

Stewardship of Time and Talents, November 23, 2014

General.....	\$1,281.33	Parsonage	\$175.00
Hospitalization	\$160.00	Bathroom.....	\$25.00
Coffee/Outreach	\$7.00	Christmas Poinsettias	\$40.00
Outreach	\$20.00		
Attendance: Worship – 30		Sunday school –	

Schedule of Events

Today, November 30, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Worship
.....	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday, December 1, 2014.....	9:00 a.m.	Sermon Shaping
Wednesday, December 3, 2014.....	9:00 a.m.	Book Club
Thursday, December 4, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Fall Study Class
Friday, December 5, 2014	8:00 a.m.	REACH (all day)
Saturday, December 6, 2014.....	6:00 p.m.	BINGO NIGHT

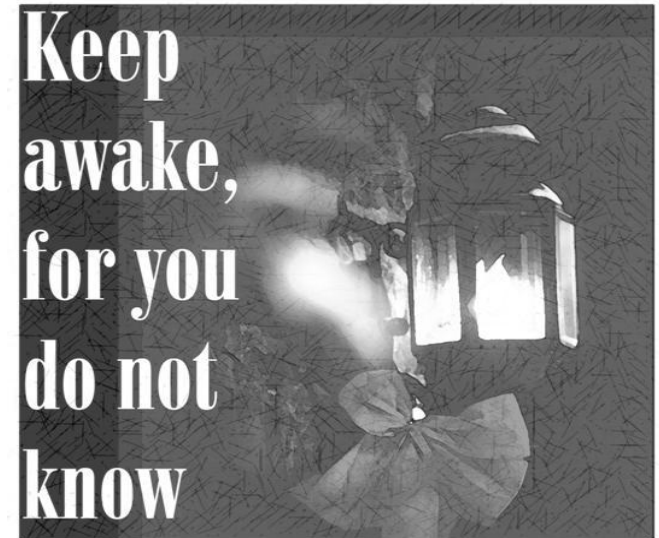
Prayer/Concerns Requests

Beverly Brandeberry	Mary Briggs	Joe Colen
Family of Denise Deters	Josh Earl	Dale Fry
Taylor Hedrick	Family of Tom & Char Horky	Jim Hone
Char Kelly	Karen Landries	David Lowe
Nancy Lowe	Family of Larry Lease	Rev. Bruce McDaniel
Kay Michaels	Marcia Moore	Joe Perez
Gene Pierce	Laura Rothhaar	Family of Bob Sabo
Dale Stacey	Family of Nicholas Salaz	Nancy Stehulak
Margaret Trantham	Family of Pauline Thiebaut	Gary Tyson
All our Veterans	Family of Michael Wenig	Ferguson, MO

Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Pastor	Richard Yeasting for Rev Bruce McDaniel
Organist.....	Linda Allen
Pianist.....	Kathy Bame
Acolyte	Monica Birsen
Liturgist	Nancy Shrider
Greeters: East	Jay and Anne Deutschman
North	
Ushers.....	

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**when the master of
 the house will come.**

Mark 13:35

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

Christ United Methodist Church

November 30th, 2014

1st Sunday of Advent

We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Passing of the Peace (Greet one another with gestures of welcome)

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

Call to Worship

Nancy Shrider

Now, in this season of waiting,

may we welcome the God who comes to restore our lives.

Now, in this season of watching,

may we see Jesus at work in the world, and rush to help him.

Now, in this season of hoping,

may we share the Spirit of wonder and joy with everyone we meet.

Invocation (Unison)

Nancy Shrider

We wait with hope, and in the waiting, approaching God, you hand us the bread of heaven instead of feeding us on bitterness, you touch the cup of grace to our lips, when we expect a glass filled with your tears. We watch with hope, Bethlehem's Babe, and in the watching, we see stars falling down to light your way to us; we see the world's powers tremble at your humble approach; we see our hardened hearts being torn open so you can come and live with us forever. We listen with hope, and in the listening, Spirit of Advent, we hear the songs of children standing in the shadows of dawn; we hear the sobs of the mother who has no medicine for her baby; we hear the quiet footsteps of the One tiptoeing towards us. May we live your hope, God in Community, Holy in One, during this season of waiting, watching, and listening.

Hymn #203,

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

We Proclaim God’s Word

Time with the Children

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 2 Let us pray: Christ we sit in darkness, but you are our light. We long for your coming into our hearts, into our lives and into our world.

People You are the One for whom all the peoples of the earth wait.

Reader 2 Our world has been shaken by fire and earthquake and storm; Our security has been shaken by bombings and wars and uncertainty.

People We wait in anticipation expecting God’s light to penetrate our darkness and radiate within us.

Reader 2 In the midst of our doubts and our insecurities we are reminded that you are never shaken. Your faithfulness reaches to the ends of the earth.

People We watch and wait expecting new light to shine as the season of joy approaches.

Reader 2 You are our rock and our refuge, an ever present help in trouble. Come down, come in, walk with us so that we trust in you and not be shaken.

People We wait in hope attentive to all the signs of Christ’s coming.

Hearing the Sacred Text

Mark 13:24-37

Nancy Shrider

Interpretation of the Sacred Text

He's going to come WHEN?

Richard Yeasting

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering our Prayer

Sharing Prayers

Personal and Pastoral Prayer

Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Doxology # 95,

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

We will no longer wait, but will offer our lives, as well as these tangible gifts, in the work of the kingdom, so all people might know that God's love, hope, peace, and healing are for all. Amen.

We Are Sent Forth

Hymn #196,

“Come, Thou Long –Expected Jesus”

Sending Forth

Now, go into the waiting,

we will go with God to restore our world.

Now, go into the watching,

we will follow Jesus to see all those places where we can serve.

Now, go into the hoping,

filled with the Spirit, we can be the peace for which others long.

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Announcements and Reminders

- The **Portage Lions Club** continues to collect old reading and/or prescription **EYEGASSES** 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 Soup labels 3) and any current **COUPONS** that you are not able to use.
- You are invited to bring food items for our Christ United Methodist Church, **PORTAGE FOOD PANTRY**. There are two boxes in the narthex in which to put your non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry will be open Saturday, December 13th, 2014, from 10AM-11AM. As always, **THANK YOU** for all your donations 😊



On Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 6:00 PM, the Outreach Committee of Christ United Methodist Church invites you all to a **FUN NIGHT of BINGO**. There will be food, drinks, prizes, and of course frustration when you don't win (which I never seem to be able to do). Take a night when it's cold, come inside and warm yourself, and have some fun. Tell your friends, bring them along. Honestly when is the last time you played Bingo! Hope to see you there.



UMW Christmas Tea, 12/10/2014

United Methodist Women will hold their annual **Christmas Tea** at the Wood County Museum on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.00.

Please make your reservations by December 7, 2014 to Millie Broka or Anne Deutschman. All women are welcome.



Special music will be provided by two of our much talented church members, Karen Himelhan and Kathy Bame, during church service on the following dates: December 7th, December 14^t, and December 21st. Thank you!



This year for our extravagant giving effort, Christ United Methodist Church is teaming up with the Portage Lions Club to provide **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS** for 6 families in the BG area.

The Outreach Committee will provide an ornament giving tree where the ornaments are food item suggestions to purchase for the baskets. That tree is now filled with food items ornaments and is located in the back of the Fellowship hall.

Thank you ahead of time for your generosity. The last day to bring in food will be Sunday, December 14, 2014.



COME TO THE STABLE, December 11-14th, at the BG Alliance Church, 1161 Napoleon Road, in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Open Thurs (5pm-9pm); Fri (10am-9pm); Sat (10am-8pm); Sun (12pm-3pm) with Worship Service on Sunday: 9am & 10:30am.

Free Admission to the Stable. They are requesting donations for the BG Christian Food Pantry. For further information, please call 419-352-3623.



I want to thank all of you who have sent notes, emails, texts, or have visited me during this recent time following my heart attack. Your kind words and prayers have helped bring healing to me and my family. Thanks so much and may you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas.

Pastor Bruce

The District United Methodist Men are again selling poinsettia plants in support of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund. The plants are in 6" pots with 5-7 blooms with 3 color choices. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. Orders need to be placed by December 5, 2014. Plants may be picked up after Worship Service on Sunday, December 21, 2014. Thank you!!