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Serve God by Sharing Compassion, Hope and Love**

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VISION STATEMENT

The people of Christ United Methodist Church will;

- COURAGEOUSLY REACH OUT AND WELCOME
- PASSIONATELY WORSHIP AND PRAY
- INTENTIONALLY NURTURE AND ENCOURAGE
- LOVINGLY SHARE AND SERVE.

MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST (MATTHEW 28:19-20) AND TO SERVE
GOD BY SHARING COMPASSION, HOPE, AND LOVE.**

BEING INTENTIONAL

This year, as always, seems to be quickly passing us by. Lent and Easter are behind us, and we have begun the season of Eastertide which leads to Pentecost. The school year is winding down, next week is my last class of the semester, and I know that the schedule is similar for our friends at Mount Union, the Alliance school system, and other local schools. Summer is approaching, the sight of lawnmowers has once again become common in our neighborhoods, and it's now warm enough for us to get out of the house and start doing some of the yardwork that we thought about during the winter months. Before long, we will be planning family vacations, weekend getaways, camping trips, summer camps, and all the things that we associate with the summer season.

But what plans are you making for the warmer months?

Certainly, many of us are planning vacations, hikes, boat trips, kayaking adventures, sightseeing, family picnics, back yard cookouts, and all sorts of other things, and that is to be expected. But none of those things happen by accident. They happen because we are intentional about planning them. We pick up our phone, call a friend and ask if they'd like to meet after work. We make plans with our family to meet on a particular day and discuss what everyone will bring. We talk over the dinner table about what we will do over the weekend, and so on.

But being intentional about our spiritual life is equally important. We aren't likely to trip over the family bible and decide to read a few chapters. Instead, we need to be intentional and to plan our spiritual growth just as we do our family outings, dog walking, and trips to the gym. If we want to read scripture, we need to make time in our schedule to do so. Maybe we set our alarm half an hour earlier or turn off the television earlier in the evening so that we have time to do that. The same level of planning applies if we want to set aside time to pray every day. Athletes do not become competitive by accidentally working out whenever the mood strikes them. They intentionally set aside time, sometimes daily, to work out and to practice the event in which they choose to compete.

Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident. Just as we have all met folks that are physically mature and yet remain emotionally immature, spiritual maturity doesn't happen just because we grow older, or even if we attend church. Spiritual maturity requires that we intentionally invest in spiritual growth. And so, as we make plans for the spring and summer months, let us also make plans to invest in our spiritual growth.

Blessings,

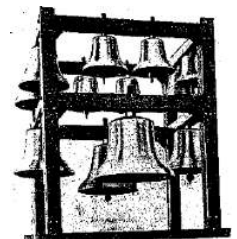
Pastor John



ONE GREAT DAY OF MUSIC is coming on Sunday, May 11! This is the culmination of all the work by our musicians in our church. It is our gift to the congregation, and features the Chancel vocal choir, Chancel Bells, Hallelujah Bells, Brass Ensemble, String Ensemble, and Children's Choir.

Come and enjoy this special day of music.

CHIMES DEADLINE: The deadline for the June 2025 issue of *The Chimes* is Monday, May 19th. Articles may be placed in the Secretary's slot outside the church office or emailed to secretary@cumcalliance.org.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UPDATE:



United
Women
in Faith

May 6 (7PM) – UNIT MEETING, Dussel Room

****Program also offered via Zoom****

Program: Skit, “Accessories R Us,” performed by the Susie Circle

Greeters/Hostesses: Susie Buckel Circle

Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

If you'd like to “Zoom in,” contact Nancy Prueter at prueter@sbcglobal.net for an invitation.

GOOD TO KNOW:

A special **THANK YOU** to Sheila Gard for designing and implementing United Women in Faith Sunday & **THANK YOU** to all of the women that assisted with the service!

THANK YOU to all of the women that volunteered to USHER during the month of April!

SPRING BASEMENT SALE

Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3

Setup is Thursday, May 1. Won't you please volunteer to help with this worthwhile project?

The deadline to bring your donated items will be Wednesday, April 30.
We have plenty of storage space so feel free to bring your donations early.
As always, we ask for items that are clean and in good repair.

JUNE UNIT MEETING

June 3, 7PM, Dussel Room

Program: “Summer Kick-off Picnic & Games”
Everyone please bring a “summer” snack to share!
Hostesses/Greeters: May Smyth Circle

United Women in Faith always welcomes guests and new members.
Please call Jamie Greiner at (412) 601-4275 or any Executive Board Officer, if interested.

The Unit meets on most 1st Tuesdays at 7pm in the Dussel Room

- ❖ **Peg Williams Circle** meets at 1:00pm on 3rd Mondays
at Copeland Oaks, Williamsburg Lounge
- ❖ **M & M Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Mondays in the Dussel Room
- ❖ **May Smyth Circle** meets at 10:30am on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room
- ❖ **Susie Buckel Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF Basement Sale

Friday, May 2nd, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

\$3.00 a bag for most items on Saturday

FREE TABLE BOTH FRIDAY & SATURDAY



The Christian Outreach Committee will have Baby Bottles placed in various spots throughout Church from Mothers Day until Fathers Day. Please look for these bottles and help us fill the bottles with coin. The money from these bottles will be donated the Alliance Pregnancy Center.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the April Pantry Collection!



If you have a graduate in your family, please get a biography and what their future plans are to the church office by May 15th. Thank you.

Rockin' at the Caboose – Apostle Build

This summer, once again, CUMC will be hosting a refreshment stand at the Caboose Concerts to help earn our church's pledge for the 2025 Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build. We will provide popcorn, coke, diet coke, water and ice cream for a donation.



The poster is titled "ROCKIN' AT THE CABOOSE" in large, bold, black letters. Above the title is a red caboose on a musical staff with notes. The text "DOWNTOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES" is arched above the caboose. The background is dark with blue light effects and silhouettes of musicians. The text "LIVE MUSIC" is in the top left, and "FREE TO THE PUBLIC!" is in the top right. The bottom section is divided into two columns: "DATES & TIMES" and "FEATURED ARTISTS".

DATES & TIMES	FEATURED ARTISTS
FINAL FRIDAY! MAY 30 6-8PM	JIMMY AND THE SOUL BLAZERS
FINAL FRIDAY! JUNE 27 6-8PM	JOHN HAMPU BAND
FINAL FRIDAY! JULY 25 6-8PM	BACK TO EDEN
FINAL FRIDAY! AUGUST 29 6-8PM	VOCAL FUSION
SEPTEMBER 13 6-9PM	ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES MUSIC FEST
FINAL FRIDAY! SEPTEMBER 26 6-8PM	NEW WAVE NATION

We hope to see you there!

Details concerning the 2025 Apostle Build will be forthcoming.
There will be opportunities to donate and volunteer at that time.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY

Thank you to everyone who serves and participates in our worship services.
Doing God's work, you are a reflection of Christ's heart!

USHERS -

Dick Diser, Captain
Dan Feess John Innerst
Todd Skivolocki Bob Travis
Don Kingan

LITURGISTS

4 Chris Martin
11 Susan Haddox
18 Jamie Greiner
25 Bill Sol

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

4 Peg Rodefer
11 Nancy Prueter
18 Kathy Stroia
25 Karen Locke

SANCTUARY GREETERS

4 Bill Sol
11 Patti Travis
18 Ellen Sol
25 Jill Greiner

TELLERS

4 Pat Helsel/Marilyn Ruff
11 Marke Locke/Bruce Helsel
18 Donna Essick/Jill Greiner
25 Jim Greiner/Nancy Prueter

VISITATION MEMBERS**

5 Mary Louise Ford, Sebring
12 Faye Heim, Alliance
19 Charlie Manypenny, Sebring
26 Craig Post, N. Canton

*** If you would like their complete address,
please contact the Church Office*

From the Education Committee, thank you to all our Volunteers for April.
Below are the dates for this month for the school age and toddler room volunteers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

4 Cindi Martin & Cindy Magda
11 Cindi Martin & Karen Locke
18 Cindi Martin & Amy Starkey
25 Cindy Winner & Nancy Prueter

TODDLER ROOM – SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM)

11 Cathy & Jack Morris

TODDLER ROOM – CHURCH SERVICE (10:00 AM)

11 Pat Stone & Lucinda Feess

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Sheryl Lain	18	Philip Helsel
2	Sheryl Dean	18	Paul Helsel
5	Ben Castellucci	18	W Keith Reed
5	Craig Starkey	20	Becky Gard
8	Victor Lee	22	Aerien Starkey
10	Todd Skivolocki	24	Phyllis Messenheimer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

William & Nancy Prueter
May 1, 1976
Tyler & Jenni-Jo Kinser
May 17, 1997
Eric & Chrissy Shields
May 18, 1996
Charlie Manypenny &
Cynthia Carlin
May 27, 1993
Patrick & Lori Heddlestone
May 30, 1987



Celebrating a Faithful Servant: Retirement of Our Church Secretary



After years of dedicated service, we are both joyful and a little wistful to announce the retirement of our beloved church secretary, **Dolores Lawrence**.

For **10 years**, Dolores has been the heart of our church office — the friendly voice on the phone, the smiling face that greeted visitors, and the careful hand behind our bulletins, newsletters, and countless behind-the-scenes tasks. More than just a secretary, Dolores has been a pillar of support, an encourager, and a trusted friend to so many in our congregation.

Dolores has faithfully served through seasons of change and growth, always bringing grace, organization, and a deep love for the Lord and His people. From managing calendars to comforting the grieving, her ministry has touched lives in ways that words can hardly express.

As Dolores steps into this new chapter of retirement, we want to express our deepest gratitude and celebrate all that she has done for our church family. Please join us for a special **retirement celebration and recognition on May 11**, where we'll honor her incredible service.

Dolores, thank you for your years of faithful service. May this new season be filled with joy, rest, and the continued blessings of God.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Christ United Methodist Church



We hope you'll join us in giving Ayla, our new Interim Administrative Secretary, a warm welcome! Be sure to say hello, introduce yourself, and keep her in your prayers as she settles in and begins this new chapter with us.


Ayla is from California and Wyoming. She made her journey to Ohio in 2020 and has been here off and on since. She is Elijah Handy's mom and Fiancée of Brandon Handy. In her spare time she enjoys reading and hiking but most importantly she loves being a mom.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00a Basement Sale Setup	2 9:00a-4:00p Basement Sale BARGAIN BASEMENT SALE	3 9:00a-12:00p Basement Sale BARGAIN BASEMENT SALE
4 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>*Communion Sunday</i> Christian Outreach immediately following church	5 7:00p Scouts	6 5:00p Community Dinner 7:00p UWF Unit Meeting	7 5:30p Halleluia Bells 6:15p Brass Choir 6:45p Chancel Bells 7:30p Chancel Vocal	8	9	10
11 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Ascension Sunday</i> Music Sunday 	12 7:00p Scouts	13 5:00p Community Dinner 5:30p SPRC 6:30p Finance 7:00p Admin. Council	14 7:00p Chancel Vocal	15	16 	17
18 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> Noisy Can Offering	19 1:00p Peg Williams Circle 7:00p Scouts 7:00p M&M Circle	20 10:30a May Smyth Circle 5:00p Community Dinner 7:00p Susie Buckel Circle	21 Choir Picnic	22	23	24
25 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> Peace with Justice	26  Memorial Day	27 5:00p Community Dinner 6:30p Trustees	28	29 4:00p SPRC – consultation with DS, Canfield UMC	30	31