

COME HOME FOR EASTER

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week once again this year, we recognize how deeply intense are the contrasts in the last week of Jesus' earthly life. As he entered the holy city of Jerusalem on the day the church celebrates as Palm Sunday, Jesus is hailed as "*One, who comes in the name of the Lord.*" Cloaks and palm branches are strewn on the road before him as he rides triumphantly into the city of his ancestors hailed as a king.

The tide of public opinion changes quickly and dramatically in the hours following Jesus' entrance into the city especially after he cleanses the temple by turning over the tables of the moneychangers and liberating the animals used for temple sacrifice. The religious leaders determine Jesus must be stopped and that the only way to effectively stop him is to have him condemned to death. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot, conspires with the religious leaders to deliver Jesus into the hands of the authorities; an act for which Judas receives a few pieces of silver.

On Thursday evening, the disciples gather with Jesus in a large upper room in Jerusalem to celebrate the ancient feast of Passover; recalling how the angel of death "passed over" the houses of the Israelites, while slaying the first born of the Egyptians, convincing the pharaoh to release the Israelites from bondage. During the course of the meal, Jesus changes the order of the feast the disciples had known since childhood, instituting what we now celebrate as the sacrament of Holy Communion. Using the symbols of bread and wine, Jesus invites the disciples to receive his body and blood, commanding them to continue the celebration "*in remembrance of him*" until he comes again to the earth. Following the meal the disciples walk with Jesus to the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is arrested, bound, and taken into custody. By early the following morning Jesus is condemned to death. His execution is carried forward immediately. As he struggles to carry his cross to the place of crucifixion, Jesus traces the same steps that carried him triumphantly into Jerusalem a few days earlier. The folks that hailed him as king the Sunday before now shout for his crucifixion.

The solemn events in the last week of Jesus' earthly life will be celebrated by the congregation of Christ United Methodist Church with Palm Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. on March 28; the Calvary Walk from 3-5 p.m. on Palm Sunday afternoon beginning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. on April 1 at Union Avenue United Methodist Church; and Good Friday worship from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. on April 2 at Vine Street United Methodist Church. Details of each Holy Week worship opportunity can be found in this edition of *The Chimes*.

Following the celebration of the last week in Jesus' earthly life, Christ Church will celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection, beginning with an Easter Vigil service on Saturday evening, April 3, at 8:30 p.m. followed on the morning of the resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 4, with a sunrise service at 8 a.m. following the theme, *The Stones of Passion*, led by members of the youth fellowship, breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m., Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., and the celebration of the Resurrection at 10:45 a.m., where we will proclaim the mystery of our faith, "*Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*" Details of the services for Easter can also be found in this issue of *The Chimes*.

Plan to pause many times during the celebration of Holy Week to remember the sacrifice of the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, for you. Then plan to **COME HOME FOR EASTER** as the church celebrates the promise of eternal life brought in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Don't miss the greatest celebration of the year in the life of the community of faith – the Church! **COME HOME FOR EASTER!**

Pastor L. Chris Martin

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

On Saturday evening, April 3, at 8:30 p.m. members and friends of Christ and Union Avenue Churches will gather at Christ Church to celebrate the Easter Vigil. One of the oldest worship traditions of the Christian community, the Easter Vigil celebrates Christ's passage from death to life through a special liturgy that begins in darkness and is intentionally illumined by fire and then by the Paschal Candle representing ***Lumen Christi***, the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. Remember how Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

The Easter Vigil, the first celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection, will begin in the parking lot of Christ Church around a small (and safely contained) fire. From the fire, a light is taken to light the Paschal Candle, which is carried into the darkened Church, symbolizing the first light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lessons from the Old and New Testaments, the singing of Baptismal, Communion and Easter hymns, the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and the Sacrament of Holy Communion are part of this very inspirational and moving worship experience. Plan to share in the first light of the Easter celebration by participating in the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 3.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION – EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT 8:00 A.M. Led by the spirited members of our United Methodist Youth Fellowship, under the direction of Mike and Jamie Greiner, Easter sunrise will be celebrated with resurrection hymns, a bell anthem by the Ringers for Christ, and a one-act drama entitled, ***The Stones of Passion***. Drawing on the familiar events surrounding the Easter story, the drama will introduce those in attendance to the stones of jubilation, anger, self-righteousness, remembrance, anguish, rejection, death and resurrection. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be shared in this service.

EASTER BREAKFAST AT 8:45 A.M. The congregation is invited to Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 A.M.

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION AT 10:45 A.M. Following a festive organ prelude, worship on Easter morning will begin with the proclamation, ***"He is risen!"*** with the congregation responding, ***"He is risen indeed!"*** The introduction to Charles Wesley's glorious hymn, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, will bring congregants to their feet as they proclaim the mystery of faith by joining together in singing the words of Wesley's masterpiece. Resurrection hymns, the fragrance of blooming lilies, anthems, lessons from the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John, congregational and pastoral prayers, and a message shared by Pastor Martin entitled, ***The Song of Triumph Has Begun***, will herald the news of the Christian faith: ***"Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!"*** Join us for worship on the morning of the resurrection. **COME HOME FOR EASTER!**

ANNOUNCING A STUDY OF JOHN ORTBERG'S BOOK, ***"THE ME I WANT TO BE"***

Pastor Martin invites members and friends of Christ Church to participate in a study of John Ortberg's latest book, ***The Me I Want to Be – Becoming God's Best Version of You***, published in January. Over the course of five sessions, participants will be challenged to develop a deeper relationship with God, who delights in each of us as his made-to-order creations, and by working through exercises designed to apply what they've learned from in-class DVD segments and their participant's guide. Ortberg writes: *"When I'm growing toward the me I want to be, I'm freed from the one I pretend to be. I no longer try to convince people I'm important while secretly fearing I'm not."* Packed with this kind of honest reflection, the study will assist participants in becoming the best possible version of what God wants them to be.

Identical study sessions will be held from 10-11:15 a.m. and from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Dussel Room on the following Thursdays: April 8, 15, 22 (skip April 29 when Pastor Martin will be on retreat in New York), May 6 and 13. Plan to share in this study. Participant's guides will be available in the office on Sunday, March 28.

HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In his book, *His Finest Days*, author Robert Allen writes, "It is not an exaggeration to say that the finest days in the life of Jesus are his last days. During the last days of his earthly life, Jesus struggles with his emotions; struggles with his mission; struggles with his direction in life; struggles with his destiny. His finest days begin when he triumphantly enters Jerusalem. Palm Sunday becomes the pivotal point of his ministry. Until he enters the holy city, Jesus is merely an irritation to the religious establishment. When he is given a royal welcome into the ancient city, a new dimension of conflict with the religious authorities begins and a new sense of urgency comes into his words and actions."

The observance of Holy Week commemorates the mighty acts of Jesus: his entry into Jerusalem, his celebration of the Passover meal with his disciples, his crucifixion on Calvary's hill, and the sealing of his body in a borrowed garden tomb. The risen Christ calls the Christian community to remember these sacred moments and to renew itself to be more fully the body of Christ. To this end the church has developed many special worship opportunities to accomplish the task of sacred memory. For members and friends of Christ United Methodist Church these services include:

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP: Pastor Martin's message on Palm Sunday, March 28, *Will You Join the Cheering Crowds?*, will chronicle the events that brought Jesus into Jerusalem for the last time before his crucifixion. Worship participants will be invited to share vicariously with the children of our church in the palm-waving parade that brought Jesus into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. Between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. in the afternoon, the congregation is invited to share in the Calvary Walk, which begins at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, followed by stops at: Alliance Neighborhood Center, Arid Club, Alliance Towers, an empty lot, the YWCA, the Caboose, the Justice Center, the Inter-Faith Child Care Center at Christ UMC, and returning to the garden at St. Joseph's Church. Pastor Martin will share the message, *Little Lambs of Jesus*, at the Inter-Faith Child Care Center.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP: The congregations of Christ and Union Avenue Churches will gather together at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Union Avenue building to hear the story of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples, to sing the Passion hymns, to hear the message, *Servanthood Demonstrated*, delivered by Pastor Martin, and to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP: The traditional three-hour service will be held from 12 Noon until 3 p.m. at Vine Street United Methodist Church. Messages on the *Seven Words of Christ from the Cross* will be shared by the following pastors in seven 25-minute worship segments: Joyce Williams, Nick Holly, Joe Peters, Monsignor Kolp, Aaron Hill, Leroy Crosby and Bobbie Williams. Attendees are invited to come when they can and leave when they must.

Plan to share in worship throughout Holy Week, that you might know the depth of God's love and his profound sacrifice for you.

LITURGISTS FOR APRIL

4	Easter: Youth (8:00)	Sheila Gard (10:45)
11	Steve Diser (8:30)	Pat Helsel (10:45 - UMW led service)
18	No 8:30 Service	Rev. L. Chris Martin (10:45 - One Great Day of Music)
25	Steve Diser (8:30)	Jim Greiner (10:45)

A REQUEST FOR SOONER NOT MORE

Help!!! Pledges are sufficient for 2010, it is the timing that is beginning to give our Church trouble paying the bills.

January and February utility bills totaled \$17,715.00, 36% of the yearly budget. These early payments, particularly for heating, cannot be budgeted through the gas company and smoothed out over the year. They have to be paid as we use the gas. Naturally, we will use, and pay larger amounts from January through April when the weather is most severe.

You can help!!! Please do all that you can to keep your pledge up to date! Even pay ahead if you are able!! This will help us to stay current with all the program costs at our Church and keep your finance committee members from developing ulcers.

This is a request for 'SOONER' not 'more.'

We have made the challenge to our Finance committee members and to the Administrative Council members to raise this issue in every meeting, class and group that they attend. This 'awareness' campaign is vital to all the programs and ministries of Christ Church.

CUB SCOUT PACK 50 NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 50, sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church in Alliance gathered Monday in the Fellowship Hall 'Race Track' for its annual Pinewood Derby Race.

The hall was decorated with racing posters, checkered flags and derby cars ranging from a pick-up truck to a bus to a 'Pod-racer' and all sorts of designs in between.

The Pack awarded first place trophies to winners in each Den. All the races were hotly contested with only fractions of a second difference determining the winners.

In the Tiger Den, Luke Gehret was crowned this year's champion, Michael Shields is the Wolf Den winner on the strength of one of those fraction of a second victory over Michael Burse. Zach Smith out raced the Bear Den contenders for the victory and Noah Gehret edged out Adam Brady for the win in the Webelos Den.

Nearly 100 Scouts, family and friends cheered their favorites, and they cheered their opponents as well. Good sportsmanship and fun for everyone involved was the highlight of the event.

Refreshments followed the racing, with cupcakes arranged in a checkered flag design.

Thanks to Mr. Guy for repair work to the stability of the "crowd restraining rope" stands, to Mr. Yost for the use of his digital scale, to Mrs. Diser for handling the refreshments, to Mrs. Williams for acting as scorekeeper/statistician, to Mr. Austin for handling the 'weigh-in' and to Troop 50 Scouts for setting up the race track and taking down decorations and resetting tables and chairs.

Den meetings will continue on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 at the church. Boys from first to fifth grade interested in Cub Scouts are invited to visit.

Dick Diser
Cubmaster



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

As Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Lay Leader I made an important announcement on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

It is expected that effective July 1, 2010 Bishop John Hopkins will appoint the Rev. Dr. Karl Stonebraker to be pastor of Christ United Methodist Church.

This appointment has come after consultation with our Staff Parish Relations Committee to determine the gifts and graces needed to lead Christ United Methodist Church into the future. Pastor Stonebraker was ordained an elder in 1984. Prior to ordination, Rev. Stonebraker received a Bachelors of Science degree from Eastern Nazarene College, a Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

He has served United Methodist Churches in Jewett, Mentor, Solon and Millersburg, and is currently serving as pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Shelby, Ohio, which is located in the Mid-Ohio District of the East Ohio Conference.

Rev. Stonebraker is married to Pamela and they have two adult children and 4 grandchildren.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee met with Pastor Stonebraker and found him to be a faithful and humble servant who is committed to sharing the love of Christ, a willing partner with our Spiritual/Strategic Planning Committee, friendly with a wonderful sense of humor. He shared his experiences as being a Spiritual Director for Walk to Emmaus weekends and reported that being a pastor is the only job he has wanted to do. Pastor Chris then offered his kind words regarding his working with Pastor Stonebraker, his support of this expected appointment, and believes that Pastor Stonebraker possesses the skills necessary to lead CUMC into the future.

We continue to pray for Pastor Chris and Cyndi and pray God's blessing on Pastor Stonebraker and Pamela in this time of change.

I will keep the congregation informed and know that you will assist me as we welcome Pastor Stonebraker and Pamela this coming June.

Respectfully,

Sheila Gard

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Again this year, paper narcissus bulbs were delivered to our visitation members during Holy Week. The emerging bulbs are symbolic of the new life the risen Christ brings to all of us and are especially meaningful to our members who are unable to come to church at this special time of the year. Our sincere thanks to Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler for coordinating this project and to the many volunteers who took time from their busy schedules, not only to deliver our gift but also to visit with those who received the bulbs.

The Committee is gratified by the expressions of appreciation it has received from those who reside at Copeland Oaks for the bus service that continues to offer transportation to our Sunday morning services. Without this service, several Copeland residents would have found church attendance impossible. Thanks to the congregation for supporting this project!

Congregational Care Committee

Bob Clayton, Shirley & Paul Cope, Mildred & Rev. David Hostetler,
Connie & Larry Pyers, Peg Williams, Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL HOLD A BASEMENT SALE

Save good used clothing items, sellable toys, books, games, baby items, household items, vases, plants, frames, pictures, lamps, jewelry, etc. for the **United Methodist Women Basement Sale May 14 and 15; 9a.-4p. on Friday and 9a-12p. on Saturday.** Thursday, May 13 is the last day to bring items - it is set-up day! Volunteers are needed all three days. Paper bags are needed. Mark your calendars and save your items!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is a ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. If you like to crochet or knit, or want to learn how, or would like to work with this ministry, please join us the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Contact through the church (330-823-7136) or by calling Ginny Robart at 330-938-7744, or Shirley Cope, 938-7534.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMISSION

The community dinners are changing again! Since the Appleseed Program for students is no longer being held at the Alliance Neighborhood Center, they offered all participating groups the opportunity to, once again, host our dinners there. Union Ave. United Methodist Church opted to return to the first Tuesday of the month, sponsoring a dinner every month. After discussing our options, the commission members of our church decided that we are not in a position to sponsor a dinner every month. Since the attendance at the Neighborhood Center was somewhat better than the attendance we had at our church, we have decided to have **our community dinners the fifth Tuesday at the Neighborhood Center.** On March 30, there is a family night there, so our next dinner will be June 29. We will again need to provide \$50 for the cook, but we will no longer be required to provide bread and desserts. Once again, we would like to thank the trustees for their willingness to allow us to host the dinners at our church. Thank you, too, to all of you who have cooked, served, cleaned up, and provided bread and desserts.

Although our church office is no longer handling the Good Samaritan Fund, we will continue to take an offering once per quarter. We will send that money to the Alliance of Churches so that they can help needy families. We will try to take the offering near the beginning of each quarter. As of now, we haven't selected a date for the spring quarter, but we will let everyone know as soon as a date is determined. Thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors in Alliance.

Our international missionary, Shimba Mulunda, has concluded her missionary service in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since everyone has generously supported our international mission project with aluminum cans and the fifth Sunday noisy can offerings, we have decided to "adopt" a new missionary. She is Beatrice Mamawah Gbanga, serving in Sierra Leone in health ministry. We will provide more information about Beatrice as we get to know her.

Thank you for your support of our fellowship luncheons which support Red Bird Mission. Please continue to pray for Thom and Chris Denman on the loss of their daughter, Beth, in an automobile accident.

We continue to think of something we could pass out at Carnation Days in the Park which would advertise our church. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

God bless each and every one of you for your part in our loving church family!
Susie Buckel, Chairperson, Christian Outreach Commission

ONE GREAT DAY OF MUSIC IS COMING!

Praise the Lord! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organ! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Plan to join us for worship at 10:45 on April 18 for our annual *One Great Day of Music!* This service will include vocal and handbell choirs, various solo offerings, favorite hymns selected by the congregation, and organ music that you won't want to miss. Come and join your voice with ours as we make a joyful noise to the Lord to continue the tradition of great music at Christ United Methodist Church.

-Bradley A. Bonam,
Interim Director of Music and Organist



TOWER CONCERT SERIES FEATURES

ENSEMBLE *SECUNDUM SILENTIUM*



The Tower Concert Series will present Ensemble *Secundum Silentium* in concert on **Sunday afternoon, April 25 at 3 P.M.** in the sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church.

Under the direction of Dr. Zahari Metchkov, faculty member of the Cleveland Institute of Music, Ensemble *Secundum Silentium*, made up of current students and alumni of the Cleveland Institute of Music, will explore chamber works for piano, string quartet, soprano, and delicate percussion instruments like hand bells and temple bells. The program will consist of music by John Taverner (1490-1554), Sir John Tavener (b. 1944) and Samuel Barber (1910-1981). Sir John Tavener's *The Last Sleep of the Virgin* for hand bells and string quartet will offer a magical opening to the program. The afternoon will continue with a selection of madrigals by John Taverner arranged for strings, and other instrumental pieces that will bring the audience back to the glorious musical traditions of 16th century England. Barber's famous Adagio for Strings will follow in its original version for string quartet. A return to Sir John Tavener will close the concert with selections from his enigmatic *Schuon Leider – a cycle of songs set for soprano, string quartet, piano and Tibetan temple bowls*.

It is thrilling for Christ Church to be part of the spring concert tour of Ensemble *Secundum Silentium*, and to look forward to an afternoon of beautiful and passionate music. Dr. Metchkov is a close personal friend of Pastor Chris and Cindi Martin and is delighted to bring his Ensemble to Christ Church. Dr. Metchkov writes, "Ensemble *Secundum Silentium* is excited about the opportunity to share our musical gifts with the community of Christ Church and greater Alliance. Our programs offer audiences intimate performances of great music, both sacred and secular. Our mission is to share the gifts of our lasting musical friendship with the city and surrounding communities where our most formidable music education took and continues to take place." Plan to attend this **Tower Concert on Sunday, April 25 at 3 P.M.**

GREETERS FOR APRIL

4	Corrine and Arnie Hirvela
11	Helen Brown and Betty Sheetz
18	Don and Willie Gray
25	Jim and Jill Greiner

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Jill Greiner, April 15, 1972

Don and Willie Gray, April 17, 1965

John and Donna Webster, April 25, 1987

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Council, at its March meeting, took action to approve the recommendation of the Worship Committee that the summer worship schedule, for the months of July and August, will be Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. The Worship Committee also proposed, and the Council approved, the date of June 20, 2010 for the annual Worship in the Park service. The service will commence at 11:00 a.m. The pavilion at Silver Park has been reserved.

The Council also heard reports and announcements of action underway by our various committees and other groups. More details may be found elsewhere in The Chimes. The Administrative Council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PARENTING, MARRIAGE CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED

Two four-week classes -- one called Christian Parenting 101, and the other called Christian Marriage 101 -- will be offered beginning April 19 at Union Avenue United Methodist Church.

The Monday evening classes are sponsored by the Shared Ministries Team of Christ United Methodist Church and Union Avenue UMC, and are open to the entire community. Classes are scheduled April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10 at Union Avenue UMC. The Christian Parenting classes will run from 6 to 6:50 p.m. and the Christian Marriage classes from 7 to 7:50 p.m. each week.

Classes will be taught by Gail Pavliga, PhD., a licensed clinical Christian therapist, life coach, professor and author. Pavliga is a graduate of the University of Akron and holds a PhD in Education with a major in educational psychology.

She has taught at Kent State University, The University of Akron and Oberlin College. As director of the Christian Counseling Alliance, Pavliga provides comprehensive Christian based counseling and psychological services to children, adolescents, adults, couples and families.

Weekly topics of the Christian Parenting 101 class include:

- A Christian Home: The role of the Father, Mother and Children.
- Moral development in children.
- Social development birth through adult.
- Building a Family Mission Statement (North Star) and Family Shield.

Weekly topics of the Christian Marriage 101 class include:

- What is a Christian Marriage? Roles of a Husband and Wife.
- Soul to Soul: Communication, Intimacy and Sex.
- Common Cents: Financial Issues in Marriage.
- The Mind Blowing Purpose of Marriage: Happily ever after.

Cost of each four-part workshop is \$25 per couple. Free babysitting will be available. Call Union Avenue UMC at 330-823-9270 to make reservations.

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

I am suspending the series of articles on our neighborhood church families to bring you some exciting news: **"STUDIO GO"** is back!! All of your favorite personalities will be here June 21 through June 25 from 6PM to 8PM for the 2010 Vacation Bible School that promises to be even better than before. The perfect Professor Wordsmart, wonderful Wade Winalot and that awesome Coach Armstrong will be looking for you!

This year our church will be collaborating with Union Avenue, Bolton, Lexington and Vine Street United Methodist Churches and the Trinity Episcopal Church. Vine Street has graciously offered their church as the host site. The planning committee has already had its first meeting and we are ready to go. However, there is only one thing that might stand in our way: if we do not get enough willing workers and volunteers like you to work with us.

So here is a list of the people we will need.

1. 5 Bible Story Tellers-Bible characters will include:
Moses (Go Lead), Deborah (Go Risk), The Disciples (Go Tell),
Peter (Go Obey) and Jesus (Go Serve-the Foot Washing story)
2. Music Leaders
3. Recreation Leaders
4. Snack Crew
5. Mission Coordinator
6. Sound Technicians
7. Set Up/Decorating Crew
8. Publicity Coordinator
9. Youth Helpers- 6th Grade and above
10. Adult Shepherds/Traffic Control
11. Age Level Teachers-at least 2 per class
Age 3 Class, Age 4 Class, Age 5 Class, K-1st grade class, 2nd & 3rd grade class
and 4th & 5th Grade Class

There will be a sign-up board in the Lounge soon but if you can't wait that long, contact Treva Cline, our local VBS Coordinator or Dr. J. to sign up. And last, but not least, please remember us in your prayers!

Dr. J

APRIL TELLERS

- 4 Jill Greiner and Donna Essick
- 11 Cindy Magda and Bruce Helsel
- 18 Diane Hisey and Bill Messenheimer
- 25 Nancy Sandifer and Mildred Hostetler

MAY TELLERS

- 2 Jim Greiner and John Essick
- 9 Julie Greiner and Larry Pyers
- 16 Pat Helsel and Marilyn Ruff
- 23 Jill Greiner and Donna Essick
- 30 Cindy Magda and Bruce Helsel

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Lucile Smith | 7 Daniel Hisey | 17 Connie Pyers | 24 Tyler Young |
| 1 Kyle Yarian | 8 Kathy Brown | 18 Cynthia Carlin | 25 Cindi Martin |
| 3 Kim Handy | 9 Leslie Austin | 19 Harold Wasson | 29 Sheila Gard |
| 5 Pauline Keen | 14 Sue McCammon | 20 W. Keith Reed | 30 Jill Greiner |
| 6 Ann Bolog | 14 Colin Richmond | 24 Lanny Hisey | |
| 6 Jo Peterson | 16 Elvin Madison | 24 Tim Barnhouse | |

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - APRIL 6, 2010 UNIT MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

April 6, 2010 Unit Meeting 7:00 P.M. - Program given by Sheila Gard: *"Food and Faith"*
Hostesses: May Smyth Circle Greeters: Margery Mayer Circle

April 11

UMW Sunday - 10:45 A.M. Service
"Who Is At The Table?"

April 24

UMW District Spring Meeting
Malvern UMC / 10am - 1pm

April 30 - May 2

Assembly 2010: *Faith, Hope,
Love in Action*, St. Louis, MO

APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS:

19 *12:30 P.M. Dorcas Circle
Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks
*7:00 P.M. M&M Circle: with Donna Essick
20 *9:00 A.M. Margery Mayer Circle
Western Reserve Room, Copeland Oaks
*7:00 P.M. May Smyth Circle: TBA

United Methodist Women - May 4, 2010 Unit Meeting

7:00 P.M. At the Log Cabin at Silver Park with program leader Stephen Rickard
Hostesses: Margery Mayer Circle Greeters: Dorcas Circle

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - APRIL 9, 2010

Let everything that has breath praise God

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

23250 Main Street, Homeworth

11:30 A.M. Board Meeting - 1:00 P.M. Program

Program: Peggy Aston sings Southern Gospel

VISITATION MEMBERS FOR APRIL

4 Joan and Bob Raynes, 800 S. 15th St., #2103, Sebring, OH 44672-2000
11 Virginia Fronk, 800 S. 15th St., #7423, Sebring, OH 44672-2087
18 Mary Jane Johnson, 2350 Cherry Ave., # 33B, Alliance, OH 44601-5022
25 Darlene Howell, 350 S. Arch Ave., #511, Alliance, OH 44601-2678

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

We recognize a need in our community by collecting funds, food, personal and household items to help the Salvation Army in its outreach. The Christian Outreach Committee reminds you that there is always a shopping cart in the Lounge for donations, and that the third Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. April 18 is the next date for donations of non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products, and cash donations to be counted for delivery to the Salvation Army. In March 47 items and \$20.00 were collected. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

PLEASE TURN ARTICLES AND INFORMATION FOR THE MAY CHIMES ISSUE IN BY MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY IS APRIL 18, 2010: A special offering is being taken April 18, which is one way United Methodists honor Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. It also supports Native American Ministries in the Conference, as well as helping support programs benefitting Native Americans in cities throughout the United States. An offering envelope will be placed in the bulletin April 18.

NOTE OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE: Starting in July, 2010 and continuing through September 5, 2010, Sunday school classes at Christ Church are at 9:00 A.M., and the Worship Service is at 10:00 A.M. Please mark your calendars!!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is in need of volunteers on Saturdays throughout the summer. Contact: Boyd Webster, 330-823-1218.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: The United Methodist Men of Union Avenue United Methodist Church invite all to attend a Spaghetti Dinner Friday, April 16, 2010 from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. The menu will feature homemade spaghetti sauce, meatballs and desserts. The dinner will be held in the church's fellowship hall with parking available next to the old Mt. Union Theater. Tickets, priced at \$6.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 10 and under 3, free. Proceeds will benefit charities in the Alliance area.

NOTES OF THANKS RECEIVED: Dear Church Family, Many thanks for the visit with The Rev. L. Chris Martin, thoughts and prayers, and the bright beautiful carnation bouquet I received while I was in the hospital. You made my day. Bless you, Thelma Greiner

To everyone at CUMC, Words will never express how much your support and prayers have encouraged us over the past 21 months during Carol Reese's illness. She is now at peace and at "home." We miss her greatly but we know that we will see her again and she will be walking and talking and laughing just as we want to remember her. A great big "Thank you" to the people that helped serve a great meal to us after her service. Again, Thank You to all. Martha Reed (sister)

The United Methodist Women made up 35 kits and donated them to the Domestic Violence Shelter. We also had a lot of extra items that was also donated. Thanks to all who donated articles for our kits. Thanks, Jean Webster

Dear Friends of Christ UMC, The Staff, Board of Trustees and families of the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter would like to thank you for your recent donation of personal products. These items will be of great help as we work to provide for the many families served by the Shelter. Your generous donation will help us continue to provide services to abused families in our community. We appreciate your kindness, generosity and support. Working together, we can reduce the occurrence of domestic violence in our community. Thank You! Sincerely, Kim Stanley & Staff of the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter

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Son-in-law of Sheila and Dan Gard, husband of Beckey, who has been deployed to Iraq for a tour of duty. He is an Alliance native and would appreciate any cards or letters.

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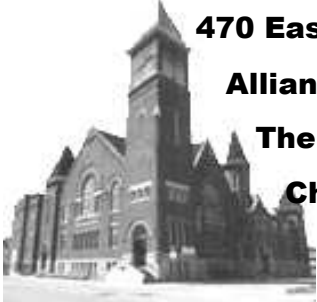
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CHRIST CHURCH IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A PROCESS OF SELF-ASSESSMENT AND SPIRITUAL/STRATEGIC PLANNING guided by Allan Zagray, Consultant to Quality Congregations. Three events, held in April, will contribute to the final goals which will be offered to the congregation later in the spring. All interested members of the congregation are encouraged to participate in these inter-active experiences.

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 10, beginning at 10:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall, we will engage in a time of **MINISTRY ASSESSMENT** during which we will list the varied ministries of our congregation and rate them according to their importance to our future and our present effectiveness in carrying them out.

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall, we will engage in a **TIME OF HISTORICAL REFLECTION** as we recount the events of times past and seek the meaning of God’s Presence in our present and look toward what God has in store for us in the future.

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25, beginning at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall or possibly the Sanctuary, we will seek to identify the “Norms” by which our church lives. With your fellow-members you will engage in creative conversations about those unwritten rules which govern the life of our congregation and then rank them in importance to our future.

Please remember the Spiritual/Strategic Planning Team in your prayers as together we seek to understand God’s Future for Christ Church.

