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November 5	All Saints Sunday
November 12	Stewardship Campaign Ends Fellowship Luncheon after Church
November 23 November 24	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed Office Closed

November Prayer Practice: Prayers of Imagination

Prayer is our communication with God, the primary way we establish a relationship with God. In any relationship, there are different approaches and phases to monitoring the relationship. In some phases, it is appropriate to assess where things have gone well or faltered. The examen prayers that we practiced earlier in the year undertake this effort. In some phases, just being in the moment is important, pouring out one's feelings and needs. The prayers of journaling and intercession have offered such expressions. At other times, there is the need to focus on desires and visions for the future. It is on this phase that we will focus this month.

In *50 Ways to Pray*, Teresa Blythe discusses the power of prayers visualizing desire. She says these prayers are about "cultivating patience and trust in God. The psalmist says, 'Take delight in the LORD/and he will give you the desires of your heart' (Psalm 37:4). Our first task is to delight in God, and as we come into alignment with God's desires, we can trust that God fulfills our own deepest desires." Furthermore, she adds, "Rather than seeking shallow human desires such as the accumulation of material wealth or power over people, our task is to find those desires that produce the fruit of the Spirit."

In the month of November, we will focus on imagining and cultivating our soul's desire for God that results in the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

*As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.*

*My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.*

Psalm 42:1-2

Lord, make us who you want us to be.



Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Our new location for bell ringing for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign will be Wallgreens (corner of Union and State). There is an entry way that will protect ringers if it is cold or rainy(snowy) weather. Christ UMC,s assigned day is Thursday, November 30th. A Sign-up sheet will be in the lounge in November. Please pick an hour time slot, find a partner, be cheerful and "smile" while ringing!!! Merry Christmas to all as we assist the work of the Salvation Army help people.

Thank you for getting involved.

Christian Outreach Committee

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The November 2017 Unit Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME for program "KEEPING THE FAITH" with Judge Lavery

Greeters and Hostesses are the May Smyth Circle

Circles:

November 20 th	12:30 pm	Dorcas Circle	Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks
November 20 th	7:00 pm	M & M Circle	Patti Hirst, 1073 Sunset Blvd
November 21 st	7:00 pm	May Smyth Circle	Treva Cline, 1264 Abbey Lane
November 21 st	7:00 pm	Susie Buckel Circle	Church .

Church Women United: *Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, 1:00 at Vine Street Methodist Church, 1554 W. Vine St., Alliance OH.* **PROGRAM: "Kindling Fires for Peace"** Valiant Woman Award.. This is World Community Day.

UMW Executive Board Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 27th at 7:00 PM.

December Unit Meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 5th Copeland Oaks/Benett Auditorim. Union Ave. UMW will be our guests. Program is **CHRISTMAS MUSIC with Marsha Graham.** Greeters and Hostesses are the Dorcas Circle and UMW Officers.

Peg's Vegetable Soup Sale: UMW will be selling Peg's vegetable soup . The cost per quart is \$6.00. Order forms will be available in the lounge. The soup will be available for pickup on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Orders may be placed in the soup pot in lounge or to the church office. Orders must be in by Nov. 12th.



UMW SOUP ORDER FORM

Date: _____

Please fill out this form to order your soup.

Price \$6.00 per quart.

QTY

NAME _____

Beef Vegetable Soup

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO.: _____

Amount Due:

Soup will be frozen and available for pickup on November 19th. Thank you for your support!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER

USHERS - Team #3

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

LITURGISTS

5 Susan Haddox
12 Patti Hirst
19 Will Kinser
26 Ellen Sol

COMMUNION STEWARDS

November Ellen Sol



NORTH & WEST DOORS GREETERS

5 Josh & Michael Shields
12 Ellen & Bill Sol
19 Jan Essick/Julie Greiner
26 UMYF

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

5 Andy Magda/Craig Post
12 Pat & Bruce Helsel
19 Treva & Chuck Cline
26 Karen & Mark Locke

NOVEMBER TELLERS

5 Donna Essick/Marilyn Bower
12 Jan Essick/Nancy Prueter
19 Bill Prueter/Jill Greiner
26 Jim Greiner/Larry Pyers



VISITATION MEMBERS:

5 Donald Brown, 65 W. Oxford
12 Dolores Carli, Crandall MC #9144
19 Thelma Greiner, Crandall MC #9270
26 Nicki Orwick, 14901 Carey Rd. Apt. 146

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Judy Kingan
2 Julie Greiner
4 Jessica Gard
5 Jack Madison
7 Pat Stone
9 Lou Clayton
18 Ward Tuttle
20 Diane Hisey
22 Lisa Krepps
25 Zion Bettis
28 Jeffrey Ruff

November Anniversarys

5 Keith and Martha Reed
24 Lanny and Diane Hisey

The Spirit of Thanksgiving

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

What does thanksgiving mean to you? For those in our area for whom the tradition of preparing or sharing a Thanksgiving meal is a challenge, there are ways you can help, described below. Beyond that, I encourage you to think about other ways to help, to heal the hurts, to rebuild after losses, and to make this a better world. We are thankful that we are not alone, that whenever two or three are gathering in God's name, God is there with us. Together we can do much. Together we support and strengthen one another.

Victor Lee, Christian Outreach Committee

Thanksgiving Day Meals – The Thanksgiving meal project started by First Immanuel UCC is moving its food preparation and distribution to our own kitchen and fellowship hall. Similar to the Tuesday community dinners, our main contribution is our facility. First Immanuel will continue to plan and coordinate the program, including handling the delivery requests, shopping for and storing food, and securing volunteers. We are taking this opportunity to improve the electrical system in fellowship hall.

♥ Please consider preparing a turkey or desserts, contributing cash, or helping with the preparation and delivery of ~1500 hot meals. Our church's goal is 10 turkeys and 200 desserts. A sign-up sheet will be in the lounge. Food can be brought in to our kitchen either the day before or early (7 to 9am) on Thanksgiving.

- Volunteer hours: anytime 7am to 1pm, busiest time is 9am to noon
- Turkeys should be sliced and not frozen, large (~20 lb)
- Checks should be to First Immanuel UCC, for Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner



CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT FOR WORLD SERVICE

We can share holiday greetings with our church family and support United Methodist missions around the world at the same time! **Please be sure to sign the large Christmas card, which will be displayed in the lounge from Sunday, November 5 through Sunday, November 19.** Use one of the black pens on the table to sign the card and consider placing in the box a donation for the *World Service Fund*. A reduced copy of the holiday card will be featured in the December/January issue of the *Chimes*.

Thank you for supporting this holiday tradition of sharing at Christ Church!
The Christian Outreach Committee

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

“WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?”

Let's go back to school! Perhaps in your spare time (whatever that is) you may be able to complete this matching quiz. The following persons are Bible characters and the task is to match their names with their identities. Of course, the Scripture references are included.

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| 1. JOCHEBED | A. The wife of Chuza who along with Mary Magdalene and others provided material needs for Jesus and the disciples from their own funds (Luke 8:3). |
| 2. RABSHAKEH | B. One of the 12 apostles of Jesus (Matthew 10:3). |
| 3. RAHAB | C. The daughter of Levi and mother of Aaron, Moses and Miriam; she protected Moses from being killed. (Hebrews 11). |
| 4. JOANNA | D. A harlot of Jericho who hid two Hebrew spies to help them escape (Joshua 2:1-21). |
| 5. HABAKKUK | E. An Assyrian military official who served Under Sennacherib- the king of Assyria (2 Kings 18:17-37). |
| 6. THADDEUS | F. The disciple chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as an Apostle (Acts 1:23, 26). |
| 7. MATTHIAS | G. A courageous Old Testament prophet whose name Means “embraced by God” (Habakkuk 1:2-4). |
| 8. GEHAZI | H. A servant of the prophet Elisha who was cursed with leprosy because of his own greed, lying and misuse of the prophetic office (2 Kings 4:8-37). |

Peace,

Dr. J

Oh yes, the answers??

1.-C; 2.-E; 3.-D; 4.-A; 5.-G; 6.-B; 7.-F; 8.-H

Peace,

Dr. J



PEANUT BRITTLE- 51 Years:

The first night for this year's peanut brittle was October 23, 2017. Please try to finalize any orders **Prior to Thanksgiving.** Cost: \$5.00 per container.

We are in need of one pound metal coffee cans. Please bring them to the church as soon as possible. Please contact Friendship II Class members or the Church Office to place your order.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

During this year's Stewardship Campaign, we have asked you to consider how our Christ United Methodist Church family needs your support, through YOUR prayers, YOUR monetary gifts, YOUR presence, YOUR service and YOUR witness.

Throughout the campaign, we are considering the questions included in your stewardship mailing. Something to Think About cards were included to remind us that: we are the hands and feet of Christ in the world and that the world is the close and far places outside our doors; that the church is not a building, it is inside of us; and that our mission is to make Disciples of Christ.

Estimate of giving cards will be sent to you in a second mailing and we ask that you return them to us or bring them to the Consecration Sunday Service on November 12. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to Christ United Methodist Church for 2018. We ask again for YOUR prayers, YOUR monetary gifts, YOUR presence, YOUR service, and YOUR witness.

And to end the campaign on November 12, we invite you to attend a luncheon hosted by the Stewardship Committee. A meal of meat loaf and scalloped potatoes will be prepared and served by United Methodist Women after church in Fellowship Hall. Please come!



December 16th: Santa Claus is coming to our Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th!!!! More details to follow. If you are interested in helping and volunteering some time, please see Amy Starkey (330-268-3785)



Poinsettias can be ordered starting Sunday, Nov. 26th thru Sunday Dec. 10th.

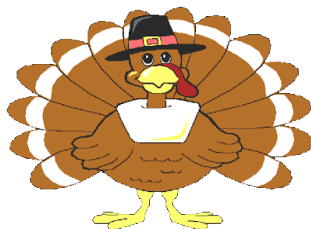


CHRIST UNITED METHODIST RECOGNIZES 50-YEAR MEMBERS DURING LAITY SERVICE.

Three members of Christ United Methodist Church were recognized for fifty years of church membership, Sunday, October 16, during the Laity Sunday worship service. Those recognized were Keith Crewson, Janet Holsinger Fisher and Michael Schafer. Dick Diser recognized the new 50-year members. Jill Greiner provided her view of the "50-year club".

Following the morning service, the congregation joined the 50-year members at fellowship luncheon provided by the Education Commission.

Sunday, October 23, 2017 50 Year Members



THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE:

Efforts to feed the hungry in our community and around the world are an integral part of the outreach through our Church.

- Will you accept this “Thanksgiving Challenge” to make an extra effort on behalf of the people that are hungry?
- Will you share the cost of your Thanksgiving meal to help provide food to people in need?

Your offering will be used to support CUMC’s efforts to provide the ‘Fifth Tuesday’ community dinners and also share with hungry people through other church, local, state and world mission projects.

When you hear about the ‘Thanksgiving Challenge’ from the pulpit, or read about it in the bulletin, I pray that we will all be moved to share our abundance.

Bless the gift and bless the giver.

Dick Diser

thank
you

Dear Church Members,

We’re very appreciative of your donations of tomatoes from the community garden. With the number of families needing assistance rising, it’s good to be able to offer fresh, beautiful produce. Thank you!

Alliance Community Pantry.

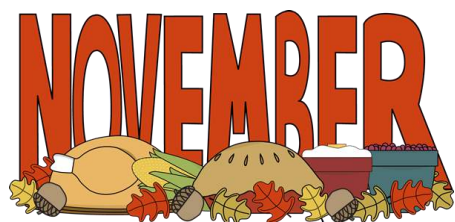
Dear Friends at Christ United Methodist,

Thank you for taking part in this year’s Apostle Build. We were glad to have you involved and helping with this important mission. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Amanda Swank, ED., Alliance Habitat for Humanity.





We are once again going to be filling **blessing bags** in November. The following items are needed: snacks, small bottles of water, toothbrushes, socks, washcloths, hats, gloves, handi-wipes, Kleenex, women’s hygiene products, and sample sizes of toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, soap, and deodorant;. 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
- 11:15 A.M. Cherub and Wesley Choirs
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choirs
- 6:00 P.M. UMYF Snack Supper
- 6:30 P.M. **United Methodist Youth**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00p. Staff Meeting 5:30p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Vocal	2	3 World Community Day 1p. CWU General Meeting/Program Vine Street UMC	4
5 <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Daylight Savings ends Communion Sunday All Saints Sunday *See Sunday Schedule 4p Peanut Brittle 5p. CRC Visitations	6 7p. Boy Scouts & Cub Dens	7 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 530p Community Dinner 4p Fiddle Fun 630p Finance 7p Admin Council	8 4p Music Staff 5:30p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Vocal	9 7p. Prayer Shawl	10	11
12 <i>26th Sunday after Pentecost</i> *See Sunday Schedule	13 5p Peanut Brittle 6:30p. Christian Education 7p. Boy Scouts & Cub Dens	14 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 530p Community Dinner 4p Fiddle Fun 7p May Smyth Cir. 7p Susie Buckel	15 4p Music Staff 5:30p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Choir	16 7pm Charge Conference here at CUMC	17 UMW Soup making	18
19 <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Christ the King Sunday Bible Sunday 5p. CRC Visitations *See Sunday Schedule	20 12:15p. Dorcas Cir. 5p. Peanut Brittle 7p. M & M Circle 7p. Den Meeting	21 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 4p Fiddle Fun 530p Community Dinner 6:30p Trustees 7p Worship	22	23 	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 <i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i> UM Student Day offering *See Sunday Schedule	27 5p. Peanut Brittle 7p. Den Mtg 7p. UMW Exec. Board	28 12p Prayer Time/Chapel 4p Fiddle Fun 530p Community Dinner	29 4p Music Staff 5:30p. Halleluia Bells 6:30p. Chancel Bells 7:30p. Chancel Choir	30		