumber=1>

*History*: Challenge the version of history you were taught by confronting some uncomfortable facts about those who were conquered, giving you what you enjoy today, by reading "A People's History of the United States" by Howard Zinn and "Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era" by James McPherson.

*If movies are your thing*, check out the Black Lives Matter category on Netflix and dive into something that captures your interest. Some good ones are "13th," "I Am Not Your Negro," "The Hate U Give," "12 Years a Slave," "When They See Us" (a four-part fact-based drama about the Central Park Five).

*Prevent racism*: If you are raising young children or grandchildren, consult this list for recommendations that will help form positive attitudes among humankind: <https://www.sittercity.com/parents/childrens-books-to-educate-about-racism> Also, "Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson.

*Podcasts*: "1619" (NYT), "Witness Black History" (BBC World), "Code Switch" (NPR), "The Breakfast Club" (iHeart Radio). Krista Tippett ("On Being"/NPR) has interviewed a number of the contemporary authors mentioned here on her weekly radio show having to do with spirituality.

*Voices*: Do a Google search for Interviews with former slaves, and dip into some first-person narratives. Sojourner Truth delivered the "Ain't I A Woman" speech in Akron, Ohio in 1851; learn more about the history and hear the speech performed by others at <https://www.thesojournertruthproject.com/>

*Essays, letters, speeches*: Anything by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, such as "Letters from a Birmingham Jail," Barack Obama's 2008 speech on race, "Sister Outsider" by Audre Lourde, "Black Men in Public Spaces" by Brent Staples, "The Case for Reparations" by Ta Nehisi Coates (and anything else by Coates), "Time and Distance Overcome" by Eula Biss

*Fiction*: "The Underground Railroad" and "Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead, "Beloved" and "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" by James Baldwin, "Sing, Unburied, Sing" and "Salvage the Bones" by Jesmyn Ward, "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones, "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, "Kindred" by Octavia Butler, "Middle Passage" by Charles Johnson

*Non-Fiction*: "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stephenson, "Between the World and Me" by Ta Nehisi Coates, "Barracoon" by Zora Neale Hurston, "Notes of a Native Son" by James Baldwin, "When and Where I Enter: The impact of black women on race and sex in America" by Paula J. Giddings, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," "How to be an Anti-Racist" by Ibram X Kendi, "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson, "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander

*Young Adult fiction and nonfiction*: "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, "Dear Martin" by Nic Stone, "All American Boys" (fiction) and "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" (nonfiction) by Jason Reynolds, "The Watsons go to Birmingham" by Christopher Paul Curtis, "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson

*Plays*: "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry, "Fences" by August Wilson (also a movie with Denzel Washington)

*Poetry*: "Counting Descent" by Clint Smith, "American Sonnet for My Past and Future Assassin" by Terrance Hayes, "Dinosaurs in the Hood" by Danez Smith

**(Compiled by Libby Fackler and Holly Harman Fackler)**

## A WORD FROM THE MRS.

## Racism - Let's Start a Conversation

Years ago, when I would talk about racism, I was questioned as to how I had the right to do so. By all appearances, I didn't have the knowledge. I would hear, "How would you know about racism? Didn't you grow up in Dublin or Upper Arlington?" I would also hear, "You got it made. You're white."

No, I grew up on the north side of Columbus, Ohio in a family where my mom was the breadwinner, and my biological father would contribute if/when he could and/or wanted to. Economically, we would almost always qualify for free or reduced lunches. The street I grew up on was an all-white street in the middle of a culturally diverse neighborhood. We did most of our shopping at Northern Lights Shopping Center, on Cleveland Avenue, just north of the Linden area. Once a year, we would go to Schottenstein's and/or Northland Mall for back-to-school clothes shopping. When it came to the treatment of people different from us, my mom was pretty laid back and good to all people; my biological father, not so much.

I started out going to a neighborhood school for kindergarten. Then Columbus Public Schools had students "bussed out" for racial balance in the schools. I was bussed to a school outside my neighborhood in a predominantly black area for three years. By the end of that time, racial balance was achieved, and went to a neighborhood school for junior high/middle school. Finally, I was assigned to Brookhaven High School, where I graduated.

I remember freshman orientation. My mom and I went. We were told all about the school, and how wonderful the high school life was. Suffice to say, I was EXCITED (go figure, right?). On one of my first days there, I quickly came to understand that the "wonderful" part was exaggerated. I heard derogatory words and racial slurs back and forth in the hallways. One day, I asked one of the administrators why people were being like that. I remember it like it was yesterday. She said, "Well, we do have a bit of a racism problem here."

Being the excited new freshman who wanted to make a difference, I thought about how that could change. I had the idea to form a "club" of sorts that would consist of students and faculty. It was the BEAR Club, Bearcat Education Against Racism. We would have discussions and create conversations about, and awareness of, racism. After all, if we could talk about it, we could unite everyone and drive it out of our school. We could know what it is like to accept people for their differences and work together towards a common goal. That goal would be to have high school be the best years of our lives, and

then graduate. We could be a model school for all of Columbus Public Schools, and oh, what a difference that would make!

My dream came to a screeching halt when not one faculty member wanted anything to do with it. My heart was broken, and I was shocked. Why wouldn't we want racism out of our school? When I asked such a question, the most common answer I got was something to the effect of, 'It's not that we don't want racism out of our school, it is just the way things are.' My immediate thought was, "Umm, okay, that's the way things are, but it didn't have to be that way." Years later, I came to understand that unfortunately, leaders (staff) had become comfortable and complacent in the social disfunction, and trying to change it would be uncomfortable, no matter how bad it was. Status quo wasn't good but it was safe, so to speak, if you didn't consider the countless fights between students with the overwhelming majority being white vs. black.

So, between 26 and 30 years ago, I couldn't have the conversation, but we can have it now. We can open up about our experiences of racism and/or white privilege. We can talk about how we have contributed to systematic racism, and what we are willing to do (and have done) to change that. We can listen to each other's experiences and learn from those. We can unite with ALL of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and together, we can make a change for the better in ourselves and in the United Methodist Church, so that we may carry out the mission of "making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world."

I would love to have you join me in this endeavor. Until then, may God's love, grace and peace be with us all.

Tricia Rath



## KRISTY SCHOOLER

## Prayer Ministry

**"...at all times they ought to pray..."**

Men and women of God, whose prayers are recorded for us in the Bible, never read a book on prayer, never went to a seminar on prayer, never heard a sermon on prayer. They just prayed.

Satan fears prayer because God hears and answers prayer. Satan will stop at nothing to distract people from praying, or get them to postpone praying or, failing to do that, discourage them in their praying.

I simply want to encourage you to start.

Start praying where you are, as you are, about whatever concerns you, about whatever is lying most heavily on your heart, about whatever is irritating or frustrating you at present.

Suggestion: keep a prayer list. Make your requests specific and date them. Then date the answer. Like the ungrateful lepers, we tend to forget.

**ALWAYS PRAY  
AND NEVER  
GIVE UP. Luke 18:1**

It may be impossible to date the answers to certain requests. For instance, if I pray for patience, I will not find that, on such and such a date, I suddenly become patient. But if I pray for guidance in a particular problem, for the conversion of a friend or for the resolving of some apparently hopeless difficulty, recording the answer, as well as the request,

will be a cause for worship and a means of strengthening my faith.

Be pointed. Be persistent. Be patient. But pray.

Scripture Reading:  
Luke 18:1-8

Keep praising and praying,  
Kristy Schooler  
Prayer Coordinator



## TRICIA RATH

## Health & Wellness



Our Health and Wellness meetings will resume the third Wednesday of each month as soon as we are able to do so. I am really missing everyone and cannot wait to get us back together again, in the safest and

healthiest manner possible.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Well, the gyms are open again! It feels awesome to be back! I happen to be a member of Planet Fitness and work out in their Lancaster location. They have their act together. Planet Fitness practices good standards by encouraging "social fitnessing," which means we are working out in safe distances from our fellow gym members. They also encourage everyone to be "cleansiderate," which means we use disinfectant on each machine after we work out on it. The staff all wear masks and are extremely helpful if you have questions about navigating the "new normal."

As more entities open up, including our church, let us continue to be mindful of the recommendations of the CDC and the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist

Church, so that we may all "be our brother's (and sister's) keeper, and help each other stay healthy.

Another way we could help each other stay healthy is recipe sharing. If you would like to share a healthy recipe, please email it to me at [tricia.rath@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.rath@gmail.com), and I will put it in the Health and Wellness article.

Have a beautifully blessed July and I look forward to seeing you in church and in our Zoom meetings.

Love and blessings,  
Tricia Rath



## JIM THOMPSON

## Missions & Outreach

### Thanks a Lot

Thanks to Dana Hoisington for his leadership conducting blood drives. His passion and enthusiasm for this effort does not go unnoticed by all of us.

### July 17-23, 2021

Think about going on the church work project to Midwest Mission Distribution Center near Chatham, Illinois (South of Springfield) next year. Hopefully, the pandemic will be under control. The accommodations are good and a wide selection of easy, yet important, work opportunities are available. There are morning and afternoon breaks. Travel to Chatham July 17, church and a Springfield visit on Sunday. Work days are Monday through Thursday with the return home on Friday.

This trip will be well planned and enjoyable. A visit to the Lincoln home and other attractions are in Springfield. Two Methodist churches are nearby for Sunday, July 18. More details will be available in the coming months. Visit the MMDC website to learn more.

### Mission Thoughts

*"Christians are actually called to afflict the comforted and comfort the afflicted."*

*Various Authors*

### Tree of Life Fire

Contents of the on-site warehouse were a total loss due to fire, smoke or water. Staff are waiting to hear from a structural engineer regarding the building. The ministry does have insurance. It has been difficult for people to travel to TOL for help and to help due to COVID 19 restrictions.

In mid June, over 300 families on the Rosebud Reservation received a big box of food from Tree of Life Minister. With limited movement and the tremendous poverty on the reservation, it was much needed. By all indications the virus has caused higher than normal hardships in the twenty-one communities on the reservation already lacking medical supplies, food and water.

Jim Thompson  
Missions Chair



## LESLIE MARTENS

## Food Pantry Ministry

"The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." Proverbs 11:25

As our nation and our communities struggle to heal, let us be thankful for what we have and grateful for those generous in their giving.

Thank you to all who continue to give to the food pantry. And thank you to all those who drop off food items weekly at the church. Your generosity and love towards the community is greatly appreciated!



Especially needed for this month:

- ◆ Vegetable soups
- ◆ Canned potatoes
- ◆ Pudding
- ◆ Jello
- ◆ Cake Mix & Frosting

Leslie Martens  
Food Pantry Ministry  
leslieann247@gmail.com

## DANA HOISINGTON

## June Blood Drive Results



### Results of June 10<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive

Thank you all so much that came to our Summer Blood Drive. We had 25 donors scheduled, 23 showed up and we collected 22 units of blood that will benefit 66 patients in need of blood products.

We had a very efficient Red Cross collection crew. One of the blood drive members had an accident and was unable to make it, but the three that were there worked

like a clock. We wore masks, social distanced and had some time to visit around the refreshment table.

Our next Blood Drive will be Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. –7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. I hope things are a little more normal and we can get back to having a hot sandwich, cookie and chips and more time to socialize around the refreshment table. See you there!

Dana Hoisington  
Blood Drive Coordinator





# Electronic Giving



Electronic Giving is a secure & convenient way to give your offering or to make a donation to Christ UMC. Offerings/donations can be made with all major debit/credit cards currently accepted by the church or you can give or pay by using your checking or savings account or your debt/credit bank card. Your account information is secure through Vanco Payment Solutions which meet all industry standards to safeguard your data.

1. Go to our website at [www.christum-baltimore.com](http://www.christum-baltimore.com) and click on the link on the home page. It will take you to a site where you create a personal account through GivePlus Church (Vanco). You will be asked to enter your email address and create a password. Your offering/donation will go into the church account and you will be sent an email of the transaction.
2. You can also set up an account by holding your smartphone camera over the QR code. Then it will give you a link to tap on. Login & create a profile and follow the steps.



If you have any question please just contact Darla Reedy or Darcy Soliday at the church office. We will be glad to assist you.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE DARLA REEDY, TREASURER

2020  
Report

MAY

Year To  
Date

OPERATING INCOME	29,354	143,065
OPERATING EXPENSES	15,213	120,823
SUNDAY SCHOOL	0	0
COINS FOR MISSIONS	50	369
MORTGAGE BALANCE	872,775	



# CUMC NEWS!



## Annual Craft Show

We normally send Craft Show registration forms to our vendors the first week in June. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID19 situation, it has been decided to cancel the Craft and Antique Show that was scheduled to be held **October 24, 2020.**



## Annual Yard Sale



## Lancaster Festival Concert Cancelled

We normally have a beautiful concert as part of the Lancaster Festival held here at Christ UMC.

Because of the uncertain circumstances, the concert and the Lancaster Festival have been cancelled for this year.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the July 4th Holiday.



Another one of our beautiful flower gardens here at Christ UMC maintained by The Master's Gardeners.

God Bless



...land that I love.

# CELEBRATIONS AND MORE!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Josephine Eversole, Phyllis Johnson,  
Nick Whittington
- 2 Olivia Coakley
- 3 Abby Coakley, Austin Ety, Shirley Mathias,  
Ashleigh Summers
- 4 Tim Stump
- 5 Tessa Jewell, Mike Stilwell
- 7 Tom James
- 8 Glenna Hoisington, Barb Taylor
- 9 Frank Anderson
- 15 Luke Dern, Matt Maldovan, Jillian Wagner
- 16 Charles Kilger
- 18 Jodi Anderson
- 23 Steve Vandermark
- 24 Manny Clum
- 26 Kyeong Min McCreery
- 28 Miles Sylvania
- 29 Sherry Looney
- 30 Ryan Motsch
- 31 Dana Hoisington, Marilee Snider



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES!

Dick & Ruth Staten	July 5
Tim & Peggy Lawlis	July 6
Micah & Kyeong McCreery	July 12
Robin & Mary Johnson	July 18
Jim & Sharon Anderson	July 20
Tom & Patti James	July 21
Waid & Rita Radford	July 23
Steve & Denise Vandermark	July 23
Kris & Kari James	July 24
Dan & Jill Maldovan	July 25
Bob & Lorri Wright	July 25
Charles & Carol Cooley	July 31

### Community Gardens

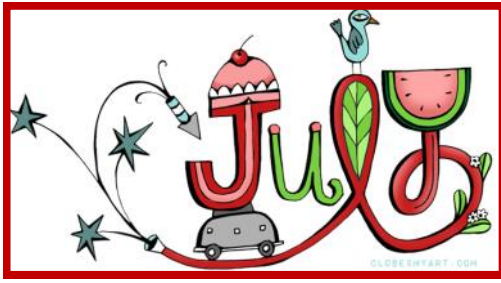
**(2 plots still available!)**

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 eleventh 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 have them tilled up for planting. 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, at 740-862-4821 or [habrate@gmail.com](mailto:habrate@gmail.com).



# July 2020

## Christ United Methodist Church

Please Note: The information on the calendar is subject to change  
Please check with leaders to see if your groups are meeting



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 12 pm Ministerial (P)	3 Church Office Closed  * CLOSED * Offices closed for the Independence Day Holiday	4 
5  10 am In-House Worship Service (S)  Worship Service on Website, Facebook and YouTube	6	7  7 pm Trustees (FH)	8	9	10	11
12 10 am In-House Worship Service (S)  Worship Service on Website, Facebook and YouTube	13 6 pm Finance (FH) 7 pm Admin Council (FH)	14	15	16	17 Burns Wedding Rehearsal (S)  Rehearsal Dinner (FH)	18 Burns Wedding (S)  
19 10 am In-House Worship Service (S)  Worship Service on Website, Facebook and YouTube	20 7 pm SPRC (L)	21	22	23	24	25
26 10 am In-House Worship Service (S)  Worship Service on Website, Facebook and YouTube  11:30 am Bader Reunion (FH)	27 6:30 pm Worship (FH)	28	29	30	31	





**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

- ◆ 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship In-House & Live Streaming**
- ◆ 9:00 a.m.  
**Adult Sunday School on Zoom**

*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.**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Pastor Steve Rath</b> pastor@christum-baltimore.com 740-575-6190
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<b>Pianist</b>	<b>Julie Ulrich</b>
<b>Custodians</b>	<b>Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark</b>

***ATTENTION!***

**We are emailing our newsletters!**

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



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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