

Prayer/Concerns Requests

Don Allen	Family of Wayne Allen	Ron Amos
Richard Angel	Family of Harold Arp	Jim Avery & Family
Tracy Bame	Betty Bateson	Family of Peggy Biller
Family of Robert Benschoter	Jacob Boltz	Carla Carney Family
John Castner	Darryl & Linda DeWalt	Mike & Courtney Foore
Michael Fox	Jill Gallagher	Maisey Grace
Betty Hampshire	Luke Jacob Haliker	Joanne Hatchor
Lloyd Hill and Family	Arthur Moreland	Rev. Seth Oiler
Diane Palmer	Jessalyn Pearce	Joe Perez
Eileen Smith	Family of Drew Tyson	Earl Wiseman
The people of NEPA	Linda's parents: Cokie & Smoke	



Christ United Methodist Church
301 West Main Street
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Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

Today, May 31, 2015.....9:00 AM.....Worship
.....10:00 AM.....Sunday School
Monday, June 1, 2015.....9:00 AM.....Sermon Shaping

Announcements and Reminders

You have one last opportunity today to donate for the **IMAGINE NO MALARIA** campaign. Donations received will be taken to West OH Conference – wide campaign. The United Methodist Church recently donated \$9.6 million toward their pledge of \$28 million. To date \$18.1 million has been raised by the United Methodist Churches. The money is used to purchase insecticide treated bed nets and other tools to combat malaria in the countries of the African continent. Just write “Imagine NO Malaria” on the envelopes in the pews and we will send it on. Remember my challenge to raise.....\$500.00 by Annual Conference June 7. Let’s see how close we can come.

Also today, there is an insert for you to donate, if you wish, to the **PEACE WITH JUSTICE** ministries of the UMC. Let me also remind us that our own ministries that we sponsor here at CUM as well as ministries supported by our conference appointment giving help bring life, health and help to many people all over the world.

The Conference United Methodist men will again be collecting ten (10) pound bags of **POTATOES AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**. The potatoes are donated to local food banks through “Meals for Millions”. Please bring a 10# bag of potatoes to church no later than Sunday, May 7th. The bags will be taken to Lakeside and placed on the UMM truck.



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 31st, 2015
1st Sunday after Pentecost
"Peace with Justice"

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

Gathering and Preparation

Take time to Welcome: Passing the Peace

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

The Way of Blessing

*Words of Welcoming God Nancy Shrider

God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

*A song of Praise: Hymn #64 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Way of Letting Go

Gathering together the prayers we bring Dr. Eric Myers

We Pray Together Nancy Shrider

You bind us to yourself this day, God of seraphim and sinners. You reach out to draw us ever closer, that we might feel the brush of your grace soft upon us, that we might feel the healing touch of your compassion resting gently within us.

You bind us to yourself this day, Heir of Glory and Grace. You keep us by your side, that we might walk with you through the streets of the kingdom, bringing hope to the despairing, offering consolation to the brokenhearted, sharing love with those tossed aside by the world.

You bind us to yourself this day, Spirit of Justice. You fill our hearts with living water that they might overflow to parched people, you teach us how to give ourselves away, so we might take on the burdens of others.

We bind ourselves to you this day, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray the words Jesus has taught us, "Our Father in Heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us

our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

We Pray Silently

Dr. Eric Myers

A Prayer Song: Hymn #334, Sweet, Sweet Spirit

The Way of Creativity

Conversation with the children

Nancy Shrider

Reading the Sacred Text:

I Peter 4: 9-11

Nancy Shrider

A Meditation on the Sacred Text:

"Doing Right is never Wrong"

Dr. Eric Myers

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

An Offering Song

"River in Judea"

Sharing Ways to get connected

Blessing

*A song to send us on our way:

Hymn, #593, Here I am, Lord

*A charge to live and love more fully

Let us go now, crying 'Glory!' to our God.

We will go to rebuild the world with justice and hope.

Let us go now, to bring others into Jesus' presence.

We will go to bring them to the Gateway to grace.

Let us go now, to play the music of the Spirit to those around us.

We will go to invite others to join in the dance of the Beloved Community.

Liturgy written by Thom M. Shuman

Postlude: (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship.)

Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Dr. Eric Myers; Organist - Linda Allen; Pianist - Kathy Bame;

Liturgist - Nancy Shrider



Stewardship of Time and Talents, May 24, 2015

General.....	\$1,781.33	Coffee/Outreach.....	\$15.70
Hospitalization	\$190.00	Nepal	\$100.00
Parsonage.....	\$75.00	Attendance	39