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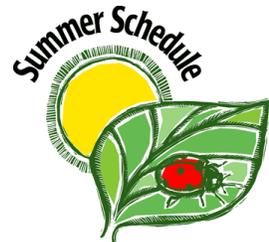
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**JUNE 2017**

***Summer Sunday Schedule***  
***June 11th, through September 3, 2017***  
***(June 4<sup>th</sup> is in the Sanctuary)***



***9:00 A.M. Sunday School classes for all ages***  
***10:15 A.M. Worship Service held in Fellowship Hall***

***Sunday, June 18th, Worship and Church Picnic in Silver Park***  
***11:00 A.M. Worship                      12:00 P.M. Picnic***  
***Please bring table ware and food to share.***

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As I write this little communication I am surrounded by a chorus every bit as beautiful as "Hallelujah" from Handel's MESSIAH. But this chorus I'm hearing isn't made up of trained voices singing a famous musical masterpiece. This impromptu but delicately beautiful chorus is emanating from the voices of God's feathered creatures as they go about their early morning (pre-dawn) tasks while singing the praises their Creator has put within them! What are they singing as they toil to find food and shelter and safety for their little ones? Are they praising God for the gift of life, in spite of the hardships they face daily? Are their songs such as those sung by the ancient psalmists?

*"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." – Psalm 34:1*

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name." – Psalm 103:1*

But I almost missed this exquisite music because also as I write this, our airwaves are filled with other voices telling of numbers of innocent people killed at a different concert by a suicide bomber for whom God's music must have gone silent. And there are a plethora of such equally dark choruses all around me, and around you as well.

Why is there such a difference in what emanates from these different voices when the harshness of life is no different? And why did I myself almost miss the beautiful sounds emanating from the bird chorus – music that truly lifted my soul – in favor of the voices bearing witness telling of the works of darkness?

Once when, as the Gospel writer relates, "...the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." (Luke 19:37b-40)

I think that as we begin to enjoy more and more the warmer temperatures which bring times of vacation, respite and renewal, I am going to intentionally take more time to listen to the wonderful voices of God's creation that sing those beautiful melodies of praise before their Creator. Maybe I will even join in their songs! But let me never be so overwhelmed by voices bringing darker choruses that God's regenerating music grows silent for me and my heart empty of such simple but magnificent praise! How about it, won't you join me?

Have a wonderful, and praise filled summer season!

Pastor Stephanie

♪ "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..." ♪



## June Prayer Practice: A Praying Community

While most of the prayer practices we have explored thus far focus on individual spirituality, the church is at its essence a community. The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, literally means assembly or gathering. This month we are going to focus on prayer practices that support community. In this case we are not talking about communal prayers, or those prayers that we say together in assembly, but about practices and attitudes that lead us to deepen and strengthen our identity as a community of God.

Daniel Wolpert in *Creating a Life with God* uses St. Benedict as a model for creating a community of prayer. Benedict set up rules for his order of monks. In his community, prayer infused everything, from individual contemplative prayer to scrubbing the kitchen floor. He identifies a number of qualities that cultivate community. These include humility, obedience, empowerment, listening, prayer, relationship, stability, work, and poverty. Some of the qualities are particularly relevant in a monastic community, but each of them can be instructive for creating community in our own church.

Each week we will focus on a particular attribute that will involve self-examination and practice. The lectionary readings from John in the month of May focused on creating a community of love and service to one another. Jesus' commandment to love one another requires intentional obedience, as our human natures often lead us toward resentment and division. Humility is necessary to overcome our egos that often get in the way of relationships. To be in genuine relationship with one another, we must be honest, both speaking and listening in love. A relationship requires commitment and stability—the willingness to continue to be there for each other when things become tense. Working together side by side for a common cause helps people to overcome differences of demographics and ideology. The monastic vow of poverty reminds us that God calls us away from attachment to material goods and focusing on the values of the kingdom of God.

A loving, serving, honest, and humble community is an empowered community. It is a community that embodies the values that Jesus impressed upon his followers. A life of prayer shapes our efforts to live out that community and to grow as disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Lord, make us what you want us to be.

Susan Haddox, Lay Leader

## **SUMMER MUSIC CAMP IS COMING**

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP IS COMING JULY 17-22! Save the date and plan to be involved. The kids will be learning the musical in addition to their activities with handchimes, Orff instruments, drums, crafts, snack and Bible time. It literally takes a church working together to make the camp work. The adult helpers will work as greeters, Shepherds, man the Registration table, help at the reception for Friday evening, and help wherever help is needed.

We will need an assortment of INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED snacks and beverages. Small bottles of water are preferred. We will also need round containers for drums.

THANK YOU ALL for your help and support. This is a FREE outreach for kids in our community who will be going into grades 1-6 in the fall. Registration forms are available in the church office.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

**Camyrn Ellis** graduated from Alliance High School. She will be going to Stark State College on a 2 year scholarship in TV Broadcasting. She is the granddaughter of Marsha Ellis.



**Anna Russ** graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas. She will be going to Ohio Northern University with a major in Pharmacy. She is the friend of the Shields family and has participated in the youth choirs and the UMYF.

**Cody Shearrow** graduated cum laude from the University of Mount Union with a BS in Exercise Science. He will be leaving on July 2nd to continue his education in Germany for the next year. He is the grandson of Marsha Ellis.

**Jacob Sutton** graduated from the University of Mount Union with a BS in Financial Mathematics. He is currently looking for a job in the field of Financial Math. He is the son of Jennifer and Seth Sutton.

**Travis Cline** graduated from University of Missouri with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and a Masters of Public Health. Travis married Lauren Hapes on Sat. May 13, 2017 and will be living in Colorado Springs CO. He will be working in a small animal practice. Travis is the son of Treva and Chuck Cline.

**Ryan McCammon** graduated from University of Mount Union with a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership. Ryan is a school teacher in the Washington DC area. Ryan is the son of Gary and Nancy McCammon and grandson of Nicki Orwick.

### Free Family Fun! Community Carnival, Saturday, July 1



This year, our Community Carnival will be on Saturday, July 1, from 6pm to 8pm, in the church parking lot. The rain date is Sunday, July 2. We moved the date a little earlier in the year, to avoid conflict with our Apostle Build work day. This free event will offer kid games, a bounce house, face painting, and free snacks.

We need volunteers to set up the Carnival, to supervise the activities, and to clean up. Please spread the word, to help or just to come have fun!

Food for thought...

## Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation The Myth of Redemptive Violence

Leviticus 16 describes the ingenious ritual from which our word “scapegoating” originated. On the Day of Atonement, a priest laid hands on an “escaping” goat, placing all the sins of the Jewish people from the previous year onto the animal. Then the goat was beaten with reeds and thorns and driven out into the desert. And the people went home rejoicing, just as European Christians did after burning a supposed heretic at the stake, or white Americans did after the lynching of black men. Whenever the “sinner” is excluded, our ego is delighted and feels relieved and safe. It sort of works, but only for a while. Usually the illusion only deepens and becomes catatonic, blind, and repetitive—because of course, scapegoating did not really work to eliminate the evil in the first place.

*Jesus became the scapegoat to reveal the universal lie of scapegoating.* Note that John the Baptist said, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the *sin*[singular] of the world” (John 1:29). It seems “the sin of the world” is ignorant hatred, fear, and legitimated violence.

The Gospel is a highly subversive document. It painstakingly illustrates how the systems of both church and state (Caiaphas and Pilate) conspired to condemn Jesus. Throughout most of history, church and state have both sought plausible scapegoats to carry their own shame and guilt.

*Jesus became the sinned-against one to reveal the hidden nature of scapegoating* and so that we would see how wrong people in authority can be—even religious important people (see John 16:8-11 and Romans 8:3). The scapegoat mechanism largely operates in the unconscious; people do not know what they are doing. Scapegoaters do not know they are scapegoating, but they think they are doing a “holy duty for God” (John 16:2). You see why inner work, shadow work, and honest self-knowledge are all essential to any healthy religion.

In worshiping Jesus as the scapegoat, Christians should have learned to stop scapegoating. We too could be utterly wrong about choosing victims, just as high priest and king, Jerusalem and Rome—the highest levels of authority—were utterly wrong about Jesus. Power itself is not a good guide, yet for many, if not most people, authority soothes their anxiety and relieves their own responsibility to form a mature conscience.

Millions of soldiers have given their only lives by believing the lies of Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Stalin, Pol Pot, and Hitler, to name a few. The vast majority of violence in history has been sacralized violence. Members of ISIS probably believe they are doing God’s will. The Ku Klux Klan uses the cross as their symbol!

With God on our side, our violence becomes necessary and even “redemptive violence.” But there is no such thing as *redemptive* violence. Violence doesn’t *save*; it only destroys in both short and long term. Jesus replaced the myth of redemptive violence with the truth of redemptive suffering. He showed us on the cross how to hold the pain and let it transform us, rather than pass it on to the others around us

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

## Alliance Mission Project

Every year for a week in June, churches in Alliance get together to do in-town mission work: helping with exterior home repair and maintenance projects for elderly and needy households in Alliance. This year the Mission will be Monday, June 19 to Friday, June 23. Many of the projects this year are light construction (building wheelchair ramps, fixing porches) rather than painting. No skill/experience required but always appreciated!

If you know of a household that could be added to the mission list, contact Victor Lee immediately.



You can help out in 4 ways:

- **WORK:** You can help as little or as much as you wish. Show up at Alliance Christian Center, 670 W Main St at 7:30am, in work clothes. Sunscreen, a hat, and gloves are recommended. Lunch is provided at the church.
- **LUNCH:** We are providing and serving lunch on Wednesday, June 21. Contact Jean Webster for details.
- **DONATE:** Cash donations to help with lunch or building materials is appreciated. Checks should be labeled "Alliance Mission Project".
- **PRAY:** for the safety and success of the workers and that the work will be a blessing to everyone.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

A reminder to our congregation of the Communion Service at Copeland Oaks on Thursday, June 1, 2015 with the Communion Service at 11:00 A.M. led by Rev. Stephanie Lee. A fellowship luncheon will follow at 12:00 noon in the Terrace Room. This will be served Cafeteria style. A special thank you to Peg Williams.

*Our committee is seeking additional persons to assist at the Welcome Center and North and West Doors as greeters.* If you have questions and/or are willing to participate, please contact the church office at 330-823-7136. Thank you in advance! Congregational Care Committee



**CHIMES DEADLINE:** The deadline for the July- August 2017 issue of *The Chimes* is Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Articles may be placed in the Secretary's slot outside the church office or emailed to [secretary@cumcalliance.org](mailto:secretary@cumcalliance.org)



In my nurse aide classes I often give practice tests to keep students familiar with the curriculum and to enhance the learning process. There are some tests that have answer sheets at the end of the test packet and many students are pleasantly surprised to find such an answer sheet after having struggled to obtain the right answers. We are Christians who are still in the process of being transformed by the Word of God which is for the people of God. Please enjoy these Bible Content Questions from the Pentateuch and I will include the location of the answers. There will be more to come.

1. According to the book of Deuteronomy, with what will God bless Israel (Deut.11:13ff)?
  - a. Faithfulness
  - b. Purity
  - c. Righteousness
  - d. Prosperity
2. According to the Book of Leviticus, which group is to purify themselves and make sacrifices on certain occasions (Lev. 12:1-8)?
  - a. Sojourners
  - b. Women
  - c. Soldiers
  - d. Servants
3. By what means were the Israelites guided through the wilderness after they left Egypt (Exod.13:21-22)?
  - a. Jethro and his family
  - b. Moses' knowledge of the area
  - c. The pillars of cloud and fire
  - d. The reconnaissance of the twelve spies
4. Who was made a leper but then healed after seven days (Num.12:10-15)?
  - a. Miriam
  - b. Jezebel
  - c. Vashti
  - d. Bathesba
5. With what event are the "scapegoat", "Aaron", and "sin offering" connected (Lev. 16)?
  - a. Day of Atonement
  - b. Feast of Harvest
  - c. Feast of Ingathering
  - d. Passover

May your study be informative, interesting and fun.

Peace,

Dr. J

**SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC:** This summer there are ten Sundays in need of Special Music. Starting July 2<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>th</sup>, 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.





### . Many Hands Make Light Work

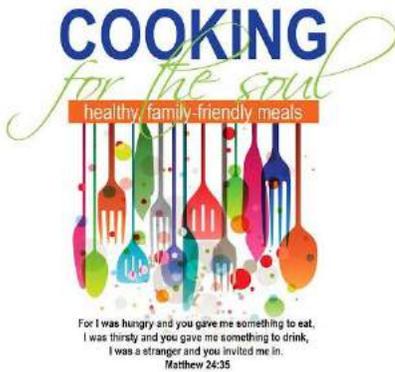
The Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build is well underway. Building has been going on each week with the house now under roof.

Progress has also been made here at Christ Church. On Sunday, May 7, Bruce Helsel, project manager, informed the congregation about our participation in the Build. Ruth Williams, president of United Methodist Women, was able to kick-off the fundraising efforts by presenting Bruce with a check for \$500. The money is available to UMW through the generous foresight of Martha Goldrick. It was Martha's desire to assist UMW to be able to respond to mission and outreach needs in the future. The Unit voted to make it a priority to support this valuable community project.

Take a moment to look at the lounge display with hands reaching up the shovel handle toward the goal of \$5,000 for our pledge to Habitat. Currently we have collected \$3,185!

Remember special collections will also be taken for Habitat on the second Sundays of June and July. You also may sign up to help at the Build on July 8. Jobs are available for all skill levels.

We thank you for your generous gifts as our congregation continues to make a difference in our community.



It's hard to believe, but we have just completed Year 3 of *Cooking for the Soul* Classes! The Susie Buckel Circle is so thankful that God has provided us with this avenue to share Christ's love and serve others! We are thankful for each member of Christ United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women for all of your continuing support of the classes. All of your contributions are essential to the implementation of this project and very much appreciated – THANK YOU!!! We are amazed by the ways the Lord continues to provide us with opportunities to continue the *Cooking for the Soul* Classes - and for this we are truly grateful! "*For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*" - Psalm 107:9."

The Susie Buckel Circle





**ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY PROJECT**

Thank you to all who supported this local mission project! Below is the picture of the items that you donated during the month of April..

THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Items Collected for the Alliance Community Pantry in April

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

June 6 - 6:15 PM: ***Picnic at Copeland Oaks*** in the small room off the back of the dining room. Dorcas Circle members are serving as Hostesses and Greeters, and will be providing beverages. Each member is asked to bring a dish to share. Dinner ware will be provided. Guests are welcome!

**June Circle Meetings**

June 19,	12:30 PM	Dorcas Circle:	Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks
June 19,	6:00 PM	M&M Circle:	College Inn at 6PM!
June 20,	7:00 PM	Susie Buckel Circle:	TBD
June 20,	7:00 PM	May Smyth Circle:	Next meeting is in September



**“Save the Date”** for the Women’s Fall Retreat sponsored by the United Methodist Women on Sat. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Husted Nature Center.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED’S June 2, 2017 meeting will be The CWU Board will meet at 11:30 AM at Middle Sandy Evangical Presbyterian Church.** The program and general meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. The program is presented by Shirley Griffin. “What Hat Are You Wearing” (All members wear Hats).

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

**THANK YOU:** The Alliance Community Pantry thanks you for your donation of toilet tissue, tuna, Peanut butter, etc.



**A big thank you goes out to all** who made it possible for the highly successful United Methodist Women's Basement Sale. From those who brought the many donated items for the sale, to the many who helped prepare, worked the sale and bought items too, to the shoppers who found treasures to buy, as well as to the much needed help of the clean-up crew - **THANK YOU!**

**Dear friends of Christ United Methodist Church:** Thank you so much for the lovely African Violet that was delivered to me by Amy & Cindy. I was so glad to see them and we had such a nice visit. Our Church family is the best. Jan Stoll

**Thank you so much for your recent** food donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, The Staff of Alliance for Children & Families.

**Dear Church Family,** It was so good to have Pettie Shields visit, and to bring the flower and Easter greetings. I miss going to church but life has changed. Thank You, Polly Waggamon



**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.



**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** on behalf of Kevin Aeling on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am to 11:00am. The benefit is be held in our fellowship hall. This fundraiser is to help pay the medical bills for Kevin's hospital bills from Akron Children's Burn Unit.



# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JUNE

## USHERS - Team #1

Dick Diser, Captain

Dan Feess	Joshua Shields
Winston Stroup	Boyd Webster
Jim Williams	Frank Woolf

## LITURGISTS

Summer Schedule: 10:15 AM

4	Josh Shields
11	Jim Greiner
18	Susan Haddox
25	Patti Hirst

WELCOME CENTER AND NORTH & WEST DOORS – Check bulletin for this information.

## COMMUNION STEWARDS

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

## JUNE TELLERS

4	Bill Prueter and Jill Greiner
11	Jim Greiner & Larry Pyers
18	Pat Helsel & Marilyn Ruff
25	Mark Locke & Bruce Helsel

## JUNE VISITATION MEMBERS

2	Louise Coldwell, 800 S. 15 <sup>th</sup> St., #9240, Sebring, OH 44672
9	Polly Waggamon, 800 S. 15 <sup>th</sup> St., Villa 1822, Sebring, OH 44672
16	Mrytle Hanna, 800 S. 15 <sup>th</sup> St., #9131, Sebring OH 44672
23	Lois Bush, 1277 S. Sawburg Ave #105, Alliance OH 44601
30	Jack Madison, 200 East State St. Rm 148, Alliance, OH 44601



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Brittany Strong	22	JoAnn Patterson
3	Zachary Smith	22	Chrissy Shields
4	Elizabeth Wellington		
9	Lucinda Feess	23	Nicholas Skidmore
12	Jennifer Frank	25	Andy Magda
13	Aaron Webster	25	Linda Montgomery
16	Jessica Crider	25	Karen Locke
17	Carolyn Wallace	27	Tyler Kinser
		28	Jerry Sandifer

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Chris and Cindi Martin	June 12, 1969
Wil' and Dorothy Rogers	June 12, 1982
Dick and Susan Diser	June 13, 1970
Craig and Amy Starkey	June 13, 1998
Robert and Nancy Locke	June 25, 1955
Bill and Ellen Sol	June 27, 1970

