

The Messenger

CHRIST

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CHRIST UMC WELCOMES YOU

If you would like to know more about Christ United Methodist Church or how to become a member, you may contact the church office.

Church Summer Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:00am - 1:00pm

Worship Service is Sunday at 10:30am.

Communion is served
the first Sunday of each month.

Our **Nursery** is available during both
Sunday School and Worship.

Sunday School classes are held
September through May.

Start time is 9:00am.

Classes are available for children,
teenagers and adults.

Our **Music Program** includes a
Chancel Choir and Bell Choir for adults,
and a children's choir, King's Kids.

Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings,
September through May.

Bell Choir at 6:30pm

Chancel Choir at 7:00pm

King's Kids, practice times vary



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

JUNE

LETTER FROM PASTOR DIANNE

Friends,

Many of you are aware that in February of this year, the United Methodist Church held a global meeting to determine the Church's official stance on human sexuality, specifically around the ordination of LGBTQ+ persons and same gender marriage. This special called session of General Conference was the result of years of prayer and work by lay members, clergy and bishops of the global church. Three plans were crafted to be considered at the Conference. Although only one plan, the One Church Plan, was supported by the Council of Bishops, the delegates of the conference chose a different way, and voted to approve what has been named the Traditional Plan.

For many who share a more conservative point of view, the Traditional Plan sounded like a "win" in that it upholds the current language of the Book of Discipline, stating that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, that self-avowed practicing homosexuals cannot be ordained, and same gender weddings cannot be performed by our clergy or in our churches. However, the Traditional Plan also goes much further, and, beginning January 1, 2020, allows for punitive measures to be imposed on bishops, clergy, and local churches who do not agree with these statements, including, but not limited to, being forced to leave the denomination.

As your pastor, I recognize that Christ UMC is not a church "of one mind" – not just on the topic of human sexuality, but on many other issues. I also recognize that the mission of the church is not to get everyone to agree. Our call and calling is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I remain a United Methodist, and answered the call to be ordained in this denomination, because I believe strongly that it is important for us to remain in dialogue with one another. I have embraced the United Methodist understanding that ALL are welcome at God's table, and that ALL means ALL, whether or not we agree on everything.

Many churches like ours across the country and the world are struggling to accept the decision of General Conference 2019, and wondering how to keep our churches from dividing. In an effort to gather those who may not agree but are still committed to one another, a group of United Methodist leaders from across the denomination has created a gathering called UM NEXT. UM NEXT met May 20-22 at Church of the Resurrection, one of the largest churches in the denomination, pastored by the Rev. Adam Hamilton.

Each Annual Conference of the UMC was invited to send 10 representatives to engage in dialogue at this conference. Upon a nomination process, and with the affirmation of our Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, I was chosen as one of the 10 leaders from the East Ohio Conference, and traveled to Kansas City. I am humbled, honored, and excited to have been chosen.

As a lifelong United Methodist and committed Wesleyan, I am committed to the United Methodist Church and look to the future with hope. John Wesley asks us “though we cannot all think alike, may we not all love alike?” I covet your prayers in these next days and look forward to sharing with you when I return. (Thanks to Pastor Kelsey Orosan for much of the wording here.)

And remember,
Fear Not!

Dianne



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE

for the thank yous, the cards, the gifts, and the luncheon in recognition of my 25 years. Frankly, it’s been my pleasure. You helped me raise my boys, you helped with Cindy, and you gave me purpose. Christ Church has really become my safe place – a respite from a busy world.

-Blessings, Roy

CAFÉ TIME (or the Church's Happy Hour) begins this month!

Through the summer our Café Time, featuring pastries, fruit, juice, coffee & tea, will be moved from the normal lower level location of Jump Fellowship Hall to the main level Servery (the room off Emma Lang Lounge and the back hallway).



Café Time will be available from 9:45am to 10:25am.

Tables have been set up in the back of the Church Parapet as the “Gathering Area” where you may sit, chat, listen to Roy practice, and generally watch the church come alive prior to worship. You may also sit in Emma Lang Lounge if you wish.

We are asking that you enjoy your breakfast snack in the back “Gathering Area” and not carry it into the main part of the sanctuary.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

<i>Elaine Darvas</i>	<i>Norma Munrow</i>	<i>Chris McCormick</i>
<i>Jim Evans</i>	<i>Ellen White</i>	<i>Pat & Pam Finnegan</i>
<i>Lindsey Parker</i>	<i>Guy Mann, Jr.</i>	<i>Sylvia Johnson</i>
<i>Marilyn Panovec</i>	<i>Debbie Nesbitt</i>	<i>Karyn Murphy</i>
<i>Harold Thomas</i>	<i>Connie Van Kuren</i>	<i>Suzan Fairbanks</i>
<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Nadene & Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Russ Van Scyoc</i>
<i>Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Marianne Keith-Rueting</i>	<i>Chris Leu</i>
<i>Lynn Parker</i>	<i>Denise Oesterreich</i>	<i>Sandy Cotner</i>
<i>Paul & family, Phil Jennings' friend</i>		<i>Cynthia Light</i>
<i>Dana Younkin, Galen Younkin's daughter-in-law</i>		<i>Marie, Bonnie's friend</i>
<i>Ed Verlie, Lana Verlie's father-in-law</i>		<i>Gary, Lana's cousin</i>
<i>Marilyn Novak, Galen Younkin's sister-in-law</i>		<i>Antionette Brown</i>
<i>Jim Hoover, Galen Younkin's nephew</i>		<i>Beth Feiler</i>

✝ Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Donna Dudek, Debbie Motley's sister, who passed away on May 10.



Congratulations to the newlyweds, David and Amy Rencehausen, married on May 8th in Fiji!

Thank you for your prayers with my surgery. They are very appreciated.

- Denise Oesterreich

Thank you all who have prayed for me, sent cards and notes, and visited me as I continue to feel better each day. As the weather gets warmer, I hope to get out of the house more and see you all soon.

- Sincerely, Elaine Darvas

My situation continues to be painfully complex. However, the bulletins, prayers, messages, etc. are fulfilling. "Words that are communicated effectively are the apples of gold in settings of silver." Proverbs 5:11. Also, the beautiful prayer shawl continues to provide important care and comfort every day. I am grateful.

-Carol De Laat



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will not be meeting in June, July and August. Keep on working that yarn until we get back together again in September!

CAMBODIA UPDATE:

It's getting close! I leave June 26 for 12 days in Cambodia with a team from the East Ohio Conference. Some updates and information:

1. THANK YOU to all who made monetary donations to support my trip! We are close to goal, but it's not too late to contribute. I am overwhelmed by your generosity!
2. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: I asked our District Superintendent and trip leader Steve Bailey if we could bring anything from the church to give to the children or adults we will be serving with. He suggested crayons, notebook paper, and pens or pencils. I won't be able to carry a lot in my suitcase, AND we also have a collection of supplies for our Annual Conference – so if you choose to donate, I'll pack what I can and give the rest to support other United Methodist Volunteer in Ministry programs through the conference. Again, thank you for your generous hearts!
3. HYGIENE KITS: We will be bringing with us a number of hygiene kits for women and girls. This ministry is run by Days for Girls, <https://www.daysforgirls.org/> . I know many of you sew and have asked about sewing these kits. Because they require special patterns and material, I have been told that the best way to get involved is to contact a local chapter. The Solon chapter contact is Kerry Norman, who can be reached at solonoh@daysforgirls.org or 440-346-6362. You can also contact Kevin Schaner at Church of the Saviour, schanerkevin@gmail.com .

Most of all, of course, thank you for your prayers as I prepare to travel. I will be teaching a short course on the sacraments and sacramental theology as well as engaging in a soccer ministry, preaching and leading worship, and helping out however I am called.

MISSION in ACTION

- **Peace with Justice Sunday** is being observed on June 16. Your gift supports ministries that encourage people to live - not just preach - a gospel of peace, here in the East Ohio Conference, the United States and around the world.
- On May 2nd it was interesting to hear the missionary from Cambodia, Esther Gitobu, and her husband.
- Please pray for Pastor Dianne and our conference team going to Cambodia.



--- Thanks, Ruby



WE ARE PLANTED!

If you are interested in weeding or watching our garden grow, beds 6 and 7 are ours. Any questions – please see Roy Buser or call 216-339-3526.



SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED! We are looking for musicians to share their musical gifts during worship this summer. Sign-up on the bulletin board in front of the choir room or call the church office if you are interested. If you want Roy to accompany you, please give him notice two weeks ahead to allow for practice. Using an accompanist is optional.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- Since there will be no Craft Fair in November, the UMW will have a Bake Sale on a fall Sunday.
- Women's Sunday will be June 16 (Father's Day, Graduation Sunday and Trinity Sunday). Shall we call it "Family Life Day"?
- We usually have an evening meeting in September to include our employed women.



Monday thru Friday, July 15-19: VBS

West Park UCC & Christ UMC will be taking you

To Mars and Beyond!

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at West Park UCC,
Thursday & Friday at Christ UMC

**Come for dinner at 5:30pm,
and stay for the program at 6:00pm.**

**Cost: \$10 per person, \$20 family maximum
(scholarships available)**

Want to help?

Backpacks, school supplies, old CD's for a craft.
Monetary donations will also be helpful.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 COMMUNION 9:45a Café Time 10:30a Worship	3 7:15a AA/JFH 6:00p Loss/Grief Support Group/ELL 7:00p GROW/Lib 8p AA/JFH	4 7:15a AA/JFH Bulletin Deadline 7p Boy Scouts/JFH	5 7:15a AA/JFH 6p Zumba/JFH	6 7:15a AA/JFH	7 7:15a AA/JFH	1 <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid green;"/> 8 9a RFM Pancake Breakfast/ Kirkpatrick's
9 Pentecost 9:45a Café Time 10:30a Worship	10 7:15a AA/JFH 8p AA/JFH	11 7:15a AA/JFH Bulletin Deadline 7p Boy Scouts/JFH	12 7:15a AA/JFH 6p Zumba/JFH	13 7:15a AA/JFH	14 7:15a AA/JFH	15 July/August MESSENGER articles due
16 UMW: Family Life Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday Father's Day Graduation Sunday 9:45a Café Time 10:30a Worship	17 7:15a AA/JFH 8p AA/JFH	18 7:15a AA/JFH Bulletin Deadline 7p Boy Scouts/JFH	19 7:15a AA/JFH 6p Zumba/JFH	20 7:15a AA/JFH	21 7:15a AA/JFH	22
23 9:45a Café Time 10:30a Worship 11:45a Finance/Lib 11:45a Birthday Party Club <hr style="width: 100%; border-top: 1px dashed green;"/> 30 9:45a Café Time 10:30a Worship	24 7:15a AA/JFH 8p AA/JFH	25 7:15a AA/JFH Bulletin Deadline 7p Boy Scouts/JFH	26 7:15a AA/JFH 6p Zumba/JFH	27 7:15a AA/JFH	28 7:15a AA/JFH	29 5p Community Meal/JFH

LECTIONARY/SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS: JUNE

- June 2:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26
June 9: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35*b*; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27
June 16: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
June 23: 1 Kings 19:1-15*a*; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
June 30: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Christ United Methodist Church
West Park Neighborhood
West 138th Street & Lorain Avenue
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Saturday, **JUNE 29**

5:00pm - 6:30pm

This community Meal is FREE and open to anyone from our congregation and the neighborhood.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Why not invite your neighbors to come with you?

Questions? Call John Motley at 440-879-0222.

Donations are gladly accepted.

Make checks payable to **Christ UMC** with "GROW meal" on the comment line.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME!



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