

**Prayer/Concerns Requests**

Sherrad Adam	Richard Angel	Jim Avery
Jacob Boltz	Anthony Bush	Lisa Cole
Joe Colen	Sheri Dauterman	Josh Earl
Dick & Sandy Gill	-Person who hit them	Tom Hale
Larry Foster	Family of Bob Harmon	Sharon Hernandez
Carole Hummel	Zak Hunte	Virgil Krassow
Family of Tom & Char Horky	Mary Jacobs	Family of Melvin Johnson
Tim Kennedy	Eugene Lamb	Karen Landrus
Zella Leventhall	Marcia Moore	Joel Nowicki
Luann Palmer	Robert Palmer	Joe Perez
Laura Rothhaar	Family of Bob Sabo	Family of Nicholas Salaz
Donnagene Shrider	Nancy Shrider	Eileen Smith
Daniel Stacy	Derek Stender	Charles "Butch" Vestal
Family of Michael Wenig	Family of Vondale Woods	Nick – car accident

**Stewardship of Time and Talents, February 15, 2015**

General.....\$976.00	Parsonage .....\$595.00
Hospitalization .....\$80.00	Attendance ..... 20

**Schedule of Events**

Today, February 22, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday, February 23, 2015	9:00 a.m.	NO Sermon Shaping
	7:00 p.m.	Lions Club
Wednesday, February 25, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Book Club
Thursday, February 26, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study
Friday, February 27, 2015	8:00 a.m.	REACH, all day
Saturday, February 28, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry

**Announcements and Reminders**

**FESTIVAL OF SHARING – SCHOOL KITS** The United Methodist Women (UMW) are collecting: (1) pair of metal scissors with rounded tips; (3) 70 count spiral notebooks; (1) 12 inch ruler; (1) hand held pencil sharpener (1) large eraser (6) new pencils with erasers and (1) box of 24 crayons. Kits will be packed in September. THANK YOU.

**GREEN THUMB GARDENING PROJECT** It's that time again, the United Methodist Women (UMW) will be collecting vegetable seeds for Jackson Area Ministries until Easter. Thank you.

*Christ United Methodist Church*  
*301 West Main Street*  
*Portage, Ohio 43451-0218*



**Worship: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Christ Church 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

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

## We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

### \*Call to Worship

We come, so God might open our eyes,

**that we may discover the wonders surrounding us; that we may embrace the joy deep within us.**

We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

**that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us; that we may sing the melodies of hope.**

We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

**that we may walk that street named Enduring Love; that we may wait at the corner called Faithfulness.**

### \*Hymn

### \*Invocation

How you love us, God of rainbow promises! Like a mother who teaches her son the steps for his first dance, like the father who goes out with his daughter after work so she can learn how to drive, you love us that much and more.

**How you offer yourself to us, Brother of the beloved! You gather us up in your arms, simply to hear our deepest hopes; you reach out your scarred hands to gently wipe our fears away; you stain a cross with your blood, so we might be washed clean in the tears pouring down God's face.**

How you share yourself with us, journey's Spirit! You bathe our wearied souls in the cooling waters of baptism; you wipe the dust of the wilderness out of our eyes so we can see the kingdom; you teach us those ancient ways which offer new life for each of us. God in Community, Holy in One, be with us in this Lenten season, and this holy day of worship.

## We Proclaim God's Word

Time with the children

"Who Am I?"

Reading the Sacred Text

Mark 8: 27-33

Interpreting the Sacred Text

"Who Am I?"

## We Respond to God's Word

Offering our Prayer

Sharing our Prayer

Time of Silent and Personal Prayer

Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Invitation

**\*Doxology and Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Not tomorrow, but today we are offered the chance to become a part of your healing work, of bringing peace to a broken world, of feeding the hungry, and welcoming the excluded. Today, not tomorrow, we offer our gifts as well as our lives to this ministry of blessing and hope. Amen.

## We Are Sent Forth

\*Hymn

\*Blessing

Let us go now, as God's people.

**May God open our eyes to the wonders of creation and the joy we can offer to those we meet.**

Let us go now, as followers of Jesus.

**May he open our ears to the cries of the broken, to the words of hope which others offer to us.**

Let us go now, as those filled with the Spirit.

**May we follow the Spirit down Enduring Love Street; may we embrace our sisters and brothers at Faithfulness Corner.**

**Postlude** (Music that sends us forth, please remain seated until the music is concluded.)

### **Participants in this morning's Worship Service**

Pastor, Rev. Bruce McDaniel; Organist, Linda Allen; Pianist, Kathy Bame; Liturgist, Alyce Roller; and our Greeters, Kent and Kay Lincoln.