
THE CHIMES

What Language Does Your Neighbor Speak?

The Pastor's Word

"I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some...this I do for the gospel's sake...." – I Corinthians 9.22-23

The Apostle Paul is considered the first, and in many ways exemplary, missionary for the church. Even though he was a Jew originally from Tarsus, he traveled widely throughout the Roman Empire, from Jerusalem in the east all the way to Rome in the west. Between those two points, he preached and planted churches for the sake of Christ. He worked among the people in Palestine, in Asia Minor, in Greece and in Rome. Like our world today, the Roman Empire was diverse in language and culture. However, the differences did not deter Paul from his calling to tell the story of Christ wherever he went.

Indeed, Paul seemed to take the diversity of culture as a special challenge. To the Corinthians he wrote of his own personal changes he had to make to carry on his missionary work: *"I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some."*

What Paul meant by that was that he intended to understand the language, habits, and customs of the people he wanted to talk to so he could tell them about Christ. His own cultural preferences and comfort of language were secondary to getting the story of Christ across to any and all: *"...that I might by all means save some."*

On Saturday, September 17, Christ Church is sponsoring a workshop titled, *Bridges Out of Poverty*. *Bridges...* is a well-known program designed to help teachers, social workers,

church people and government workers understand the nature of poverty and why it is such a difficult thing to overcome. *Bridges...* suggests that the economic strata in which people live – poverty, middle class, or wealth – are separate *cultures* with fairly clear lines of definition. And the marks that define one culture are not necessarily understood by the other two.

A good example is how each culture understands and values time. For the middle class, the future is what drives much of what they do. Work hard now so you can retire later. Teach kids to do their homework so that they can go to college, and to study hard in college so they can get a good job later on. For the poor, however, it's the present that takes top billing. It's finding money today so there's food on the table for today's supper. It's fixing the car with just enough wire and duct tape to get to work tonight. And the wealthy? It's the past. It's about heritage, preserving the family name, and conserving the valuable things of the past.

Understanding these cultural differences is a very missionary thing to do. If we sincerely want to carry out our Christian calling to assist the poor, some understanding of the culture of poverty is called for.

I am excited and pleased that our church is sponsoring the *Bridges Out of Poverty* workshop. I hope we have a good turnout. There is more information inside this newsletter. And as a friend of mine once said, for the Christian, everybody is either a missionary or a mission field.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the class.

-- KDS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Administrative Council will be on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dussel Room**. All members of the Council are urged to attend; all members of the Church are welcome to come and hear of the many activities in which Christ Church is engaged.

How many times, when thinking or talking with your fellow members about your church, have phrases like, "They ought to . . ." or "Why don't they . . ." or "I wish we had . . ." come up? There is no better place to bring those kinds of comments or suggestions to light than the regular bi-monthly meetings of your Administrative Council. You might be surprised to learn that something is already underway to address your concerns. Or, you might find that there are reasons for the situation that troubles you and there will be some one who can explain those reasons. Most exciting is the distinct possibility that some one will think you've raised a great idea and set the wheels in motion to explore it further.

Even if you are simply curious to know more about the operations of your Church - its finances, its programs, the responsibilities of its staff and committees, its plans for the future – the best source of information are the meetings of the Administrative Council. Our meetings are open; please come and share with us whatever is "bugging" you. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at the receptiveness to your comments.

Jim Williams, Chairperson

UMYF

Welcome back to another great year of youth activities. Choirs and UMYF will begin Sunday September 18th. Bell choir at 5:15, snack supper at 6:00 and UMYF at 6:30, concluding at 7:30.

We are also in need of volunteers for snack suppers. There is a signup calendar in the lounge and a list of popular meals to come soon. We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new ones too!

Mike & Jamie

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Our last article in *The Chimes* discussed our Parish Visitors program – the Church's effort to stay in touch with our shut-ins or homebound members - through visits at least once per month, recognizing birthdays with a card and other acts of kindness. Since then, our list of members to be visited has grown; hence the need for more Parish Visitors has also grown. If your schedule permits, won't you consider giving of your time to this worthy demonstration of respect to our loyal members for their years of faithfulness to Christ United Methodist? Please join the Parish Visitors team by calling the Church office, 330-823-7136.

The Parish Visitors meet with Pastor Karl from time to time. The next meeting will be **in the chapel on Sunday, September 11 immediately following the 10:45 worship service**.

Please remember that each Sunday, Lynn Goldrick records the service and CDs and DVDs are available upon request. If you or some one you know would be interested in such a recording, please call the Church office at the number above.

The bus service for our Copeland Oaks residents has now been in operation for a little over 2 years. We are very pleased that our Church is able to provide this service and if you would like to take advantage of it, please call the front desk at Copeland Oaks.

Sue Burden, Paul Cope, Jane Helwig,
Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler,
Larry and Connie Pyers and Peg Williams,

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. **September 18th** 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 July, 60 items and \$25.25 were collected and in August, 43 items and \$25.00 were collected. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Susan Schafer	16 Jon Reese
2 Heather Thomas	16 Abbey Rogers
4 Charlie Manypenny	17 Dan Feess
7 Pat Helsel	18 Nancy Locke
7 Ed Ackley	18 Amy Essick
8 Robert Spencer, Jr.	19 Bruce Helsel
10 Megan Dean	19 Mike Greiner
12 Brad Thomas	21 Dolores Lapp
13 Joshua Shields	22 Peg Williams
16 LaVerne Edwards	23 Jim Greiner
16 Louise Hobbs (96 Years Old!)	26 Peg Rodefer
16 Keith Noble	29 Sharon Riddle
	29 Dan Gard

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Steven and Sonya Reisch
8	Joseph and Sandra Castellucci
8	Stephen and Pat Stone
16	Roger and Shirley Gantz

Attention all PARISH VISITORS:

We will meet on Sunday, September 11, in the chapel immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Please plan to attend. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER VISITATION MEMBERS

4	Durlan Dumm, 800 S. 15 th St., #9-179, Sebring, OH 44672
11	Donald Brown, 65 W. Oxford St., Alliance, OH 44601
18	Carl Orwick, 800 S. 15 th St., #9-117, Sebring, OH 44672
25	Thelma Greiner, 800 S. 15 th St., #8-101, Sebring, OH 44672

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 in September is Kent State University student:

- September 18
Amy Essick
6038 Oakhill Avenue
Alliance, OH 44601-8176

"A Night with the Stars" Auction on September 24 To Benefit Stuckey Family Interfaith

"A Night with the Stars" benefit auction for The Stuckey Family Interfaith Child Development Center will take place Saturday, September 24, at the Alliance Country Club from 7 to 11 p.m. One purpose of the auction is to raise funds to provide scholarships for students who sometimes fall through the funding cracks.

The auction will also support Early Childhood Education Alliance and the Alliance Early Learning School. There will be a DJ, Hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. The cost is \$50 per person and \$90 per couple. To RSVP, call Linda 330 829-1234, ext. 2952 by September 16. If responding by mail and wishing to donate or RSVP, please send your check made out to ECEA to Lori Miller, University of Mount Union, 1972 Clark Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

A NEW BOOK IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Life Behind the Mask - Memoir of a Youth Baseball Umpire by Michael Schafer. Michael has sent us a complimentary autographed copy for the church library, so be sure to check it out!

Financial Secretary

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Julie Greiner as the new Financial Secretary. Julie will be replacing Diane Thomas who retired last month after many years of service as Financial Secretary.

Julie is the Operations Assistant with Jackson Hewitt Tax Service where she performs many of the same duties as she will be doing for the church. She is a 2006 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. She also studied abroad at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia. Julie is a Board Member for the Marlington Alumni Association, Treasurer of the Friends of Rodman Public Library and is a member of the Bell Choir here at CUMC.

Welcome Julie, you will be a great addition to the staff here at Christ United Methodist Church.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Jim Greiner - Captain

John Christian
Mike Greiner
Arnie Hirvela
Keith Noble

Charlie Manypenny
Bill Sol
Ward Tuttle
David Williams



SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

Dear Christ United Methodist

I am sorry it has taken so long to get the final report to you about the mission week in June.

This was our fourth year, the third with other churches participating. When we started this I never expected it to be such a success. Since we began in 2008 we have worked on 31 homes. Three of those were not in the city but two were wheelchair ramps, one in Beloit and one in Sebring, the other was a deck in Lexington Township. Other than the three exceptions all of the homes have been in the city and cited by the city for violations.

This year we worked on 12 homes, used 55 gallons of paint, moved 20 ladders around each day, had about 45 workers most days, had five churches preparing lunch, and bringing devotions in the morning.

We started this year with \$1886.61, received donations of \$3156.41, and spent \$4379.32 leaving us \$563.70 to begin next year.

Once again as I was doing my devotions I came across the verse in 1 John 3:17 NCR, *We should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.*

Thanks again for all your help and your church for the delicious meal. Look forward to working with you next year. The third week in June again will be our targeted week.

Judy Douglas
Coordinator

Words of Thanks.....

Dear Members and Friends,

*Thank you all for volunteering at the worksite last Saturday. We appreciate your efforts and support on this Apostle Build project.
Sincerely, Sandy Strub*

*Thanks to Carol Ogline for finding and donating a 1865 Confirmation Class picture. This picture is on display in the lounge. Please look it over and help us assign names to the faces!
Thank You, History Committee*

*Thank you so much for the plaque, reception, cards and gift from the congregation. I really appreciate everything and I will certainly miss serving as financial secretary.
Love to all, Diane*

*Thank you for the flowers Merle received while he was in the hospital. We also, very much appreciated the visits, prayers and concerns expressed by our church friends.
Marty and Merle Andregg.*

*Thank you to everyone who came to see me in "The Sound of Music". It was nice to see so many people that I know.
Thank you for the money to help me go to Camp Aldersgate. I had an awesome week and plan to go back next year!
Will Kinser*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

- We return to our regular Sunday schedule on September 11:
 - 8:30 & 10:45 Worship
 - 9:30 Sunday School!!
- The Education Commission will be meeting on September 12th @ 6:30.
- Interested in a Quilting Class? Please contact the Church Office at 330-823-7136.
- Rally Day will be held on Sunday September 11, during the 10:45 worship service, followed by an Ice Cream Social!
- We will be hosting the SPRC Consultations, with the DS, on September 6th.

AN INVITATION FROM THE SEARCHERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We are pleased to have Pastor Chris Martin as the new teacher of the Searchers Sunday School Class. For anyone who is not a member of a current class and does not care to make a commitment for a long term, we are inviting you to come join us. Our first Sunday this fall, (September 11) will be devoted to some reflections on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Pastor Chris has chosen "*Living at God's Speed, Healing In God's Time*" as our study material beginning the following week. We invite you to join us for a three month study of this topic. We meet downstairs in the Wesley room (across from the Boy Scout room) at 9:30. The coffee pot will be on. Hope to see all current Searchers members and anyone who would care to come for a short term (or long term) on September 11.

Marketing Committee Status Report

By Cynthia Carlin, Committee Coordinator

A number of Marketing Committee efforts are underway.

By the time this appears in *The Chimes* it is our hope that the photos that are planned for placement at the top of the north stairs will be hanging under the banner "Christ United Methodist in Action".

We invite you to contribute your photos for future display by contacting Frank Woolf. Current photographers' works that are represented are: Tyler Kinser (Friendship II's booth at Carnation Days in the Park), Frank Woolf (Balloon Lift Off and Habitat Apostle Build) and Jamie Greiner (the Community Carnival). Frank Woolf was project manager for this effort. He gathered, selected and arranged to have the photos mounted.

For the August 27 "Organ Crawl", we added a banner over our historical display in the lounge, drawing attention to our many years of service to the Alliance community.

We're moving forward with the next steps for the joint Cry/Comfort Room and Library. We've contacted the Church and Synagogue Library Association, which has put us in touch with Marilyn Brumbaugh of the First Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterians are going through a similar culling and digitizing of their church library. She's found that the Damascus Friends Church has done all of this already and is an excellent model for us and the Presbyterians. We plan to join the Church and Synagogue Library Association's Ohio Chapter and consult with that organization and Marilyn on this effort.

We are fortunate to have a number of Rodman Library current and former employees in the church -- Judith Hookway, Ellen Sol and Betty Jo Sutherin -- who have offered to help in our culling and digitizing effort.

We are working on having a coffee hour that would occur immediately after the second service beginning the first Sunday in October.

We are also supporting Pastor Karl in his effort to involve the local community in the one-day "Bridges Out of Poverty" workshop, Saturday, September 17. This session will be led by Rev. Ken Price and begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. We've written a press release and helped create the flyer and have suggested relevant organizations to be invited.

Marketing Committee member Tyler Kinser continues to do an excellent job of creating the *The Chimes* newsletter and updating the church's Facebook page. He is currently working on adding the pastor's Sunday message in a video format on the page, thanks to Lynn Goldrick's recordings of the service.

While not a member of the Marketing Committee, Lynn has been crucial to almost everything we have done including the hanging of the photos, banners and small changes in the lounge area to make it more comfortable and welcoming. We've added a coffee table, some rugs and artificial flowers and thoroughly cleaned the existing furniture. With his help, we've rearranged the furniture to be more encouraging for conversation and moved the members' nametags so they are easy to access but are in a more out of the way location.

Tyler took the lead in revising a brochure on the church for use at The Christ United Methodist booth at the Carnation Days in the Park and added a picture of the church to the booth.

Marketing Committee member Victor Lee continues his updating of the website. We look forward to supporting your marketing needs with press releases and notifications on the website and Facebook. Just fill out the new media request form available from the church office.

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

One of my favorite features of VBS 2011-PandaMania-is the focus on mission projects. Although I am sure that, as the old saying goes, "a good time was had by all", I am even more convinced that our children's participation in activities on behalf of others will make good impressions and long-lasting impressions in their lives. We may never realize how blessed we are or how good God has been to us until we turn our attention to others in need. In doing so we learn to bless others as we have been blessed.

PandaMania had three projects one of which was the Comfort Cups. Large plastic tumblers were filled with a new washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste and a bar of soap. They were to be delivered to those residents of the new homeless shelter. The children also decorated pillowcases and added personal greetings. They were to be sent to the Domestic Violence Shelter. As they expanded their concerns beyond our borders, they colored and decorated backpacks for the Kid-To-Kid ministries to children in Latin America. These backpacks were filled with Spanish language Bibles before being shipped.

We may not know what VBS theme we will work on next year but I will leave with you a few ideas to share with our children and youth. We will call it "Giving What You Have". Also in the next edition of The Chimes or in future bulletins I will have information on a free web-site based on the PandaMania characters. I will not forget to thank all of you who supported us and participated in PandaMania. A number of our children and youth were also present. I am privileged to have served with you and look forward to the next time.

Peace,

Dr. J.

FAMILY FRIENDLY WEB SITE

There is a web site that features the Bible Memory buddies we met at PandaMania-VBS 2011. "4everybuddy.com" features Fez, Amanda, Pogo, Lucy and Boomer and is packed with games, coloring pages and more. Parents and grandparents can subscribe to free weekly discussion starters as well as family devotionals, posters, videos and other items that will help the children build on a long-term commitment to Jesus Christ. This web site is presented by the Group Publishing Company.

Christian Education Commission

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! One and All

Christ United Methodist Church Music Department announces start of the fall choir season. Music has been purchased (or dusted off), choir robes cleaned and pressed, bell choir tablecloths washed and choir rooms cleaned. Choir Directors are excited and final schedules are in the works. Now it's your turn to make this choir season the fun-est, music-est, and a most meaningful experience for our church.



Join a choir:

Rehearsal Start Times:

Cherub Choir (pre-k through 2nd grade):

Sunday 9/11/2011 after children's time.

Wesley Choir (3rd grade through 5th grade):

Sunday 9/11/2011 after children's time.

Ringers for Christ (6th grade through High School):

Sunday 9/18/2011 at 5:15PM.

Halleluia Bell Choir*:

Wednesday 9/7/2011 at 5:30PM

Chancel Bell Choir*:

Wednesday 9/7/2011 at 6:30PM

Chancel Vocal Choir*:

Wednesday 9/7/2011 at 7:30PM.

(* indicates: "Out of High School, and willing to try new things".)

Lew Shields, Director of Music

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The king will say: *"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."* Matthew 25:35

We are delighted with the enthusiasm and generosity our congregation has shown this summer in our local outreach opportunities - serving two meals during mission projects, working on the Apostles Build Habitat for Humanity house, and hosting the carnival in the parking lot, with the help of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Our last two community dinners at the Alliance Neighborhood Center are August 30 and November 29. There are always signup sheets on the opportunity board. If you are unable to physically help, please feel free to donate through the church office. Again, thank you.

There has been a suggestion that perhaps we could have a group visit Red Bird Mission next summer. Keep this idea in mind. The Christian Education and Christian Outreach commissions will be sponsoring a fellowship luncheon in October. We will keep you posted.

Thank you for your generous support of the fifth Sunday Noisy Can offerings for our missionary in Sierra Leone. Our next one will be October 30.

We continue to support our community through the Good Samaritan Fund; our next offering will be taken September 11; we usually collect these offerings once each quarter.

Thanks to all of you for your canned goods and monetary donations to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks to Nancy and Jerry Sandifer for faithfully counting and delivering items to the Salvation Army each month.

Our church continues to be a loving and giving place. God bless you all!

Susie Buckel, Chairman



CARNATION DAYS IN THE PARK

Well Carnation Days in the Park has come and gone.....until next year!! We had another successful year, selling our famous McMethodist Burgers and Wesleyan Whoppers!!! We sold a total of 3,284 sirloin burgers and 725 hot dogs!

	<u>Burgers</u>	<u>Hot Dogs</u>
Wednesday	565	102
Thursday	886	218
Friday	912	150
Saturday	921	255
Total	3,284	725

Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time, to work in the booth!! Also, thank you to those members, that supported us, by purchasing some burgers and hot dogs!! We were very fortunate to have excellent weather!! See you all again next year!

Thanks again for your support and hard work!!
Mike Greiner and Tyler Kinser

SCOUT NEWS

The Scouts of Troop 50 are busy completing an active summer schedule and looking forward to fall activities. Eight scouts, including CUMC members Josh and Jake Shields, attended summer camp at Seven Ranges the week of July 3rd. All the scouts earned the camp honor known as Pipestone and the Shields brothers along with Donald Greenmyer completed the Mile Swim. In mid July, the scouts helped carry luggage for the UMW School of Missions at the University of Mount Union. Troop members hiked the Mahoning Valley Trail on August 8th and will boat at Walborn Reservoir later in August. To conclude the summer activities a picnic and Court of Honor will be held Aug. 29 at Silver Park.

The scouts are looking forward to attending the Sandy Beaver Fall Camporee in mid October and building a pavilion at the Lenape campsite at Seven Ranges.

Cub Scout Pack 50 will begin fall Den meetings on Monday, September 19th. Boys in first through fifth grades are invited to become part of the Pack. Contact the Church office or any Cub Scout for details.

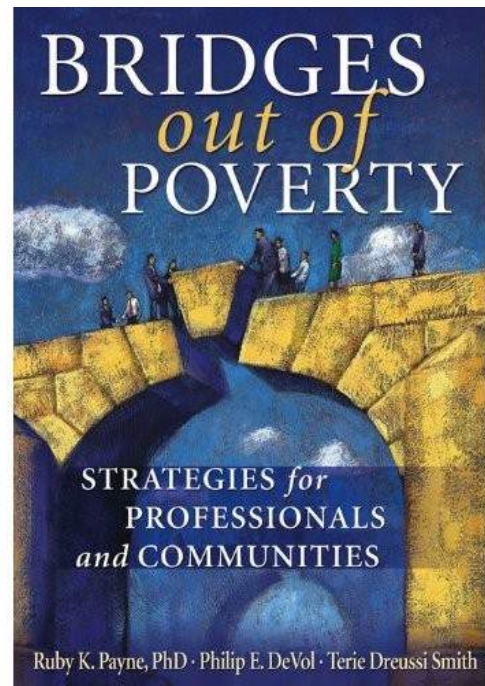
Looking for Ideas to Deal with Poverty in Your Community?

Attend this One-Day Workshop

Bridges Out of Poverty
Strategies for Professionals and
Communities

Saturday, September 17
9:00am – 3:00pm
(Registration and coffee at 8:30)

Cost \$15.
Includes Textbook and Lunch.



Christ United Methodist Church
470 East Broadway Street – Alliance, Ohio

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 6

Call CUMC office: 330-823-7136

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RALLY DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join us in celebrating the beginning of a brand new Sunday School year. On Sunday, September 11, 2011 during the 10:45 AM worship, we will pay special recognition to our children and youth for their commitment to Christian Education. We will also acknowledge those who teach and who help keep Christian Education alive and well at Christ United Methodist Church. We will conclude the celebration with an Ice Cream Social.

