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Serve God by Sharing Compassion, Hope and Love**

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VISION STATEMENT

The people of Christ United Methodist Church will

- COURAGEOUSLY REACH OUT AND WELCOME
- PASSIONATELY WORSHIP AND PRAY
- INTENTIONALLY NURTURE AND ENCOURAGE
- LOVINGLY SHARE AND SERVE.

MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST (MATTHEW 28:19-20) AND TO SERVE
GOD BY SHARING COMPASSION, HOPE, AND LOVE.**

Spring Cleaning – April 2024

By the time you read this, the calendar will say that Spring has finally arrived. Some spring flowers have already blossomed, and baseball season started on March 28th. This is the time when many people begin to think about spring cleaning, a time to wash windows, vacuum behind and under things that don't normally get moved, and clear out a year's worth (or more) of clothes that don't fit and other accumulated clutter.

But what would it look like if we had a spiritual spring cleaning? Some activities might look a lot like the season of Lent when we reflect on our year, on our actions, on our inaction, and repent of our sins against God and against one another. But what else might this version of spring-cleaning look like?

Physical window washing removes accumulated dirt, grime, and the films that accumulate on the windows of our homes and automobiles so that we can see the world outside more clearly. But, just as dirt and grime accumulate on our physical windows, our personal biases and the misinformation that circulates so freely in the world around us colors our perception of the real world, and the people in it. Doing some spiritual window washing might require us to go out into the world, meet new people, make new acquaintances, and see new things. As I said in church recently, knowing just one homeless person by name, as a person, changes the way that we think about homelessness.

Meeting the people who come to, and are supported by, the Red Bird Mission and its outreach centers, in person, changes how we think about the people of rural Kentucky. Making friends with the people in Harrisburg, Liberia, or meeting the school children that we support in Sierra Leone, helping with health clinics or building homes with my sister in Jamaica, or a thousand other experiences like that, will clear away our biases and make us see the world in a different way.

Spiritual vacuuming might mean that we take a close look at where we've been in the last year, looking under the "furniture" that we don't usually move, considering the actions and the conversations that we've had, and... just maybe, cleaning up some of the messes that we left behind. Our friends and neighbors who work through any of the twelve step programs refer to this kind of cleaning as "making amends." How do we clean up our messes? How do we apologize? How do we **show** the people that we've hurt that we are genuinely sorry?

And what about those clothes that have gone out of style and don't fit us any longer? Don't we have the same thing going on with some of our attitudes that we wear? Or the people who are a bad influence on us? Or the places that we hung out before we committed to following Jesus? Sometimes ridding ourselves of clothes that no longer fit is something that we need to do so that we aren't distracted from the new path that we've chosen to follow.

As we begin spring, celebrate Easter, and do a little spring cleaning in our homes, we should probably take some time to consider the inside of ourselves as well. What accumulated clutter do we need to leave behind?

Blessings,
Pastor John



The **Christian Outreach Committee** is collecting **paper products** (i.e., toilet paper, Kleenex tissue, paper towels), and **canned meat** throughout the month of **APRIL** for the **Alliance Community Pantry**. Would you please place your items in the large box in the lounge? Thank you.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UPDATE:



United
Women
in Faith

April 2 (7PM) – UNIT MEETING, Dussel Room

****Program also offered via Zoom****

Program: “Exploring the Lord’s Prayer”, **Presenters:** Pat Helsel, Ellen Sol, Karen Locke
Greeters/Hostesses: M&M Circle

**Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.
If you’d like to “Zoom in”, contact Nancy Prueter at prueter@sbcglobal.net for an invitation.**

GOOD TO KNOW:

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that supported the **Winter Soup Sales** and the **Heat & Eat Meatloaf Meals**. Your generosity helps support local women and children.

APRIL – UWF USHER TEAM

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that volunteered!

APRIL 7 - United Women in Faith Sunday

Theme: *“The Fruitful Life”*

APRIL 20 – Central Valley District Spring Meeting

Held at: Malvern UMC, Malvern, 9:30am-1pm

The Spring Basement Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4.
Setup is Thursday, May 2. Won’t you volunteer to help with this worthwhile project?

The deadline to bring your donated items will be Wednesday, May 1.
We have plenty of storage space so feel free to bring your donations early.
As always, we ask for items that are clean and in good repair.

MAY UNIT MEETING

May 7 (7PM), Dussel Room

Program: “Missed Conversations”, **Presenter:** Sheila Gard
Greeters/Hostesses: Susie Buckel Circle

United Women in Faith always welcomes guests and new members.
Please call Jamie Greiner at (412) 601-4275 or any Executive Board Officer, if interested.

The Unit meets on most 1st Tuesdays at 7pm in the Dussel Room

- ❖ **Peg Williams Circle** meets at 1pm on 3rd Mondays at Copeland Oaks, Williamsburg Lounge
 - ❖ **M & M Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Mondays in the Dussel Room
 - ❖ **May Smyth Circle** meets at 10:30am on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room
 - ❖ **Susie Buckel Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room

Church Women of Alliance Area

Church Women of the Alliance Area will meet on Friday, April 5th at 1 o'clock at the Second Baptist Church, 820 East Patterson Street. The program will be provided by a choral group from Marlinton High School. All women of the area are invited to attend.

Community Dinners

It was ten years ago that Christ UMC took over as home of the free Tuesday Night Community Dinners. We have been fortunate and have a list of steady members who have been hosting these dinners. It is a very rewarding experience to help with this mission. **We are in need of volunteers to substitute when needed.** Please consider helping us with this local mission.

Noisy Can Offering

The noisy Can offering March 17th was a huge success. We collected \$110 for the Alliance of Churches and \$110 cash plus 31 food items for Salvation Army. Thank you to the children for their wonderful job of making the noisy cans successful. The next Noisy Can Offering will be April 21st. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to this offering. Christian Outreach Comm.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are asking church members and friends to donate plastic Easter Eggs with small treat in them for our Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Please put the eggs in the large basket in the lounge with your name written outside of the bag you are donating them in.

If you are a young person in our church, you are invited to an Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the breakfast. Please bring a parent with you. Meet in Miss Cindi's classroom.

Resurrection Egg Hunt & Camp Preview Day

Saturday April 27th, 2024

Egg Hunt Registration starts at 2pm. Egg Hunt, Prizes and Snacks from 2:30pm-4pm. Camp Preview Day from 4-6pm (including wagon ride tours of camp, rock climbing, Gaga Ball, campfire, s'mores and more). This all takes place at Camp Wanake, 9463 Manchester Ave. SW, Beach City, OH 44608.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR APRIL

USHERS -

United Women in Faith

LITURGISTS

7 UWF
14 Jamie Greiner
21 Rhys Sampson
28 Pat Helsel

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

7 Nancy Castelucci
14 Jean Webster
21 Nancy Prueter
28 Kathy Stroia

SANCTUARY GREETERS

7 Ellen Sol
14 Jill Greiner
21 Patti Travis
28 Dick Diser

TELLERS

7 Bill Prueter/Dick Diser
14 Bruce Helsel/Mark Locke
21 Pat Helsel/Marilyn Ruff
28 Donna Essick/Jill Greiner

VISITATION MEMBERS**

7 Dan Gard, Canton
14 Craig Post, N Canton
21 June Luca, Alliance
28 Mary Aufrance, Alliance

** If you would like their complete address, please contact the Church Office

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Kathy Stroia	17	Connie Pyers
3	Kim Handy	18	Cynthia Carlin
7	Daniel Hisey	25	Cindi Martin
8	Kathy Brown	29	Sheila Gard
9	Leslie Austin	30	Jill Greiner

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

15 Jim & Jill Greiner



To have your birthday and/or your anniversary listed in THE CHIMES: Just call the church office, 330-823-7136, place information in the Secretary's slot outside of church office, or email to secretary@cumcalliance.org. **CHIMES DEADLINE:** The deadline for the May 2024 issue of *The Chimes* is Monday, April 22th.



ALTAR FLOWERS

There are a number of dates available on our Altar Flower Schedule. The Sign-Up Altar Flower Chart for 2024 is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers, please sign the chart. To let the office know if you want the office to order the flowers please put an asterisk (*) next to your name. Please let the office know at least a week ahead of your Sunday what you want printed in the bulletin for the Altar Flowers. Thank you.



We are looking for additional liturgists to help with this ministry. This is a vital ministry of our church and we could use your help. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity to help with our worship service. Please contact Susan Haddox or the church office if you are interested. Thank you.

*Thank
You*

Mike and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Staff Parish Relations and Christian Education Committees for such a lovely recognition during the Staff Appreciation service and such a wonderful luncheon following. The food was delicious, the décor was cheery, and the company was even better. We really appreciate the acknowledgement of our service as UMYF leaders, but we really think we need to thank all of you for providing us the opportunity to serve as UMYF leaders for all of the amazing youth at CUMC. A special thank you to all of the parents for allowing us to spend time with your children. You contributed beyond measure to our positive experience. We feel honored and blessed to have been a part of each and every one of our youth's lives. We hope that they know just how much we care for and love each and every one of them, in the name of Jesus Christ. Our lives have been forever changed and enriched by each of them and we hope that they will continue to thrive and grow in their faith. *"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen."* Love, Mike and Jamie Greiner



CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our committee met on March 11, 2024. We discussed many different ideas as part of our Christian outreach for CUMC.

Community dinners are ongoing every Tuesday by the Alliance of Churches and held at CUMC. Cindy and Andy Magda are our connection to the Alliance of Churches for this project. The community is very fortunate to receive the help from various groups preparing and serving the meals, with our church doing so when there is a fifth Tuesday in a month.

Blessing bags are headed up by Jean Webster and Carolyn Miller. Our children's Sunday school class prepared bags one Sunday with Cindi Martin leading them. We're teaching our young children about giving to others in need!

The chuckwagon and Noisy Can Offering will be a combined effort on the third Sunday of each month. The chuckwagon provides food donations to the Salvation Army. The Noisy Can offering will be collected for the Good Samaritan fund, to support the Alliance of Churches.

We will be collecting paper items for the Pantry during the month of April. Please see the list of needed items on the church bulletin board.

A trip to Red Bird Mission will be made in May after the UWF basement sale. Besides a donation of \$1000.00 to Red Bird, we have obtained the use of a van to take food, clothing and furniture to Red Bird Mission. Please look for a list of items needed by Red Bird Mission on the church bulletin board. Watch for upcoming luncheons to help with the monetary donation for Red Bird Mission.

From Mother's Day through Father's Day, the baby bottle collection will be taken in support of the Alliance Pregnancy Center. Keep collecting your loose change to help the pregnancy center!


We have a list of dates for the Caboose concerts. May through August we will be giving away popcorn, soda, water and candy for donations at these concerts to benefit Alliance Habitat for Humanity. Look for a list of concerts on the church bulletin board.

Watch for upcoming information on the "Beat the Heat" move in July, ongoing help for Clothed in Righteousness on Main Street, and the Thanksgiving Dinner in November!

Please keep our committee in prayer as we continue to find ways to reach out to our community and beyond to those so desperately in need.

Lucinda Feess, Co-Chair of Christian Outreach Committee





TRUSTEE'S EXPENDITURES FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS - YEAR 2023

EXPENDITURES FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS – 2023

<u>Mahan Fund - Quarterly Support to Church</u>	\$ 4,000.00
<u>Living Stewardship Fund- Quarterly Earnings to Church</u>	19,377.60
<u>UMW-Goldrick Fund-UMW Request for Funds</u>	4,000.00
<u>Living Memorial Scholarship - Grant & Loan Requests</u>	7,000.00
<u>Misc. Memorials - New Easter Banner</u>	112.24
<u>Youth Fund - Sunday Night Snack Supper Stipend</u>	250.87
<u>Boy Scouts Troop 50 Fund - Insurance for Trailer</u>	264.76

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS **\$ 35,005.47**

EXPENDITURES FROM TRUSTEES UNDESIGNATED FUND

Elevator Repairs, Service, Maintenance & Certification	\$ 4,416.25	
Boiler Repairs, Service, Maintenance & Certification	1,620.75	
Fire Prevention: Security, Service, Maintenance & Certification	2,922.96	
Snow Plowing, Salting of Walks & Parking Lots	1,155.00	
Lawn Mowing & Landscaping	2,550.00	
Church Plumbing	2,263.00	
Church Insurance	20,888.11	
Trustees Quarterly Support to Church	4,000.00	
Funeral Dinner Reimbursement	357.57	
Miscellaneous Church Expenses	3,410.09	
Stained Glass Window Repair & Painting	15,850.00	
AC Repair - Fellowship Hall & Alliance of Churches Room	2,872.43	
Sanctuary Ceiling Repair	3,914.00	
Postage Stamps	123.00	\$ 66,343.16

Tuesday Night Neighborhood Dinner Expenses

Aid Pest Control	\$ 792.00	\$ 792.00
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Parsonage Expenses

Property Taxes	\$ 2,781.36	
Plumbing	225.00	
Lawn Mowing & Leaf Raking	1,962.50	
New Washer & Dryer	1,598.00	
Miscellaneous	541.52	\$ 7,108.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM TRUSTEES UNDESIGNATED **\$ 74,243.54**

GRAND TOTAL: EXPENDITURES FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS & TRUSTEES UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

\$ 109,249.01

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 5p Comm. Dinner 7p UWif Unit Mtg	3 5:30p Halleluia Bell 6:30p Chancel Bell 7:30p Chancel Vocal	4	5	6
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter UwinF Service 	8 6:30p Boy Scouts	9 5p Comm. Dinner	10 5:30p Halleluia Bell 6:30p Chancel Bell 7:30p Chancel Vocal	11	12	13
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter	15 1p Peg Williams Circle 6:30p Boy Scouts 7p M&M Circle	16 10:30a May Smyth Circle 5p Comm. Dinner 7p Susie Buckel Circle	17 6p Halleluia Bell 6:30p Chancel Bell 7:00p Chancel Vocal	18	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter	22 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p UWF Exec Board	23 5p Comm. Dinner 6:30p Trustees	24 6p Halleluia Bell 6:30p Chancel Bell 7:00p Chancel Vocal	25	26	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter	29 6:30p Boy Scouts	30 5p Comm. Dinner				