

Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

Today, September 27, 2015 9:00 AM..... Worship
 10:00 AM..... Sunday School
 Monday, September 28, 2015 9:00 AM..... Sermon Shaping
 6:30 PM..... Lion's Club
 Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:00 PM..... PPR Meeting
 7:00 PM..... Boy Scouts
 Wednesday, September 30, 2015..... 9:00 AM..... Book Club
 Thursday, October 1, 2015..... 6:00 PM..... PPR Meeting with DS
 7:00 PM..... Church Conference
 Friday, October 2, 2015..... 8 AM – 4 PM..... REACH School

Announcements and Reminders

- **PPR meeting** , Thursday, 10/1/15 at 6PM with DS.
- Church Conference**, Thursday, 10/1/15, at 7PM.
- **Leadership Team Holy Currency Process**, Tuesdays, 10/13/15, and 11/ 17/15, 7-9 PM.



Praises, Prayers and Concerns:

Don Allen	Ron Amos	Troy Amos
Richard Angel	Family of Harold Arp	Lois Jean Apgar
Troy Bame	Darlene Bassett	Mike Bateson
David Boltz	Family of Cheri Dauterman	John Castner
Frances P. Courtney	Gloria Davis	Josh Earl
Jennifer Essinger	Michael Fox	Justin Frank
Family of Jean Gerken-Kahorski		Mary German
Mike Gill	Lynn Gillian	Betty Hampshire
Patricia Harmon	Joanne Hatchor	Lloyd Hill and Family
Connie Kile	Family of Chuck Kominak	Don Kramp
Barb Loose	Teresa McGuire	Marcia Moore
Arthur Moreland	Sandy Mulke	Diane Palmer
Evelyn Perez	Joe Perez (Dad & Son)	Coke & Smoke Perez
Family of Dora Ribble	Jeremy Salaz	Lesa Secrety
Anne Strickland	Ruth Troxell	Bob Trummel
Justin VanDiver	Earl Wiseman	Family of Karen Zepeki
Deb Zulch	Wild fires in California	Xian's in Syria

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Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

Genesis 32:24

Participants in this morning's
 Worship

Pastor: Rev. Bruce McDaniel
 Organist: Linda Allen
 Pianist: Kathy Bame
 Liturgist: Anne Deutschman
 North Greeters: Eileen Avery
 Eileen Smith
 East Greeters: Lynda Loera
 Usher: Marilyn & Ray Keys

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/)

Christ United Methodist Church

September, 27, 2015
18th Sunday in Kingdomtide

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

Gathering and Preparation

Time of Gathering and Welcome
Prelude....music to help us prepare for worship

The Way of Blessing

*Call to Worship

Anne Deutschman

Today we come to Sabbath to rest from our struggles

We come to take time apart

We realize that by coming here our struggles do not go away

We come to gain some perspective

We understand we will once again wrestle with life

But it helps us to be renewed and strengthened by each other's presence

And it empowers us to also be in your gracious and loving presence, God of the Universe

We awaken now to your spirit among us

*Prayer of the Day

Anne Deutschman

Holy God, your servant Jacob wrestled with you about difficult decisions and issues. He struggled with you all night and in the end, because he endured and was persistent, received a blessing, the gift of a new name. May we be persistent in our wrestling and struggling to bring justice to bear upon our world and to find places where peace can be planted and grown. Through it all, may we receive a new name: The compassionate ones.

*Hymn of Praise, #529

"How Firm a Foundation"

The Way of Letting Go

Offering the Prayers We Bring

Prayer Hymn #328

Prayer for One Voice

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"



The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

Arm Wrestling

Rev. McDaniel

Reading of the Sacred Text

Genesis 32:22-30

Anne Deutschman

Interpreting the Sacred Text

Wrestling with Tough Choices

Rev. McDaniel

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Sharing Ways to get connected

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

*Doxology

* Offering Prayer

May our offering this day reflect our whole self, our entire life. We offer our presence so that we might be listening and ready to respond. We offer our service, the work of our hearts, minds, souls and bodies to the needs of others. We offer our witness, our stories of faith and trust, of love and compassion so that others might hear of you Lord and be transformed. Finally we offer our gifts! Hoping that what we give can be used to build up the lives of our brothers and sisters. We give in support of many ministries that stretch across the globe. Please receive and bless our offering this day, Holy One, so that our offering can bless others. Amen

Blessing

*Hymn of Strength, (see back of Hymnal book) "Go in Love"

*Sending Forth

After Jacob wrestled with you God, he was changed!

Have we been changed by you this day?

Jacob went from the struggle repentant

Are we challenged by you to turn our lives around where they have become lost?

Jacob went from wrestling to reconciliation

We are struggling with much, are we willing to reconcile what we can?

Let us go back to our lives prepared: prepared to change, prepared to be challenged and prepared for reconciliation.

Hymn #533,

"We Shall Overcome"

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

Stewardship of Time and Talents, September 20, 2015

General	\$1,390.74	Parsonage	\$125.00
Bathroom.....	\$50.00	Hospitalization	\$85.00
Coffee/Outreach.....	\$9.00	Benevolences	\$50.00
Building.....	\$50.00	Attendance.....	35

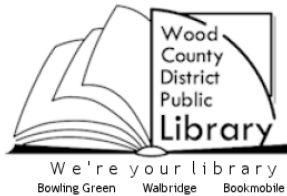
On-going projects at Christ United Methodist Church



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. Please place them in collection box located in the narthex @ CUMC. Thank you.



Community Reads 2015 Programs

Sunday, October 4, 2 pm. Film *To Kill a Mockingbird*. 1st Floor Meeting Room.

Wednesday, October 14, 7 pm. Panel discussion, Revisiting Maycomb. Atrium.

Sunday, October 18, 2 pm. Tour Wood County Courthouse with Michael Sibberson.
1 Courthouse Square.

Friday, October 23, 7 pm. After Hours @ WCDPL with Marja Mills, author of *The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee*. Atrium.

Book Discussions:

Go Set a Watchman, Monday, October 5, 7 pm. Discussion leaders Dianne Klein and Diane Regan. The Carter House.

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 pm. Discussion leader, Jim Litwin. 1st Floor Meeting Room.

Thursday, October 15, 10 am. Discussion leader, Kristin Wetzal. 2nd Floor Reading Lounge.

***The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee*, Tuesday, October 27, 10:30 am.**

Discussion leader, Anne Render. 1st Floor Meeting Room.