Prayer/Concerns Requests

| Don Allen | Family of Wayne |
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| Richard Angel | Family of Harold A |
| Betty Bateson | Family of Peggy B |
| John Castner | Darryl & Linda De |
| Maisey Grace | Joanne Hatchor |
| Luke Jacob Haliker | Arthur Moreland |
| Joe Perez | Eileen Smith |
| Earl Wiseman | Mike & Courtney |
| The people of NEPAL | |

Wayne AllenRon AmosHarold ArpJim Avery & FamilyPeggy Billeracob Boltzinda DeWaltMichael FoxatchorBetty HampshireorelandJessalyn PearceithFamily of Drew Tysonourtney FooreLloyd Hill and Family

Stewardship of Time and Talents, May 17, 2015

| General | \$1,487.00 | Coffee/Outreach | \$22.00 |
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| Benevolences | \$5.00 | Building | \$30.00 |
| Parsonage | \$80.00 | Attendance | 50 |

Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

| Today, May 24, 2015 | 9:00 AM | Worship |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| | 10:00 AM | Sunday School |
| Monday, May 25, 2015 | 5:00 PM | Ice Cream Social |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2015 | 7:00 PM | Scout Meeting |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2015 | 9:00 AM | Book Club |
| Friday, May 29, 2015 | 4:00 PM | Buds N Beyond, 4H Group |

Annoucements and Reminders

Mark your calendars now for Christ UMC **ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL**. Monday, May 25th, 2015, and please tell your friends. Serving begins at 5PM.



EYEGLASSES 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.



BLOOD DRIVE at CUMC on Monday, June 8, 2015. If you are able to donate refreshments, please contact Kelli Daniels.

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Acts 2:4

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/

Christ United Methodist Church

May 24th, 2015 Day of Pentecost

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

Gathering and Preparation

Take time to Welcome

Take a moment and write on the index cards in the pews one or two skills, talents or gifts that you believe you have....then pass them to the front of the sanctuary please. **Prelude:** Music to help us prepare for our spirits

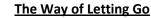
The Way of Blessing

*Word of Welcome

Welcome to this celebration of the Day of Pentecost, the feast that affirms the possibility of each person becoming liberated and empowered, each person being filled with the spirit of God, the spirit of life and love, justice and healing, peace and delight.

*A Song of the Spirit, Hymn #465 "Holy

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"





Gathering together the prayers we bring We Pray Together

Let us give thanks for every experience of letting go which has enabled us to grow. For letting go of power and possessions, of the need to always be right, of the fanatical pursuit of perfection, of destructive competitiveness, of religious views that deny the reality of other people's spirituality, of the false morality that artificially divides the world into good and bad people.

In the letting go we find life, for deeper than the striving is the flowing, deeper than the searching is the knowing, and deeper than the grieving is the mystery in which darkness and light are one.

Let us pray for all who are afraid of other world religions, other political and economic systems, other cultures, other personality types, for all who cannot cope with change, disorder, chaos or death, for all who are unwilling to forgive others for the unjust hurts which they have received.

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O God, help us to move into that deep space within our spirit where all divisions, antagonisms, insecurities and fears disappear and where in the wonder of eternal love we know that everything belongs together, that all life is holy and that you, O God, are completely and utterly to be trusted, for in the letting go we find life.

A Time of Remembering

Hymn #702, "Singing with all the Saints in Glory"

The Way of Creativity

Conversation with the childrenWhat are things you do well?Reading the Sacred TextActs 2:1-21A meditation and conversation on today's theme"Empowerment!"

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness An offering Song

Dedicating Our Gifts to God

- Praise God from whom all blessing flow!
- Praise God all creatures here below!
- Praise God above let all heaven sing!
- Praise God to whom these gifts we bring!

Sharing Ways to get connected



Blessing

*A song to send us on our way, Hymn #558 "We Are the Church"

*A charge to live and love more fully

And now may we each know the spirit of God within us and throughout the world that this day may be for us

- an experience of heaven,
- of stillness within the busyness,
- of hope within the pain,
- of peace beyond our anxieties,
- and a quality of life that is not limited to the competitive or the mechanical.
- May this day be a spirited day for us all.
- **Postlude:** (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship.)

Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Pastor, Rev Bruce McDaniel; Organist - Linda Allen; Pianist - Kathy Bame; Acolyte – Sam McDaniel; Liturgist - Nancy Shrider; Greeters: East - Ray and Marilyn Keys; North - Jack Wickard and Peggy Heilman; Ushers - Jay and Anne Deutschman