

Christ United Methodist Church

Winter Newsletter 2015

Pastor's Letter

Just a quick note to all of my church family. I share with you all that I am feeling better with each passing day. I feel like I am getting stronger and my spirit is lifted a bit with each card and note, text and email that has been sent my way. I am not sure at this writing when I will be back among you but I pray it is soon. Yet I also need to keep in mind my health and the time I truly need for recovery and healing. I will not make a rash decision about my return but one tempered by conversations with my doctor, my District superintendent and my own deep soul searching.

I want to thank you all for your gracious acts and words during this time. Your support goes a long way to helping me make a full recovery. I pray that this Christmas Season is a joyous one for your family. One thing that has come as a result of my illness is that I have become more acutely aware of what is meant by "taking one day at a time". It is all we are truly given friends...ONE DAY, renewed over and over during the course of our lives. ONE DAY is what we get! What I have begun to consider more acutely these days is, "How am I going to use the gift of each day that I am given? How am I going to use THIS DAY?" I pray that you might consider the same thing. Have a great winter and stay safe!

Blessings

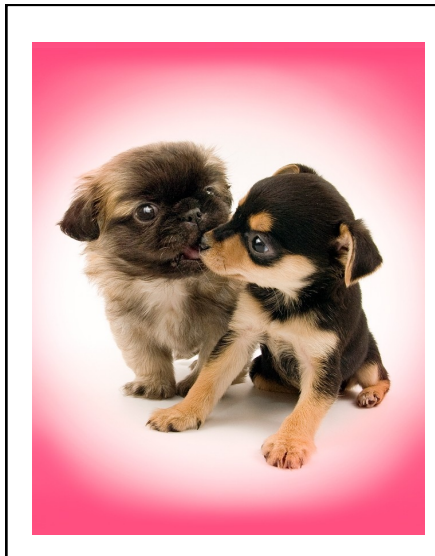
Bruce

Blankets for Puppies....

Christ United Methodist Church is collecting old blankets and towels for the Wood County Humane Society to keep a dog warm this winter.

Please place your items under the donation table in the Narthex.

THANK YOU!



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Praying clears the vision, quiets the nerves, defines duty, strengthens purpose, sweetens the spirit and fortifies the soul.



Sermon Shaping Scripture



(Above pictures of CUMC taken on 12/1/2014, by Gloria Enriquez Pizana)

CUMC ALTAR FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS, 2014

The District United Methodist Men once again sold poinsettia plants in support of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund. The proceeds support district students going into the ministry. The plants were in 6" pots with 5-7 blooms and the color choices are red, white and pink. The cost was \$8.00 per plant. The deadline date was December 5, 2014, and the plants are to be picked up after Worship Service on Sunday, December 21, 2014.

A SPECIAL THANKS to all who supported this fund-raising event.



Lectionary Texts for December 2014 and January 2015

December 7	Isaiah 40:1-11	Mark 6:53-56 and 10:46-52
December 14	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Mark 8:1-10
December 21	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Mark 10: 13-16
December 28	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Luke 2:22-40
January 4	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:1-18
January 11	Genesis 1:1-5	Mark 1:4-11
January 18	1 Samuel 3:1-20	John 1:43-51
January 25	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Mark 1:14-20



A special **THANK YOU** Karen Himelhan and Kathy Bame for taking their time to provide Christ United Methodist Church with such wonderful Christmas music during our December Sunday Services. It really added to the joyous Holiday season.

- The night of Saturday, December 6, at 6 p.m., the Outreach Committee of Christ United Methodist Church invites you all to a **FUN NIGHT of BINGO**. There will be food, drinks, prizes, and of course frustration when you don't win (which I never seem to be able to do). Take a night when it's cold, come inside and warm yourself, and have some fun. Tell your friends, bring them along. Honestly when is the last time you played Bingo! Hope to see you there.
- This year for our extravagant giving effort, Christ United Methodist Church is teaming up with the Portage Lions Club to provide **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS** for 6 families in the BG area. The Outreach Committee will provide an ornament giving tree where the ornaments are food item suggestions to purchase for the baskets. That tree will be going up soon. **THANK YOU** ahead of time for your generosity. The last day to bring in food will be Sunday, December 14, 2014.
- **COME TO THE STABLE**, December 11-14th, at the BG Alliance Church, 1161 Napoleon Road, BG. Open Thurs (5pm-9pm); Fri (10am-9pm); Sat (10am-8pm); Sun (12pm-3pm) with Worship Service on Sunday: 9am & 10:30am. Free Admission to the Stable. They are requesting donations for the BG Christian Food Pantry. For further information, please call 419-352-3623.
- **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA**
The United Methodist Women will hold their annual Christmas Tea at the Wood County Historical Center & Museum on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.00. Please make your reservations by December 7, 2014 to Millie Broka or Anne Deutschman. All women are welcome.

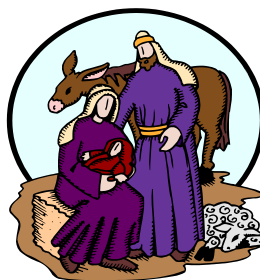
Birthdays, Anniversaries for members of CUMC, December

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

1	Jay Deutschman	21	Tim Hillard
	Chad Turner	26	Norm Bassett
	Brian Coe		Daniel Gill
7	Connie Mears	27	Greg Deutschman
10	Alyce Roller		Jeff Deutschman
12	Kraig Keys	28	Randy Coe
14	Norman Carney	29	Zachary Sheets
	Tom Keys	30	Sam McDaniel
15	Evelyn Perez	31	Stephanie Hunt
18	Stacy Hunt		
	Jackie Palmer		

ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

10	Linda and Don Allen
	Carolyn and Tom Keys
16	Kay and Kent Lincoln
23	Sally and Terry Amos
26	Candi and Jeff Beaverson



The members of Christ United Methodist Church are participating in a **COAT DRIVE** this year. Please

feel free to drop off any clean and gently used coats you no longer wear, and there is usually an urgent need for children's coats every year. Please place your donations in the boxes located in the Narthex. The coats will be delivered to the Salvation Army to be given away locally and they are willing to pay for the dry cleaning if need be. Our CUM church contact person is Doris Herringshaw.

THANK YOU!!

Birthdays, Anniversaries for members of CUMC, January

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

2	Betsy Saddler	18	Mitchell Beaverson
8	Eileen Smith	19	Brian Herringshaw
12	Dana Frank	21	Aimee White-Coe
	Ray Hillard	24	Shareen Avery
13	Candi Beaverson	25	Darlene Davis
	Cole Bechstein		Jill Patten
	Brett Deutschman	27	Teri Amos
	Hazel Goodwin	28	Donnagene Shrider
14	Eileen Avery	29	Ryley Lee Amos
17	Barbara Boltz	31	Aleah Taylor
	Alex Carney		
	Molly Mitchell		

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

13	Brooke and Travis Frank
27	Judy and Bill Bressler



10 Things you can learn from a dog:

1. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
2. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
3. Let others know when they have invaded your territory.
4. Take naps and always stretch before rising.
5. Run, romp, and play daily.
6. Eat with gusto & enthusiasm.
7. When someone is having a bad day, be silent & nuzzle them gently.
8. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
9. Thrive on attention & let people touch you.
10. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Exercise daily....walk with the Lord.



R.E.A.C.H - at Christ United Methodist Church

(Photo to the right) This is our Spanish teacher, Lenny, who moved here a few years ago from Peru. The older students love Spanish class (8AM-9AM) and are learning a lot!



(Photo to the right)

This is one of our moms, Amy Collins, who is a certified sign language interpreter. She has been interpreting for over 25 years and is sharing her wealth of knowledge with some of our students. This is another favorite class (8AM-9AM) the older students really enjoy!



(Photo to the right) A few grade school students waiting for their classes to begin at 9AM. They LOVE attending REACH and are so grateful to be able to meet at Christ UMC! These children are from five different families. Most of the families live in BG, but some come from as far as Ada and Swanton.



REACH - is a Christian Home School co-op for children birth to 12th grade. Families come together once a week to share their educational talents and host classes that are more fun to do in a group setting (i.e. debate, drama, languages, etc.)

Robina Grunden,

(Photos of REACH taken by Gloria Enriquez Pizana, CUMC secretary, on Friday 11/14/2014)

Birthdays, Anniversaries for members of CUMC, February

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

1 Tom Roller	21 Steven Deutschman
2 Kathy Biddle	22 Cindy Gerken
3 Skip Amos	23 Nancy Shrider
Kelli Daniels	24 Linda Gallier
5 Amado Perez	Amy Lee
6 Chelsea Roberts	
10 Louise Beckett	25 Melissa Yeasting Fox
12 Nancy Kidd	26 Gabriel Kelly
13 Ken Bloom	Nathan Neal
16 Randy Gallier	
20 Sharon Apple	27 Joshua Amos
Cherie Curtis	Gary Deutschman

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

13 Wanda and Dana Frank



Upcoming Dates:

Christmas Eve Service, 9PM
Wednesday, December 24, 2014

Human Traffic Awareness Day
Sunday, January 11, 2015

Human Relations Days
Sunday, January 18, 2015

Prayer week for Christian Unity
Sunday, January 25, 2015

Scouting Ministries
Sunday, February 8, 2015



The Christ United Methodist Church newsletter is published quarterly. Comments and suggestions for articles may be submitted to Gloria Enriquez Pizana or deposited in the Newsletter mailbox in the Narthex. Anyone wishing to write articles for the newsletter is welcome to do so. Please check with Gloria regarding the deadline date for the Spring newsletter. Thank you!