

June/July 2018

The Cornerstone

“Impacting the
Community for CHRIST”



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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am - Traditional Worship
10:45 am - Children's Worship,
Christ Cinema (Rm. 22)
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship

Group Study

Sunday Adult Classes

Room 113: *Calvary Class*
Room 115: *Sojourners Class*
Room 118: *Searchers Class*
Library: *ReachOut*

Nursery Care

8:30 am - noon, Ages 0-Pre-K, Rm. 27 & 29

Sunday Children's Classes

11:00 am - K & Up, Rm. 23



Rev. Wynston Dixon Appointed to Christ Church

Rev. Wynston Dixon has been appointed to Christ Church effective September 1. Pastor Dixon was born in Liberia, West Africa, and graduated with honors in Theology from Cuttington University College in Liberia in 1979. Pastor Dixon was first ordained a Deacon by the United Methodist Church in Liberia before coming to the United States in 1982 to pursue his graduate studies. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Perkins Divinity School at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas in 1986 and was ordained an Elder by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1990.

Pastor Dixon's first appointment in the West Ohio Conference was as an associate minister at Gaines United Methodist Church and has since served as pastor at Milford-Calvary UMC (Milford); Asbury North UMC (Columbus); Asbury UMC (Toledo); and is currently serving at Braden UMC (Toledo).

Pastor Dixon is a man with vast experience and educational backgrounds, and is a preacher and teacher of Scripture, believing that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. He feels blessed to be used by the Almighty God to proclaim His powerful Word.

Pastor Dixon is the proud father of one daughter, Wynlita, and grandfather of Ja'Layah. He has four brothers of which he is the youngest and one sister.

As with every pastor that has served Christ Church, each has had a different set of gifts and talents. As we discover the gifts and talents of Pastor Dixon and as he continues to lead us in our spiritual growth, may we continue to be a church that impacts our community for Christ. And may we each extend to Pastor Dixon a warm Christ Church welcome.

Letter from the Pastor



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Practically everything we experience in life has a beginning and an end. We are told in Ecclesiastes 3:1 *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. . ."* I have

become more aware of the reality of this truth over the years and especially now as Julie and I enter into a new season of life. In the midst of needing to say goodbye, I have also made some discoveries, a few of which I would like to share with you before I leave my role as pastor.

First, my love in Christ for you will not end. You have a place in my heart. You have taught me much about myself and living out my life in Jesus Christ our Lord. You have touched me and my family in tremendous ways. And you have loved us, cared for us and blessed us in too many ways to count. There is no end to the impact that God has made in and through you.

Secondly, there can be no end to our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are and will continue to be 'related' to each other. We may be apart by way of distance, but we will always be tied together by the Holy Spirit. I now understand what the Apostle Paul was saying when he stated, *"For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ."* Colossians 2:5 (ESV).

And lastly, the blessed assurance we have of fellowshiping once again when we gather together in the presence of our Lord with the saints. I truly believe in my heart that Christ followers (believers) never have to say goodbye which has a sense of permanence to it. So I will say to each of you, I will see you later with much love until we meet again.

I thank God our Father for the privilege of serving as your pastor these past eight years. May God continue to be with you and bless you as you seek to *impact the community for Christ for the transforming of lives by the power of God to His glory*; and always remember why: *"We believe Jesus will use us to make a positive change in the lives of others just like He did for me."*

In Jesus,
Pastor Norm

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Goody! Goody! Just when I needed it cookies and sweets. Sitting at my table wondering should I go to the store, it's supposed to rain and I don't get around too good in the rain. The 11th (of April) is my 90th birthday. I can't believe I'm that old. Thank everyone for the wonderful treats.

Pat Blakenship

Your generosity is appreciated so very much. God Bless You. Thank you so much for the Easter goodie bags. Whoever headed the committee . . . we know how much organizing it took. Thanks to all that participated in any way.

*Sincerely,
Howard, Sue & Kay
Hounshell*

A very big thank you to everyone who sent cards, made food, called or visited during my surprise injury. I am truly blessed with an amazing church family. Thank you so much.

Pam Cole

Thank you so much for the nice Easter "treat" of cookies and other surprises! It was nice to be remembered from the "Easter Bunnies" at church.

*Blessings and love,
Hank Witt*

RUMMAGE

SALE

Friday, June 22

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
and

Saturday, June 23

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The church-wide rummage sale is one of our bigger money makers which raises funds to help with the maintenance of the church.

The HELP of many VOLUNTEERS is NEEDED to:

- ◆ Set out and organize donated items
- ◆ Price items
- ◆ Serve as cashiers on sales days
- ◆ Pack up remaining items at end of sale
- ◆ General tear down on June 23

To volunteer, please contact Pam Cole at (513) 422-2989. Thank you in advance for your help!

Also, if you have sale items that need to be picked up, you can contact Sherrie Robertson at (513) 652-9048 or Cindy Buckey at (513) 217-0347. Please also remember *TVs* and *CLOTHING* are not being accepted this year.



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH·HOPE·LOVE IN ACTION

The United Methodist Women's Summer Schedule

Thursday, July 19

Plain City, Ohio Der Dutchman
(Meeting at church at 10:00 am)

Thursday, August 16

Work Day at the Church
(Making fleece blankets for Hope Center)
10:00 am

Sign-up sheets can be found on the UMW bulletin board across from the Library

For more information, please contact
Dee Sellers at (513) 464-6739

With Sympathy

The Family of Kimberlee Elam who passed away on April 26

Roberta Thaeler and Family upon the death of Roberta's husband, David, on May 19

The Family of Joyce Burnett who passed away June 15

OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

During July and August, the office hours at the church will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The church office will be closed on Fridays. This change was approved by the Administrative Team at their June board meeting.

JESUS RESCUES

A one-day VBS Summer Event

to be held
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Jesus Rescues will be a day filled with mission opportunities for the youth and children as well as games and fun. Our goal for this event is to serve as a kick-off for a future mission-based youth group that will meet once a month for fellowship and youth-based mission work. ALL children and grandchildren in the church are invited and are encouraged to bring their friends. Those attending will be involved in five mission projects that day along with a Biblical lesson and a time for fun. This day will also be a family day as parents can stay and participate if they desire to do so.

One of the mission projects will be to have the children assemble drawstring bags filled with school supplies. The children will each make one for themselves and one to give to a student at Creekview Elementary. Other mission projects will include making lap blankets for Children's Hospital, making a beaded eye-training device for children with eye problems, making book markers and possibly holding a used children's book drive. Lunch and snacks will be provided as well.

For more information, you can contact Janet Tipton at (513) 292-1240.



A **BIG** thank you to Dick Cole, Jim Buckey, Tom Streiff and his grandson, David Brown, Scott Leonard and Jack Achberger for washing the screens and windows along the front of the church. Job well done and much appreciated!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

One of the missions projects that will be done in August during JESUS RESCUES is filling drawstring bags with school supplies. Needed supplies include:

Pink block erasers
 Pencil top erasers
 Post-it Notes
 3 x 5 index cards
 #2 pencils
 24-count box crayons
 Glue sticks
 Wide-ruled loose leaf paper

All donations can be left in the ReachOut bins in the lobby.

Congratulations 2018 Graduates



Emily Caudill, daughter of Tonia Caudill and granddaughter of Rhonda Crider. Emily is a graduate of Middletown High School and Butler Tech Career Center.

Evan Galdeen, grandson of Bernie and Glenna Fisher. Evan is a graduate of Winthrop University in South Carolina.

Noah Kelley, grandson of Dick and Pam Cole. Noah is a graduate of Springboro High School.

Ashleigh Streiff, granddaughter of Tom and Patty Streiff. Ashleigh is a graduate of The Hill Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Rebecca Titus, granddaughter of Urith Ellen Thompson and niece of Beth and Denny Greider. Rebecca is a graduate of Ohio University.

June

- 6/2 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 6/6 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm, Yoga, NLC
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 6/9 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 6/12 6:00 pm Admin Team, 113
- 6/13 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm Yoga, NLC
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- 6/14 4:00 pm Yoga, NLC
- 6/16 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
1:00 pm Pastor Norm's Retirement
Celebration, NLC
- 6/20 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm Yoga, NLC
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- 6/22 4:00 pm Garage Sale, NLC
- 6/23 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
9:00 am Garage Sale, NLC
- 6/27 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm Yoga, NLC
- 6/28 11:00 am Wesley Community Services
Resource Fair, NLC
4:00 pm Yoga, NLC
- 6/30 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library

July

- 7/4 OFFICES CLOSED
12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm Yoga, NLC
- 7/7 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 7/10 6:00 pm Admin Team, 113
- 7/11 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm, Yoga, NLC
- 7/12 4:00 pm Yoga, NLC
- 7/14 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 7/18 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm Yoga, NLC
- 7/21 8:00 Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 7/25 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
3:30 pm Yoga, NLC
- 7/26 4:00 pm Yoga, NLC
6:30 NAMI Family-to-Family, 113
- 7/28 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library

Christ Church's Website Has a New Look!

If you have not been on our website recently, we encourage you to check out our new look! While there may still be a few things that need to be tweaked, it is our hope you will find the new website more user friendly and easier to navigate.

June Birthdays

2	Eddy Sellers
4	Glenna Fisher
6	Connie Daugherty
8	June Auvil Michael Banks
11	Marty Flesher
12	Kay Hounshell Annaliesse Kitchen Josephine Kitchen
14	Sheri Blunt Mallory Hicks
15	Charles Turner
16	Tom Robertson
18	Jonathan Coleman
20	George Kinslow Mary Wade
23	Phyllis Davis
24	Lucille Knight
25	Ann Baber Charlene Hale
27	Judy Spaulding
28	Gracie Grams
30	Jonah Carpenter Patricia Wilkerson

July Birthdays

3	Michael Minor
5	Michael Miller
6	Donna Phillips Zelda Stephenson
7	Margaret Henderson Carolyn Lacey Marilyn Minor
8	David DelGrosso Jeff Layne Carol O'Connor
12	Paula Mehl
15	Alice Bradshaw Sandy Luksic
16	Cindy Buckey Denny Luksic
19	Pam Cole
21	Karen Gibbs
26	Ron Spaulding
28	Virginia Stoops
30	Suzanne Hawkins
31	Jim Mann

June Anniversaries

3	Larry and Judy Crump
5	Jonah and Cherri Carpenter Gary and Connie Daugherty
6	Ron and Joanne Aderhold
7	Howard and Sue Hounshell
9	Tom and Patty Streiff
10	Paul and Beth Radabaugh
16	Mark and Donna Idle George and Carolyn Kinslow
20	Fred and Vera Ward
21	Tom and Kathy Sparks
23	Scott and Becki Davis

July Anniversaries

1	Ron and Judy Spaulding
4	Tom and Jane Tipton
6	Larry and Lynda Banks Jim and Cindy Buckey
15	Ron and Shirley Cox
16	Don and Teresa Dean Jerry and Linda Frechette Jeff and Janet Layne
21	Jack and Sue Myers



NAMI Butler County is now accepting registrations for a new, 12-week **Family-to-Family** class which begins Thursday, July 26, at Christ Church. The class is for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. Multiple family members are welcome and encouraged to attend and there is no cost to participants. Class topics will include:

- Basics of brain biology and mental health conditions
- Exploring the subjective experience of coping with mental illness
- Getting through a crisis
- Coping skills/Self care
- Communication skills
- Locating services and support
- Latest medications and therapies
- Helping your loved ones without enabling them

You can register online at www.nami-bc.org; send an email to info@nami-bc.org; or call (513) 860-8396.

Class will meet from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in Room 113

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can You PLEASE Help?

We cannot properly function without the entire Body of Christ participating in the ministry of Christ Church. As children of God, we are all called to serve. There is much to do yet we are continually faced with the challenge of finding those willing to step forward to serve to meet the present needs. We currently have the following ministry opportunities available and need YOUR help!

Administrative Team Secretary - The Administrative Team meets the second Tuesday of each month.

As secretary, you would be responsible for taking notes and preparing the monthly minutes.

Nursery - Volunteers are needed during both services on Sunday.

Liturgists - Liturgists are needed at the 11:00 am service.

Office Coverage - Volunteers are needed to cover the office when the secretary needs to be away from the office.

Communion - Pastor Norm has been preparing and setting the communion table since coming to Christ Church. We need volunteers to assume responsibility for this aspect of worship including set-up, clean-up following the second service, and providing the communion elements.

Altar - Pastor Norm has also been the one designing the altars, both in the sanctuary and the prayer room. Needed are volunteers who are creative and artistic for this ministry.

To volunteer, please call the church office at (513) 422-7364.

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Hope Center for Women and Children Middletown

The United Methodist Women are going to be working with the Hope Center in Middletown by providing women with needed items as they transition from the Center. Specifically, the UMW would like to provide the women with a twin sheet set, a towel and wash cloth and cleaning supplies. There will be a donation board in the lobby beginning July 1 with needed items. You will be able to remove a slip from the board, and you are being asked to return your donated item to the church by August 18.

The UWM have also scheduled at work day at the church on August 18 at 10:00 am to make fleece blankets which will be given to the women as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dee Sellers at (513) 464-6739. And thank you for loving these women and helping them as they begin their lives anew.