

September 2019

The Cornerstone

Christ Church United Methodist
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“Impacting the
Community for CHRIST”



Staff

Wynston Dixon, Pastor
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Julie Coleman, Office Manager

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,
Room 106

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 9
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
New Life Center

Applications for booth rental space at the Fall Festival are now being accepted. An 8 x 10 booth space is \$35 and an 8 x 12 booth space is \$40. There is a \$5 price reduction in the total cost for those wishing to rent two spaces together. Electric will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis. For those interested in renting booth space, please contact Pam Cole at (513) 422-2989 (Home) or (513) 465-1749 (Cell).

The Fall Festival is one of our biggest money makers. While this event allows us to welcome old and new friends to Christ Church and extend the hand of fellowship, the Festival also provides us with another opportunity to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our service and our gifts.

Volunteers will also be needed the day of the Festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pam Cole.

Membership Class

Pastor Dixon will be offering a Membership Class this fall for those interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and becoming members of Christ Church. While the date of the class has not yet been determined, those interested in participating in the class are asked to contact the church office at (513) 422-7364.

New Security Protocols In Effect

Christ Church is pleased to partner with Northstar Classical School as classes began on August 27. Christ Church and Northstar have worked together to establish updated security protocols for the building, focusing particularly during Christ Church's office hours from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays, and Northstar's school hours from 8:15 am - 3:30 pm Tuesdays through Fridays with the faculty/staff using the facility on Mondays.

Entry to the Building

- During the week, the main entrance for Christ Church will be the Marshall Street doors; Northstar will use the entrance from the west parking lot as their main entrance. To assist with security, these entrances are solely for the purpose of Christ Church and Northstar, and so congregants and Northstar faculty/students/parents must enter through the appropriate door as well as visitors.
- All outside doors will be kept locked to ensure the safety of Church staff and Northstar faculty and children.
- A coded lock box has been installed at the Marshall Street entrance containing a key that will unlock the outside door. The code will be shared with those who need access to the building on a more regular basis but do not have need for an outside door key.
- A wireless buzzer will also be installed at the Marshall Street entrance for those wishing entry into the church building, e.g., mailperson, repairman, etc. during office hours so that the church secretary is alerted that someone is at the door.

Identification of Christ Church and Northstar Staff and Faculty

- Church and school personnel will be wearing appropriate lanyard identification during office and school hours.
- Visitor lanyards specific to Christ Church and Northstar will be provided to assist with safety.

Overall Building Access to Christ Church

- If you have a group, e.g., Bible Study, UMW, committee, etc., meeting during school hours, you will need to position a person at the door you will be using for your group's entry into the building. Please insure that at **no time** is a door unlocked and unattended for a meeting or gathering during school hours. This is also a good security practice for groups meeting during non-school hours.

Northstar Space

- The classroom area as contracted between Christ Church and Northstar and often referred to by the church as the "Children's Wing" will not be accessible to congregants during the school day. Northstar will install stanchions at the entry points to their area as a visual reminder that "school is in session."

Thank you for understanding the need for such protocols given the times in which we live and the importance of protecting not only the children of Northstar but also the personnel of both Christ Church and Northstar. We are also mindful that the protocols shared above may need to be adjusted and/or that new protocols formulated as we experience our shared visioning within the church walls, so please be patient with both Northstar and Christ Church as we navigate this new partnership with one another.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Coleman in the church office at (513) 422-7364, or you may contact David Sauter, who is serving at Christ Church's liaison to Northstar, anytime at (513) 967-1146.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY . . .

It is time for a new pictorial church directory! Universal Church Directories will be here on Monday and Tuesday, September 23 and 24, from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm to take your portrait. Sign-up sheets for portrait times will be available in the lobby on Sunday mornings, or you can schedule your appointment online by going to www.ucdir.com, click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter **oh2239** in the Church Code field and enter **smile4** in the Church password field. Then simply follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. We would like to see 100% participation!



LOVE PACKAGES

We continue to collect new and slightly used Christian materials for the *Love Packages* organization which distributes these materials throughout the world. Christ Church has donated over 1,000 pounds of materials to *Love Packages*. As of March 2019, *Love Packages* has shipped over 340 tons of literature and currently has 400 tons of literature moving by truck, ship, or is in port awaiting clearance.

From missionaries in Zimbabwe, *Love Packages* received this message of thanks: "We received tracts, books, Upper Room and Daily Bread books. You have no idea how you have empowered our women, men, youth, and children's ministry. We are extremely grateful. Our church is 350 kilometers from Harare and it is very difficult for us to have any literature. To receive brand new paperback Bibles, this was the greatest gift ever!"

Please help Christ Church continue our support of this non-profit organization with your donations of used and new Bibles and Christian literature (both adult and children.) Your donations can be placed in the red container located in the Library marked "*Love Packages*."

For more information, you can visit *Love Packages* on Facebook or online at www.lovepackages.org.

Handbell Choir
First Rehearsal - Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Needed are at least 6 people for a Two Octave Bell Choir
(No prior experience necessary or the ability to read music)
If interested, please contact:
Betsy Balger at: bjbalger1@aol.com
or by phone at: 513.423.6907 (home) or 513.320.1046 (cell)

Jacob's Fund

The Loose Change Offering on Sunday, September 1, will benefit *Jacob's Fund* which provides hippotherapy and therapeutic riding to children with developmental impairments whose parents cannot afford the costs of this therapy that employs the horse as a therapy tool. Below are some of the children your loose change will help:



Lilly and Bella

Lilly and Bella, non-biological sisters, have autism and ADHD as well as Reactive Attachment Disorder, a result of gross neglect by their biological mothers. Now adopted, they're in a loving family. Hippotherapy helps the girls' neurological functions and motor skills and self-control.



Johnathon

Johnathon has autism. His parents are veterans of Desert Storm. He stopped talking at 3-1/2. After one session on a horse, he began talking excitedly to his Dad. His mom wrote this about the help received from Jacob's Fund: "Oh my, the Lord is so good to us!!!"



Carissa

Carissa, a sweet 10-year-old, has an emotional disorder, ADHD and autism. These developmental impairments have created difficulties in many areas of life, from hygiene to social skills. Hippotherapy helps her overcome sensory aversions and increases her ability to complete tasks.

Zink's Sub Sale

Orders will be taken by ReachOut beginning Sunday, September 15 through Sunday, September 29

Cost is:
\$5 per sub or 5 subs for \$20

Sub orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, October 12, from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon and Sunday, October 13, following service

All proceeds from the sub sale will help fund ReachOut activities such as "Trunk 'N Treat," "Easter Egg Hunt" and supplies for Creekview Elementary.



Trunk 'N Treat

Thursday, October 31
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

ReachOut will be looking for volunteers to open their "trunks" to pass out candy as well as help to serve hot dogs and drinks during Trunk 'N Treat.

Donations of wrapped candy and personal hygiene items are now being accepted and can be dropped off in Room 118B.

Thank you!



Interviews with Church Consultant Now Being Scheduled

J. Anthony Mosley, who is a consultant that works with churches in distress, was recommended to us by our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson, at our July 14 congregational meeting and Christ Church then voted to hire Mr. Mosley at the July 21 congregational meeting.

As a first step, Mr. Mosley will begin interviewing congregants of Christ Church in an effort to gather information that will help him define our issues and concerns as well as receive your suggestions as we plan for the future.

Interviews are to be conducted on:

- Saturday, September 14, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- Sunday, September 15, from 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- Friday, September 27, from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Sign-up sheets for interview times will be available beginning Sunday, September 1, following service, or you may contact Pam Johnson at (513) 267-4219 to schedule an appointment.

For those not available on the above dates, Mr. Mosley will also conduct phone interviews. Telephone interviews can be scheduled by contacting Sally Williamson at (513) 465-7832.

Please remember that **ALL** interviews will remain confidential and that the interviews provide an opportunity for all to be heard. Thank you for your participation in this process.

Sunday Morning Hospitality Ministry

Thank you Sherrie Robertson for a wonderful job each Sunday morning with our coffee hour. Your dedication to providing us with coffee and delicious treats each week has been deeply appreciated!

Sherrie has now retired from this position, and so we are currently looking for someone to take over this ministry beginning immediately. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact Jane Tipton at (513) 292-1240 or the church office at (513) 422-7364.



Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls and cards following my recent surgery. The love you extended was very much appreciated.

Jack Achberger

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the residents of Kensington Place. Your generosity was overwhelming and much appreciated. For now, your donations have met the current need.

United Methodist Women

Thank you to George and Linda Knapp who have been tending to the landscaping around the church for many years now. Your dedication and attention to the planting, trimming, and weeding of the many beds has not gone unnoticed and is deeply appreciated. Your ministry has resulted in another year of beautiful landscaping for which we again thank you.

Christ Church



Matthew  **Ministries**

The Story Behind Matthew 25 Ministries . . .

After a trip to Nicaragua in 1990 and seeing millions of people in deplorable conditions, Reverend Wendell Mettey founded **Matthew 25 Ministries**. In the early days of **Matthew 25 Ministries**, supplies were carried to Nicaragua in suitcases, then aboard United States Air Force cargo planes. Now, aid is shipped in forty-foot seagoing containers and by semi-trailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. Needless to say **Matthew 25 Ministries** has grown from a small suitcase ministry in 1991 to an international humanitarian aid and relief organization today distributing over 15 million pounds of products each year throughout the U.S. and to more than 60 countries worldwide. **Matthew 25 Ministries** also holds a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and has been named by Forbes.com as one of the most efficient large US charities. [More than 99% of all cash and in-kind donations go towards programs.](#)

The mission of **Matthew 25 Ministries** is to fulfill Matthew 25:34-40 by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to prisoners.

"As you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)
Matthew 25 Ministries helps more than 20 million people in need each year in Greater Cincinnati, throughout the US, and around the world.

By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations and manufacturers, **Matthew 25 Ministries** provides basic necessities, educational materials, skill development opportunities and disaster relief across the US and worldwide.

Christ Church supports **Matthew 25 Ministries** through your donations of empty plastic pill bottles (both prescription and over-the-counter). To date we have donated over 10,000 pill bottles. Empty pill bottles may be placed in the red container marked **"Pill Bottles"** located on the top of the file cabinet in the library.

September Birthdays

- 1 Sue Myers
- 3 Greg Siewny
- 10 Lynda Banks
Ted McMonigle
- 11 Leslie O'Hara
- 12 Fred Rentschler
- 13 Dinah Stork
- 15 Marlena Blunt
- 16 Janet Matusak
- 17 Dorothy Back
Scott Davis
Les Greider
Wendy Kissel
- 18 Brenda Mann
Beth Radabaugh
- 19 Robert Baber
- 21 Ron Cox
- 24 Linda Frechette
- 26 Wendy Minor
- 28 Mary Jane Hummel
- 29 Scott Leonard

September Anniversaries

- 6 Les and Vicki Greider
- 15 Jim and Helen Murry
- 17 Tom and Sherri Robertson
- 18 Jeff and Jane Berns
- 21 Marty and Kim Flesher
Steve and Pam Johnson
- 23 Denny and Beth Greider
- 26 Kevin and Barbara Strait

Congratulations

Emily Caudle upon the birth of her daughter, Madilyn Michelle on June 28. Congratulations also to Madilyn's grandmother, Tonia Caudle, and great-grandmother, Rhonda Crider.

Alice Bradshaw upon the July birth of her great-grandson, Jackson Schraub.

Les and Vicki Greider upon the July birth of their granddaughter, Robin Greider.

Rex and Debbie Lawson upon the birth of their grandson, William Keith Clements, on August 20.

Blessings

With Sympathy

Jerry and Linda Frechette & Family, and Glen and Kim Swiger & Family, upon the death of Linda's brother, David R. (Bob) Heck on June 27

Dick and Bobette Owen & Family upon the death of their brother-in-law, Arthur R. McElhinney Jr. on July 26

Howard and Sue Hounshell & Family and Kay Hounshell upon the death of Howard and Sue's son, David, on August 7

Parsonage Sale Finalized



The sale of the church parsonage was finalized on Monday, August 12. The net proceeds received by the church totaled \$149,740.90.



Inviting All Women!

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 am in Room 113

The morning speaker is Teresa Youngstrom, RN, CDP who will be speaking on Alzheimer's

**Comfort Care Station
Creekview Elementary**

ReachOut has decided to shift its focus from school supplies to comfort care this year to help alleviate some of the burden that families of Creekview Elementary students face trying to provide for their basic care necessities. It is the goal of ReachOut to create a "Comfort Care Station" at Creekview by October 1 and to maintain this station throughout the school year.

Types of comfort care items needed include "travel size" shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, soaps, hand sanitizer and feminine care products. In addition, hair brushes, combs, hair ties will be needed. While ten lice kits have already been provided to Creekview, lice kits will also be an ongoing need of the school. The distribution of these products to Creekview students will be done at the discretion of the school nurse.

There will be a bin placed in the lobby to receive your care item donations. Monetary donations are also welcome in lieu of actual products and can be placed in the offering tray on Sundays and marked "ReachOut Comfort Station."

If you have any questions, please see Jane Tipton or Judy Crump.

September

- 9/1 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 9/2 OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY
- 9/3 11:45 am Yoga, Parlor
- 9/4 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
5:00 pm Men's Choir, Sanctuary
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 9/7 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 9/8 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 9/10 11:45 am Yoga, Parlor
6:00 pm Admin Team, 113
7:00 pm Bible Study, Library
- 9/11 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 9/14 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
10:00 am Church Consultant Interviews
- 9/15 1:00 pm Church Consultant Interviews
4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
- 9/17 11:45 am Yoga, Parlor
6:30 pm Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Bible Study, Library
- 9/18 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
5:00 pm Men's Choir, Sanctuary
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 9/19 10:00 am United Methodist Women, 113
- 9/21 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 9/22 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby
6:30 pm Girl Scouts, Youth Lounge
- 9/23 2:00 pm Church Directory Portraits, 118
- 9/24 11:45 am Yoga, Parlor
2:00 pm Church Directory Portraits, 118
7:00 pm Bible Study, Library
- 9/25 12:30 pm NAMI, Library
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Bible Study, Library
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary
- 9/27 9:00 am Church Consultant Interviews
- 9/28 8:00 am Emmaus Share Group, Library
- 9/29 4:00 pm Yoga, Lobby

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**Butler, Warren & Clinton Counties
Walk to End Alzheimer's**

Saturday, September 14

**Voice of America Park
7850 VOA Park Drive
West Chester, Ohio**

Registration/Check-in - 8:30 am
Opening Ceremony - 9:45 am
Walk Begins - 10:00 am

You may also register online at alz.org/walk or by calling (800) 272-3900.

**Drive To End
Alzheimer's Golf
Outing**



**Monday, October 7
Wildwood Golf Course**

This is a four person scramble with a 12:00 pm "Shotgun" start. The cost per person is \$75 which includes cart, golf, snacks and an all American grill out.

Register online at:

cecilie.ricke@enrichinghappiness.com

or

Mail registration/check (payable to Cecilie Ricke/
ALZ) to:

Cecilie Ricke
Bickford Senior Living
4375 Union Road, Middletown 45005

Ms. Ricke can be reached at (937) 503-6548 if you have any questions

