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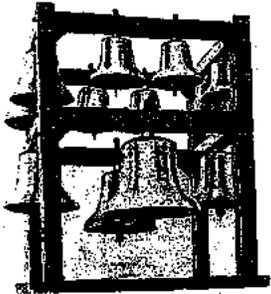
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| <b>FEBRUARY 12</b> | <b>SCOUT SUNDAY at Christ United Methodist Church<br/>Spaghetti Dinner after Church in Fellowship Hall</b> |
| <b>FEBRUARY 14</b> | <b>Valentine's Day</b>   |
| <b>FEBRUARY 20</b> | <b>President's Day</b>   |
| <b>FEBRUARY 26</b> | <b>Staff Recognition Luncheon</b>  |
| <b>MARCH 1</b>     | <b>Ash Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.</b>  |

**Greetings to each of you in the precious name of Jesus Christ! I pray you are having a blessed New Year!**

As you know, in this Season of Epiphany our church family is now well into celebrating and participating in a year of prayer, a focus where we are for some being introduced to and for others being reminded of different ways of deepening our relationships with God by being in prayer. Thus far I have really enjoyed the different prayer tools offered by our Lay Leader, Dr. Susan Haddox, and the helpful and well thought out prayer inserts she has been offering us each week in our bulletin. What a joy they have been, and what a privilege it has been for me to incorporate these prayer practices into our worship services in some form each week! As I leave worship each week, I can wholeheartedly affirm the words of James, the brother of Jesus: "The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective." Praise be to God!

But why is this? And what actually happens when we spend time in meditation and prayer? We already know that in brain scans done on monastics in prayer, there is something that **physically** happens within the brain and within our person as we meditate! The evidence of that "peace that passes understanding" that Jesus talks about, seen in the coloring emitted from the tissues, can actually be observed in their scans! (How cool is that!)

But what is really happening when we meditate and spend time in contemplation, connecting with our loving and Divine Parent?

Franciscan teacher and author, Fr. Richard Rohr\*, delves into this subject in much of his writing. But in the reflection below, he offers a particularly cogent, well-stated explanation of the underlying principle and goal of our praying. I particularly appreciate Rohr's discussion of "Our untransformed brains..." that are "...hardwired to focus on the negative and to dualistically label and divide..." And how we need "...nondual consciousness—the mind of Christ—to process the great questions of love, suffering, death, infinity, and divinity and to be unafraid of diversity and welcoming of union at ever higher and more expansive levels."

I hope you enjoy it, as I did. And I hope you will continue to enjoy, grow from, and be transformed by our journey with God through this year of prayer.

Blessings on you and yours!  
Pastor Stephanie

***In this season of prayer, O God, please make us what you want us to be! Amen.***



## Contemplative Christianity Is the Great Tradition

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation* (Franciscan Media: 2014), 63-64.

I believe the teaching of contemplation is absolutely key to rebuilding Christianity, otherwise our very style of “knowing” is off base and everything that follows is skewed. Our untransformed brains are hardwired to focus on the negative and to dualistically label and divide, it seems. While rational critique and logical judgment are important for practical matters, they can only get us so far. We need nondual consciousness—the mind of Christ—to process the great questions of love, suffering, death, infinity, and divinity and to be unafraid of diversity and welcoming of union at ever higher and more expansive levels.

We will explore contemplation and nondual consciousness more in a few weeks, but for now let me briefly define the practice of contemplative prayer: In a silent posture of self-emptying, we let go of habitual thoughts and sensations and connect with an Inner Witness (Romans 8:16)—God’s presence within—that gazes back at ourselves and out at reality with an Abiding Love. Contemplation is learning how to offer “a long, loving look at the Real.” [William McNamara as quoted by Walter J. Burghardt, “Contemplation: A Long, Loving Look at the Real,” *Church*, No. 5 (Winter 1989), 14-17.]

Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy have a long but intermittent tradition of teaching contemplation. Catholics today may know the word *contemplation*, but that doesn’t mean we know the actual *how* or the important *why*. Instead of teaching silent mindfulness, in recent centuries the church emphasized repetition of rote, wordy prayers, and “attendance” at social prayer. Even most of the great contemplative Orders (Cistercian, Carmelite, Poor Clare, etc.) now recognize that they stopped directly teaching the practice of silent prayer to their own members. Contemplative prayer was largely lost after the dualistic, tribal fights of the Reformation and the Enlightenment. The utter vulnerability of silence did not allow us to “prove” anything and so was no longer attractive. The Protestant tradition does not have a strong history of contemplation beyond a few isolated individuals who discovered it on their own. The Orthodox tradition had it well-documented on paper and in a few monasteries, but it was far too tribal to go where contemplation always leads—toward universal compassion, inclusivity, and nonviolence.

So most traditionalists today are not traditional at all! They know so little about the Big Tradition beyond their ethnic version since the last national revolution in their country. That is what happens when you move into a defensive posture against others. You circle the wagons around externals and non-essentials, and the first thing to go is anything interior or as subversive to your own ego as is contemplation. Of course this

is precisely what is *essential* for true transformation. Without it, we have the French and Spanish Catholic hierarchies largely opposing their own needed revolutions and reforms, English and German bishops blessing all their wars, and the majority of Orthodox hierarchies co-operating with communist dictators against their own people. This is the bad fruit of non-contemplative Christianity, which Thomas Merton was one of the first to be public and vocal about in the 1950s.

Christians need to retrieve our own tradition of accessing and living from an alternative consciousness. First we have to know that the Christian contemplative tradition even exists and once flourished. We're not simply borrowing from Eastern religions and modern neuroscience. It is very clear in the Desert Fathers and Mothers, many of whom fled to the desert in the fourth century so they could practice what they felt was authentic Christianity, unhindered by the priorities of the new imperial religion that was based largely on externals.

The alternative contemplative tradition persisted in Celtic Christianity (outside the Roman Empire); in the Eastern Church's collection of texts, called the *Philokalia*; and in the monastic history of all the ancient Orders of the East and West, which *only sometimes taught it directly or indirectly* (e.g., Dionysius, John Cassian, the monastery of St. Victor in Paris, the Franciscans Bonaventure and Francisco de Osuna, and the final explosion in the Spanish Carmelites). Otherwise, it was more *exemplified* in highly transformed people who came to it through *conscious prayer, love, or suffering*. There were anomalies like the Jesuits, Jean Pierre de Caussade and Teilhard de Chardin, and very many women foundresses of communities who show all the fruits of a contemplative life. Women and lay people had more easy access to contemplation precisely because they were *not* seminary and liturgically trained. Like Julian of Norwich, they learned it on the side and on the sly and often through suffering!

\* Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy—practices of contemplation and lived *kenosis* (self-emptying), expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized. Fr. Richard is the author of numerous books, including *Everything Belongs*, *Adam's Return*, *The Naked Now*, *Breathing Under Water*, *Falling Upward*, *Immortal Diamond*, and *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*. Fr. Richard is academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation.

## CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

One of the greatest collections of songs, prayers and poetry are written in our Bible in the Book of Psalms. The Psalms lead us through the depths and the heights of the human experience and were written by those long ago who passionately loved God. Considered Wisdom Literature by some, they teach us how to serve God by doing what is good, how to pray to God and how to worship Him.

There are five basic sections of the Psalms with section or Book I being Psalms 1 through 41, Book II containing Psalms 42 through 72, Book Three: Psalms 73 through 89, Book IV containing Psalms 90-106 and Book V with Psalms 107-150. Each Book concludes with a Doxology, an affirmation of praise to God found in the last verse of the concluding Psalm. In Book V the entire last poem (Psalm 150) is a concluding Doxology.

The Psalms were originally written for singing in public worship and really do show us how to praise God whenever we remember His power and majesty, and His goodness and grace towards us. Praise is an act of worship or acknowledgment by which the virtue or deeds of God can be recognized and admired. It is in our praise to God that we can talk directly to Him and thank Him for who He is and what He does. We can praise Him for saving us from our enemies, for answered prayers, for His awesome works, His love and, most assuredly, his faithfulness to us.

Even after sharing with Him our sorrows, our fears, our troubles and our true feelings, we can still experience happiness and joy. Although these Psalms were written a long time ago, their relevance today is indisputable. We can read them, reflect on them and pray them and know that God is glad to have us sharing our thoughts and feelings with Him, strengthening our relationships with Him and, most of all, finding that peace in Him that sometimes eludes us.

Peace,

Dr. J



### SAVE THE DATES!

Music Camp is scheduled for the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>. We need to know now how many volunteers we are going to have. If we don't have enough volunteers, we will not be able to have this wonderful event. Please contact Carolyn Wallace, Dr. J, or the church office.

Thank you.

## *Thank You*

Dear CUMC members:

Larry and I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, flowers and food during our recovering from surgeries! Thanks especially to Pastors Lee and Martins for their visits – they were (are) greatly appreciated along with visits from Tim, Dick, Dolores and Patti. Again, Thanks so much!! Fondly, Connie and Larry Pyers

Thank you for the gift cards for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. God Bless Everyone. All of our love...Linda, Lisa, Mianna & Cyrus (Krepps).

Dear Church Family: Many thanks for the cards, thoughts and Cindi with the beautiful poinsettia. You are all a blessing at this and all time. Best Wishes at Christmas and thru the New Year. Love, Thelma Greiner.

Thanks to the staff at Christ UM Church! May God bless you all. Love and prayers Mary Aufrance.



### **2016 Peanut Brittle**

This was the 50<sup>th</sup> year of making peanut brittle (68,662 cans-to-date). The Friendship II Sunday School class and the UMYF continued the peanut brittle making tradition this year.

Thanks to the twenty-three different cooks and the many, many sellers and buyers, both members of the groups and friends of the project.

### **Production Report**

<u>Years</u>	<u>Friendship II</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Crusaders</u>	<u>Builders</u>	<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
2001-2007			3,400		3,400
2001-2010	6,783	1,100			7,883
2011	636	101			737
2012	589	107			696
2013	585	110			695
2014	547	103			650
2015	562	108			670
2016	560	109			669
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,342</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>21,812</b>	<b>9,466</b>	<b>68,662</b>

Please start saving metal one pound coffee cans plus large paper bags now and bring them to the church for next year.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Room at Copeland Oaks. The program for the evening is "Exploring the World Through the UMW Reading Program" presented by Pettie Shields, Program Resources Coordinator. Greeters/Hostesses are the Dorcas Circle.

### Circles

February 20, 2017	Dorcas Circle	12:30p	Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks
February 20, 2017	M&M Circle	7:00p	at the church
February 21, 2017	May Smyth Circle	7:30p	at the church
February 21, 2017	Susie Buckel Circle	7:00p	at the church

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:** Friday, February 3, 2017 New Zion Baptist Church  
11:30 AM – Board Meeting 1:00 PM General Meeting and Program: *Senior Corps, Stark County* by Julie Nan. **Membership dues of \$3.00** for Church Women United may be purchased from Jean Webster.

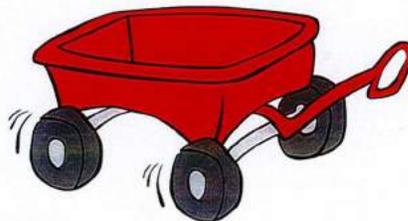


The UMW are selling Chicken Noodle Soup. The last day to order is Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Pickup date is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost of soup is \$6 per quart.

**The United Methodist Women project for February 2016** is fill cosmetic bags for the Women-Children Domestic Violence Shelter. Needed: toothbrushes for adults and children, small hand lotions, combs, small shampoos and deodorants. There is a box in the lounge for your donations. Thank you.



**The chuck wagon is back!** 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 19<sup>th</sup>** will be the next date that the chuck wagon will go around to the different classes. The January collection was 37 food items and \$25. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank you.



## Christian Outreach Year in Review

CUMC's outreach programs ended 2016 on a high note. We had had some concern, because our Red Bird luncheons and Good Samaritan offerings had brought in less than usual during the first three quarters of the year. However, through your generosity during the Season of Giving, we were able to fully support all of our planned programs and activities.

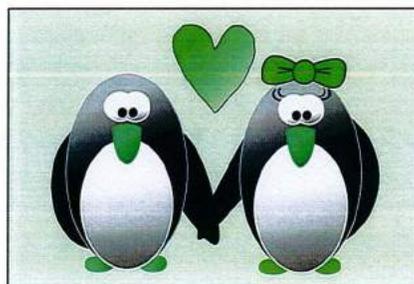
For Thanksgiving, you provided eight roasted turkeys and about 100 desserts to help First Immanuel UCC serve 1500 meals on Thanksgiving Day. Dick Diser challenged you to share the cost of your Thanksgiving meal with the hungry, and you came through with a whooping \$819 to support the UMC's World Service fund.

For Christmas, the Congregational Christmas Card, designed and published by Julie Greiner, Dolores Lawrence, and Jane Helwig, brought in an additional \$311. Haven Ackley, Jean Webster, and Carolyn Miller managed the Salvation Army gift tag tree, which garnered Christmas gifts for 28 local children. Many of you braved the chilly weather to be Salvation Army red kettle bell ringers at Thorne's market. And new this year, we invited you to set up a Reverse Advent Calendar, each day setting aside an item to be contributed to a Blessing Bag. Through your generosity, Jean and Carolyn assembled 20 blessing bags for the Alliance of Churches to hand out to the homeless. In 2017, we look forward to continuing to reach out to others, near and far, to show God's love:

- Redouble our efforts to support the health ministry in Sierra Leone.
- In April, Jane Helwig will lead a food drive for the Alliance Community Pantry.
- In May we will have the baby bottle spare change collector for the Alliance Pregnancy Center.
- In July, Jamie and Mike Greiner will organize our annual community carnival.

There are many other important mission and outreach programs at Christ United Methodist Church that I have not mentioned because they happen to be sponsored by another group, such as UMW, UMYF, Christian Education, or ad hoc groups like the prayer shawl ministry or the summer music camp. Mission and Outreach are the work of the entire body of Christ. It is our committee's privilege to focus on this aspect of following Jesus.

Victor Lee, Christian Outreach Committee chair



## TRUSTEES EXPENDITURES FROM FUNDS - YEAR 2016

### EXPENDITURES FROM ENDOWMENT FUNDS - 2016

#### Mahan Fund:

Education Director-40% of Salary Expenses	\$6,022.00	
Quarterly Support	4,000.00	
Sunday School Teachers	840.00	
Investment Management Fees-Rodman Cap. Mgmt.	555.00	\$11,417.00

Living Stewardship Fund: Earnings to Church 11,308.00

Living Memorial Scholarship Fund: Loans 6,000.00

UMW-Goldrick: Book Author Speaker Expenses 1,500.00

#### Youth Fund:

Snack Suppers	\$180.00	
Youth Conferences & Camperships	1,867.00	2,047.00

#### Miscellaneous Memorials Fund:

Handbells & Music	\$376.00	
Advent Banners	100.00	476.00

#### Troop 50 Boy Scouts:

Service Project		2,000.00
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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES-ENDOWMENT FUNDS** **\$34,748.00**

### TRUSTEE'S UNDESIGNATED MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Elevator Repairs, Svc., Maint. & Certification	\$2,257.00	
Furnace Repairs, Svc., Maint. & Certification	821.00	
Fire Prevention, Svc., Maint., Certification & Security	2,173.00	
Organ/Piano Tuning	750.00	
De-ice & Snow Plowing	1,310.00	
Lawn Mowing & Landscaping	1,980.00	
Pest Control	296.00	
Church Insurance	13,862.00	
Computer for Education Office	375.00	
Miscellaneous	165.00	\$23,989.00

#### Capital Expenditures:

New Organ Console	\$159,355.00	
New Sidewalk & Curb on Broadway	12,950.00	
Seal & Repair West Parking Lot	3,595.00	\$175,900.00

#### Tuesday Night Neighborhood Dinner Expenses:

Janitorial Services	\$1,400.00	
Supplies-Coffee, Sugar, Paper Products, etc.	390.00	
Clean Carpet (2 Times)-Scrub & Wax Kitchen Floor	770.00	\$2,560.00

#### Parsonage Expenses: (Paid by Trustees-Fund Depleted in Early 2015)

Property Taxes	\$2,515.00	
Quarterly Support-Utilities	4,000.00	
Lawn Maintenance, Landscaping & Snow Plowing	1,253.00	

Trustee's Expenditures Continued.

Clean Carpet	335.00	
Furnace, Refridgerator & Plumbing Repairs	117.00	\$8,220.00

**TOTAL-TRUSTEE'S UNDESIGNATED ACCOUNT** **\$210,669.00**

**GRAND TOTAL-EXPENDITURES-ENDOWMENT** **\$245,417.00**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR FEBRUARY

### USHERS – Team 2

Jim Greiner, Captain  
John Christian      Mike Greiner  
Arnie Hirvela      Charlie Manypenny  
Keith Noble      Bill Sol

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

February      Susan Haddox  
March      Ellen Sol/Betty-Jo Sutherin  
April      Susan Haddox

### WELCOME CENTER

5      Jean and Boyd Webster  
12      Treva and Chuck Cline  
19      Dick Diser and Todd Skivolocki  
26      Bruce and Pat Helsel

### TELLERS

5      Jim Greiner & Larry Pyers  
12      Pat Helsel & Marilyn Ruff  
19      Mark Locke & Bruce Helsel  
26      Donna Essick & Marilyn Bower

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Marie Bibbee	14	Bobbie Wright
5	Tom Graham	14	John Sarchione
5	Christopher Handy	14	Carol Grubb
7	Sarah Smith	14	Michael Shields
7	Marilyn Ruff	15	Darlene Howell
7	Joyce Tolerton	20	Jim Williams
9	C. Hubbard Ford	21	Ellen Sol
12	William Rogers	21	Dolores Lawrence
13	Robert Hunter		

*Happy  
Birthday!*

### LITURGISTS

5      Bill Sol  
12      Susan Haddox  
19      Will Kluser  
26      Jamie Greiner

### SANCTUARY GREETERS

5      Jane Helwig  
12      Open  
19      Carolyn Miller  
26      Sharon and Casey Riddle

### NORTH & WEST DOORS GREETERS

5      Corrine and Arnie Hirvela  
12      Peg Rodefer and Patti Hirst  
19      Sharon and Casey Riddle  
26      Kathy and Gene Stroia

### FEBRUARY VISITATION MEMBERS

5      Norma Wasson, 1785 Freshley Ave.  
         Alliance, OH 44601  
12      Rose Wright, 141 W Carol St, Alliance  
19      Donald Brown, 65 W Oxford, Alliance  
26      Ben Springer,

### MARCH CHIMES DEADLINE

The deadline to get articles in the March Chimes is Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Articles may be placed in the slot for Secretary outside the church office or emailed to [secretary@cumcalliance.org](mailto:secretary@cumcalliance.org)



## February Prayer Practice *Examen*

Our prayer motto this year is “Lord, make me what you want me to be.” As we try to understand how God wants to shape our characters and our actions in the future, it is necessary that we understand what has shaped our characters and our actions in the past, and where we are in the present. The prayer practice for February is a powerful aid in that process.

Nearly 500 years ago, Ignatius of Loyola developed a set of spiritual exercises arising from his own experience of trying to discern where God was active in his life. From his writings the practice of *examen*, or self-examination, emerged. Ignatius’s idea was that it is often difficult to see where God is or is not present in the decisions you make at the moment in which they occur. But upon reflection, it is possible to see the fruits of those actions, both in terms of how they make you feel and what consequences result from them. Ignatius, who founded the Society of Jesus, directed his monks to examine themselves three times a day to see when they could detect themselves turning toward God and when they had been turning away from God.

For non-monks, thrice daily *examen* can be a bit much, but during the month of February, try the practice once per day, either upon retiring, looking back at the day, or in the morning, in assessing the day before. Each week I will include different questions to prompt examination, but the basic pattern is as follows.

1. Find a place and time for contemplation. Select the period you will examine (e.g., today).
2. Ask yourself questions like the following, being honest with yourself and God:
  - a. What am I most thankful for about the day? What am I least thankful for?
  - b. When did I feel the gifts of the Spirit (love, peace, joy, life)? When did I feel hatred, turmoil, anger, despair, exhaustion? What prompted those feelings?
  - c. What aspects of the day, including my actions and attitudes, attract me? What aspects, actions, attitudes repel me?
  - d. When did I feel aligned with my deepest desires? When did I feel irrelevant, isolated, without purpose?
  - e. What did I do or say that I am happy about? What did I do or say that makes me ashamed or remorseful?
  - f. 2
3. Examination reveal about God’s presence or absence in your daily life? What do you think God is calling you toward or away from?

Susan Haddox, Lay Leader



Anyone interested in the CUMC Community Garden should contact the Church office or Dave Austin (330 821 2917). We are looking for suggestions, helpers, gardeners who want plots, and people who have sun loving plants and shrubs to make the lot more attractive.

## The excitement is building.

Once again Christ United Methodist Church will be participating in the Apostle Build with the Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity.

This is the fourth time the Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity has undertaken an Apostle Build. The project attempts to involve a minimum of twelve area churches to work together to build a home, this year we have 14 churches. Each Apostle Church will be responsible for:



- Prayer – Praying for the success of the project is the most important commitment.
- Providing Volunteers – each church will provide volunteers to work in the following capacities:
  - Builders
  - Lunch makers
  - Folks to provide devotions for the worksite and other activities
  - A church member to serve as a representative on The Apostle Build Committee
- Provide part of the funding for the home. Each partner church will be raising money for the project. Our commitment is \$5000.

Christ UMC will be one of the 14 churches in the Alliance area to help with this Habitat for Humanity *Apostle Build* project! We will be contributing both our physical involvement (building and serving) and our financial resources. We look forward with excitement to this major mission and ministry project!

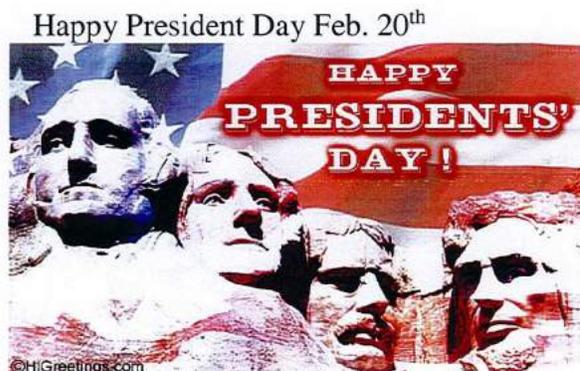
The fourteen churches committed to The Apostle Build are:

**Bethel United Church of Christ**  
**First Christian Church**  
**First Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
**First United Presbyterian**  
**Grace Community Church**  
**Reading Church of the Brethren**  
**Science Hill Community Church**

**Spirit of Faith Christian Center**  
**Union Avenue United Methodist**  
**Alliance Christian Center**  
**Maranatha Church**  
**M3**  
**Life in the Son**  
**Christ United Methodist Church**

As you drive around the Alliance area you will see these participating churches displaying a large white banner with the Habitat for Humanity logo and the statement, "Apostle Build Church". (As soon as the ground thaws so the signs can be erected!)

If you are interested in helping in any way with this very unique mission project, please give the Church office a call or call Mark Locke, representative to the Apostle Build Committee.



## TROOP 50 AND PACK 50 NEWS

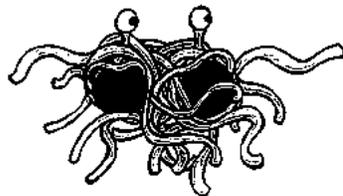
The Scouts of Troop 50 and Pack 50 are midway through their scouting year and looking forward to many activities. Troop 50 has been sponsored by CUMC for 86 consecutive years and Pack 50 for 12 years. Both units recently completed re-chartering with nine boy scouts and thirty-five cubs scouts.

This fall's popcorn sale was a big success. Thank you to all who supported scouting by purchasing from a scout. Many thanks to Tricia Wagner, the popcorn "kernel", for coordinating both the troop and pack sales. In addition, in November both units collaborated on a citywide "Scouting for Food" collection which netted over a ton of food for the Alliance Community Food Pantry.

The Boy Scouts recently took Second Place at the Sandy Beaver Klondike Derby. They spent considerable time and effort in preparation and they should be very proud of their success. In other camping activities, scouts along with adult leaders completed a walkway and new bulletin board at Lenape campsite at Seven Ranges as a service project. Future plans include installation of a new roof on the Stanford Pavilion at Camp Rodman.

By printing time the Cubs will have already completed the ever popular Pinewood Derby- Jan 29 on the fourth floor auditorium. In other current activities and upcoming events, Pack 50 is making plans for the Blue and Gold banquet to be held on February 27. The Tiger Cubs continue to work toward the Bobcat badge and team building games. The Wolf Den plans to finish "Howl at the Moon" and learn about sign language. The Bear Den recently completed their "Whittlin' Chip" and is planning a carnival to be held in conjunction with the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in February. Webelos 1 den recently had Terry Weese talk about First Aid and First Responder. They are planning to complete cast iron chef and 3 mile hike. Webelos 2 has completed the Cyber Chip and is studying citizenship in "Building a Better World."

The Scouts look forward to worshipping with CUMC on Scout Sunday, February 12. Following the service there will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in fellowship hall. Cost will be \$7.



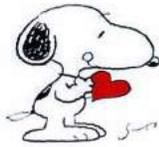
### **Thank you to our staff!**

On February 26, the Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to show your appreciation to our staff. We at Christ UMC have been blessed by the leadership of our staff: Lynn Goldrick, Julie Greiner, Mike Greiner, Jamie Greiner, Kim Handy, Chrissy Shields, Lew Shields, Carolyn Wallace, Dolores Lawrence, JoAnn Patterson, Chris Martin, and Stephanie Lee. These staff members of our church have stepped out in faith and answered God's call to be leaders among us. There will be a luncheon following the service and an opportunity for all of us to celebrate with these staff members whom we love!



# 2017

\***Sunday** Worship & Program  
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:15 A.M. Worship Service  
 10:45 A.M. Children Choirs  
 5:00 P.M. Youth Choirs  
 6:00 P.M. UMYF Snack Supper  
 6:30 P.M. **UM Youth Fellowship**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4p Staff Mtg 5:3p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:30 CWU Brd 1p. CWU General Mtg/Program at New Zion Baptist Church	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 5th Sunday after Epiphany *See Sunday Schedule	<b>6</b> 7p. Scouts	<b>7</b> 12:00 Prayer in Chapel 5:30p Community Dinner 7p. Unit Mtg at Copeland Oaks.	<b>8</b> 4p Music Mtg 5:3p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> 7pm Prayer Shawls	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 6th Sunday after Epiphany SCOUT SUNDAY *See Sunday Schedule 5p. CRC Visitations	<b>13</b> 7p. Scouts	<b>14</b> 12:00 Prayer in Chapel 5:30p Community Dinner 6:30 SPRC 	<b>15</b> 4p Music Meeting 5:3p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 7th Sunday after Epiphany *See Sunday Schedule	<b>20</b> 12:30p. Dorcas Cir. 7p. M & M Circle 7p Scouts	<b>21</b> 12:00 Prayer in Chapel 5:30p Community Dinner 7p. May Smyth Circle 7p Susie Circle	<b>22</b> <b>1:30p Cong. Care</b> 4p Music Meeting 5:3p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8th Sunday after Epiphany *See Sunday Schedlue 5p. CRC Visitations	<b>27</b> 7p Scouts 7p Executive Mtg UMW	<b>28</b> 12:00 Prayer in Chapel 5:30p Community Dinner 6:30p Trustees 7:00p Worship	 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>			<i>hello march</i>