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Serve God by Sharing Compassion Hope and Love**

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Upcoming Dates!

June 1 st	Communion at Copeland Oaks – 11 am
June 4 th	Day of Penecost Sunday
June 11 th	First Sunday – Service in Fellowship Hall
June 18 th	Church in the Park
June 25 th	Last Sunday Choir Sings in service until Sept. 10th





Many Hands Make Light Work

As we join with thirteen other area churches in the Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build, we are aware how true this old adage is.

You will have several opportunities this summer to lend your hands in support of our commitment to the Habitat Build. First you may volunteer to help with the build on Saturday, July 15, from 8AM to 3PM. Bruce Helsel is leading our building effort and will be glad to sign you up to help by providing you with an Apostle Build t-shirt. There will be jobs for all. You may also put your hands to work in support of the project financially. In a few days you will receive a special mailing with envelopes for contributions to help meet our \$5,000 pledge.

As you think how your hands can help, consider the philosophy employed by Habitat. They do not give houses away. They seek people who need a home. The applicant must be committed and willing to partner with Habitat to work alongside the volunteers and staff in construction. And, they must have the ability to pay a no-profit, no-interest mortgage. This year Ivan and Sophie (Kelly) Marshall and their three children have been selected as recipients of the Apostle Build home. Stop by the corner of Pike and Oak to see what good things are happening in Alliance because many hands are making the job lighter.



CHIMES DEADLINE: The deadline for the June 2017 issue of *The Chimes* is Tuesday, May 16th. Articles may be placed in the Secretary's slot outside the church office or emailed to secretary@cumcalliance.org

Look for the baby bottles!

During the months of May and June, from Mother's Day to Father's Day, we will be collecting spare change (and bills!) on behalf of the Alliance Pregnancy Center. Pregnancy Center provides a range of free services to expecting and new parents: pregnancy tests and ultrasound, counseling, parenting classes, clothing, and more.



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Fifth Tuesday: Dinner is on us!



May 30 will be the fifth Tuesday of the month, so it's again time for Christ UMC to provide and serve the community dinner. Last time we had a great turnout. We again need desserts and volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up. Cooking starts around 4pm, and the dinner is at 5:30pm.

The Christian Outreach Committee



As the *Chimes* goes to press, we are nearing the completion of our month-long local mission emphasis on the **Alliance Community Pantry!** We are delighted to report that throughout the month of April, children, youth and adults generously contributed peanut butter, tuna, toilet paper, face and body soap (and other items) for the drive.. Great job, everyone!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

The Christian Outreach Commission

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

May 2, Unit Meeting - 7:00 P.M. in the church lounge

Program: **Regula Center for Public Service**

Leaders: **Abby Honaker, Director**

Hostesses and Greeters: **May Smith Circle**

Circles

May 15,	12:30 PM	Dorcas Circle:	Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks
May 15,	7:00 PM	M&M Circle:	Pat Helsel, 1633 Denwood St.
May 16,	7:00 PM	Susie Buckel Circle:	At the Church
May 16,	7:00 PM	May Smyth Circle:	

The United Methodist Women Basement Sale:

Thursday, May 11th – 9:00 AM - ? set-up;

Friday, May 12th – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sale

Saturday, May 13th – 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Need workers for all times and clean-up after noon on Saturday. Please help.... Carolyn Miller and Jean Webster



“Save the Date” for the Women’s Fall Retreat sponsored by United Methodist Women on Sat. Sept. 16th at the Huston Nature Center.

Dr. JoAnn Patterson has been awarded **UMW’s special mission recognition** for her dedication and leadership to the youth of our church and the church as a whole. This award is usually presented as a part of our UMW Sunday Service. However with “Dr. J’s” current commitment on Sunday mornings to her “other” congregation, this award will be presented to her at another time.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May 5th at First Christian Church , 1141 W. Beech Street, Alliance OH. May Friendship Luncheon at noon. Program is “Kindling Fires of Love” at 1:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER



At a recent Christian Education meeting we discussed past, present and upcoming activities but in a little different way than usual. Considering our role as Christian Educators led us to a review of the mission statement of Christ United Methodist Church that refers to making disciples of Jesus Christ. Our mission statement resembles that of our Connectional Church and we then asked this question: do our activities and experiences lead people into a mature relationship with God and into a life of discipleship? Of course, we do not have any concrete research data to confirm or deny this. However, we did decide to review our call to this Christian Education ministry, where it stands now, and how we can make it better.

According to a United Methodist publication describing the nature of Christian Education, the purpose is three-fold: to form, to inform and to transform. Most of our members, friends and visitors come to us already formed with certain ideas and behaviors in place. The focus of Christian Education at this point is to enhance that formation process by encouraging them to adopt biblically based and theologically sound lives. Thus the process of informing becomes central to the teaching ministry. We must present names, dates, facts and locations as well as the what, who, when and how of our faith as it is recorded in the Bible. The Bible is special because its writers were inspired by God to deliver His message and we can be sure that it is the only book that has God's message to His people in it. In spite of being the best selling book in the world and being translated into more than 2,000 different languages, the Bible is the only book inspired by God and the only book of revelation from God Himself.

As we encourage others to continue in their formation, Christian Education may need to enhance our process of information as we pray that the transformation will ultimately take place with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is the biblical literacy that transforms us into mature disciples of Christ who are growing more and more into His likeness. We must, therefore, work diligently at laying down the best biblical foundation possible. We intend to do our part and continue with the processes of forming, informing and, hopefully transforming.

Peace,
Dr. J

SAVE THE DATE!
MUSIC CAMP IS COMING!



**The Children's Summer Music Camp will be July 17-21, here at the church.
We will need adults and youth to help us. More details next month.**



Blessing Bags: We will be making up more Blessing Bags in Early Summer. We will need small soaps, small shampoos, deodorants, wash cloths or sponges, snacks and toothbrushes. Thank you.
Jean Webster and Carolyn Miller.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Sheryl Lain	18	W. Keith Reed
2	Sheryl Dean	18	Paul Helsel
4	Steve Diser	18	Philip Helsel
4	Kathy Brienza	20	Thelma Greiner
5	Ben Castellucci	20	Becky Gard
8	Victor Lee	22	Diane Thomas
10	Todd Skivolocki	22	Kayla Handy
11	Owen Davidson	22	Aerien Starkey
11	Joseph George	24	Phyllis Messenheimer
12	Amy George	25	Dorothy Taylor
14	Ben Bolog	27	Martha Reed
17	Shirley Carberry	28	Louise Coldwell

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

William and Nancy Prueter
May 1, 1976
Sandra and John Skivolocki
May 11, 1991
Tyler and Jenni-Jo Kinser
May 17, 1997
Eric and Chrissy Shields
May 18, 1996
Ed and Haven Ackley
May 27, 1972
Charlie Manypenny and
Cynthia Carlin-Manypenny
May 27, 1993
Patrick and Lori Heddleston
May 30, 1987

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY

USHERS - Team #4

Bruce Helsel, Captain

Karen Locke	Mark Locke
Bill Prueter	Larry Pyers
Cheri Rodefer	

LITURGISTS

7	Jamie Greiner
14	Pat Helsel
21	Bill Sol
28	Victor Lee

COMMUNION STEWARDS

May	Susan Haddox
June	Patti Hirst
July	Ellen Sol & Betty-Jo Sutherin

SANCTUARY GREETERS

7	
14	See Bulletin
21	
28	

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

7	Jim & Jill Greiner
14	Ellen & Bill Sol
21	Cynthia Carlin & Charlie Manypenny
28	Jean & Boyd Webster

NORTH & WEST DOORS GREETERS

7	Corrine & Arnie Hirvela
14	Kathy & Gene Stroia
21	Jan Essick & Julie Greiner
28	Pat Helsel & Patti Hirst

TELLERS

7	Pat Helsel & Marilyn Ruff
14	Mark Locke & Bruce Helsel
21	Donna Essick & Marilyn Bower
28	Jan Essick & Nancy Prueter





MAY VISITATION MEMBERS

- 7 Louise Coldwell, 800 S. 15th Street #9240, Sebring, OH 44672
- 14 Nicki Orwick, 14901 Carey Rd Apt. 146, Carmel, IN 46033
- 21 Thelma Greiner, 800 S. 15th Street #9270, Sebring OH 44672
- 28 Vivian Reid, 800 S. 15th St. Apt. 7321, Sebring, OH 44672



Scouting News

At the Sandy Beaver Recognition Dinner last month our scoutmaster, Brian Burse, was recognized as Scoutmaster of the Year. Congratulations and much appreciation goes to Brian for his dedication and work with the scouts. Brian also serves as Committee Chairman for Pack 50. Also, the Pack was recognized with a Gold Award and the Troop a Silver Award in Journey to Excellence.

The Cubs and Scouts recently participated in the annual "Good Turn" project at CUMC. They swept and raked around the building, cleaned and mulched the bed along Broadway, scrubbed and cleaned the Fellowship Hall chairs, and tilled and prepared the community garden. Bear Den Cub Scouts planted sunflower and bean seeds in the garden.

The Boy Scouts attended the Spring Camporee and merit badge conference at Camp McKinley. The Webelos Scouts will conduct a crossover at Silver Park on April 30. The adults plan to roof the Stanford Pavilion at Camp Rodman on April 29.

SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC

This summer there are ten Sundays in need of Special Music.

Starting July 2th through September 3th, the Chancel Vocal Choir will be "*on vacation*" so our worship services need your talents to help in the praise and worship of God. So, brush off that song book, breakout the instrument, or collect a small group to assist in this important ministry of our church.

Those interested should contact the office or Lew Shields to verify available dates.



May Prayer Practice: Wesleyan Discernment

Discernment is the process of recognizing where God is active in your life, your community, and your world, and listening closely to hear what God wants you to do. Our theme for the Year of Prayer, “Lord, make me what you want me to be,” is a prayer for discernment. We have already engaged in several types of prayers that help us focus on God’s work in our lives. This month, we will look to our own Methodist tradition for guidance.

The Wesleyan Quadrilateral is a well-known concept in Methodism, and while John Wesley did not articulate it as such, the quadrilateral reflects his emphasis on the necessity of each of the factors for Christian spiritual development: Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. Teresa Blythe in *50 Ways to Pray*, has developed these four factors into a structured discernment process we will be following this month.

Prayerful discernment involves letting go of preconceptions about the direction that the answers will take, instead remaining open to the leading of God. The quadrilateral can help us to test the questions we bring to the process against these important elements of Christian wisdom.

The first step in the process is to clearly define the question or issue that requires guidance. Next, center yourself in prayer as you begin to ask for discernment. The process may stretch over time as you engage in research and questioning. Ask for God’s presence and direction.

Begin the Wesleyan discernment with **scripture**. What scriptural passages might shed light on your question? Do the biblical characters have similar issues? You may use a concordance or other biblical resource to help you find references to the theme of your question.

Next consider **tradition**. How do Christian creeds, statements of faith, or other teachings address the issue? How has it been addressed in church history? What do your trusted spiritual friends or pastors say about the issue?

Third, look to **reason**. What is a logical response to the issue? What are the consequences of different courses of action? What are pros and cons to paths you may take?

Finally, weigh the question against your **experience**. How has God acted in your life in the past? What sense of calling do you feel now? What is your gut reaction? Has your instinct been a trustworthy guide to God’s will in the past? Is there a response that leads you to feel closer to God?

Spend a few minutes reflecting on the different parts of the quadrilateral. Which has been most helpful in your discernment for this issue? Which was less helpful? Do the factors point in the same direction? Do any of options “warm your heart”?

Select what you find as the best option and sit with it awhile in prayer. When the time is right, act on your decision. Afterward, consider in prayer the consequences of your decision and action. Do you see evidence of God’s guidance in the outcome? Do you need to follow up or revise your action?





THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you for remembering me with a lovely planter. I will enjoy it for a long time, I know. Also thanks for the visit I had with a cheery lady who spent time here. It is so nice to know I am still part of Christ United Methodist Church, even though I am unable to attend. Sincerely and lovingly.
Vivian Reid

Dearest CUMC family, I am so grateful for all of your continuing prayers and support. Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is a very welcomed reminder of God's Blessings and the power of prayer. Love Diane Thomas.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

A special THANK YOU to all who assisted in the delivery of the violet plants to our visitation and shut in members during Holy Week. Twenty-Seven plants and cards were delivered. This project was organized by Kathy Stroia. Again, thank you to everyone who helped with this project.

Rev. Lee will serve communion to our Copeland Oaks members - and anyone else who would like to join us – on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel at Copeland Oaks. The service will be followed by a fellowship luncheon at 12:00 noon. Reservations are due to our church office by May 26th.







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 donation, and that the third Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. **For April, 50 items were collected. May 15th** will be the next date collected donations of non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products, and cash donations will be counted for delivery to the Salvation Army. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!

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***Sunday** Worship & Program Opportunities
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
 10:15 A.M. Worship Service
 10:45 A.M. Cherub & Wesley Choirs
 6:00 P.M. UMYF Snack Supper May 7th & 14th
 6:30 P.M. **United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ecot 9a-2p 	2 → 12p <i>Prayer Time/Chapel</i> 5:30p Comm. Dinner 7p UMW Unit meeting	3 .Ecot 9a-2p 7:00p Chancel Vocal Choir	4 →	5 Ecot – 9a-2p Church Women United: Noon, lunch 1p Program, 1 st Christian Church	6
7 4 th Sunday of Easter 5p CRC Visitations *See Sunday Schedule	8 630p Ch. Education 7p Christian Outreach 7p Boy Scouts	9 12p <i>Prayer Time/Chapel</i> 5:30p Comm. Dinner 6:30p Finance 7p Administrative Council	10 4p Music Staff mtg. 7p Chancel Vocal Choir	11 9a Setup Basement 6:30p Thread of Love	12 9a-4p Basement Sale	13 9a-12p Basement Sale 12p Cleanup
14 5 th Sunday of Easter  See Sunday Schedule	15 12:30p Dorcas Cir. 7p Boy Scouts 7p M & M Circle Chimes Deadline	16 12p <i>Prayer Time/Chapel</i> 5:30p Comm. Dinner 7p Susie Circle 7p May Smyth Circle	17 12:30p Cong. Care 4 Music Staff mtg. 6:30p Chancel Bells 7p Chancel Choir	18 5:30 Cooking for Soul	19	20
21 6 th Sunday of Easter <i>Heritage Sunday</i> <i>Salvation Army Food</i> 5p CRC Visitations *See Sunday Schedule	22 7p Boy Scouts	23 12p <i>Prayer Time/Chapel</i> 5:30p Comm. Dinner 6:30p Board of Trustees	24 6:00p Choirs picnic at Brumbaugh Nature Center	25 5:30 Cooking for Soul	26	27
28 7 th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday *See Sunday Schedule	29  Memorial Day	30 12p <i>Prayer Time/Chapel</i> 5:30p Comm. Dinner	31		