

**Prayer/Concerns Requests**

Don Allen	Family of Wayne Allen	Ron Amos
Richard Angel	Family of Harold Arp	Jim Avery & Family
Betty Bateson	Family of Peggy Biller	acob Boltz
John Castner	Darryl & Linda DeWalt	Michael Fox
Maisey Grace	Joanne Hatchor	Betty Hampshire
Luke Jacob Haliker	Arthur Moreland	Jessalyn Pearce
Joe Perez	Eileen Smith	Family of Drew Tyson
Earl Wiseman	Mike & Courtney Foore	Lloyd Hill and Family
The people of NEPAL		

**Stewardship of Time and Talents, May 17, 2015**

General.....\$1,487.00	Coffee/Outreach.....\$22.00
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

**Announcements and Reminders**

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



**EYEGASSES** 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.



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

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*All of them  
 were filled with  
 the Holy Spirit...*

*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/](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 Spirit, Truth Divine”



## The Way of Letting Go

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 children

What are things you do well?

Reading the Sacred Text

Acts 2:1-21

A 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 Shridler; Greeters: East - Ray and Marilyn Keys;

North - Jack Wickard and Peggy Heilman; Ushers - Jay and Anne Deutschman