

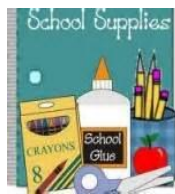
Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

Today, August 23, 2015.....9:00 AM.....Worship
10:00 AM.....Sunday School
1:00 PM.....Brandeberry Reunion
 Monday, August 24, 20159:00 AM.....Sermon Shaping
 Wednesday August 26, 20159:00 AM.....Book Club
 Friday, August 29, 2015.....1:00 PM.....Family Reunion (Debbie Hopkins)

Stewardship of Time and Talents, August 16, 2015

General.....\$1,741.00 Parsonage\$200.00
 Coffee/Outreach\$10.00 Attendance34

Announcements and Reminders



The United Methodist Women are ready to pack the school kits for CUMC participation in the **FESTIVAL OF SHARING**. Assembling begins shortly after our worship service next Sunday, 8/30/15. We will be packing 150+ school kits. THANKS to all those who donated their time and funding for this worthy project and the UMW for taking on this project, a project that will benefit many who find themselves in serious and dire circumstances.

Again, a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped out at the Wood County Fair this month. The funds from this event will be used for ministry purposes.

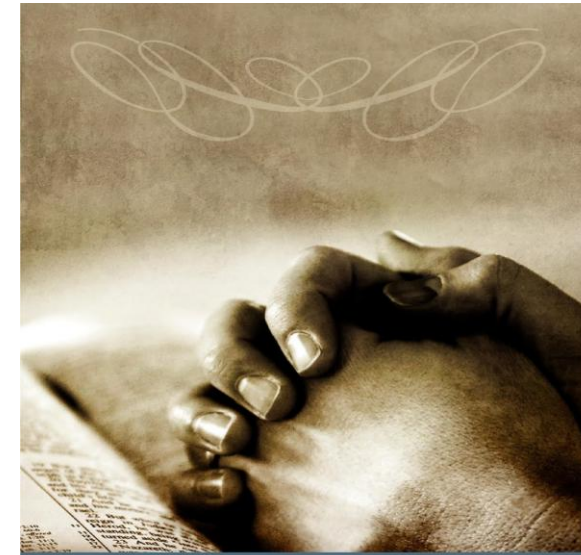


Praises, Prayers and Concerns

Don Allen	Ron Amos	Richard Angel
Family of Harold Arp	Lois Jean Apgar	Family of Jim Avery
Troy Bame	Darlene Bassett	Family of Betty Bateson
Family of Robert Benschoter	David Boltz	John Castner
Darryl & Linda DeWalt	Greg Deutschman	Jeff Deutschman
Josh Earl	Jennifer Essinger	Michael Fox
Mary German	Mike Gill	Lynn Gillian
Karen Glassford	Betty Hampshire	Joanne Hatcher
Lloyd Hill and Family	Connie Kile	Marcia Moore
Teresa McGuire	Arthur Moreland	Sandy Mulke
Diane Palmer	Evelyn Perez	Joe Perez
Coke & Smoke Perez	Jeremy Salaz	Lesa Secrety
Family of Drew Tyson	Justin VanDiver	Earl Wiseman
Karen Zepeki	Deb Zulch	



Christ United Methodist Church
301 West Main Street
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A time to Abide

Worship: 9:00 AM
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM

Vision Statement:
 CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION
 TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



[HTTP://HOME.DACOR.NET/CHRISTUMC/](http://home.dacor.net/christumc/)

Participants in this morning's Worship Service, Sunday, August 23, 2015
 Pastor: Rev. Bruce McDaniel
 Organist: Linda Allen
 Pianist: Kathy Bame
 Liturgist: Alyce Roller
 North Greeters: Eileen Avery, Eileen Smith
 East Greeters: Millie Broka

Christ United Methodist Church

August 23, 2015

13th Sunday in Kingdomtide

*(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

*Call to Give Thanks

Alyce Roller

Welcome to the celebration of the Kingdom on Earth as it is in heaven, a time when the church focuses on the world into which it is sent as a transforming presence. We are the seeking people, drawn together from all the places where we are working in the world.

As we gather to worship God and to nurture one another, we seek to be aware of the connection between our faith commitment and our daily lives.

Let us consider what is required for the biblical model of equity and justice to be fulfilled in society's institutions.

We open ourselves to innovative visions of God's Kingdom on Earth, and we joyously join together to celebrate Christ's presence among us today!

* A Prayer of Thanks

Alyce Roller

Gracious God, we give thanks for the Gospel record and for the simple words Jesus spoke, which help us understand your presence in the world and the coming of your Reign. Help us to understand Jesus' words, and to see the signs and parables you have for us in the world today; through the power of your Spirit we pray.

*A Song of Praise

Hymn #389 "Freely, freely"

The Way of Letting Go

Offering the Prayers we Bring (Your completed index post cards can be handed to an usher)

Prayer Hymn

#471, "Move Me" (twice through)

We are all invited to Pray in Silence

Prayer for One Voice

The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

Alyce Roller

Reading of the Sacred Text Lord's Prayer Litany (based on Matthew 6: 9-13, Luke 11: 2-4)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven

We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world even now.

Give us today our daily bread.

We pray for your vision of enough; enough sustenance, enough warmth, enough healing for all of your children.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing as we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you safely through the obstacle course.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever.

Giving thanks for presence that defies definition in this life and beyond.

(~ written by Katherine Hawker (2004), and posted on Liturgies Outside.)

A Conversation about the Sacred Text

"Forgive us our debts/sins/trespasses as we forgive our debtors/those who sin against us/those who trespass against us"

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

*Doxology

Hymn #94, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offering Prayer

Sharing Ways to get connected

Blessing

*A Song to send us on our way Hymn #390, "Forgive our Sins as we Forgive"

*A charge to live and love more fully

As Jesus sent the disciples out into the countryside to preach and to heal, so Christ sends us out to speak words of hope and to heal human hurts today

We accept this mission to be God's people in the world.

Go on your way, rejoicing in the presence of God's spirit, and in the power of the gospel of love and hope

For yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory O God, now and forever!

Postlude

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

