



# ***THE CHIMES***

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**Our Mission is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and to  
Serve God by Sharing Compassion Hope and Love**

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| Sept. 1  | CWU at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church                        |
| Sept. 3  | Last Sunday in Fellowship Hall                               |
| Sept. 6  | First Choir Rehearsal starting at 5:30 pm.                   |
| Sept. 10 | First Sunday in Sanctuary                                    |
| Sept. 16 | Fall UMW Spiritual Retreat at Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center |

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### Circles

Sept. 18 12:15 PM	Dorcas Circle	Copeland Oaks
Sept. 18 7:00 PM	M&M Circle:	Sharon Riddle, 866 Fairway Dr.
Sept. 19 7:00 PM	May Smyth Circle	TBA
Sept. 19 7:00 PM	Susie Buckel Circle	Church

**Fall Spiritual Retreat** is on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center from 9am to 2:30 pm. The theme is Renewing Your Soul through scripture, prayer, music and self care for restored energy. We will feature the humor of Pastor Jill Smith, directed Prayer Walk and concludes with Communion. Registration form is included in this Chimes.

**Executive board meeting** will meet on Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

**Next Unit Meeting is Tuesday**, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Dussel Room. Program is "An Evening of Fun" presented by The Susie Circle. Greeters/Hostesses is M&M Circle.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** is the UMW District Fall Meeting at Greentown UMC from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. "Celebrating UMW History with Surprise Guest Speaker.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

**September 1st Meeting** is at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 1845 S. Sawburg Ave., Alliance, OH. Board Meeting at 11:30 am with General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Program – The Valentine Project, "Gifts for Children with Chronic Illnesses".



### CHOIR REHEARSALS

**On Wednesday evenings** there are lots of prayers, scriptures, and fellowship, which might cause one to imagine choir rehearsals as a form of worshipping our God.

Join a choir for that special up-lift music can provide in the middle of the week.

#### Adult Choirs

Wednesday evenings:

5:30PM	Halleluia Bell Choir
6:30PM	Chancel Bell Choir
7:30PM	Chancel Vocal Choir

#### Youth Choirs (Grades 6 through 12)

Sunday Evenings:

5:00PM	Asbury Choir
5:30PM	Ringers for Christ
6:00PM	Snack Supper
6:30PM	United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

United Methodist Women of Christ United Methodist Church  
Spiritual Retreat

**RENEWING YOUR SOUL**



Seek a balanced life away from the distractions of a busy world  
Through Scripture/Prayer/Music and Self Care for Restored Energy  
Featuring the humor of Pastor Jill Smith/Directed Prayer Walk  
Concluding with Communion

**At the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center**

The Nature Center is six miles south of State Route 183 (Union Ave). Entrance and parking for the Nature Center is on Daniel Street (turn left from Rt. 183 and right from Daniel Street).

The Nature Center and the event are Handicapped Accessible.

**Saturday, September 16 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. including lunch**

Registration to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Transportation from Copeland Oaks is available upon request.



**Cost is \$15.00 – Reservation Deadline is September 10**

**Contact Nancy Prueter: 330-823-1632 or [prueter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prueter@sbcglobal.net)**

Please check here if transportation from Cope would be helpful

Name, Address, Phone, Email:	Lunch Choices - Sandwich Turkey / Ham / Vegetarian	\$15.00
1.		
2.		
3.		

**Make checks payable to United Methodist Women**

**Mail to: Christ United Methodist Women, 470 E. Broadway St., Alliance OH 44601**

One of my resource books has a chapter entitled Letters to Young Readers. It describes letters to the younger members of Paul's missionary team, Timothy and Titus. Paul sent them to visit churches that may have needed special help or teaching. Paul writes these letters to them to help them become leaders and help others to grow as Christians. It is not clear what Titus' correct age was at the time but this reference describes Timothy as a teenager when he joined the missionaries. The good news is that there were older leaders (like Paul) who were willing and able to help these young men become good leaders.

Timothy was described as a shy person and not very bold but Paul urged him not to be frightened of people. Yet Paul had faith in Timothy and was sure that God would help him and that he would be one of the church leaders as the older apostles would pass away. Timothy and Titus would become leaders of the churches after Paul and the other apostles would pass away. Here are a few of the 'wise words' Paul wrote to the young leaders:

1. "Continue to have faith and do what you know is right" (I Tim. 1:19).
2. "Treat older women like mothers and younger women like sisters" (I Tim. 5:2).
3. "Those who believe in God will be careful to use their lives for doing good" (Titus 3:8).

A person does not become a Christian leader overnight because they first have to learn to be good Christians and then become leaders. Paul told them in his letters that the leader must first show people how they should live in order to please Jesus; then he encouraged them to continue to read the Scriptures to the people in order to strengthen them and teach them. Children and young people alike can learn to be leaders. In I Timothy we see these Scriptures that can help to prepare someone for a leadership role:

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| 1. How are we to pray and worship God?             | 2:2-15 |
| 2. How can we recognize false teachers?            | 4:1-5  |
| 3. How can we recognize good teachers and leaders? | 4:6-16 |

II Timothy raises these questions for us to answer as leaders and to discuss with younger church members aspiring to be future church leaders.

1. What gifts does God give us and how can we use them? 1:1-18
2. What can we do to be good soldiers of Jesus? 1:1-13
3. What can we learn from older Christians? 3:10-17

Here are some suggestions to think about and to do so that we can help others through the process of developing new and younger leaders. May they be ready when their time comes.

1. Paul helped Timothy to grow as a Christian and become a leader. Who helped you during your growth process as you became a Christian? If you could write that person a 'thank you' note, what would you say?
2. Can you name some younger person that you have personally helped to grow and develop in their Christian growth process?
3. Ask some of the leaders in this Church (church officer, pastor or minister, etc.) about the person (or persons) who helped them on their Christian journey when they were young?

Peace,  
Dr. J



## HOLY COMMUNION

If you are ill and/or homebound and would like to have Holy Communion brought to you, please call the church office at 330-823-7136 to that this can be arranged.



## Thanksgiving Day Meal Program Relocating to CUMC

Three and a half years ago, when the Neighborhood Center closed, God showed us an opportunity and we embraced it. We offered to host the Tuesday night community dinners in our newly remodeled kitchen and fellowship hall, and it has been a blessing to us and the community since then. A similar opportunity has arisen and we again are stepping up.

Beginning in 2006, First Immanuel UCC has offered free delivered or carry-out meals on Thanksgiving morning, to persons in Alliance and surrounding communities. First Immanuel has provided the kitchen and the organization, while the food donations and the hundred or so volunteers have come from persons throughout the community, including many of you.

In recent years, the number of meals has reached about 1500, and the staff at First Immanuel was feeling this was beyond the safe capacity of their small kitchen. Word reached our church. After some meetings between our two churches and an inspection of our facility, the Trustees and Administrative Council approved the plan to relocate the Thanksgiving Day meal delivery and carry-out program to Christ United.

### *What does this mean for Christ UMC?*

The relationship is similar to that of the Tuesday community dinners. We are providing the facility, and others are coming in to do the food preparation and distribution. It's just that the food volume and planning will be much greater!

First Immanuel will continue to do virtually all the planning and organizing. Having volunteered with the program several times, Victor Lee will serve as our coordinator before and on Thanksgiving Day. The new responsibilities that we will take on include the following:

- Assist with taking advance orders for meal delivery.
- Store turkeys, other food, and cardboard boxes in the days leading up the Thanksgiving.
- Set up Fellowship Hall before, and do a good cleaning afterwards.

We will be working out the details in the months to come. With your prayers and support, we expect this program will be as successful as it has been in the past.

Victor Lee, Christian Outreach Committee

## **LAITY SUNDAY AND FIFTY YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Please join in worship on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. That Sunday will be Laity Sunday and as part of the worship Service we will recognize members who have 50 or more years of membership in Christ United Methodist Church (and in First Methodist too, prior to 1968).

This tradition of 50 year member recognition began at CUMC in 1975. This year, three new 50 year members, who joined the Church in 1967, will be recognized:

Keith Crewson  
Michael Schafer

Janet Holsinger Fisher

## **PRAYER SHAWLS**

The prayer shawl ministry of Christ Church will begin its fall season with a meeting on September 14, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. in the Dussell Room.

Current members are asked to bring the projects they are working on and join us at the meeting. Anyone who has been considering becoming a part of our group would be so welcome! Congregation members are asked to let the group know of individuals that might find one of the handmade items a blessing, whether it is a joy, a birth, a stressful time, comfort or illness, please speak to any Threads of Love member.

Should you like to support this ministry with a gift, please contact Linda Montgomery or Dolores Lawrence.

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

As summer winds to an end, we begin to look ahead to the fall and upcoming winter. For some, the fall holds new challenges as a new school year begins, or a more structured home life as normal tasks and duties begin again. Some responsibilities don't change, even in the more carefree days of summer. The electric and water bills still must be paid and families still must be clothed and fed. Likewise, your church programs continue throughout the year, thanks to your generous, consistent giving.

Soon, we will ask you to consider your future giving. As you begin to contemplate your pledge for the 2018 year, please REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND WHOSE YOU ARE AND THAT JESUS' WORK CAN ONLY CONTINUE THROUGH YOU.

“Lord Jesus,  
I give you my hands to do your work.  
I give you my feet to go your way.  
I give you my eyes to see as you do.  
I give you my tongue to speak your words.  
I give you my mind that you may think in me.  
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

After all,  
I give you my heart that you may love in me, your Father, and all humankind.  
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.”

- By Lancelot Andrewes, an Anglican bishop from the turn of the seventeenth century.

## **THANK YOU**

We very much appreciate your donations of fresh produce from the community garden. It is wonderful to be able to offer fresh, healthful food to those who shop here. Thank You. Alliance Community Pantry,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation of the many men's and women's "Blessing Bags" that you provide throughout the year. We have people in need who check with us frequently to see if we have any of these bags. Wherever we are able to use the Blessing Bags, we know God will bless them and provide for his children. David Daniels, The Alliance of Churches.

## **Update from SPRC –**

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

As you have been made aware via a letter from Stephanie to the whole congregation, the Conference office, has given us a plan of action to help us transition to a new minister for next year. The purpose of this plan is to help the church move forward during this transition. This is a cooperative/covenantal understanding between the pastor and church toward a vital, vibrant, and effective transition as the church moves forward in ministry and mission. Plan components include but are not limited to the following areas:

We have been assigned a coach, Rev. Keith Bohley, that will work with the church and pastor for one year. The coach will

- Enable more effective communication between church and pastor
- Assist in writing/tweaking current job descriptions, covenantal agreements and implementation process for staff evaluations
- Work with pastor to set goals related to the development of goals that address challenges for more effective leadership
- Help the church deal with the issues around healing/grief that will produce vitality
- Select appropriate times to participate in The Rule of Christ Training
- Discern the appropriate time for conference staff (Kelly Brown and Will Jones) to provide training and tools to increase the church’s footprint into the community via additional partnership and collaborations

The appreciative inquiry model for unleashing positive energy will be a key feature throughout this plan or action. The desired outcomes for this plan of actions is:

- At the end of the year the pastor and church will be better communicators
- Staff’s ability to work together will be improved
- Pastor’s leadership skills will be improved
- Visible signs of healing will be present
- Church’s ability to deal with conflict will be improved
- Church will be more familiar with the community (socially, economically, racially, culturally, etc.)
- New footprint will be identified via collaborations and partnerships
- Church will be healthier and more vibrant as they move into the next phase of ministry.

This is the plan of action that was given to us from the conference office. As we move through this next year of transition, please keep SPRC and the work that committee does in your prayers. We also want to pray for Stephanie’s future appointment and her transition into a new ministry. And, finally, pray for our church; for the new minister who will be appointed here and our future direction.

**Lord, make us what you want us to be. Amen**

## **BASEMENT SALE:**

United Methodist Women will be having a Basement Sale Oct. 6 & 7. Start saving articles for sale. Please mark your calendars to help set on Thursday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and during the sale on Friday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>.

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

## USHERS – Team #4

Bruce Helsel, Captain  
Karen Locke                      Mark Locke  
Bill Prueter                      Larry Pyers  
Cheri Rodefer

## LITURGISTS

3 Patti Hirst  
10 Will Kinser  
18 Ellen Sol  
25 Jamie Greiner

## COMMUNION STEWARDS

Sept.            Patti Hirst

## SANCTUARY GREETERS

3 None  
10 TBA  
17 TBA  
24 TBA

## WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

3 Jean & Boyd Webster  
10 Treva & Chuck Cline  
17 Dick Diser/Todd Skivolocki  
24 Marilyn & Greg Ruff

## NORTH & WEST DOORS GREETERS

3 Corinne & Arnie Hirvela  
10 Cindy & Andy Magda  
17 Sharon & Casey Riddle  
24 Peg Rodefer & Patti Hirst

## TELLERS

3 Jim Greiner & Larry Pyers  
10 Pat Helsel & Marilyn Ruff  
17 Mark Locke & Bruce Helsel  
24 Donna Essick & Marilyn Bower

## SEPTEMBER VISITATION MEMBERS

3 Marilyn Horning, 1277 S. Sawburg Ave. #141, Alliance, OH 44601  
10 Jane Moncrief, 629 Overlook Dr, Alliance OH 44601  
17 Lou Clayton, 1615 Cleveland Rd Room 110, Wooster OH 44691  
24 Shirley Carberry, 1280 S. Sawburg Ave. #136. Alliance OH 44601

**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 [church@cumcalliance.org](mailto:church@cumcalliance.org).



**CHIMES DEADLINE:** The deadline for the September 2016 issue of *The Chimes* is Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Articles may be placed in the Secretary's slot outside the church office or emailed to [church@cumcalliance.org](mailto:church@cumcalliance.org)



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Susan Schafer	16	Jon Reese	23	Gene Stroia
2	Heather Thomas	16	Abbey Blake	24	Joanne Springer
4	Charles Manypenny	17	Dan Feess	26	Peg Rodefer
7	Pat Helsel	18	Amy Essick	29	Sharon Riddle
10	Rev. Stephanie Lee	18	Nancy Locke	29	Dan Gard
11	Steven Wallace	19	Mike Greiner	30	Sharon Griffiths
12	Brad Thomas	19	Bruce Helsel		
13	Joshua Shields	21	Dolores Lapp		
16	Keith Noble	22	Peg Williams		
16	LaVerne Edwards	23	Jim Greiner		



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Steven and Sonya Reisch	8	Stephen and Pat Stone
6	Tom and Jane Graham	16	Roger and Shirley Gantz



### 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 there the third Sunday of each month is designated as Salvation Army Food Pantry Sunday. In August, we collected \$55 plus 22 nonperishable food items. Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!



### HOSPITALIZED

**If you are going to be hospitalized or have surgery. . .** Please take a moment and let the Pastor know either by a phone call or prayer card; or if you are ill and need a pastoral visit, please have someone leave a message for Rev. Lee at the church office, 330-823-7136 days or 440-935-0840 day/eves.

# September 2017

\***Sunday** Worship & Program Opportunities  
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:15 A.M. Worship Service  
 5:00 P.M. Youth Choirs  
 6:00 P.M. Snack Supper  
 6:30 P.M. UMYF



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Church Women United 1p Meeting Abiding Savior Lutheran	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9a Sunday School 10:15a Worship	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 5:30 Community Dinner	<b>6</b> 4 p Music Mtg 5:30 Halleluia 6:3 Chan.Bells 7:3 Chan Vocal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> *See Sunday Schedule 5p CRC Visitation	<b>11</b> 6:30 p Christian Ed. 7:30p Christian Outreach	<b>12</b> 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 5:30 Community Dinner 6:30p Fiance 7 p Admin Coucil	<b>13</b> 4p MusicMtg 5:30 Halleluia 6:3 Chan.Bells 7:3 Chan Vocal	<b>14</b> 6:30p Threads of Love	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9a-2:30 UMW Spiritual Retreat
<b>17</b> *See Sunday Schedule	<b>18</b> 12:15 Lunch 1p Dorcas Circle -Copeland Oaks 7p M&M Circle	<b>19</b> 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 5:30 Community Dinner 7p May Smyth Cir. 7p Susie Buckel	<b>20</b> 1:30 Cong Care 4 p Music Mtg 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> *See Sunday Schedule 5p CRC Visitation	<b>25</b> 7p UMW Exec. Board Mtg	<b>26</b> 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 5:30 Community Dinner 6:30p Trustees 7 p Worship	<b>27</b> 4 p Music Mtg 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	