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October 6 ***World Communion Sunday Worship;***

October 13. ***Children's Sabbath Worship;***

October 20 ***Laity Worship Service and 50 Year Members Recognition
followed by a Fellowship Luncheon***



So, What Do We Do on a Mission Trip?

I know that a lot of people have never gone on a mission trip. And because I know that, I understand why people often seem puzzled by what we could possibly do there, or how they might ever be able to contribute if they went on such a trip. Despite my annual announcement that The Joy Center, our host in Big Creek, deep in the Kentucky mountains, always has a list of projects that need done, and will always find something for us to do regardless of who comes with us, and regardless of the skills (or lack of them) that we have. And so, rather than just saying that there are all sorts of things that need done, this year we made a list of all the things that we did, and a couple that were left undone when we ran out of time. What follows is a list of nineteen (19) projects that were on our to do list. Most of them got done, but a few didn't. I'm including the projects that didn't get done so that you might better understand how, if even one more person (like you) had gone with us, we might have been able to do even more.

- Inspect, repair, scrape, and paint the emergency exit stairs in the back of the church sanctuary.
- Inspect, repair, and seal the deck on the back of the church parsonage.
- Make an opening through the stone foundation in the back of the Joy Center building so that a vent could be added under the building to dry out the crawl space.
- Install a vent fan in the sale room **(Undone)**
- Mow grass (there is a LOT of grass, and even with their new mower, it takes someone several hours)
- Clean the center section of the tool barn and throw out broken or unusable items. **(Undone)**
- Paint the benches in the outdoor worship area of Mount Joy.
- Trim trees along the playground of the Child Development Center.
- Repair, replace, and paint trim around the church windows (both first and second floor).
- Weed flower beds, put down landscape fabric, and add new mulch.
- Trim bushes in front of the church parsonage.
- Replace oven burner in Nancy's (their full-time volunteer) stove.
- Fix storm door (replace door closer).
- Trim and cut down trees above Mount Joy and behind the tool barn.
- Move fire pit.
- Paint benches at the ball field.
- Help sort clothing at the sale room in preparation for their monthly sale.
- Unload our trailer full of donated furniture, clothing, and other items.
- Hold a card making class for interested persons in the community.

As you can see, we did all kinds of things using a great variety of skills. Some projects were difficult, others required only the ability to use a paint brush, a sledgehammer, or even a pair of scissors. What's more, for the last several years, we've somehow managed to take along a volunteer that loved to cook and who just took over our evening meal preparation. But this year we didn't have anyone like that, so someone would always have to stop working an hour or so before dinner so that there would be something to eat when the rest of us quit for the day.

And none of those things include the personal conversations that we have with the people of Big Creek, and the encouragement that we are to them as they are reminded that God, and God's people, haven't forgotten them.

Certainly, there are things on this list that you would be able to do. And, while I have no idea what next year's list is going to look like, you can be sure that it too will include things that you can do. There is always more to do at The Joy Center mission than the few volunteers there have time to do by themselves. Anything and everything that we do is a huge help and encouragement to everyone there.

Why not come with us next year?



Remember, October is Pastor Appreciation Month

As the story goes, there was a pastor who took a day off. He was shopping, quickly grabbing a few items. After checking out, he bumped into a congregant in the parking lot. You can probably guess what happened—a short greeting turned into a much longer conversation. The congregant shared a number of difficult things happening in the church and in his own spiritual life. Each question from the pastor uncovered five new frustrations. Forty-five minutes later, they finally parted ways.

How might the pastor have felt in that moment? “It was my day off,” he might say, “but I don't really have a day off. I mean, when am I *not* a pastor?” This always-on, week-in, week-out grind takes a toll on pastors and their families.

Ministry is an amazing call, full of great joys and significant moments in people's lives: officiating weddings, presiding over funerals, seeing first-hand how lives are changed for Christ. But it's also full of tension: intense conflict, unrealistic expectations, relational strain, and, at times, soul-aching loneliness.

Let's remember Paul's words to Timothy: “The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Tim. 5:17) and use October to show double the appreciation we feel to John, Dr. J. and Chris.

Don't they deserve an out-of-the-blue note of encouragement? Whatever you do—a sincere Facebook shout out, a two-minute word of affirmation on Sunday morning, a heart-felt email, a handwritten note—know it carries more weight than you may realize.

Pastors don't always get this ministry thing completely right. They may not preach as well as you prefer, pray as much as you deserve, counsel as well as you need, or lead as well as you desire. They know this because they feel it deep in their bones and because congregants are often quick to tell them so. Ministry can be difficult.

However, we know our pastors are doing their best to serve and lead and pray and listen and preach and love as faithfully as they can. Everyone needs a little encouragement now and then. That includes our pastors.

Among the care we show for our pastors, let us also pray for our pastors:

- **To love the Lord ... heart, mind, soul, and strength.**
- **To have a passion for God's Word.**
- **To have a heart for prayer.**
- **To encourage others to be in the Word and to pray.**
- **To be blessed with wisdom and strength.**
- **To boldly preach the Word of God.**
- **To receive the help they need to carry out their calling.**
- **To enjoy God's peace.**
- **To cling to their faith in Christ.**
- **To receive the encouragement they need.**
- **To feel loved and appreciated.**
- **To get the rest they need.**
- **To have and enjoy family time.**
- **To be blessed with God's provision.**
- **To be surrounded by God's protection as they serve others.**
- **To have strong supportive friendships.**
- **To remain tender-hearted when criticized.**

One more thing...Let our pastors know you're praying . . . it will bless them.

Dear Lord,

We give thanks for our pastors, Chris, Jo Ann, and John. Thank you for calling them into ministry and entrusting us to their leadership. But, we also give thanks for Cindi, Lee and Patti, who support them and love them. We pray that you would strengthen these marriages every day. May your Holy Spirit empower each of them to continue sowing seeds of faith among us! Bless them, Lord. Equip them to do your will. We pray that you send people to encourage them today and every day. Remind them daily of their value and the love you have for them. Fill them with your wisdom. May your peace and joy abound in their hearts in Jesus' name.

Amen.





CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

2019 marks the 28th annual observance of the Children's Sabbath which is celebrated by places of worship across various religious traditions all around the country. The theme for this year is: UNITING HEARTS AND VOICES TO END CHILD POVERTY NOW. We have heard in the past about other efforts to leave no child behind or to ensure that every child has a healthy start and a head start. Yet here we are in the wealthiest nation on earth with one in five children who are poor; that means that about 12.8 million of our children live in poverty when we may have the means to prevent it.

Here at our Church we will celebrate the Children's Sabbath on October 13, 2019 at the morning worship service. We hope to increase awareness about the serious needs of children today and to stimulate a new and/or stronger commitment to giving our time and our resources to help. We hope to deepen our reflection on the teachings and texts of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that call us to respond to the needs of those in need.

Fliers will be available, posters will be visible and materials shared with our Sunday school classes. We pray that this information can be shared with as many as possible. Working together we can make a difference and alleviate needless child suffering in our land of tremendous affluence. Please pray with us not only for our October 13 worship event but for what may come in the future.

Peace,

Dr. J



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT -- COMMITTED TO CHRIST: SIX STEPS TO A GENEROUS LIFE

For six Sundays beginning on October 6, our church family will enter a season of decision and commitment towards the goal of becoming fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. You will receive a brochure by mail to help you track your commitment to the six steps: Prayer; Bible Reading; Worship; Witness; Financial Giving; and Service. If you don't receive one or would like another copy, please contact the church office. On November 17 Commitment Sunday we will ask you to commit your financial support for 2020 and a "Thank You" luncheon will be held in January.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
What does the Lord expect of me?
What "holy habits" should I cultivate in my life?



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR OCTOBER

USHERS - Team #2

Jim Greiner – Captain

Karen Locke Mark Locke
Bill Prueter Larry Pyers
Cheri Rodefer

LITURGISTS

6 Jim Greiner
13 Victor Lee
20 Pat Helsel
27 Susan Haddox

COMMUNION STEWARDS

October Susan Haddox



SANCTUARY GREETERS

6 Nancy Castellucci
13 Bobbie Wright
20 Pat Stone
27 Roselyn Bauman

NORTH & WEST DOORS GREETERS

6 Kathy/Gene Stroia
13 Connie/Larry Pyers
20 Dick Diser/Todd Skivolocki
27 Amy Starkey/Brianna Starkey

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

6 Karen/Mark Locke
13 Carol Woolf/Denise Aeling
20 Peg/Jim Williams
27 Jean Webster/Carolyn Miller

OCTOBER TELLERS

6 Pat Helsel/Marilyn Ruff
13 Mark Locke/Bruce Helsel
20 Donna Essick/Jill Greiner
27 Jan Essick/Nancy Prueter

VISITATION MEMBERS

6 Jane Patterson, 750 W Bayton St, Alliance
13 Betty Coleman, 4466 Lynnhave Ave, Louisville
20 Polly Waggamon, 800 S 15th St. #8204, Sebring
27 Ginny Robart, 800 S 15th St., #8303, Sebring



Please check out the Youth Snack Supper Chart and mark where you can help support our Youth Program.
THANK YOU!





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

October Circle Meetings:

Oct. 21st, 12:15 Lunch Dorcas Circle
1:00 Meetin at Copeland Oaks
Oct. 21st, 7:00 pm M & M Circle
Oct. 15th 7:00 pm May Smyth Circle
Oct. 25th 7:00 pm Susie Buckel Circle

Unit Meeting:

Oct. 5th – UMW District Fall Meeting. It is being held at Christ United Methodist Church from 9:30 AM – 1:00 p. Program is “Cooking for the Soul” – the Crock Pot Ministry.

Nov. 6th – Unit Meeting at 7:00 PM at Copeland Oaks. Program is a Book Review. Greeters/Hostesses are the Dorcas Circle/ M&M Circle.

Oct. 28th - 7:00 Executive UMW Board Meeting.

Oct. 25-26 is the EOC Annual Celebration



Church Women United will gather at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 427 East Broadway (with parking behind the church) at 1 p.m. on October 4th. Robin Cain will present "Early Learning Program". Attendees are asked to take nonperishable snacks for the Flight Packs given to students at Northside Elementary School. The Board will meet at 11:30 a.m.

LAITY SUNDAY AND FIFTY YEAR

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Please join in worship on Sunday, October 20th. 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 Church too, prior to 1969).

This tradition of 50 year member recognition began at CUMC in 1975. This year, four new 50 year members, who joined the Church in 1969, will be recognized:

Keith Hedin
Margaret Rodefer
Lee Springer
Charles Winner

Plan to attend a fellowship luncheon immediately after worship. A time for Fellowship and to congratulate all 50+ Members.

Church History and Records Committee





RECYCLE!!

Bring all your **PAPER** to the bin in the North parking lot.

BRING:

- * Junk Mail
- * Newspapers
- * Copy Paper – White or Color
- * Coupons,
- * Magazines / Catalogs
- * Brown paper bags
- * Flattened Cardboard
- * School Paper
- * Wrapping Paper



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Sunday, October 6 is World Communion Sunday, a churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday gifts support scholarships for graduate national and international students, Ethnic Scholarships for national and international undergraduates studying within the United States and ethnic in-service training. Your decision to give next Sunday enables faithful students to change the world.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Brian and Joan Skidmore
- 3 Doug and Amy Kirk
- 6 Jessica and Colin Richmond
- 11 Bill and Phyllis Messenheimer
- 21 Larry and Connie Pyers
- 26 Lee and Paula Springer



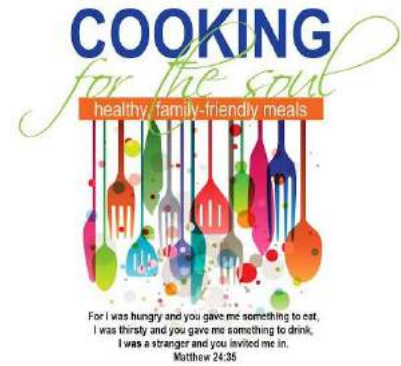
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Mary Aufrance | 21 Erin Stone |
| 7 Joseph Richmond | 22 Janet Fisher |
| 7 Jamie Greiner | 28 Nancy Prueter |
| 8 Dorothy Rogers | 29 Nancy Sandifer |
| 9 Bill Prueter | 29 Eric Shields |
| 9 DeAnne Herald | 30 Martha Andregg |
| 10 Susan Haddox | 31 Boyd Webster |
| 16 Jeremy Fisher | |



Sunday, Sept. 22nd the **chuckwagon** collected 32 food items and \$60.00. The next chuckwagon will be on Oct. 20th. There is also a grocery cart that food items can be placed any Sunday.

The Susie Buckel Circle will once again be conducting a series of free "Cooking for the Soul" classes this fall. *This series of classes is scheduled for 3 consecutive Thursdays, **October 10th, 17th, and 24th 2019 at 5:30PM** in Fellowship Hall and will focus on **Crock Pot Cooking**. Registration is limited to 15 women and their children. Each woman will receive a **FREE** Crock Pot as part of the series, along with all of the ingredients and supplies necessary to make the meals.*

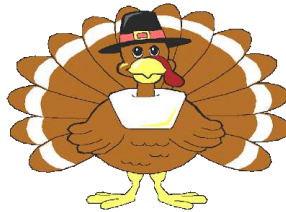


A sign-up sheet will be available in the Lounge to sign-up to help at the classes and/or provide a meal for dinner.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to continue this project. We hope that the "Cooking for the Soul" Classes truly exemplify faith, hope, and love in action, through education, service, and spiritual growth.

Love in Christ,

The Susie Circle



Thanksgiving Challenge

Each Thanksgiving, for the past thirteen years, generous organizations and individuals in the Alliance community have come together to provide free Thanksgiving day meals, delivered or available for pick up. This amazing program provides 1000 to 1500 meals each year, no questions asked. This ministry was started and coordinated by our neighbor First Immanuel United Church of Christ, but the bulk of the work has been done by a cross section of persons from all over Alliance.

Last year Christ United Methodist Church took a leap of faith and took over full ownership of this program from First Immanuel Church of Christ. Lynn Goldrick and Dolores Lawrence stepped up to do the extra work for the facilities and the office, respectively, and many of you contributed your time and labor, to successfully provide over 1000 meals!

You have validated our faith that with God, all things are possible.

Once again, we ask for your help with advertising, sending out requests for help and tracking responses, taking meal requests and drawing up delivery routes, ordering food and supplies, storing food and supplies before Thanksgiving, providing turkey or desserts, running the kitchen, running the dessert center, setting up a volunteer hospitality corner, coordinating the packers, coordinating the drivers, and praying for us all.

Victor Lee, Christian Outreach Committee chair



East Ohio Conference BAHAMAS HURRICANE DORIAN MISSION COLLECTION OCTOBER 25-26, 2019

Pastor John is willing to deliver collected items to Otterbein UMC in Navarre. Here are the top items requested for this mission outreach. Please have items to church by Oct. 23rd.

HOME RECOVERY

- Foldable Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Crutches
- Canes
- Orthopedic Supplies- walking boots, slings, ace wrap, etc.

HEALTH RECOVERY

- Tarps- any size can be gently used
- Blankets – can be gently used
- Shovels- prefer flat long handle
- Flashlights- with working batteries

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (PDK) \$14 value

- Bath hand towel-no kitchen towels
- Bath washcloth-no kitchen dishcloths
- Comb-no rattail, pocket size or picks
- Nail/toenail clippers-no nail files or emery boards
- Adult toothbrush
- Shampoo, 3-4 oz.
- Deodorant, 2-3 oz., stick or roll-on
- Bar soap, 3-4 oz.
- Razor with guard
- Toothpaste- 2.5 oz. or larger
- Place all items in a 1 gallon sealable bag

BUY THESE SUPPLIES AT WHOLESALE PRICES!

<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>

More Kit Information - <http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects/kits-projects>

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***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. Youth Fellowship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 Community Dinner	2 3:30 p Staff Mtg 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	3	4 1P CWU at St Josephs Alliance	5 9:30 am UMW District Meeting Cooking for Soul Program 6:10P SPRC/DS
6 *See Sunday Schedule World Communion Sunday	7 7p Scouts	8 5:30 Community Dinner 7 p SPRC	9 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	10 5:30p Cooking For the Soul 6:3p Threads of Love	11	12 Rainsburg/Sepeda Wedding
13 *See Sunday Schedule Children's Sabbath	14 7p Scouts 6:30p Education 7:30p Christian Outreach	15 5:30 Community Dinner 7p May Smyth Cir. 7p Susie Buckel	16 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	17 5:30p Cooking For the Soul	18	19 
20 *See Sunday Schedule Laity & 50 yr. 11:30a Luncheon	21 7p Scouts 12:15 Lunch 1p Dorcas Circle -Copeland Oaks 7p M&M Circle	22 5:30 Community Dinner 6:30p Trustees	23 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	24 5:30p Cooking For the Soul	25	26 
27 *See Sunday Schedule	28 5p Peanut Brittle 7p Scouts 7p UMW Exec Board Mtg	29 5:30 Community Dinner CUMC serving meal	30 5:30 Halleluia 6:30 Chan.Bells 7:30 Chan Vocal	31 Halloween 		