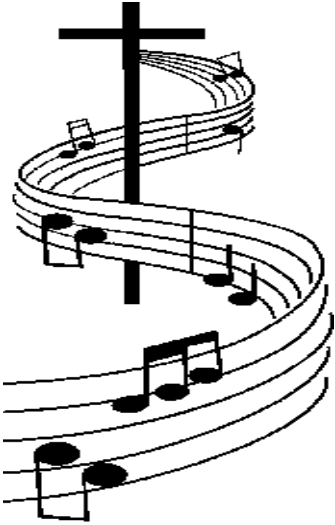


ONE GREAT DAY OF MUSIC A GREAT SUCCESS



On Sunday, April 18, Christ Church celebrated its annual **One Great Day of Music** with a combined worship service at 10:45 a.m. In his welcome to the congregation, Pastor Martin said: "The Psalmist writes: 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.' Above all else, 'come into his presence with singing!' People of faith have gathered for worship since the beginning of recorded history with a song on their lips - a message of faith that could never just be spoken - it had to be sung. Music is to worship what the soul is to the body. Without the soul, we can exist, but life's meaning is diminished to the point of mere survival. Without music, worship becomes a sterile recitation of beliefs, lacking the spirit that moves us to faithful living. Music is the key that unlocks the gate separating our human nature from that part of us which is divine. Because worship has always been, is now, and always will be the Church's primary reason for existence, and because everything the church does must flow from its worship, music becomes an integral part of the life of the Christian fellowship."

Our ONE GREAT DAY OF MUSIC included the singing of several favorite hymns suggested by members of the congregation, anthems by the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Bell Choir and the Cherub and Wesley Choirs, a trombone solo by Chris Handy, a violin and marimba duet by Susan Haddox and Victor Lee, a piano prelude by Brad Bonam, a four-hands-on-the-piano prelude by Susan Haddox and Brad Bonam, along with an organ prelude and postlude by Brad Bonam. Susan Haddox also played violin alongside the organ accompaniment for the hymns. Members and friends of the congregation express sincere appreciation to all of folks that participated in any way in this year's **One Great Day of Music** - it was a wonderfully inspirational service of music. **Thank you!**



MUSICAL TRANSITIONS TAKE PLACE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church organist and interim Chancel Choir director, Bradley Bonam, has accepted a position in the music ministry of East Liverpool United Methodist Church in East Liverpool, Ohio. While we are sad to see Brad leave Christ Church, we wish him the very best of luck as he continues to pursue his career in church music. Brad's last Sunday at Christ Church will be May 9. While we will have the opportunity to express the appreciation of the congregation to Brad for his years at Christ Church during worship on his last Sunday, members and friends of the congregation may wish to share personal expressions of appreciation with Brad in the days ahead. **THANKS BRAD** for sharing your love of music and your musical talents with us.

Lew Shields will become the director of the Chancel Choir, while continuing as the director of the Bell Choirs. We express sincere appreciation to Lew for his enthusiastic willingness to add the Chancel Choir to his other musical responsibilities at Christ Church. The Worship Commission is in the process of receiving applications and resumes for the position of church organist. It is no secret that ***God is glorified through our musical program*** at Christ United Methodist Church.
Pastor L. Chris Martin

MAY TELLERS

2	Jim Greiner and John Essick
9	Julie Greiner and Larry Pyers
16	Pat Helsel and Marilyn Ruff
23	Pat Helsel and Donna Essick
30	Tyler Kinser and Bruce Helsel

JUNE TELLERS

6	Diane Hisey and Bill Messenheimer
13	Nancy Sandifer & Mildred Hostetler
20	Worship in the Park
27	Jim Greiner and John Essick

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We have set aside a special time to celebrate our members who are graduating from high school, college or other educational institutions. **Sunday, May 16 at the 10:45 AM worship service** is that day and time. However, we need a brief, biographical sketch from our graduates for publication in our bulletins. We will also take time during the worship service to personally congratulate them. We will appreciate receiving that information in the Church office by Friday May 7. Please call the Church office if further information is needed.

The Christian Education Commission



FROM THE LIVING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Application for a College Grant

All 2009 high school graduates who are church members and are advancing their education in any two or four year program are eligible (available ONE TIME ONLY) for a \$500.00 grant. They may send a letter to the Living Memorial Scholarship Committee, Christ United Methodist Church, 470 East Broadway Street, Alliance, OH 44601-2698 and indicate the level of participation in church (see below), the school they will be attending and the program of study. Also, all undergraduate members of the church now in college, full time, may also apply for this same grant by submitting a similar letter.

Application for a College Loan

The LIVING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND which was established in 1960 and revised in 1986 is funded by gifts from the congregation. These funds are held by the Trustees and are granted as loans to persons wishing to further their education.

Criteria established at that time determined that the applicant be an active member of Christ United Methodist Church. Active member means that the candidate joined the church by profession of faith or by transfer of church letter. Active also means participation in at least three of the following programs at Christ United Methodist Church:

- A. Worship Services
- B. Church School classes
- C. Youth Fellowship (U.M.Y.F.)
- D. Vocal Choir
- E. Handbell Choir
- F. Boy Scouts
- G. Other (Explain)

Loans are now available for up to \$2,500.00 per year for up to four years, and are approved by the Living Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee. Interest shall be charged at the rate of 1% per annum on the unpaid balance, and repayment will start six months after graduation or discontinuation of schooling. A parent or guardian shall be required to cosign any such loans, if the student is a minor. A written letter to the Committee shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the date, the amount requested, the institution where applicant has been accepted, the class level of the applicant (freshman, sophomore, etc.) and expected graduation or completion date of the course of study.

The congregation is to be commended for their support in funding the furthering of higher education.

CUB SCOUT PACK 50 NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 50, sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church of Alliance, recognized advancement at its meeting Monday evening, April 19.

Nicky Mikes, Drake Bandy and Luke Gehret were awarded their Tiger Cub Badge in a candlelight ceremony focusing on the Scouting principles of duty to family, duty to God and duty to country.

In the Wolf Den, Hunter Frank, Michael Shields, Eric Dunn, Michael Burse and Erik Ayers earned a yellow bead and their Wolf Badge, completing the 12 requirements for this Cub Scout Rank. The Wolf Den spent a Saturday afternoon working on their outdoor requirements at Camp Rodman, just outside Alliance.

The Bear Badge and a red bead were presented to Zakary Sanders, Evan Yost and Zachary Smith in recognition of meeting the Bear requirements, including cooking over an open fire, emergency preparedness and honoring our country.

All the Cub Scouts that participated in the 'Good Turn' clean-up around the Church just before Easter were recognized.

The evening concluded with refreshments: Ice Cream Sundaes, enjoyed by all!

Upcoming events for Pack 50 include:

Sunday, April 25 3:00 pm: A Tower concert presented by youth of the Cleveland Institute of Music in the Church sanctuary

Monday, May 3 7:00 pm: Steve Rickard presentation on the Ohio frontier of 1800-1840 in the Church Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 31 10:00 am: March in the Alliance Memorial Day Parade in downtown Alliance
Dick Diser, Cubmaster

All were welcomed by Troop 50 and Pack 50 Scouts for **a special presentation by Steve Rickard (Redtail), on Monday May 3, 2010** from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall of Christ United Methodist Church. Steve's presentation related to the American Frontier from 1800-1840, and include the Lewis and Clark expedition, Thomas Jefferson, the Shoshone Indians, and more. The congregation, family, friends and guest were all welcomed.

Troop 50 Scouts and Pack 50 Cub Scouts

Union Avenue United Methodist Church really needs our help with the Kiwanis Food Drive on Friday, May 21, between 10:45 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the old Good Will parking lot by Texas Roadhouse. Pleas sign up on the Opportunity Board. Thank You!

HOSPITAL FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

The church is in need of persons/families/classes, etc. to sponsor the carnation bud vases sent to members of our congregation newly admitted to Alliance Community Hospital. The cost of a bud vase is still \$3.50.

Yes, I/We would like to support the Hospital Flower Fund

Name _____ Amount of Donation \$ _____

THE MOTHERS IN MY LIFE

On Sunday, May 9, the church will celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home, which coincides with the celebration of Mother's Day. In the book, *A Mother's Love*, a selection by Marion B. West reads, "Motherhood is one of the most challenging undertakings in life. Along with being challenging, motherhood is sometimes impossible, wondrous, frustrating, rewarding, maddening, blissful, overwhelming, exciting, depressing, victorious, breathtaking and triumphant." What the author is saying is that mothers may be overcome with pride and bursting with joy one day only to cry into a mound of unfolded laundry the next. Libraries are full of books on how to be a good mother, even though the best way to learn about motherhood or parenthood is undoubtedly on-the-job training often involving numerous mistakes and an abundance of anxieties.

Having never been a mother, I can only speak of motherhood from the vantage point of an active observer. I have been privileged to live with and observe four mothers in my life. My birth mother, the one who labored to bring me into this world, did everything she possibly could to introduce me to the great variety of opportunities existing in life. She nurtured me, shared with me her strong faith in Jesus Christ, gave me a sense of discipline, encouraged me and launched me into the world with her blessing. She loved me enough to allow me to follow my heart and my dreams. Although my mom has been gone for over twenty years, I shall continue to love her for her willingness to let go and encourage me to be myself.

The second mother in my life was my paternal grandmother and the only grandparent I ever knew. She lived with us and had a hand in caring for my brother and me when our mom went to work outside the home when I was four years old. Grandma was a university-trained, no-nonsense kind of person. She taught and served as an administrator in public schools and private colleges for several years. Her health forced her into early retirement, which caused her a measure of unhappiness. She seized the moment when my second-grade teacher strongly suggested that I needed to read out loud at home each night to improve my reading skills. Grandma was back in the teaching business. I was her one and only student. For the next three years, I reported to my grandmother's room after supper each night, without exception, to read for a minimum of one hour. I owe my ability to read and my love of books to this second mother in my life.

The third mother in my life (Cindi) gave birth to the second love of my life, our daughter Robin. What can I say? The bond that exists between Cindi and Robin is so deep that it defies explanation or understanding – sometimes even to the two of them. I know it's there; I see the results of it, but probably will never fully understand it – at least not in this life. The bond transfers to Robin's sons, David and Stephen, who sometimes slip and call Cindi "mama or nana-mama." Like mother – like sons. The baby, Elena, hasn't made the mistake yet, but squeals with excitement every time nana appears on the scene. Once a mother, always a mother; even babies know that.

The fourth mother in my life is our daughter, Robin, mother of David, Stephen and Elena Grace. Unlike the three-year-old in her playroom years ago admonishing her doll babies, "I told you two times, and I'm not going to tell you twice," the Robin of today thoroughly loves, nurtures, plays with, prays with and guides her children in ways that bring tears of joy to this old papa's eyes.

Four generations of mothers continue to deeply influence my life, even though two of them do so from the vaults of eternity. Think about the influence of the various mothers in your life. Having pondered their influence and the impact they made on your life, plan to participate in worship on Sunday, May 9, as we thank God for the abundance of blessings we have received from our mothers – and continue to receive even to this day. Worship with us as we celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home and Mother's Day.

Pastor L. Chris Martin

EASTER REPRISE

To say that the morning of the resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 4, was stunningly beautiful and deeply inspirational in every way doesn't begin to describe adequately the celebration of the morning of joy at Christ United Methodist Church. Beginning on Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil service, worshipers were invited to share in one of the oldest traditions of the Christian Church. The service began with worshipers standing around an open fire outside the building. From the fire, the flame was taken to light the Paschal candle, representing the Light of Christ, which was carried into the church building. Each worshiper lit an individual candle from the Paschal candle, carrying the light into the darkened sanctuary, symbolic of Christ lighting the world as he stepped living from the tomb. Appropriate Easter hymns, a vocal duet and solo, historic lessons from the Scriptures, a service of remembrance of the Baptismal Covenant and the sacrament of Holy Communion were all part of this inspirational "first service of Easter."

Easter morning dawned early with members of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, under the direction of Jamie and Mike Greiner, leading the congregation in an Easter Sunrise worship service. A part of the service was a thought-provoking one-act play during which worship participants were introduced to the Stones of the Passion. Each stone, represented by an individual young person, told his or her story consisting of how the stone related to the passion of Jesus Christ. The service concluded with the sacrament of Holy Communion. Following consecration of the elements by Pastor Chris, members of the youth fellowship shared the bread and cup with the congregation. Worship participants received a small stone with a laser-cut cross on it as a remembrance of the Stones of the Passion. We thank the members of the youth fellowship and Jamie and Mike Greiner for sharing in the leadership of a very inspirational sunrise service on Easter morning.

A wonderful buffet-style breakfast in Fellowship Hall followed the sunrise service, where members and friends of Christ Church not only enjoyed a hearty breakfast, but also shared in the joy of Christian fellowship and conversation together around the tables. Many thanks are expressed to those who prepared the marvelous food that was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Following Sunday school classes, worshipers were called to the celebration of the resurrection with the ancient affirmation, "*Christ is risen!*" to which all responded, "*Christ is risen indeed!*" Charles Wesley's masterful resurrection hymn, *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, brought worshipers to their feet as organist Bradley Bonam allowed the full voice of the Hillgreen-Lane pipe organ to echo the strains of this stirring and triumphant hymn. Surrounded by fragrant trumpeting Easter lilies, worshipers were moved by an inspirational anthem from the Chancel choir, heard again the story of the resurrection from the gospel of John, had the opportunity to sing familiar Easter hymns, and heard a message by Pastor Martin entitled, **THE SONG OF TRIUMPH HAS BEGUN**. The figure of the Resurrected Christ with arms uplifted, suspended from the reredos above the organ console in the Chancel, reminded worshipers of the truth, not only of the day, but of the ages: "Christ lives, never to die again!"

TO THE WOMEN OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Methodist Women of Union Avenue United Methodist Church want to experience again the pleasure of gathering for fellowship with the women of other United Methodist churches in the area. Last June we had such a pleasant time in sharing stories that ***we'd like to invite you to join us for supper on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00 P.M. at Union Avenue Church***, 1843 South Union Avenue in Alliance.

For \$5 some of the men of our church are going to provide food for our bodies and food for our souls will come from many sources. Betty Jean Getty will bring devotions and Sheila Gard will tell us about the United Methodist Women's Assembly in St. Louis. We hope someone from each church will share a brief story about a present or former woman who has made a difference at your church.

Please call me with reservations at 330-938-7597 by May 24.

Alice Cromwell, Vice President of United Methodist Woman, Union Avenue UMC

FROM THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMISSION

Recently I attended the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations and the breakout session on Risk-taking Mission and Service. As presenters shared their experiences, they expressed that we need to be the hands and feet of God; that is, we should combine love and Christlike action to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people. One presenter shared the opinion that a church involved in missions is a church which will grow. You can't keep a good thing quiet. Attending the workshop was a motivating experience. I hope that we will be able to put some of the ideas into action.

The **community dinners** are changing again. We will return to the Alliance Neighborhood Center to prepare and serve dinners on the fifth Tuesday. Our next dinner will be on June 29. We will need helpers between 4:00 and 7:00 to prepare, serve, visit, and clean up. I will put a sign-up sheet on the opportunity board. We no longer need to provide bread and desserts, as the Neighborhood Center has those donated.

Thank you for your continued support of our local missions, including the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** and **The Good Samaritan Fund Offerings**, which is taken quarterly. The money is dispersed by the Alliance of Churches rather than our church office.

Our **new global missionary is Beatrice Mamawah Gbanga** who is serving in health ministry in Sierra Leone. We will continue to collect aluminum cans and take a fifth Sunday noisy can offering to help raise money to send her money quarterly.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our youth for sponsoring a **Red Bird Mission fellowship luncheon** on April 25. These are so enjoyable and helpful to Red Bird. Please consider sponsoring one. If you think it is too big a job for your group, please consider joining with another group to get the job done!

Union Avenue United Methodist Church has contacted us to assist them on Friday, April 21, with the **Kiwanis Food Drive**. They will pay the required amount of money, but they really could use our assistance to get the work done. The food distribution will be from 1:00 - 3:00 in the parking lot of the old Goodwill next to Texas Roadhouse. Volunteers need to be there by 11:45 to start the assembly line. If you are able, PLEASE consider volunteering. It is a difficult job, but remember, "*Many hands make light work.*" I will put a sign-up sheet on the opportunity board. If you have questions, you may call Kay Hettler (330-938-9434) or Barb and John Armitage (330-821-7894).

We have been discussing new ideas for a neighborhood outreach. One well-received suggestion was **a parking lot event this summer**, including hot dogs, baked beans, beverages, and a few games. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or any member of the Christian Outreach Commission. In addition, we are still working on an idea for a giveaway item at Carnation Days, in conjunction with our burger and hot dog booth. Again, suggestions are welcomed!

We will be having a **combined worship service** with Union Avenue at our church at 10:45 on May 23. This is Pentecost Sunday. Union Avenue has asked us to join them in their tradition of "*Wear red - share red.*" In the past we have worn red, but the share red is bringing a canned good or nonperishable item to worship that day. Red items or any color will be accepted!

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a **work project for the week of June 21 - 25**. They have 17 houses for painting and repair. They will meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Alliance Neighborhood Center. They will also work two evenings, Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Judy Douglas (330-584-5888) is in charge of this project. They have already heard from six or seven churches. In addition to workers, they need money for supplies and people to bring lunches. Again, I will put a sign-up sheet on the opportunity board. Please let me know if you are willing to be a contact person for this project.

Thank you for prayerfully considering participating in as many of these projects as possible!

Susie Buckel, Christian Outreach Chairman

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

May 2010

I have just completed the task of selecting scriptural passages to match the “**STUDIO GO**” daily themes. The VBS planning team chose the Bible characters to tell the stories connected to these themes. Every day we will emphasize the word “go”, the action word denoting movement and activity, along with a second verb specifying the direction of that movement and activity.

On day one we will teach “**Go Lead**”; the operative word lead means to go before, to guide, command or influence. The character, Moses, will tell us how he followed God’s command to bring the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt. In the 3rd and 4th chapters of Exodus we see instances of Moses’ reluctance to lead due to his own inadequacies (whether real or perceived) but also in Exodus 3:12, we see God’s promise: “I will be with you.”

The second day, “**Go Risk**” takes us to movement or activity that involves taking a chance, exposing one’s self to possible injury or loss. In Judges Chapter 4, Deborah, a prophetess and judge, went to battle along side Barak, the commander of the army, to deliver Israel from her enemies. She told Barak to “go” but added a word of confidence by saying: “hasn’t the Lord already gone ahead of you?”

In the 28th Chapter of Matthew, we find directions from the risen Christ to “**Go Tell**”, our theme for the third day. The risen Christ told the women at the empty tomb to go tell the other disciples. He told the disciples to go tell others about Him, to make more disciples of them, to baptize them and teach them all they had been taught. Once again we find these comforting words from Jesus in verse 20: “...and be sure of this, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Day four gives the command to “**Go Obey**”. To obey means to comply, to submit or to conform. In John 21:15-19 we find Jesus giving specific instructions to Peter. Peter had promised to follow Jesus even to the death but he broke that promise. He denied any connection with Jesus 3 different times just as Jesus had predicted that he would. In this meeting at the seashore the disciples shared a meal with the risen Christ. Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love me?” Peter answered “you know I do love you.” Jesus then gave Peter a very important job to do as well as a second chance to prove his love for Jesus Christ by guiding Jesus’ followers.

Finally we will teach what it means to “**Go Serve**”. The story of Jesus washing his disciples’ feet is in the 13th Chapter of John gives us the supreme example of what it means to humble ourselves and serve others. To serve means to be useful, to assist or to contribute. After a personal demonstration of service for the disciples Jesus told them to do as He had done and concludes by saying that they would also be blessed in serving others as He had done.

As we encourage our children and youth to take an active role in the church we are also reminded that our own involvement is not static (having no motion, fixed) but is dynamic which means marked by continuous yet productive activity. We too are called upon to go lead, risk, tell, obey and serve and we do so with the blessed assurance that “the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go.” That comes from Joshua 1:9 which just happens to be our memory verse for the week.

Peace,

Dr. J

PERMISSION SLIPS: We now have permission slips available for children and youth so that we may publish their pictures taken during church activities and also on the church web site. They will be available in all the children and youth Sunday school classrooms. You may place the signed slips in the envelope posted by the K-2 Classroom or in Jo Ann Patterson’s mailbox. Thank you, Dr. J

"STUDIO GO" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

A MEETING IS SET FOR **Wednesday, June 9th, 2010 at 6:00 PM** to connect all the dots and tie up all the loose ends for this year's VBS offering to the Lord. We will assemble at the Vine Street United Methodist Church, 1544 W. Vine Street in Alliance. This meeting is open to all volunteers, teachers, assistants, etc. Please come to look over the classrooms, the recreation area, the kitchen area and so on and, by all means, leave a prayer for success in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Pat Helsel will conduct a **Safe Sanctuary training session** for all who are receiving it for the first time; if it is time for an annual renewal, now is the time to do it. **Please RSVP by Thursday, May 27, 2010 to Dr. J,** Christian Education Commission so that we will know how many for whom to prepare. Once again, thank you so much for all that you do.

Dr. J
Christian Education Commission

VBS UPDATE

My heartfelt thanks to the Christ United Methodist family for help with VBS 2010. So many of you have said yes to the multitude of tasks that it takes to make things work. If you have not volunteered there is still time and there are still positions to fill such as registration, youth helpers, recreation leaders, etc. However, things are going well at this time.

There is a Planning Committee meeting set for Wednesday May 12 at 6:30 PM at Vine Street United Methodist Church to put on the final touches. On Wednesday June 9th at 6:00 PM, we will have a full staff meeting (including planning committee members, teachers, assistants, etc.) Our own Pat Helsel will be conducting a Safe Sanctuary training session for those who need annual updates and those who may need it for the first time. Please feel free to join us at the Vine Street UMC on that day. Keep on praying for VBS 2010.

Christian Education Commission

The VBS planning team would like to offer a Christian Parenting in conjunction with the VBS program in July. I am very excited to be a part of this big ministry to our Alliance families! The classes will be held for parents while kids are in VBS classes on Monday - Thursday evenings. Here is the proposed curriculum:

Daily 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.

Classes will be taught by Gail Pavliga, PhD, Licensed Clinical Christian Therapist at the Christian Counseling Alliance. Dr. Pavliga provides Christian based counseling to children, families, teens, couples and adults.

Please feel free to contact me for more information at 330-472-2754, Gail Pavliga.

You are cordially invited to a birthday party to celebrate Shirley Cope's 80th birthday Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the Copeland Oaks Williamsburg Room. No gifts, please.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

This is a brief reminder that the semi-annual **Copeland Oaks Communion Service** will take place on **Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.** in the Chapel at Copeland. Lunch will follow in the Buckeye Room. All Copeland Oaks residents who have a relationship with Christ United Methodist Church will be receiving an invitation to attend, along with all members of the Congregational Care Committee. Rev. Martin will deliver the message and will officiate at the serving of the sacred elements.

Congregational Care Committee

Bob Clayton

Mildred & Rev. David Hostetler

Peg Williams, Chairperson

Shirley & Paul Cope

Connie & Larry Pyers

SANCTUARY GREETERS FOR MAY

2 Susie Buckel & Arden Tuttle

9 Sue Burden & Carol Oline

16 Anne Brown & Dolores Carli

23 Bill & Ellen Sol

30 Jane Moncrief & Shirley Carberry

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

MAY

2 Lou and Bob Clayton

9 Cynthia Carlin and Charlie Manypenny

16 Willie and Don Gray

23 Betty Thorpe and Peg Rodefer

30 Bill Sol and Peg Williams

JUNE

6 Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler

13 Connie and Larry Pyers

20 (Picnic) Dick Diser and Peg Williams

27 Helen Brown and Peg Williams

ENTRANCE GREETERS FOR MAY

North Door

2 Bill Sol (9:15 and 10:15 A.M.)

9 Pettie Shields (9:15 A.M.)

Durlan Dumm (10:15 A.M.)

16 Jane Moncreif (9:15 and 10:15 A.M.)

23 Boyd Webster (9:15 A.M.)

Bruce Helsel (10:15 A.M.)

30 Connie Pyers (9:15 and 10:15 A.M.)

West Door

2 David & Mildred Hostetler (9:15 and 10:15)

9 Paul Whipple (9:15 A.M.)

Alice Dumm (10:15 A.M.)

16 Greiners (9:15 and 10:15 A.M.)

23 Jean Webster 9:15 A.M.)

Pat Helsel (10:15 A.M.)

30 Larry Pyers (9:15 and 10:15 A.M.)

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. May 16 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 April, 117 items and \$27.34 were collected. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Sheryl Lain	11	Owen Davidson	20	Thelma Greiner
2	Sheryl Dean	11	Joseph George	20	Rebecca Gard
3	Ryan Hartzell	11	Heather Schafer	22	Kayla Handy
4	Stephen Diser	12	Amy George	22	Diane Thomas
4	Kathy Brienza	14	Ben Bolog	22	Brooke Hartzell
5	Ben Castellucci	17	Shirley Carberry	23	Stephanie Kuntzman
6	Wayne Jenkins	18	W. Keith Reed	24	Phyllis Messenheimer
6	Ashley Glasser	18	Thom Denman	25	Dorothy Taylor
6	Anthony Glasser	18	Philip Helsel	27	Martha Reed
8	Victor Lee	18	Paul Helsel	28	Louise Coldwell
10	Todd Skivolocki	19	Mary Jane Bingle	29	Daniel Reed

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

William & Nancy Prueter ~ May 1, 1976
 Scott & Christine Miller ~ May 7, 1988
 John & Sandra Skivolocki ~ May 11, 1991
 Tyler & Jenni-Jo Kinser ~ May 17, 1997
 Eric & Christian Shields ~ May 18, 1996
 Merle & Martha Andregg ~ May 22, 2004
 Jeffrey & Patricia Martin ~ May 24, 1975
 Ed & Haven Ackley ~ May 27, 1972
 Charles Manypenny & Cynthia Carlin ~ May 27, 1993
 Rev. Ken & Marie Bibbee ~ May 30, 1954 *56 Years*
 Patrick & Lori Heddleston ~ May 30, 1987



PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY (May 30, 2010)

Jessica, a shy 12-year-old, is just one of the sensitive souls Susan Stouffer encounters at Peace Camp sessions at United University Church in Los Angeles. "Peace Kids" like Jessica graduate from this unique camp—funded in part with Peace with Justice Sunday offering money—inspired to teach their friends to be kind to each other and to treat the earth – and its people—with respect. The offering on this Special Sunday empowers United Methodists to work for peace, love and compassion for God's children everywhere.

MAY LITURGISTS

8:30 A.M. Chapel Service

2 Haven Ackley
 9 Steve Diser
 16 Haven Ackley
 23 Steve Diser
 30 Haven Ackley

10:45 A.M. Sanctuary Service

Allan Zagray
 Judith Hookway
 Peg Rodefer
 Combined Worship with UAUMC
 Ellen Sol

The deadline for information and articles for the June issue of The CHIMES is May 17, 2010. Thank you!!!

The YMCA Church League Schedule 2010 for Wednesday Nights is played at Tannenhauf Golf Course. Christ Church Team Members include Dick Diser, Jim Greiner, Larry Pyers and Leo Stryffler.

May 12 - 5:15 P.M.: CUMC vs. Science Hill A
 19 - 5:45 P.M.: CUMC vs. St. Joseph B
 26 - 6:00 P.M.: CUMC vs. YMCA B

June 2 - 5:15 P.M.: CUMC vs. Science Hill B
 9 - 5:15 P.M.: CUMC vs. YMCA A
 16- Team Event

STUDY OF "THE ME I WANT TO BE" CONTINUES

The study of John Ortberg's latest book, *The Me I Want to Be*, will continue on Thursday, May 13, with classes from 10 until 11:15 a.m. and from 7 until 8:15 p.m. in the Dussel Room. 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, participants in this study group are discussing what it means to become the best possible version of what God wants them to be and how to go about becoming that person. Persons interested in attending the last two sessions of this study group are cordially invited to do so. Share with us!

Fellowship Luncheon

 **MAY 16th**

Following 10:45 A.M. Worship

Hosted by Friendship

Ham Sandwiches

Turkey Sandwiches

Assorted Salads

Assorted Desserts

Chips

Beverages

Join Us for an Hour of
Good Food
Fellowship
and Fun!

Donations to Support Red Bird
Missionary Covenant

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Guests of Union Avenue UMW

See article "To Then Women of Christ United Methodist Church" else where in The Chimes for additional information.

MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

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| 17 | 12:30 P.M. | Dorcas Circle, Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks |
| | 7:00 P.M. | M&M, with Jill Greiner, 6166 Union Avenue NE |
| 18 | 7:00 P.M. | May Smyth Circle, TBA |

The United Methodist Women **Executive Board meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.** on most months. Please mark your calendars for April 27, May 25, August 24, September 28, October 26 and November 23.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

June 4, 2010, Alliance-Salem United Methodist Church

11:30 A.M. Board Meeting

1:00 P.M. General Meeting and Program
Pat Moore, Hartville Migrant Workers

VISITATION MEMBERS FOR MAY

- 2 Blanche Oyster, 2350 Cherry Ave., #16B, Alliance, OH 44601-5022
- 9 Mary Jane Bingle, 976 Mill Circle, Apt. #109, Alliance, OH 44601-5173
- 16 Marjorie Porter, 643 North Lincoln Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601-1639
- 23 Dorothy Taylor, 114 Catherine Lane, Alliance, OH 44601-5016
- 30 Norma Wasson, 1524 Lilly Lane, Alliance, OH 44601-3846

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THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 23

Fifty days following the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, the church celebrates each year the Festival of Pentecost, which recalls the birth of the Christian Church when the disciples of Jesus received the power of the Holy Spirit enabling them to speak boldly of their faith and begin to lead others to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The story of Pentecost is recorded in the second chapter of the Book of Acts.

The liturgical color for the Festival of Pentecost is red, recalling the tongues of fire that appeared to rest on the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them. As we celebrate Pentecost in the life of the church on Sunday morning, May 23, we ask members and friends of the congregation to wear red or white on that morning in remembrance of the zeal of the disciples. We also encourage members and friends of the congregation to bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to help re-stock local food pantries. Worship on the day of Pentecost will be shared with the members and friends of Union Avenue United Methodist Church in the sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church. The Reverend L. Chris Martin will deliver the message **Obsessed with Christ**. The Reverend Hoyte L. Wilhelm, The Reverend Rebecca Innerst and The Reverend Jo Ann Patterson will share the liturgical portions of the service.

CORE VALUE EXPLORATION

The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church is currently engaged in a process of Spiritual/Strategic Planning as together we seek to discover what God wants this church to be and to be doing in the next three to five years. The leader for this journey into God's future is Dr. Allan H. Zagray, who is helping us to blend the traditional spiritual discipline of discernment with Quality Management techniques used by growing segments of the church.

One important event in this process is a time for exploring the Core Values which motivate the life of our congregation. The entire congregation is invited to participate in a time of discovery as we work with the consultant on **Sunday, May 16 at 9:30 A.M.** At that time we will engage in a time of sharing about those values which make Christ U.M.C. a unique and valued part of our lives.

Core values are described by author Thomas Bandy as "the basis for the consistent choices that shape the daily, monthly, and yearly behavior of the people in a congregation – both individually and collectively..... These values make the behavior of a congregation predictable, whether they are at home, or work, or at play. Core values are not just ideals toward which we strive, but the preferences we actually make in daily life. They are not necessarily what Jesus wants us to be, but how we actually are. Core values are not how we present our church to the public, but how the public truly perceives us."

An understanding of the Core Values which shape the life of our church is one vital piece of information needed as we seek to discover God's future for us. Your participation in this Spiritual/Strategic planning event can make a difference to the future of our church.

THANK YOU.....

To Troop 50 Boy Scouts who cleaned the parking lot and replaced a portion of fence, and **Cub Scouts** who swept the sidewalks and cleaned out the flower beds.

To those who attended the work day to spring clean and dust the sanctuary, balcony, choir loft, stairs and handicapped restroom. This loving care to our building and grounds is a welcome sign of Spring.

Dear Christ Church Friends, Thank you so much for the many cards sent my way during my recent knee surgery. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. Carolyn Nichols

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your cards, calls and prayers during our recent illness. It really lifted our spirits knowing you were thinking of us. The vase of flowers from the altar that Rev. Martin brought when he came to visit were beautiful. Sincerely, Jack and LaVerne Edwards

To my church family and friends, A "sincere thank you" seems so little to say for all that I have received during these past few months. Personal calls from Rev. Martin, Parish Visitor Carolyn Nichols, your prayers and cards all have uplifted my spirits each and every day. God has blessed me with no pain which certainly make life more beautiful. What a joy to enjoy the Easter flowers brought by Bob and Lou Clayton. With Christian love, Ruth Winner

