

# THE CHIMES

## What's In Your Woods?

### Pastor's Word

*[W]hatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

-- Philippians 4.8

**M**y Texas daughter and her family recently moved into a new home. Behind the house is a good-sized section of undeveloped land, full of trees and bushes. When I was there this past New Years day, some of us put on our coats and took the three kids on a hike to explore what might be there.

We didn't find anything more dangerous than the occasional briar or thistle. But when we had walked back far enough so that we could no longer see the house, my five year old grandson, Ben, asked his dad if there were any polar bears in the woods. His dad said, no, there are no polar bears in the woods. To which Ben replied, in his best Protector-of-the-Hearth voice, "Well if there were any polar bears, or even brown bears, I'd fight them." And he put up his fists to show how serious his intentions were.

**H**is four-year old sister, Eleanor, the family's self-appointed Lover of the Arts, said in response, "And if there are any fancy girl bears who like to dance, I will dance with them." Ben thought the idea of dancing bears in the deep, dark woods was silly and said so: "There aren't any fancy girl bears who dance in the woods, Ellie." To which Eleanor said matter of factly, "There are in my woods."

**T**o say that I am pleased at the support which my daughter and her husband give to their children to be creative would be an understatement. In Ben's woods, there is ursine adventure and the opportunity for courage. In Ellie's woods is always

the possibility of an elegant ball and the chance to dance. And if you don't like your sibling's woods, well, you can make one of your own.

**T**hey have a TV in the house, but it's not on very often. (And no one complains.) What they do have is a table in the dining room that is always stocked with paints and markers and paper and paste. (An abundance of the color pink is present for princess you-know-who.) There's glitter and stickers and crayons and play dough. And in the living room, the floor is regularly covered with *Legos* in the middle of which usually sits the family's bear fighter making yet another starship. (He travels easily between worlds.) The kids have their own bookshelf and it is full, if not always tidy.



**I** don't think my grandchildren are unique in having lively imaginations. (I am trying hard to set aside my own biases here.) Although their home life of a stay-at-home mom and limited television exposure probably is uncommon, they are not alone. Most kids, I think, are inventive if you create for them not only the freedom to be creative, and give them the tools to do so, but you give them the right things to think about, too.

**W**hich brings to mind the Apostle Paul's exhortation to train one's mind to think about the right sort of things: *Whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable – think about these things*, he said. That the world is full of the opposites goes without saying. Still, the lives which we and our families have are the ones we have created for us and them. What do you think about most often? What do your kids think about? What's in your woods?

-- KDS

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Council, at its first meeting of 2011, heard reports from several of the Committees and Task Groups assigned the responsibility of meeting our goals under the Spiritual/Strategic Plan approved by the congregation last year. Among other activities, a Planned Giving Seminar was announced for February 3, 2011. The goal of the Seminar is to provide information on ways to benefit the church's endowment for future ministries. We are also looking at ways of assisting the Interfaith Child Development Center, work is underway to re-activate members who have been absent for an extended period of time and projects to improve our facilities will be considered now that other building needs have been addressed. The Council learned that the Apostle Build project will be led by Mark Locke and that a good start on meeting our financial obligation to that effort has been achieved. The Council approved a Sub Sandwich Sale on Super Bowl Sunday by the Explorers Class. Approval was also given to a project of the Education Committee to make and sell vegetable soup on February 19-20, 2011, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the Interfaith Child Development Center.

The Council's next regular meeting will be on **March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** All newly elected at-large members, as well as new Committee chairpersons and officers are reminded of the importance of the bi-monthly meetings. Regular attendance empowers the Council in its role as the governing body of the Church.

Jim Williams, Chairperson

## UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:

**Sunday, March 6, 2011!!**

### **CHILI FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Chili/Salad/Breads &

Crackers/Desserts/Beverages

Hosted by the Explorers Sunday School Class  
and Outreach Committee

To benefit our covenant relationship with the  
Red Bird Mission

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Committee, consisting of Paul and Shirley Cope, Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler and Peg Williams, Chairperson, looks forward to a new year in the service to Christ and his church and is pleased to welcome as new members to the Committee Susan Burden and Jane Helwig.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who delivered poinsettias to our visitation members during the Christmas season. The flowers, as well as the visits, surely brightened the spirits of our members who are unable to be with us in church on a regular basis. Special thanks to Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler for coordinating the project.

As we've previously announced, the Committee is looking for material for a **Lenten Devotional Guide**. Your meditations and prayers, in a format similar to that used in *The Upper Room*, may be submitted in either printed or electronic form. Printed material may be placed in the Committee's mail slot outside the church office; emailed versions should be addressed to [petties@cumcalliance.org](mailto:petties@cumcalliance.org). The deadline for submission of materials is **Tuesday, February 8, 2011**.

Peg Williams, Chairperson

## 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. **February 20<sup>th</sup>** will be 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 November, 80 items and \$48.74 were collected, for December, 190 items and \$20.00 were collected and in January, 59 items and \$46.00 were collected. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

## THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMISSION

"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1-2

I was so impressed by the Upper Room message on Saturday, January 15. Please read it if you have the opportunity. The author was asking himself, "Am I making a difference in God's world by giving to others from a heart of love?" It's true that sometimes our giving is so limited and conditional.

The Christian Outreach Commission will continue the same projects in 2011. If anyone is interested in being part of our committee, please contact Pastor Karl or any member of the group. We would love to have more involvement.

We will be joining the Explorers Class in preparing a Fellowship Luncheon for Red Bird Mission on Sunday, March 6. This year we have increased our pledge to Red Bird from \$1000 to \$1200; so please consider sponsoring a luncheon. It works well when two or more groups work together.



## RALEIGH RINGERS RETURNING TO CANTON, OH:

Raleigh Ringers are coming to Canton June 24, 2011 with tickets at \$15. We had a group that went last time they came to Canton. The concert this year is being sponsored by First Baptist Church of Alliance. We would like to get a group together to go to this great performance this year. If you are interested you may contact Julie Greiner.

The Alliance Neighborhood Center dinners this year will be on the following Tuesdays: March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29. We appreciate the help that so many of you have given.

We continue to support Beatrice Bganga as our international missionary. The fifth Sunday noisy can offerings will be taken January 30, May 29, July 31, and October 30. We will also continue to collect aluminum cans.

Our quarterly Good Samaritan offerings will be used by the Alliance of Churches to help local families. Our next offering will be taken February 13, but you are welcome to contribute any time.

We are so grateful to Mark Locke and Pastor Karl for leading our efforts as the 12<sup>th</sup> church in the local *Apostles Build* for Habitat for Humanity.

Our annual Carnival in the Parking Lot is tentatively scheduled for July 9, with a rain date of July 16.

We hope that in 2011 Christ United Methodist Church will touch the Alliance area in meaningful ways.

Susie Buckel, Chairman

## WORD OF THANKS . . . . .

*Thank you, for the lovely flower and tray of cookies, for Christmas. I am unable to bake, as it is hard to stand, for a very long time.*

*Bless you all,  
Dorothy M. Taylor*

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

February 4 at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
1845 Sawburg Rd., Alliance, OH 44601  
11:30 am – Board Meeting  
1:00 pm – General Meeting with Lynda Slack  
presenting a program on  
***Habitat for Humanity.***  
Jean Webster is collecting CWU  
dues for 2011 which are \$2.00.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT MEETING

**Tuesday February 1 at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Dussel Room**

Program is:

***Making Peace with Mother Earth***

Presented by: Jamie Greiner

Hostesses and Greeters will be the  
May Smyth Circle

**March 13** – Bodacious Baked Potato and Salad  
Lunch!!

**In December, Union Avenue UMW** hosted  
our group for a Christmas Program.

After a hymn sing by Betty Jean and Paul Getty  
and a warm welcome by President Carol  
Danford, Mary Lou Scott led devotions on  
God's gift of music and staying in tune with the  
divine music of love, hope and peace.

Director Kim Lewis and the bell choir  
entertained the group with seasonal music.  
They were accompanied by Jim Perone on the  
flute and Kim ended the program with a carol  
sing-along. Hostesses, the Susannah Wesley  
Circle served refreshments.

### **CIRCLES:**

February 15, 6:30 P.M. **May Smyth Circle**  
Dinner meeting at The College Inn

February 21, 12:30 P.M. **Dorcus Circle**  
Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks

February 21, 7:00 P.M. **M&M Circle**  
Phyllis Messenheimer, 2438 S. Seneca Ave.

### **Save the Date:**

**March 1** – Unit Meeting: The program will  
feature: ***Our History Through Food.***  
Hostesses and Greeters will be the M&M Circle

**Executive Board Meeting:**  
**Tuesday February 22 at 7:00 pm**

### **February Domestic Violence Project:**

There will be a collection box in the lounge for personal items and cosmetic bags for the Domestic  
Violence Shelter.

Each complete cosmetic bag will include toothbrush (individually packaged), shampoo, deodorant,  
comb or brush, lotion, small tissues, emery boards, shower caps, and small perfumes. Complete kits or  
individual items will be accepted.

Our thanks to, **Jean Webster** for leading this project.

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

<b>1</b>	Randy Hartzell	<b>13</b>	Robert Hunter
<b>2</b>	Marie Bibbee	<b>14</b>	Michael Shields
<b>5</b>	Christopher Handy	<b>14</b>	Carol Grubb
<b>7</b>	Marilyn Ruff	<b>15</b>	Darlene Howell
<b>7</b>	Joyce Tolerton	<b>20</b>	Jim Williams
<b>9</b>	C. Hubbard Ford	<b>21</b>	Ellen Sol
<b>11</b>	Thomas Perry	<b>21</b>	Dolores Lawrence
<b>12</b>	William Rogers	<b>29</b>	Maxine Lastivka

**DEADLINE FOR THE COMBINED MARCH 2011  
CHIMES WILL BE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2011.  
ANY ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE, MIGHT NOT BE PUBLISHED.  
ARTICLES CAN BE SENT BY E-MAILE TO: [cumcalliance@gmail.com](mailto:cumcalliance@gmail.com).**

## FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

### LITURGISTS

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>10:45 A.M.</u>
6	Steve Diser	Allan Zagray
13	Haven Ackley	Jim Greiner
20	Dolores Lawrence	Jamie Greiner
27	Steve Diser	Roger Frank

### WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

6 – Rev. David & Mildred Hostetler  
13 – Dick Diser & Peg Williams  
20 – Lou & Bob Clayton  
27 – Connie & Larry Pyers

### FEBRUARY TELLERS

6 – Tyler Kinser & Bruce Helsel  
13 – Diane Hisey & Bill Messenheimer  
20 – Nancy Sandifer & Mildred Hostetler  
27 – Julie Greiner & Jan Essick

### MARCH TELLERS

6 – Jim Greiner & Larry Pyers  
13 – Pat Helsel & Marilyn Ruff  
20 – Jill Greiner & Donna Essick  
27 – Tyler Kinser & Bruce Helsel

### FEBRUARY USHERS

Bruce Helsel, Captian	C. Hubbard Ford
Don Kingan	Duane Locke
Mark Locke	Bill Prueter
Larry Pyers	Brad Thomas

### VISITATION MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY:

6 – Margaret Reisch, 800 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street #9185, Sebring, OH 44672  
13 – Donald Ray Alton, 2040 McCrea Street #153B, Alliance, OH 44601  
20 – Blanche Oyster, 2350 Cherry Avenue #16B, Alliance, OH 44601  
27 – Mary Jane Bingle, 976 Mill Circle Apt. 109, Alliance, OH 44601

### ALLIANCE –MINERVA RED CROSS NEEDS OUR HELP!!

The Alliance-Minerva Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking from church groups and individuals **NEW BLANKETS**, to give to victims of local emergencies throughout the year. The blankets may be homemade: sewn, knitted or crocheted. Also, the knotted fleece throws are great, as well as new store bought blankets. Blankets should be dropped off at the chapter office, located at: 222 South Arch Ave., Alliance, OH. If you have any questions, please call the chapter office at (330) 823-0660. Thank you in advance for your support!!

**The Finance Committee will not meet in February!! Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

### OUTREACH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

A project started by the United Methodist Women to maintain contact with college students/military personnel having a birthday the month of each *The Chimes* issue continues as a church-wide outreach.

Having a birthday on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** is University of Toledo student:

- Christopher Handy  
1760 W. Rocket Dr. Stop 500  
Academic House 1037  
Toledo, OH 43606-8806

# **SCOUT NEWS:**

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 50 NEWS:**

Christ United Methodist Church has been supporting Scouting for many years. The Scouting movement came to America in 1910 and the Scouts have been celebrating 100 Years of Scouting in 2010. Troop 50 was first Chartered by CUMC in June of 1930 and that makes our troop one of the oldest in the area. Pack 50 began in 2004.

To celebrate 100 years of Scouting Troop 50 attended the Fall Camperall the weekend of October 15. This event was attended by more than one thousand scouts and activities included a skill course, a multimedia campfire and fireworks. Other troop activities included hiking the Mahoning Valley Trail from Deercreek Reservoir to Alliance this past fall, a Monday evening meeting that included a pontoon boat ride at Walborn Reservoir. The scouts also completed the Carpentry Historic Merit Badge over several meetings in December.

Most recently, scouts attended the Sandy Beaver Klondike Derby the weekend of January 15. Along with having a great time, Troop 50 placed third in the competition. This was also the debut of the new lettering on the troop trailer acknowledging the sponsorship of CUMC.

Future events include the Blue and Gold Banquet on February 7<sup>th</sup> and Scout Sunday on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The scouts would like to thank the Church membership for their continued support and for buying popcorn.

## **CUB SCOUT PACK 50 NEWS:**

Cub Scout Pack 50 presented awards in December at their Pack meeting.

Earning the Bobcat Badge, which is the first award that every Cub Scout strives to achieve were: Jackson Wagner, Patrick Burse, Cooper Scarlott, Amiri Mgambo, Dominic Hall, Larry Hardy, Eddie Dillon, Michael Sines and McKade Hall.

Tiger Cubs (first graders) were awarded beads for activities including a tour of the Police station and a tour of the bell tower at Christ UMC. The Tigers are Jackson Wagner, Patrick Burse, Cooper Scarlott and Amiri Mgambo.

In the Wolf Den, a yellow bead for progress toward ranks was earned by Dominic Hall, Larry Hardy, Luke Gehret and Nicky Mikes.

Bear Den scouts earning a red progress bead were Michael Shields, Eric Dunn, Michael Burse, Erik Ayers, Michael Sines and Eddie Dillon.

Webelos Scouts (fifth graders) earned activity pins: Outdoorsman, Craftsman and Readyman pins went to Austin Minear, Jacob Shields and Noah Gehret. Adam Brady and Charles Raymond earned Outdoorsman and Craftsman and McKade Hall earned Ready man.

Summer camping participants at Camp Rodman who were recognized for camping on the August weekend that had to be the hottest weekend of the decade were: Minear, Brady, Gehret, Shields, Raymond and Erik Ayers. Also, Mr Ayers and Mr Diser.

The top popcorn salesman in the pack was Cooper Scarlott. Many thanks to all the Christ Church members who supported the popcorn sale for both Pack 50 and Troop 50.

The Pack Christmas party that was planned for December 13, 2010 was canceled due to heavy snow, but that turned into a "White Christmas," so we are not complaining. Both the Cubs and the Boy Scouts and their family and friends attended a Mount Union basketball game on January 22nd.

The next Pack events will be the Blue and Gold Pack meeting on February 7, 2011 and then Scout Sunday on February 13th.

## February 2011 CHIMES

Dear Christ UMC member:

You can learn more about leaving a financial legacy to Christ United Methodist Church. Please mark your calendar to attend a **'Planned Giving Seminar'** on Thursday, February 3, 2011, in the Dussel Room. The seminar will begin at 10:00 am, with coffee, tea and snacks ready at 9:30 am.

Our own Brian Sheetz, now of the East Ohio United Methodist Foundation, will present this 90 minute seminar. There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions.

Recent bulletins have presented some reasons you may want to hear this presentation:

- 1) It is true everyone who crosses the threshold of the church will leave a legacy. For some the legacy will be the years spent teaching Sunday school, or the hours spent volunteering in any one of hundreds of ways. Others will leave a legacy of souls who were touched, mouths that were fed or building repairs that were made. Still others will leave financial legacies, gifts to our permanent endowment fund that will live on, providing the resources to continue and grow our ministry.
- 2) It is true, dead people give away more money in this country than all the corporations combined, in fact, they give away \$10 billion more every year. A gift made through your will, also known as a bequest, is the most popular planned gift in America. Is Christ UMC in your will?
- 3) It is true a charitable gift annuity is actually a gift to the church that pays you back. Not just on April 15 when you pay your taxes, but a real income, two or three times what a CD pays, and guaranteed for the rest of your life. And the best part is that in the end, Christ UMC receives a significant gift to the endowment fund.
- 4) Do you still have a life insurance policy you took out to pay the mortgage, buy groceries or put the kids through college? If your situation has changed, maybe the best use of that life insurance can change as well. Giving it to the church can mean a significant boost to our endowment, helping to support the future of the church in the same way it originally was intended to help the future of your family.
- 5) It is true, you do not have to be named Rockefeller or Gates for planned giving to make sense for you. Think of planned giving as a way to help you do what you want to help Christ UMC. Whether it is a gift through your will, a charitable gift annuity or an outright gift, they all have different ways of helping our church that make it hurt a little less to give.

Please plan to join us on **Thursday, February 3, 2011**, to share the fellowship and learn more. RSVP to the Church office 330-823-7136 as soon as possible so we can prepare enough handouts.

Co-chairmen Jim Williams and Dick Diser

### CE CORNER

There are those times in our lives that we may call defining moments, times when major decisions have to be made or difficult choices have to be declared. At these critical junctures we often want to know what it is that God wants for us and/or what God would have us to do at the time. It may be helpful to ask ourselves how our own thinking and decision-making are led by our faith in God. The journey to those critical answers begins with prayer and our sincere desire to understand and fulfill God's will for us. Proverbs 2:10-11 can strengthen our faith and be encouraging at such defining moments: *"Wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you and understanding will guard you."*

Perhaps this prayer will enable us to have clear thinking for such a time as this. Let us pray:  
*Lord, You created me and all around me. You know what is best for me and for those I love. In the stillness of this moment, help me to know what I need to know- to act as You would have me act. May the choices I make today be motivated by my love for You and for those around me, as well as by true love for myself, because I know how much You love me. May it be Your voice that teaches me this day and Your love that leads me.*

**AMEN.**

# 2010 Peanut Brittle

This was the 44<sup>th</sup> year of making peanut brittle (64,545 cans-to-date). The Friendship II Sunday School Class and the UMYF continued peanut brittle making tradition this year. Thanks to the thirty different cooks and the many, many sellers, both members of the groups and friends of the project.

## Production Report

	<u>Friendship II</u>	Youth	<u>Crusaders</u>	Builders	<u>Total</u>
1967 – 1981				9,466	9,466
1978 – 1990	14,637		10,413		25,050
1979 – 1990		2,332			2,332
1991 – 2000	7,443	972	7,999		16,414
2001	767	97	715		1,579
2002	678	103	607		1,388
2003	691	100	579		1,370
2004	694	72	488		1,254
2005	666	108	525		1,299
2006	665	115	374		1,154
2007	695	131	112		938
2008	665	142			807
2009	630	129			759
2010	632	103			735
Total	28,863	4,404	21,812	9,466	64,545

Already, we are looking ahead to next year. Please save metal one pound coffee cans, and bring them to the church. 12/13/2010

### TUSCARAWAS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

***Proven Tools to Reach People for Christ – Dr. Paul Borden – Keynote Speaker*** for the Tuscarawas District Leadership Training Event: **Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** at North Canton Faith UMC – (8:00 A.M. Registration/Refreshments, 8:45 A.M. Gathering, 9:00 A.M. Plenary, 10:00 A.M. Workshops, 11:45 A.M. Closing). A list of workshops and leaders, can be found on the table in the lounge. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at (330) 823-7136.

### EXPLORER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OUTING

A total of 30 children/youth/adults went ice skating at the Ice Zone, in Boardman with the Explorer's Sunday School Class, on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We all had a great time of fellowship! Our next event will be the sale of **"Super Bowl Subs"**, on Sunday March 6. Orders were taken during January, but there will be a limited number available, for sale on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We are also thinking about going roller skating, at a local roller rink, so watch for more details in the weeks to come!! Our class appreciates all the support from the members of CUMC!! Thank you!!

**On Sunday, February 20, 2011, the Christian Education Commission will sponsor a fund raiser.** The Christian Education Committee is planning a **SOUP SALE** on that day in conjunction with the Spiritual/Strategic Plan of assisting The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center. There will be more information coming such as order forms for the soup, fliers, and will also welcome other donations. We will welcome your prayers and your support.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

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### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> – One Great Day of Music
- Ash Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> – Service at Union Ave. United Methodist Church
- Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> – Bodacious Baked Potato and Salad Luncheon and Interfaith Child Development Center Open House  
Tower Concert at 3:00 PM - *Heritage Brass Quintet* from Mentor, Ohio: The *Heritage Brass Quintet* is billed as Cleveland's Own “*Best in Brass*”.
- Palm Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> – Service at Christ United Methodist Church
- Easter Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> – Tower Concert at 3:00 PM - Prof. Jim Hendricks, Christian Pianist: Jim Hendricks Ministries is “*Expressing the Love of Christ Through Music in United Methodist Churches*”

