

THE CHIMES

What Is Your Name?

Pastor's Word

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned....

I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

– Isaiah 43.1-3

Not until the twentieth century did Americans become particular how they spelled their names. I know this from having worked on my family's history. When John Steinbrecher arrived from Germany at the ports in Philadelphia in 1753, it would only be another generation before his last name was changed by his children to Stonebraker. German immigrants of the 18th century were usually pretty quick to make their names sound "English." Muller became Miller, Klein became Kline and so forth.

It wasn't just the owner of a name that might have changed a spelling, either. Sometimes a clerk in an immigration office or a census taker standing on the front porch of a farmhouse spelled out a name how it sounded to his ears. So until the early decades of the last century, it didn't seem to matter how a name was spelled as long as somebody got counted for something and it was close. These days, we are quick to correct misspellings of our name. But it has not always been so.

Those who work on family history get used to this historical ambivalence. You have to look for variants in spelling all the time. But if you don't account for all the ways a name might be spelled, you'll miss a connection. And that is really what you're looking for after all – connections. You want to know who belongs to whom. You want to count everybody who belongs to your family.

In the middle of the sixth century BC, the people of Israel had fallen on hard times. Israel had long ceased to be a nation. Judah was languishing in exile. Even Babylon itself – where the Jews had been living for years – was on the cusp of being overtaken by Cyrus, the upstart King of Persia. The future looked bleak and the faithful of God's people wondered who they belonged to.

In the midst of despair the prophet Isaiah wrote encouraging words to them. He told the people that neither the waters of rivers nor the flames of fires would harm them. God was still God, their creator and their redeemer. He would bring them home.

God would care for his people because they belonged to him, they carried his name and he was not going to forget them. His words were: *Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.* (43.1) It would not be long before the people were, in fact, returned to Jerusalem. That God knew their "name" was the people's connection to God. He had not forgotten them even though they lived, for a while, far from home.

God always knows where we are and how we are doing, too. It does not matter how far from "home" we are. Whether sickness or family discord, financial strains or even our own sins, his love is what connects us to him. His name is love and we are his family. He will bring us home. *I have called you by name; you are mine.* – Is. 43.1.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Once again our regular bi-monthly meeting date has rolled around. We will gather on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Dussel Room, as usual. The presence of all Council members is needed to deal with the business of the church, to learn what is happening, to discover where help and ideas are in demand. Please make every effort to attend.

Jim Williams, Chairperson

LENTEN STUDY

As a part of the recognition of the season of Lent, Rev. Stonebraker will be leading a four week study of the book, ***The Imitation of Christ***, by Thomas A. Kempis. On four Sunday evenings – March 20, 27 and April 3, 17 – at the Parsonage from 5 to 7 p.m. He'll lead a group discussion of this devotional classic. Sign up in the church office. Supper is included.

READING MATERIAL

Rev. Paul Whipple has donated 2 of his books "Barn Stories Mostly True Series Told By Barns" (the first one was in the library and it disappeared) and his second book "And Sundry Things Minus The Kitchen Sink" which includes his biography, written by inanimate objects, several of his Biblical monologues, 3 of his favorite sermons, some of his art work and poetry. They are in the church office for your perusing or taking home to read. If you wish to purchase either book, please contact him.

EXPLORER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Explorer's Sunday school class would like to "Thank" those that supported our class, by purchasing subs! Your support is greatly appreciated! Our class will be sponsoring a Red Bird Fellowship Chili Luncheon on Sunday March 6th. For more information, please see the flyer in this issue of The Chimes!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Thanks to everyone who submitted meditations and prayers for the Lenten Devotional Guide. The Guide will be prepared and distributed in time for the congregation's use by Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011. We hope the Guide will be helpful for your spiritual growth through the Lenten season.

Despite the snow and ice of recent weeks, our thoughts about Lent lead us naturally to the joy of Easter. The church's gift to our visitation members this year will be a Delphin violet. Volunteers are needed to bring these harbingers of Spring to those who find it impossible to be present to worship in this holiest of seasons. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge on Sunday, March 20th, 27th and April 3rd. The plants will be ready to be picked up on Sunday, April 10th for delivery during the following two weeks.

The Congregational Care Committee, consisting of Sue Burden, Shirley and Paul Cope, Jane Helwig, Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler, Connie and Larry Pyers and Peg Williams, Chairperson, is wishing for an early, warm and sunny Spring season for all!

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. **March 20th** 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 February, 70 items and \$48.60 were collected. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMISSION

"Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it." Luke 3:11

The Christian Outreach Commission is busy helping the Explorers Class with the Fellowship Luncheon on March 6. It is awesome that we are generously supporting Redbird Mission through our covenant relationship. We are planning to increase our giving from \$1000 to \$1200 this year. Thank you for supporting these luncheons.

We also continue to support the Salvation Army with our third Sunday food and monetary donations. Thank you to Nancy and Jerry Sandifer for delivering these items for us each month. Another local mission project is our Good Samaritan Fund administered by the Alliance of Churches. Thank you for supporting our quarterly offerings.



RALEIGH RINGERS RETURNING TO CANTON, OH:

Raleigh Ringers are coming to Canton June 24th, 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, please contact Julie Greiner, **before April 1, 2011**.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

After 16 years of faithful service, Brad Thomas will be resigning his position as our part-time custodian, effective March 31. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

Applications will be accepted for the position of part-time custodian of CUMC. Job description and salary will be discussed during interview. For more information, contact Bruce Helsel, Trustee Chm. (330) 821-0960. Deliver resume to church office or place in Trustee mailbox by March 13.

Bruce Helsel, Chairman

Our next dinner at the Alliance Neighborhood Center will be Tuesday, March 29. There is a sign-up sheet on the opportunity board for anyone who can help between 4:00 and 7:00. Dinner is served at 5:30 if you'd like to come for dinner. It's fun to see many of the same people each time we serve.

Thank you to the children for helping and for all of you who donated to our fifth Sunday noisy can offering for our African missionary, Beatrice Bganga. We collected \$47.58! We hope to learn more about Beatrice's work this year.

We hope that our congregation will become very involved in our Apostles Build project for Habitat for Humanity. If you don't feel comfortable with your carpentry skills, you could consider helping prepare and serve a lunch or provide a devotion. Thank you to those who have already committed to this project!

Thank you for being a loving, giving congregation!

Susie Buckel, chairman

WORD OF THANKS

Christ Church,

We want to show our appreciation for the "Shut In" ministry and tapes of the morning worship services. Unable to drive and Eileen uses a scooter.

Blessings to the fine people at Christ Church!

Peace,

Frances 'Pete' Norris & Eileen

Christ Church,

Thank you so much for the carnation bud vase that was delivered to me, while I was in the hospital, after an emergency appendectomy. Also, Thanks to Pastor Karl and others for their visits!

Blessings,

Tyler Kinser

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the many cards, they helped to brighten my room. Also, the visits by Rev. Karl, Rev. Dave and Mildred and Pastor Chris and Cindy were much appreciated - as were their prayers and the prayers of many others. I am happy to see everyone as I get back into the swing of things.
Ed Ackley

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT MEETING

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

Program is:

Making Peace with Mother Earth

(This is rescheduled from February, due to the weather)

Presented by: Jamie Greiner,
Biology Lecturer at University of
Mount Union

Hostesses and Greeters will be the
May Smyth Circle

***The Domestic Violence Personal
Care Kits will be assembled as well.***

March 13 – Bodacious Baked Potato
and Salad Lunch @ Noon in the
Fellowship Hall. For more information,
see the Flyer in this issue of The
Chimes!

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

Save the Date:

April 5 – 7:00 P.M. – Unit Meeting in The
Dussell Room. The program will feature ***“The
Salvation Army at Work in Our Community”***,
led by Capt. Steve and Dolly Griffin, Alliance
Corps Officers. ****Donations for the Salvation
Army Food Pantry will be accepted at the
door****
Hostesses and Greeters will be the M & M
Circle.

CIRCLES:

March 15, 7:00 P.M. **May Smyth Circle**
Ruth Williams, 1187 Federal Ave.

March 21, 12:30 P.M. **Dorcas Circle**
Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks

March 21, 7:00 P.M. **M&M Circle**
Pam Stonebraker, 1430 Fernwood Blvd.,

*The March meeting has been rescheduled for
April.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4	Brian Skidmore	21	Michelle Fedor
9	John Webster	22	Scott Thomas
10	Brad Bolog	22	Courtney Webster
12	Nickie Orwick	27	Dave Austin
14	L. Chris Martin	27	Lew Shields
17	Winifred Hickson	27	Steve Reisch
17	Paul Whipple	28	Robert Locke
18	Craig Post	29	Amanda Montgomery

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

LITURGISTS

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>10:45 A.M.</u>
6	One Great Day of Music	
13	Haven Ackley	Pat Helsel
20	Steve Diser	Don Kingan
27	Haven Ackley	Ellen Sol

MARCH TELLERS

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

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

6 – Helen Brown & Peg Williams
13 – Cynthia Carlin & Charles Manypenny
20 – Betty Thorpe & Peg Rodefer
27 – Bill Sol & Peg Williams

APRIL TELLERS

3 – Diane Thomas & Bill Messenheimer
10 – Nancy Sandifer & Mildred Hostetler
17 – Julie Greiner & Jan Essick
24 – Jim Greiner & Larry Pyers

MARCH USHERS

Frank Woolf, Captain Bill Messenheimer
Bob Clayton Winston Stroup
Dick Diser Boyd Webster
Jack Edwards Jim Williams

**The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday
March 8th, at 6:30 PM.**

VISITATION MEMBERS FOR MARCH:

6 – Marjorie Porter, at Sterling House #123;
mail: % Mrs. J. L. Virden, 816 Grace Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601
13 – Dorothy Taylor, 114 Catherine Lane, Alliance, Ohio 44601
20 – Norma Wasson, 1524 Lilly Lane, Alliance, Ohio 44601
27 – Everette Coldwell, at Crandall Medical Center #9133
mail: 800 South 15th Street, #1035, Sebring, Ohio 44672

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mindy and Scott Thomas
12 Gay Lynne and Frank Christy
17 Dennis and Sue McCammon
19 Robert and Joyce Tolerton
20 Dan and Sheila Gard
28 Robert and Mary Beth Hunter
29 Boyd and Jean Webster * 54 Years *
30 Janet and John Fisher

TELLERS ARE NEEDED

Anyone interested in serving as a teller, please contact Diane Thomas. Two people each Sunday serve as tellers immediately following the 10:45 A.M. Worship Service, and are involved for approximately one hour after church once every seven weeks.

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 birthdays in March are:**

22 Scott Thomas – University of Mount Union
91 Valley Road, Salem, Ohio 44460-9768

22 Courtney Webster – University of Akron
371 North Sawburg Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601-1506

29 Amanda Montgomery – University of Akron
1047 Eagle Drive, Apt. 516, Akron, Ohio 44312-5857

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 2011 CHIMES
WILL BE TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2011.
ANY ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE, MIGHT NOT BE PUBLISHED.
ARTICLES CAN BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO: cumcalliance@gmail.com.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
"Threads of Love"

With the winter season almost gone, hopefully, we the members of this ministry are looking forward to once again meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Anyone who likes to knit or crochet, or would like to learn, are very welcome to come and join us.

We have heard from many people in and out of the church who have received one of the shawls or lap robes and tell us what a blessing it was to them.

We, the ladies of this ministry, feel very blessed to be a part of, or an instrument that God is using in his service.

If you know of any one who might need a blessing in any way – such as illness, in need of comfort, depressed, birthday, anniversary, wedding, graduation, thank you, "I love you" – or "just because," please let us know by calling the church office or Shirley Cope, Dee Lapp, Linda Montgomery, Dolores Lawrence, Sarah Sherer, Nancy Sandifer, Marcene Buchs, Haven Ackley, Pat Helsel or Ellen Sol.

Thank you and Blessings,
Ginny Robart

EAST OHIO CAMPS

East Ohio Camps has been leading campers down the right path for over half a century! How, you may ask? We take direction from a great guide with a great map.

This message is printed on the cover of the East Ohio Camps Summer Camps flyer of event listings and registration forms. Copies are available in the lounge and remember, Christ UMC supports our children and youth with summer camp camperships. Call the church office for information.

Summer camp with EOC is a journey that has always had new experiences, new challenges, new friends and unforgettable memories for everyone involved.

ONE GREAT DAY OF MUSIC
MARCH 6, 2011

Favorite hymns, children, youth, adults, bells, marimba, vocal, solos, and much more. You simply do not want to miss this special worship service where we praise God with our music.

Director of Music, Lew



SPRING BASEMENT SALE

May 13 and 14, 2011
Set-Up, Thursday, May 12

It's time to plan to help out at the sale and to collect good, clean items for the sale.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

March 4 at Beechwood United Methodist Church
3450 Beechwood Ave., Alliance
12:00 pm – **World Day of Prayer**
United Methodist Women encourages support and attendance at **Church Women United** monthly meetings.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>
March 13	Beechwood Umc	David Bloor
March 20	Bolton UMC	Bob Miller
March 27	Lexington UMC	Jonathan Truax
April 3	Vine Street UMC	Neil Orchard
April 10	Aldersgate UMC	Terry Baltzer
April 17	Science Hill Community	Joel Adkins

SCOUT NEWS:

CUB SCOUT PACK 50 AND BOY SCOUT TROOP 50 PRESENT AWARDS:

Cub Scout Pack 50 and Boy Scout Troop 50 combined to present awards at a Court of Honor on Monday, February 7, 2011, held at their sponsoring organization Christ United Methodist Church.

The event began with a tour of the Scout room for Cub Scouts and parents and then pizza for dinner.

A Troop 50 color guard and Pack 50 Webelos Den Five color guard combined for the opening flag ceremony.

Tiger Cubs of Den 6 were presented Orange, Black and White beads marking their participation in a tour of Glamorgan Castle. Tiger Cubs are Patrick Burse, Cooper Scarlott, Amiri Mgambo and Jackson Wagner.

Wolf Den 3 Cub Scouts, Luke Gehret, Dominic Hall, Larry Hardy and Nicky Mikes received a yellow bead marking progress toward the Wolf rank.

The Bear Den earned their Whittling Chip, for safety and use of their pocket knife, and a red bead as progress toward the Bear rank. Bears recognized were Eddie Dillon, Michael Shields, Eric Dunn, Michael Burse and Erik Ayers.

In the Webelos Den, the Traveler Activity Pin was presented to Zachary Smith, Austin Minear, Jacob Shields, Noah Gehret, McKade Hall and Adam Brady. Smith and Hall also earned the Citizen Pin.

Troop 50 Boy Scouts earning the Carpentry Merit Badge were recognized. This Merit Badge is a special edition, as the Carpentry badge is no longer offered, but during 2010 as a special tribute to the first 100 years of Scouting in America, the badge was offered and earned by Josh Shields, Dalton Snyder, Tyler Skivolocki, Evan Ayers, Benjamin Kelley and Jeremy Springer.

Troop 50 members spoke to those attending about recent Troop activities, the Fall Camporee, the Klondike Derby, and the meetings and activities surrounding earning the Carpentry Merit Badge and the Polar Bear camping awards.

For cold weather camping, The second year Polar Bear award was earned by Dalton Snyder and Josh Shields. Scoutmaster Keith Crewson was recognized for 45 years of Polar Bear camping awards.

Scout Sunday services will be held throughout the United States this Sunday, February 13, 2011. The Cubs and Boy Scouts were invited to join in worship at the sponsor, Christ UMC, or to wear their uniform and attend at the church of their choice.

The meeting closed with the color guard retiring the flag and refreshments of cake, decorated to commemorate the Klondike Derby and the Pinewood Derby, and ice cream.

Any questions, please contact Dick Diser, Cubmaster

Endowment Seminar Proves Interesting and Informative:

Brian Sheetz, of the East Ohio United Methodist Foundation, shared information about Planned Giving with twenty-one members and guests of Christ UMC on February 3, 2011.

The morning gathering included refreshments courtesy of Dee Carli and the reception committee and sharing information, questions and answers about many aspects of stewardship.

Brian began the presentation with an analogy about peanut brittle, and how much we may know and understood about peanut brittle compared to planned giving.

He reviewed information about bequests, charitable gift annuities, IRA gifts, insurance policies, outright gifts, giving 'stuff' and some of the tax ramifications that might be involved, including estate, capital gains and income taxes. All the while, avowing that he does not claim to be a 'tax expert!'

Brian's theme kept repeating: "Without 'Charitable Intent' planned giving does not make sense. If there is no intent to help the programs, projects or ministries of the Church, planned giving math will not work for the donor."

He pointed out that carefully planning which assets will go to heirs and which will be donated can increase the value for both the heirs and the charity of your choice.

If you were unable to attend, but would like more information, Brian left several information packets. They are available at the church office.

Presentation of this program stems from the Spiritual/Strategic Planning Goals established last year. It is only a portion of the Finance/Stewardship goal established along with the other six goals: Staff Reconfiguration, Marketing, Newcomers, Facility Improvement, United Methodist Cooperative Ministry and Inter-Faith Child Development Center.

Co-chairmen Jim Williams and Dick Diser

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Ruth Allison has recently moved to Sterling House of Alliance on Sawburg Avenue, Alliance, and has retained her "old" telephone number: 330-821-0953. Her address is: 1277 Sawburg Avenue #121, Alliance, Ohio 44601. Ruth would greatly appreciate cards or note, calls and visits.

ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHESES:

Alliance of Churches, Inc. will be holding their Annual Lenten Lunches from Noon to 1:00 P.M. every Monday, March 14 through April 18, at First Baptist Church, 1659 West State Street, Alliance. Church Women United will be assisting with the lunches.



The Heritage Brass Quintet

In Concert

Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 3:00 pm

“The Heritage Brass Quintet has been thrilling audiences for nearly thirty years with its acclaimed musicality and entertaining style. It’s an exhilarating sound experience, powerful yet elegant, diverse and dynamic.”

Christ United Methodist Church

470 East Broadway Alliance, Ohio 44601

330-823-7136

Free Admission.

A freewill offering will be received.

**Celebrate 43 Years of Christ United
Methodist Church's
Mission through the Stuckey Interfaith
Child Development Center
on Sunday, March 13, with a
Facility Tour**

As we at Christ United Methodist worked with Rev. Zagray on developing our vision and strategy for the future, one of the important things we did was look at our current missions -- how we are reaching out to the surrounding community.

One of our missions that came to the fore was The Stuckey Family Interfaith Child Development Center, which we created and have then supported for 43 years.

On Sunday, March 13, almost 43 years to the date it was founded, church members will have an opportunity to tour the Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center following the "Bodacious Baked Potato Luncheon".

It was March 11, 1968, when its founders Mary Gard, Betty Coleman, Shirley George, Alice Reinhardt and Attorney Robert Hunter, Sr. saw the need for quality care for working mothers and set about providing it. At that time there were 147 Aid to Dependent Children mothers in Alliance for various reasons—abandonment by husband, imprisonment of husband, children of unmarried mothers.

The government costs then to support each welfare family were \$2,500 per family. The founders originally proposed a day-care center for 20 children. To paraphrase their proposal: The day-care center will not be economically self-sufficient, but by supporting these mothers they can then have jobs and become self-sufficient tax-payers which will provide them with a sense of individual worth and dignity and an opportunity for "a rebirth of a spiritual self. That's what this proposal is all about."

Today, the Stuckey Family Interfaith Child Development Center is a twelve-month program for children ages 2-6 who are toilet trained. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

As Laurie Porter, director, describes the center today: "It is a professional development school serving families in the surrounding counties by offering a sliding fee scale and access to subsidized

childcare. It exists to provide a developmentally appropriate education to preschoolers in a Christian atmosphere, to support and educate families of children we serve, and to embrace families of all religious and ethnic origins."

"Every child is a unique individual," she says, "and the program is planned to meet each child's needs at each stage of development. A young child learns best in a safe, supportive atmosphere that encourages a variety of learning experiences and generates a feeling of value and self-esteem."

Porter oversees a staff of seven teachers. All the lead teachers in each classroom have early childcare degrees. Currently she and her staff serve 63 children. Most come from single parent families. The only thing that has changed since 1968 when the center first opened is an increased need for childcare.

The founders would be pleased with the quality of child development offered by our Stuckey Interfaith Center. It is a United Way agency, which was their original plan. But beyond that it has earned a three-star Step Up To Quality rating—**the only child development center in Stark County to do so**. This is a level of quality achieved by less than 15 percent of all star rated programs. This rating means it exceeds Ohio's childcare licensing standards.

The center is licensed to operate legally through the State of Ohio's Department of Job and Family Services and is accredited through the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). It does not discriminate in the enrollment of children on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The High/Scope Curriculum (www.highscope.org) is a published curriculum that is used at this center. There are four classrooms:

- Busy Bugs (2-3 year olds)
- Busy Butterflies (3-4 year olds)
- Busy Bees (4-6 year olds)
- Crazy Caterpillars (4-6 year olds)

Be sure to visit the Stuckey InterFaith Child Development Center after the luncheon on Sunday, March 13, and see for yourself how our church's mission of 43 years continues to blossom and grow in its service to the community surrounding our church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Title: The Books of the Bible

The next few articles will feature various facts about the Books of the Bible. This may be a refresher for some and, perhaps, new information for others. We shall begin with an overview of the Old Testament which contains 39 books. The first five books are referred to as the Pentateuch (*PIN-at-took*) which means "five". These books are also known as the Torah (*TOE-rah*) which means "teaching instruction". These books open with the beginning of time and set the tone for the entire Bible as it introduces God's holy Word.

The events surrounding the formation of Israel as a nation are highlighted with the exodus of its people from Egypt. The Jews honor this event even today with a celebration of the Passover, a religious festival to remember God's deliverance of the Jews from bondage. Moses is credited with leading God's enslaved people from Egypt. He is usually credited with writing the first books of the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit or from other documents previously recorded.

Genesis is the first book and the name is derived from the Greek meaning "origin". It describes how and why the Israelites became God's chosen people. It sets forth God's purpose for humankind and details the trials and tribulations of the first families of the earth. Chapters one and two are the creation stories that reveal how the world and all living things were formed. God's first man and woman, Adam and Eve, committed the first sin which cause them to fall out of favor with God. His first sin changed forever how they and we would live. Chapter four describes the first murder and gives way to crime and punishment as we know it today.

Genesis also tells the story of Noah the builder of the Ark that saved him and his family and two of every animal during the Great Flood that destroyed the earth. Throughout the Book of Genesis we see man's failures and God's mercy. These are the key Scripture passages in the Book of Genesis:

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| 1. God forms the world | 1:1-25 |
| 2. God creates man and woman | 1:26-2:25 |
| 3. Adam and Eve sin against God | Chapter 3 |
| 4. God calls Abraham | 12:1-9 |
| 5. Sodom is destroyed | 19:1-29 |
| 6. The story of the twins, Esau and Jacob | 25:19-34 |
| 7. The story of Joseph in Egypt | 37:1-45:15 |

Until next time,

Dr. J.

Looking Ahead:

- Ash Wednesday March 9th, 7:00 P.M. Service at Union Avenue United Methodist Church
- Palm Sunday April 17th - Pot-Luck Lunch sponsored by our Habitat For Humanity Committee
- Maundy Thursday April 21st, 7:00 P.M. Service at Christ United Methodist Church
- Easter Sunday April 24th
- Basement Sale May 13th & 14th, Set-up May 12th
- Sunday May 29th – Tower Concert @ 3:00 PM - Prof. Jim Hendricks, Christian Pianist: Jim Hendricks Ministries is "Expressing the Love of Christ Through Music in United Methodist Churches"

**YEAR 2010 TRUSTEES EXPENDITURES
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

EXPENDITURES FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS – 2010

Mahan Fund

Education Director	\$10,067.95	
Quarterly Support	3,000.00	
Choir Child Care	292.00	
Cub Pack 50 Support	200.00	
Sunday School Teachers	1,540.00	
Investment Management Fees	427.00	\$15,526.95

<u>Living Stewardship Fund-Earnings to Church</u>		6,800.00
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<u>Living Memorial Scholarship Fund-Grants & Loans</u>		9,000.00
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Youth Fund

Snack Suppers	\$600.00	
Youth Conferences	1,824.71	2,424.71

Parsonage Fund

Property Taxes	\$2,120.22	
Utilities (January to July)	4,120.03	
Clean Carpet	396.00	
Landscaping & Lawn Mowing	895.36	
Upgrade Baths	7,335.31	
Electrical Repairs	184.80	
!/2 Moving Expenses	2,012.11	
Miscellaneous	378.37	17,442.20

Miscellaneous Memorial

Handbell Tables, Music Stands & Lamps	\$905.24	
Gold Crosses-Choir	805.57	
Grill	424.94	
Miscellaneous	239.10	2,374.85

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ENDOWMENT FUNDS

\$53,568.71

TRUSTEE'S UNDESIGNATED MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Elevator Service, Maintenance & Cert.	\$1,789.79	
Furnace Repairs, Maintenance & Cert.	2,418.06	
Fire Prevention & Security	1,044.73	
Organ/Piano Tuning & Repairs	4,120.00	
De-ice & Snow Plowing	4,440.00	
Painting & Plastering-Hallways	1,200.00	
Plumbing Repairs	400.71	
Electrical Repairs	246.15	
Lawn Mowing & Landscaping	1,105.00	
Clean Carpets	547.86	
Insulate Attics over Sanctuary & Lounge	30,758.00	
Design Fee-Fellowship Hall Improvements	5,000.00	
Pest Control	340.00	
Sound System	90.00	
Air Conditioner	134.10	
New Copier	10,990.00	
Window Treatments-Office	441.84	
Miscellaneous	537.00	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNT

\$65,603.24

TOTAL EXPENDITURES-TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNTS

\$119,171.95

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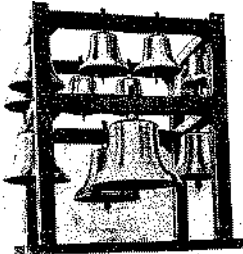
Christ United Methodist Church



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"The Church on The Hill"

*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)
and to serve God by sharing compassion, hope and love*

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THE CHIMES
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LENTEN STUDY

The Imitation of Christ

Four Evenings with Thomas A. Kempis: A Lenten Study

As a part of the recognition of the season of Lent, Rev. Stonebraker will be leading a four week study of the book, *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A. Kempis. On four Sunday evenings – **March 20, 27 and April 3 and 17** – at the Parsonage from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Rev. Karl will lead a group discussion of this devotional classic. Sign up in the church office. Supper is included.

Did You Know:

- That we are currently serving 63 children ages 2-6 and their families through our mission: The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center?
- Our Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center is the only child development center in Stark County with a three-star Step Up to Quality rating? This rating means it exceeds Ohio's child care licensing standards.
- The founders of the Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center were: Mary Gard, Betty Coleman, Shirley George, Alice Reinhardt and Attorney Robert Hunter, Sr.?
- You can tour The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center Sunday, March 13, after the "Bodacious Baked Potato Luncheon"? Learn more about our mission to the parents and children of our community.
- You can support The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development children by contributing just \$5/a week so a child can stay in the center. The reason to do this is that funds for the children through the Stark County Department of Jobs and Family Services will be stopped should their father lose his job. The Department's reasoning is: the father can watch the child. When the money goes, the child is withdrawn. Talk to Ruth Williams about how to go about this.
- The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center doesn't always have the staff or time to clean the floor mats on our fourth floor where the children play? Your Church School class could do a real service by offering to mop these mats at least once a month. Talk with Ruth Williams about how to go about this.
- The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center needs vinyl flooring for its hallways? The reason is: ease of keeping it clean. Currently \$500 has to be expended to clean and wax the present flooring—money that could be used for children's tuition. Your Church School class or organization could make a real difference by contributing to a fund to help them replace the hallways with easy to wash vinyl. Talk with Ruth Williams about how to go about this.
- That September through May The Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center needs food, preferably pizza, for its family nights. Your Church School class or organization could make a real difference in the quality of those events by helping to make that possible. Talk with Ruth Williams about how to go about this.