

June/July/August 2019

The Cornerstone

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“Impacting the
Community for CHRIST”



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Wynston Dixon, Pastor
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10:30 am - Sunday Worship

9:00 am - Group Study

Sunday Adult Classes

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

Sunday Youth Class

Room 4: Jr. High/Sr. High

Nursery Care

10:15 am - noon, Ages 0-Pre-K, Rm. 27 & 29

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, June 23
11:45 am in the Sanctuary

Purpose: To Vote on the Sale of the Church
Parsonage

*(Please be mindful that only “members” of Christ
Church will be permitted to vote.)*



Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen
Assistant to the District
Superintendent

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen to Speak

We will be welcoming to the pulpit
on Sunday, June 16, Rev. Dr. Suzanne
Allen, Assistant to the District Super-
intendent of the Ohio River Valley
District. Dr. Allen will be bringing
the morning message so please join
us on June 16.



Peace with Justice Sunday

June 16, 2019

A special “Peace with Justice Sunday” offering will be received
on June 16 to help the United Methodist Church continue its
global ministries of reconciliation by sowing seeds and yielding
fruit of peace. In addition to working globally, 50 percent of the
special offering collected in West Ohio will stay in West Ohio to
help fund the Conference’s summer Freedom Schools.

Letter from the Pastor



My Beloved Parishioners,

Sunday, June 9, will be Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. This is critical, for without the Holy Spirit there can be no church.

This will be the beginning of the liturgical season known as Pentecost. It was on Pentecost Day that the Holy Spirit came down as tongues of fire and quickened the souls of the disciples and others. The Holy Spirit entered their lives and they were transformed. These ordinary fishermen, tax collectors, and farmers became ambassadors of Jesus Christ. These disciples, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, began a movement that spread outward into the universal Christian Church that now stretches to the ends of the earth.

Today, we need to learn a lesson from the experience of the disciples. The church today needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We should become Holy Spirit filled believers. I urge us to take the time to open our hearts, repent of our sins and prepare ourselves to experience a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit during this Pentecost season. God is good, merciful and all-powerful. Try God and you will not be disappointed.

We often pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, but I wonder if we ever pause to consider what it is we are asking? The Holy Spirit only comes with a great price. Is it a price that we are willing to pay? As we look to the Book of Acts, it becomes clear very early that when the Holy Spirit comes, change is inevitable. We no longer have the luxury of “doing Church” the same old way. The Holy Spirit asks us to pay the price of letting go of our belief that the church is for us. Someone once said that the church is the only organization that exists to benefit its non-members. A church filled with the Holy Spirit is a church that is ultimately concerned with the lost, constantly seeking out not what makes us comfortable but what will reach those who do not know Jesus. Are you willing to pay that price?

The Holy Spirit asks us to pay the price of turning our eyes, even our finances, off ourselves and look to the needs of others. A Spirit filled church is a mission minded church. Are you willing to pay that price? The Holy Spirit asks us to pay the price of growth. Now that

may not seem like a great price since most of us want to grow. However, growth comes with growing pains and learning to invite our new members into fellowship. Are you willing to pay that price?

The Holy Spirit is moving mightily at Christ Church. People are praying, fasting and sincerely seeking a closer walk with God. How do we keep this aliveness, this fire burning, this spirit moving? What must exist in us, around us, and through us, if we are to be Pentecostal? It is simply these three things:

First, we are to be in one accord. When the day of Pentecost came, we learned that the apostles were all together in one place. It was the day that Christ had promised. Beginning with Easter, the resurrected Christ had appeared at various intervals to the disciples. They knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that He was the eternal living Lord. Now He had ascended to the Father and they waited in expectation for what they knew not. How could they possibly have known that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, was about to descend upon them? The result would be the beginning of the church. Pentecost became the primal fact of church history. They received God’s power.

Secondly, we are told: “They all joined together constantly in prayer.” Do you know where the church is growing the fastest? Not in the United States, but Korea, Africa, and Latin America. For some years now there have been massive revivals taking place in these southern countries. Ask the Korean Methodist ministers and they will tell you that the cornerstone of this revival is prayer. While it is true that churches that are together in one accord can accomplish much, no church can be truly Pentecostal if it does not pray. And it seems to me that much of the church has lapsed into a weekly routine of Sunday morning sermons and Sunday school. We have lost our desire to dedicate ourselves to prayer expecting the Holy Spirit to move in our presence and change lives.

Finally, if we are to be a Pentecostal church, we need to repent. If there is a moral crisis in the life of a person, he must repent. If there is a moral crisis in the event of a nation, it must repent. If there is a moral crisis in the life of a church, she must repent. Pentecost is possible only where sin is adequately dealt with.

Have a blessed summer,

Pastor Dixon

Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Life can be viewed as a series of chapters, each with its own beginning and end; all chapters together form the story that is our life. Beginnings of chapters can be weddings, relocations and new jobs; endings tend toward loss of loved ones or perhaps relocation to other cities. Graduations, however, represent both endings and beginnings.

On Sunday, June 2, we honored Elyse Beachy, Deona Bethart, Jake Earl, Jack Kane, Alex Kinney, Ally Roberts and Emma Siewny who have each completed a new level of educational growth. Each graduate was presented with Rick Warren's book entitled "The Purpose Driven Life - Selected Thoughts and Scriptures for the Graduate."

Pastor Dixon and the Christ Church leadership team congratulate these fine young persons on this significant milestone in their lives. We are very proud of each of you and sincerely wish all of you God's continued blessings in the future. Wherever life may take you, may you continue to hold to God's unchanging hands. Remember, the future is in your hands and whatever choices you make will affect your future.



As of May 2019, we have delivered **10,195** empty plastic pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries which they can choose to include in shipments of medical supplies to developing countries or shred and recycle in an effort to care for the environment and generate revenue for their ministry programs.

Matthew 25 Ministries accepts both large and small prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles with and without secure (child resistant) caps. Glass pill bottles **are not** accepted, however.

Pill bottles can be left in the red container located in the library on top of the filing cabinets.

A CHRISTIAN FATHER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shall hold no other group more important than the family unit; in all thy ways being faithful to it.
2. Thou shall teach thy sons and daughters to love, respect and obey their parents.
3. Thou shall be a loving and considerate husband.
4. Thou shall not speak in a manner unbecoming to a Christian.
5. Thou shall make Sunday a day set aside for God and worship as a family.
6. Thou shall provide for thy family – spiritually and physically.
7. Thou shall promote and lead family worship in thy home.
8. Thou shall be honest in all thy dealings.
9. Thou shall respect the desires and freedoms of thy family members as individuals.
10. Thou shall be the head of thy household while ruling it with love.

Calvary United Methodist Church

Happy
FATHER'S
Day



WHIZ KIDS SITE LEADER

We are still looking for a **Site Leader** for the Whiz Kids program at Christ Church beginning this Fall for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in this position, please contact Pastor Dixon at your earliest convenience.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, June 28
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
and
Saturday, June 29
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 days of sale
- ♦ Pack up remaining items at end of sale
- ♦ General tear down on Saturday, June 29

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

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 remember *TVs* and *CLOTHING* are not being accepted. Also, if you are donating small kitchen appliances or electronics, please leave a note on the item as to whether it works.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY . . .

A new church pictorial directory is going to be done, and we are still in need of someone to oversee and coordinate this project. The directory will be done by Universal Church Directories and pictures are scheduled to be taken on September 6 & 7, 2019. Please see Pastor Dixon as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer. Our Universal Directories representative would like to schedule the first meeting for the directory in early July.



Ministry Minded
FAMILY
focused.



Summer Schedule

Thursday, June 20 - Lunch at Hammel House in Waynesville. Meeting at the church at 10:45 am; lunch at 11:15 am. Following lunch, there will be time for shopping, enjoying ice cream and/or visiting the Secret Garden. All are invited.

July - Movie (Date, time and movie to be determined.)

Thursday, August 15 - Work Day at the church to assemble containers to be given to women transitioning from Hope House as they begin life anew. Will meet in the NLC at 10:00 am. Lunch will be ordered in.

Freedom with Friends Luncheon

Saturday, July 13 at 11:30 am
 New Life Center

Those, 60 years of age and above, and your guests are invited to come and freely celebrate God with friends at a special luncheon on Saturday, July 13, beginning at 11:30 am in the New Life Center. Please RSVP by Monday, July 8, by calling the church office at (513) 422-7364 or Wilma Thompson at (513) 360-7017 if you will be attending.

BOOKS FOR KENSINGTON PLACE

The United Methodist Women are in *URGENT* need of books to fill the empty bookshelves for the enjoyment of the residents at Kensington Place. Books can be left in the large red container in the library marked "Kensington Place." Thank you.

Thank You

Hello Friends,

We just want to take this opportunity to thank you for your financial support, prayers and words of encouragement. Our time in Peru has been both challenging and rewarding. And we are blessed to have you by our side in all different capacities. Thank you for your confidence and trust.

I am just going to give a brief update on our ministries. The children's programs that were started nearly 5 years ago are pretty stable. We have a steady 30-40 kids each Saturday and Sunday which means we are giving Bible lessons and feeding about 80 kids each weekend. Our Peruvian team has been very faithful serving in these ministries with us and for that we are thankful. The prison ministry is continuing to grow. I now have 40 women meeting every Thursday to learn about and deepen their relationship with Christ. What a pleasure this has been for me. I never thought I would end up in prison teaching about our Lord and Savior. In the beginning of May, I started a Bible study for teenage girls, ages 12-17. We are teaching them who they are in Christ and giving them a sense of value. It has been very interesting since several came from the Catholic church and were taught unscriptural things. For example, they were taught that Christ was not sinless, and the Holy Spirit does not dwell within us. Pretty sad isn't it? But we are making progress. I also have a Bible study for 7 women on Monday mornings which is going well. In addition, we meet on Monday evenings with a prayer group for intercessory prayer and fellowship. We are very thankful for those participating in this prayer group.

Please continue to pray for each of these ministries and our role in the lives of the people we serve. At times we are very frustrated and our patience runs low. But then something good happens, and we are reminded why we are here. Our Lord is faithful! Blessings to each of you.

Your Friends in Christ,
Tim and Jennifer Goshorn

A Very Special Thank You . . . to all those who contributed money, Berns gift cards, Berns Bucks, and vinegar in support of our effort to maintain the church landscaping. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We had a late start this year due to the excessive amount of rain which resulted in very muddy flower beds but will hopefully be able to catch up in the following weeks. We are always in need of vinegar to make the "famous weed killer recipe" given to us by Steve Johnson.

George and Linda Knapp



(Flowers from 2018)

From Creekview Elementary . . . *It takes a special kind of person to care enough to take the time for others, to do whatever it takes to help somebody out. For everything you have done . . . for everything you have given . . . Thank you.*

Makenna and Kendall

Words cannot express how thankful we are for community partnerships like yours! Our students' lives change day by day without much notice and you guys always swoop in to their rescue and make major changes seem not so scary. Thank you so much for loving our students!

Brandi Hubbard

Thank you so so much for helping us make this transition! It takes a village. Thank you for stepping in and being a part of ours!

Heather Jud

June Birthdays

2	Eddy Sellers
4	Glenna Fisher
6	Connie Daugherty
7	Joy Witt
8	June Auvil
	Michael Banks
11	Marty Flesher
12	Kay Hounshell
14	Sheri Blunt
	Mallory Hicks
15	Charles Turner
16	Tom Robertson
20	George Kinslow
24	Lucille Knight
25	Ann Baber
	Charlene Hale
27	Judy Spaulding
30	Jonah Carpenter

August Birthdays

1	Dani Grams
2	Carolyn Kinslow
5	Tommy Tipton
6	Urith Ellen Thompson
10	Robert Gast
12	Bill McCall
14	Braden Martin
16	Helen Murry
17	Kim Flesher
19	Richard Owen
21	Linda Barton
	Zachary Kassner
27	Barbara Langworthy
28	Diana Hayes
	Nancy Karnes
31	Howard Hounshell

July Birthdays

5	Michael Miller
6	Donna Phillips
	Zelda Stephenson
	Hayley Tolson
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

With Sympathy

Wendy, Sarah (Britton), Corinne & Matthew Minor & Family; Marilyn Minor & Family; and Carl & Shirley Heismann & Family upon the death of husband, father, grandfather, son and son-in law, Michael Minor, on May 11

John and Leslie O'Hara & Family upon the death of John's aunt, Irma Burgess, on May 15 and Leslie's uncle, Ronald Chaplin Sr. on June 3

Note from the Editor . . .

This will be the only Cornerstone done this summer so this issue includes birthdays, anniversaries and monthly calendars through the end of August. The monthly Cornerstone will resume beginning in September. Happy Summer!

June Anniversaries

- 3 Larry and Judy Crump
- 5 Jonah and Cherri Carpenter
Gary and Connie Daugherty
- 7 Howard and Sue Hounshell
- 9 Tom and Patty Streiff
- 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

August Anniversaries

- 3 Jim and Brenda Mann
- 5 Denny and Sandy Luksic
Walker and Sally Williamson
- 8 Michael and Teresa Banks
- 12 Richard and Bobette Owen
- 15 Glen and Kim Swiger
- 18 Robert and Mallory Hicks
- 21 David and Barbara Martin
- 23 Rex and Debbie Lawson
- 28 David and Gerri Teeters

LOVE PACKAGES

The following will hopefully answer any questions you might have concerning the materials and items **Love Packages** accepts in its ministry to help spread the word of God throughout the world.

DONATIONS LOVE PACKAGES ACCEPT

Bibles - New or used, any translation, New Testaments or other portions, and/or individual Gospel booklets;

Reference Materials - Dictionaries, Bible dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, etc.;

Books - All Christian books, adult or children, non-fiction;

Magazines and Daily Devotionals - Any devotionals or magazines from a Christian publisher;

Sunday School Materials - Adult quarterlies and all teacher manuals in any quantity from all publishers; children's quarterlies with the teacher's manual and full student manuals;

CDs, DVDs, BluRay - Music, movies, teachings from well known speakers such as Billy Graham, Charles Swindoll, etc.; and

Puppets, Nativity Sets, Etc. - Bible games, Bible puzzles or anything that helps teach the Gospel especially to children.

STILL NOT SURE?

Love Packages essentially has two criteria for deciding what material it will accept: (1) something that will lead someone to faith in Christ, and/or (2) something that will disciple a believer. If your material does one of those things, **donate it**.

ITEMS LOVE PACKAGES DOES NOT ACCEPT

(1) *Guideposts*; (2) VHS tapes/records/8-tracks; (3) handiwork or busy papers from Sunday School materials; and (4) secular books (other than dictionaries).

Do you have literature sitting around that could be used to capture someone's heart? Through May, Christ Church has donated 1,061.3 pounds of material to **Love Packages**. So far this year, **Love Packages** has shipped 340 tons of materials.

To learn more or read their monthly newsletter, please visit their website at: www.lovepackages.org.

June

- 6/5 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
5:00 pm Men's Choir, Sanctuary
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 6/6 1:30 pm Membership Care, Library
4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 6/8 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
8:00 am Women's Emmaus Team,
NLC/Sanctuary
- 6/9 6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 6/10 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 6/11 11:45 am Yoga, 24
6:00 pm Admin Team, 113
- 6/12 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 6/13 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 6/15 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
8:00 am Women's Emmaus Team,
NLC/Sanctuary
- 6/17 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 6/18 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 6/19 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 6/20 11:30 am UMW Lunch at Hammel House Inn,
Waynesville
4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 6/22 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
9:00 am Men's Emmaus Team, NLC
- 6/23 11:45 am Church Conference, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 6/24 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 6/25 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 6/26 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 6/27 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 6/28 4:00 pm Rummage Sale, NLC
- 6/29 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
9:00 am Rummage Sale, NLC

July

- 7/1 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 7/2 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 7/3 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7/4 OFFICE CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7/6 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
9:00 am Men's Emmaus Team, NLC
- 7/8 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 7/9 11:45 am Yoga, 24
6:00 pm Admin Team, 113
- 7/10 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7/11 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 7/13 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
11:30 am Freedom w/Friends Luncheon, NLC
- 7/14 6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 7/15 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 7/16 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 7/17 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7/18 - 7/21 Men's Emmaus Walk
- 7/20 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Kitchenette
- 7/22 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 7/23 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 7/24 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 7/25 - 7/28 Women's Emmaus Walk
- 7/27 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Kitchenette
- 7/28 6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 7/29 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 7/30 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 7/31 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

August

- 8/1 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 8/3 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 8/5 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 8/6 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 8/7 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 8/8 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 8/10 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 8/11 6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 8/12 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 8/13 11:45 am Yoga, 24
6:00 pm Admin Team, 113
- 8/14 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 8/15 10:00 am UMW Work Day, NLC
4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 8/17 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 8/19 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 8/20 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 8/21 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 8/22 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 8/24 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 8/25 6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 8/26 11:30 am Yoga, 24
- 8/27 11:45 am Yoga, 24
- 8/28 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
7:00 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 8/29 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 8/31 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library

Handbell Choir

**First Rehearsal - Tuesday, September 3
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Room 113**

**Need 6 to 8 people for a Two Octave Bell Choir
Practices will be weekly (3rd, 4th & 5th weeks of
the month) on Tuesdays
Substitutes are needed (for those who cannot
commit to a weekly practice schedule)**

**If interested, please contact:
Betsy Balger at: bjbalger1@aol.com
or by phone at: 513.423.6907 (home) or
513.320.1046 (cell)**

BERNS GIFT CARDS

The United Methodist Women still have a few remaining gift cards for purchase from Berns Garden Center and Landscaping. The cards are \$25 with \$5 from each card sold going back to the United Methodist Women. Cards can be purchased by contacting Pam Cole at 422-2989.



Financial Update (as of 4/30/2019)

	<u>Month of April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$26,763	\$ 87,134
Expenses	(\$22,503)	(\$ 98,100)
Income/(Loss)	\$ 4,260	(\$ 10,966)

Note: Giving in April was up approximately \$6,200 from March. April expenses were \$4,500 lower than March due to the absence of any insurance premiums this month as well as our Duke bill being \$1,900 lower than March. The increased income and reduced expenses resulted in significantly higher income than experienced in March. For information purposes, 85% of our expenses are fixed which includes salaries and benefits, utilities, insurance and taxes, maintenance and mortgage. Our mortgage payment was made in full in April. During the January Admin Team meeting, it was decided to attempt to pay the district only portion of our connectional expenses pending cash availability. We continued to make payments in March. However, connectional giving and expenses are not reflected in the numbers above. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Barb Martin.

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