



**WORSHIP AND  
SERMON THEMES**

Sermon Series:

*Road Trip: A Journey Through  
Acts 13-20*

August 1st

“The Tale of Two Cities”  
Acts 17:1-15

August 8th

“Finding the Strength to Go on”  
Acts 18:1-17

August 15th

“The Company of Friends”  
Acts 18:18-28

August 22nd

“Adventures in Ephesus”  
Acts 19:1-20

August 29th

“The Homeward Way”  
Acts 20:1-6; 13-16; 22-39

## THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH

### “ROAD TRIP”

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath



Our journey with Paul and his friends continues as we explore more of their adventures in Acts.

After two months of study, we have learned that, much like life, the roads we travel sometimes are not smooth and easy ones. There are difficulties,

detours, and challenges we encounter along the way.

For Paul and others, there were moments of joy at the work of the Holy Spirit in their witness, there was also this insatiable desire that Paul finish the work he had been called to complete. As we embark on the last month of our study, we will see where else Paul’s journey takes him, and how God’s work was not dependent on the situations and circumstances met along the way.

As we wind our way back home, I am grateful to have made this trip with you in Scripture. I trust you, like me, are better for having made the journey together.

On the homeward way,

Pastor Steve

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## CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW

*Mark Your Calendars*

*&*

*Save the Date!*

*Saturday*

*October 23, 2021*

*Craft & Antique*

*Show*



After a year off with Covid-19, much discussion and prayer, we have located new craft show co-chairs. The craft and antique show will be back again this fall. Please plan to join us for another great event to raise funds for church ministries. Information and applications have been sent to sales vendors from previous years. If you have an interest in having a sales table at the craft and antique show this year, please contact Becky Ety at (740)862-4050 or Sharon Gates at (614)864-5550 to reserve your space. Thank you to Melissa Bader and Marsha Smith for agreeing to co-chair with us this year.



### COMMUNITY DINNER COOKOUT

**When:** August 21st,  
2021 from 4:00pm-  
6:30pm

**Where:** Christ United  
Methodist Church  
700 S. Main Street  
Baltimore, Ohio 43105

Located in the Family  
Life Center building

This is a free event. All  
are welcome!

### Food Pantry

Contributed by Leslie Martens

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

*Hebrews 13:16*

Summer will soon be ending and school will be starting. It is so important that the body be nourished as well as the mind.

Having adequate food available to feed the family is essential, but this can be difficult for some in our community.

Thanks to your generosity this struggle is made easier.

Current needs for the food pantry are: Canned fruit, canned soup (vegetable or tomato) and dry pasta.

Thank you,  
Leslie Martens

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:



### “IN PURSUIT OF GOLD”

AUGUST 2021

As many of you read this article, the delayed 2020 Olympic Games will be underway, bringing together some of the finest, most gifted athletes from around the globe to Tokyo.

I'll confess that I am one of those people who find themselves captivated by the determination, sacrifice, and talent that all world-class athletes have in common, as well as the stories behind the stars themselves who train for years for a shot at an Olympic medal.

Some years ago, I watched a story on Al Joyner, a triple jump gold medalist from the 1984 Games in Los Angeles. In the interview, Joyner remarked that “Success doesn't make champions, challenges do.” He should know. Growing up in East St. Louis, Joyner lost his mother tragically in her late thirties. Years later, when he married Florence Griffith-Joyner, he found the love of his life only to lose her suddenly at nearly the same age. A man losing his mother and his wife so prematurely would surely sink most men in a similar situation.

Joyner's quote got me thinking about how you and I think about challenges in our lives. Most of the time, I believe we are pre-disposed to avoid challenges, struggles, hard times, and the like because they are so obviously uncomfortable. Perhaps we need a new perspective on challenges – one which allows us to embrace them as opportunities to grow, stretch, mature, and develop to discover things about our character we wouldn't otherwise discover.

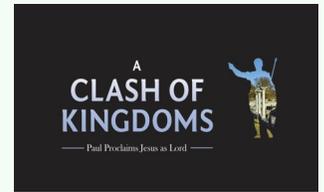
One of my preaching predecessors, the Apostle Paul, is heralded for his marathon journeys in spreading the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome as recounted in the Book of Acts. We get glimpses of success along the way, but what is most striking is that we read more about the setbacks, struggles, and opposition that came in pursuit of Paul's goal to share the “heavenly prize” of the Gospel. Through it all, Paul was doggedly determined to give his best for Christ. Would you be willing to do the same if God asked it of you?

As you watch some of the world's best stand on the podium to cheers and tears of joy, consider that such gold-medal moments come with the sacrifice that truly make champions victorious. May your moments of victory and the challenges that accompany them lead you toward a gold-medal performance in life. The world is watching you – and so is our Savior.

Pursuing the heavenly prize,



Pastor Steve



## Summer Bible Study

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath

Pastor Steve's Summer Bible Study is postponed to later this fall. Please continue to watch for updates.



If you would like to purchase altar flowers, there are a few open spots remaining for the 2021 year:

September 19th  
October 3rd  
October 31st  
November 7th  
November 14th  
December 26th

Call or email the church office for more information at (740)862-4343 or [office@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:office@christum-baltimore.com)



Our last confirmation class graduated some years back, so we are set for another one this fall. If you are in grades 6-12, Pastor Steve invites you to join our adventure as we learn more about our faith and what it means to be a member of the Church. Classes will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning August 15<sup>th</sup> and we will conclude by mid-November. The class will be welcomed into membership the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

If you're interested, let Trista know in the church office at [office@christum-baltimore.com](mailto:office@christum-baltimore.com) so we can have details, schedule, and materials ready for you.

P.S. If you are an adult, our journey together includes the opportunity to be a mentor and prayer partner for one of our youth. If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please let Pastor Steve know by email at [revrath.sr@gmail.com](mailto:revrath.sr@gmail.com)



Contributed by Linda Frommeyer

### Meet the Director

My name is Linda Frommeyer. I've been married for almost 35 years with 3 daughters, 3 granddaughters, and 2 grandsons. My life revolves around spending time with my family and camping throughout Ohio and surrounding states. I have been a caregiver my entire life, working in every care/educational setting imaginable and I'm excited for the opportunity to meet and help develop the young children at Christ United Methodist Preschool.



#### PLEASE JOIN US:

- Thursday, August 19th at 6:30pm - Meet the Teachers & Preschool Orientation
- Saturday, August 21st from 4:00-6:30pm - Community Dinner Cookout - Preschool Staff and Families

#### REMINDER:

Don't forget to fill out all forms. You can find them at [www.christum-baltimore.com](http://www.christum-baltimore.com) under the Preschool link.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

- 5 Clarissa Lawlis
- 7 Emily Burns  
Stephen Cozart
- 9 Favonia Marquart
- 10 Larson Ulrich
- 11 Waid Radford
- 13 Sheila Burns
- 16 Pat Holland
- 17 Lee Kohler
- 18 Matt Shreyer  
Eric Whittington
- 19 Dick Staten
- 21 Rory Gaskill  
Shirley Reed
- 23 Delaney Moore
- 25 Tyler McCluer
- 26 JR Coakley
- 27 Holly Fackler
- 28 Addison Fey  
Katie Prater
- 29 Derek Burns
- 30 Lauren Wagner
- 31 Doreen Fast

### Anniversaries

- 2 Andy & Mindy Ety
- 12 Doug & Betty Jo Merle
- 13 Chris & Kim Kilger
- 19 Jim & Esther  
Thompson
- 21 Marshall & Phyllis  
Johnson
- 22 Robert & Trudy Keck
- 23 Rob & Carol Sayre
- 24 Jerry & Gayle  
McCreery
- 27 Frank & Bernie  
Anderson
- 29 Dave & Ann Wolfe



*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."*

*Matthew 18:20*

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		June 2021
IN-PERSON WORSHIP		237
FACEBOOK LIVE-STREAM		69
YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAM		27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>333</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	125	

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Contributed by Darla Reedy, Treasurer

2021 REPORT	June	YEAR-TO-DATE
OPERATING INCOME	\$24,278	\$161,359
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$30,094	\$163,932
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$77	\$77
COINS FOR MISSIONS	\$25.58	\$84.43
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$823,849	

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Contributed by Kristy Schooler

*“They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.”*

*Psalm 92:14*

These days I seem to get more frequent reminders of my advancing age. Sometimes I think about all the things I wanted to do in life and compare them to what I’ve actually done. At times I even wonder what the Lord has planned for me to do in his service as I get older. Last week I was thinking about such things and then I thought about my mom.

Mom lived to be 94 and I can’t ever remember hearing her talk about what she could not do. She was still mowing her yard at 90. She did some gardening till the last couple years of her life. She was also in her late 80’s before she asked for help with household chores. She helped out with church ministries and even when she finally became housebound the last couple years, she made intercessory prayer her ministry.

The Bible includes stories of people whose golden years brought special ministry. Sarah, at 90, gave birth to Isaac. Miriam was also 90 when she helped her brothers lead the Israelites out of captivity to the Promised Land. Elizabeth was past child bearing age when she gave birth to John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. Simeon and Anna, two elderly people at the temple, recognized the Christ when Mary and Joseph brought him as an infant to the temple. God doesn’t forget his children just because they are aging, anymore than he refuses to use his children of any other age.

God promises, in Isaiah 46:4, to care for his people. We don’t need to be concerned about what we may have lost through the aging process if we walk closely with the Lord. We can always look forward to life with Jesus leading our way.

Keep praying and praising,  
Kristy



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** is here again! It is hard to believe that another school year is about to begin! CUMC wants to invite boys and girls to come to worship on **Sunday August 8th** with your backpack. Pastor Steve will have a special time with you during worship as we pray for a new school year.

### **School Supply Assistance**



If you or someone you know needs help getting school supplies, please fill out the application (at Connection Center), and turn into Ruth Crutcher at the Baltimore Food Pantry as soon as possible. Pick-up is **August 8th**.

## A BIT OF GRATITUDE

*“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.”  
Proverbs 18:16*

*Dear Christ United  
Methodist and Christ  
Men’s Group,*

*Thank you for the gifts  
on graduation Sunday.  
I am thankful for all the  
love and support over  
the years.*

*Hope to see you all  
soon.*

*Sincerely,  
Charlie*

*To My Church Family,*

*Thank you for all your  
prayers, cards, texts,  
and calls after my re-  
cent hospital stay after  
surgery. I am feeling  
much better and appre-  
ciate you thinking of  
me.*

*-Rick Tewell*

*The Rebekah Circle  
thanks everyone  
who donated items,  
bought treasures  
and those who  
helped at the yard  
sale!*

*Thank you!*

*thank you!*



# Christ United Methodist Church

## August 2021 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Canal Strings (FH) 6pm	3	4 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-1pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-1pm	12	13	14
15	16 Canal Strings (FH) 6pm	17 Finance (FH) 7:00pm	18 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-1pm	19 Baltimore Senior Citizens (FH) 10:30am-1:00pm  Preschool Orien/ Meet the Teachers (FH)6:30pm	20	21 Community Cook-out Dinner (FLC) 4:00pm- 6:30pm
22	23	24	25 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-12pm	26	27	28
29	30	31 Clergy Cluster 9:30am- 11:30am (P)				.

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**CHRIST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



**Our Mission:**

To help people find and follow Jesus Christ

**Our Vision:**

Connecting people with God through worship, with the church through whole-life discipleship, and with the

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## Sunday School and Worship Schedule

**Sunday School** - 8:45am - Classes meeting in Fellowship Hall and Parlor

**Worship** - 10:00am - In-person OR live-stream on Facebook and YouTube at Christ UMC Baltimore

## Personnel

**Pastor** - Rev. Steve Rath - pastor@christum-baltimore.com - (740) 575-6190

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**Bell Choir Director** - Becky Ety - (614) 581-8037

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**Audio-Visual Specialist** - Dwayne Miller

**Custodian** - Jim Anderson

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