

Participants in this morning's Worship

Pastor Rev. Bruce McDaniel
 Organist Linda Allen
 Pianist Kathy Bame
 Liturgist Alyce Roller
 North Greeters Sharon Apple and Deb Zulch

Stewardship of Time and Talents, January 10, 2016

General.....\$1,448.00	Parsonage.....\$50.00
Coffee Outreach.....\$11.00	Building.....\$10.00
Benevolences.....\$5.00	Christmas Offering.....\$50.00
Betty Hampshire.....\$25.00	Attendance.....36

Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

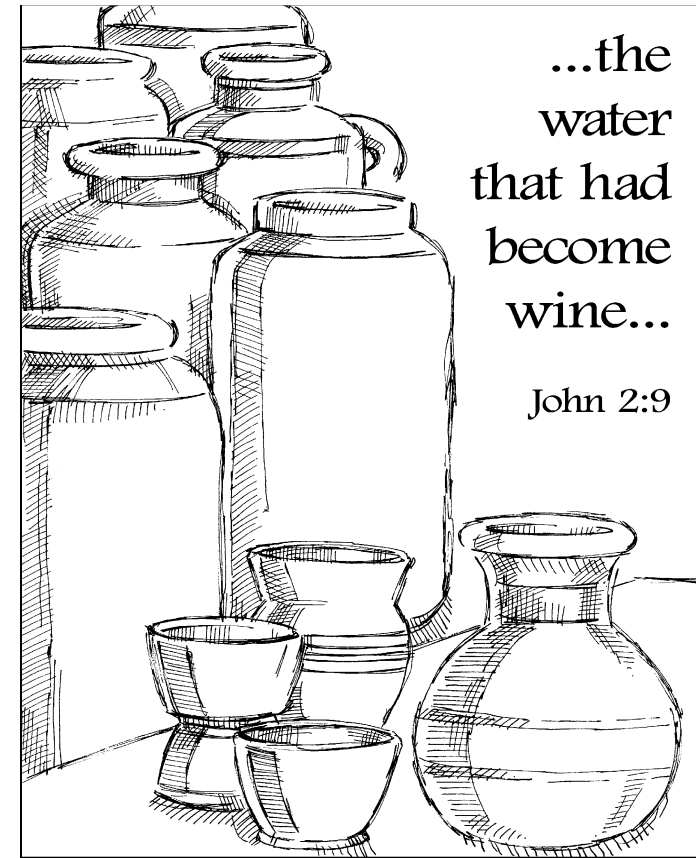
Today, January 17, 2016 9:00 AM..... Worship
 10:00 AM..... Sunday School
 Monday, January 18, 2016..... 9:00 AM..... Sermon Shaping
 Tuesday, January 19, 2016..... 7:00 PM..... Leadership Team
 Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:00 AM..... Book Club
 Friday, January 22, 2016 8-4PM..... REACH (all day)
 Saturday, January 23, 2016..... 9:00 AM..... Bible Study
 10:00 AM..... Food Pantry
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25, 2016

Praises, Prayers and Concerns

Don Allen	Tedd Aldrich	Terry Amos
Richard Angel	Kim Arasato	Ivan Avery Family
Enriqueta Baldonado	Mike Bateson	Family of Joanne Bechstein
Family of Hunter Blasius	Family of Chase Boltz	Linda Brownell
Family of Darryl DeWalt	Josh Earl	Mary German
Leslie Gill	Mike Gill	Connie Grilliot
Family of Betty Hampshire	Patricia Harmon	Zachary Hunter
Phyllis Johns	Family of Zella Levanthal	Marcia Moore
Family of Paul Moore	Gerry Otley	Family of Josh Pearce
Betty Perez	Evelyn Perez	Joe Perez (Dad & Son)
Family of Coke Perez	Smoke Perez	Bob Pooley
Gary Rothenmueller	Leo Salaz	Kay Stevens
Family of Anne Strickland	Family of Franklin Taylor	Ethal Thomas
Ruth Troxel	Dolly Warner Gregory	Bennet Wossener



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...the
 water
 that had
 become
 wine...

John 2:9

Worship: 9:00 AM
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Vision Statement:

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

[HTTP://HOME.DACOR.NET/CHRISTUMC/](http://home.dacor.net/christumc/)

Christ United Methodist Church

January 17, 2016

Human Relations Day

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

Gathering and Preparation

Time of Gathering and Welcome

Announcement: How to connect our lives to ministry

Prelude....music to help us prepare for worship

The Way of Blessing

* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 36:5-10)

Alyce Roller

Your mercy, O Lord, extends to the heavens!

Your faithfulness to the clouds

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God

Your judgments are like the great deep

O CONTINUE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE TO ALL

How precious is your mercy, O God

Our children take refuge in the shadows of your wings

How gracious is your giving to the Earth

We feast on the abundance of your house

For with you is the Fountain of Life

O CONTINUE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE TO US, THIS DAY!

***Hymn #188, Christ is the World's Light**

***Prayer** (unison)

Alyce Roller

Loving God, help us to realize how much you love us. Help us to see that your compassion and your grace are poured upon us abundantly and lavishly. May we awaken to how much you delight in us and rejoice over us. May we then, as your partner in this relationship, return the love, the delight and the rejoicing to you with our entire beings. May we come then to understand that we are co-creators of the kingdom, with you.

The Way of Letting Go

Offering the Prayers We Bring

Prayer Song, #496 (vss 1 & 2) Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer for One Voice

The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

Reading from the Sacred Text

Isaiah 62:1-5

Ellie Krassow

Alyce Roller

Litany (responsive)

Rev. Bruce McDaniel

O God, whose spirit blesses us with many and various gifts,

Help us to stress not the diversity of our gifts but the unity of their source.

If we have more or greater gifts than others,

Let us not boast, for all our gifts are given by you for the good of all.

If our neighbors have more or greater gifts than we,

Let us not grumble, for all their gifts are given by you for the good of all.

If we have tasks too big for our gifts,

Let us not be quick to spurn the help of others.

If our neighbors have gifts that are too small for their tasks,

Let us not be slow to offer our help to others.

As Christ employed his gifts to manifest your spirit,

Help us to employ our gifts to manifest the spirit of Christ.

Reading of the Sacred Text Gospel according to John 2:1-11

Alyce Roller

Interpreting the Sacred Text "Live Tomorrow's Life Today"

Rev. Bruce McDaniel

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer

Rev. Bruce McDaniel

Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

***A song to send us on our way, Hymn #192, There's a Spirit in the Air**

* **Blessing** (responsive)

Rev. Bruce McDaniel

God sends us out to the lonely, the forsaken.

We will go to gather them up into the heart of love.

Jesus sends us out to throw a party for those who nibble at the stale crusts offered by the world.

We will go to sit with those who have no family, to fill their lives with hope and grace.

The Spirit sends us forth, as transformed people, as those who have been given new names.

We will go to those sunk deep in the muck of life, who long for new days, for new joy, for new wonder

Postlude (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship. Please remain seated until it is finished.)

Announcements and Reminders

Together, we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles. **Today, January 17, 2016, is Human Relations Day.** Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:



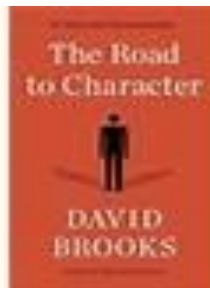
- An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God’s children to realize their potential. **Will You Support the Ministry of Christ Among Those on the Margins?** Will you continue to support Human Relations Day? Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities’ self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

The Portage Lions Club continues to collect old reading and/or prescription **EYEGLASSES** you no longer use. The eyeglasses are cleaned and given to those in need. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex, at CUMC. THANK YOU.



The Outreach Committee at CUMC would appreciate receiving the following LABELS: 1) Box tops for Education 2) Campbell South labels. Please place them in the collection box located in the Narthex at CUMC. THANK YOU.



Please feel free to join the CUMC Book Club which meets Wednesdays, 9AM, at Grounds for Thought in Bowling Green, Ohio. The next book for discussion and review is: **The Road to Character** by David Brooks.....focuses on the deeper values that should inform our lives.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY UMC, 405 Sackett Street, Maumee, Ohio

Dear Clergy and Laity,

I invite you to be part of our annual Leadership training event. Saturday, January 30 will be filled with great presentations on pertinent topics for ministry in your local church. We have invited Pastor Owen Ross as our keynote speaker. He comes to us from Texas where he is involved in a very effective and growing Hispanic church plant. There are many other fulfilling workshops for effective ministry planned for you on this day. This event promises to be a great day well worth your time investment. I encourage your presence and participation. **For His Church, Rev. Scot Ocke, District Superintendent, Maumee UMC**

Keynote & Workshop Speaker, Dr. Owen Ross is the founding pastor of Christ’s Foundry United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. Having never pastored a church and having never been a part of a Spanish-language congregation, Dr. Ross moved into the north Love Field neighborhood in 2002 and began knocking on doors. Today, Christ’s Foundry is the largest Spanish-language United Methodist congregation west of the Mississippi River, operating in a \$2.5 million facility that was completed debt free in 2012. Christ’s Foundry serves both as a center for worship as well as a center for social services, touching over 3000 lives a year in a high-density, immigrant community with a per-capita income 2/5 the national average. Dr. Ross was born and reared in the rural East Texas town of Henderson. Graduating from Texas A&M in 1995 he joined the Peace Corps and served in the rural lowlands of Ecuador. A graduate of Perkins School of Theology and a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry, Owen shares, “My calling is to serve the One who was anointed to proclaim Good News to the poor. ”Owen is married to Xo’chitl and is the father of Leland and Larkin.

Leadership Workshops:

The Role of Social Service in Evangelism
Creating a “Door to Core” System
We are Stronger Together
The Art of Neighboring
Every One in Ministry
Pastor or Staff Parish Committee
Creating Safety & Security in Your Church
(You must register for either morning or afternoon workshops)



Dr. Owen Ross

Deadline date is January 15, 2016

Please check out this website for additional information: www.maumee watershed.org
Registration fee of \$10 includes keynote speaker, lunch and 2 workshops of your choice.