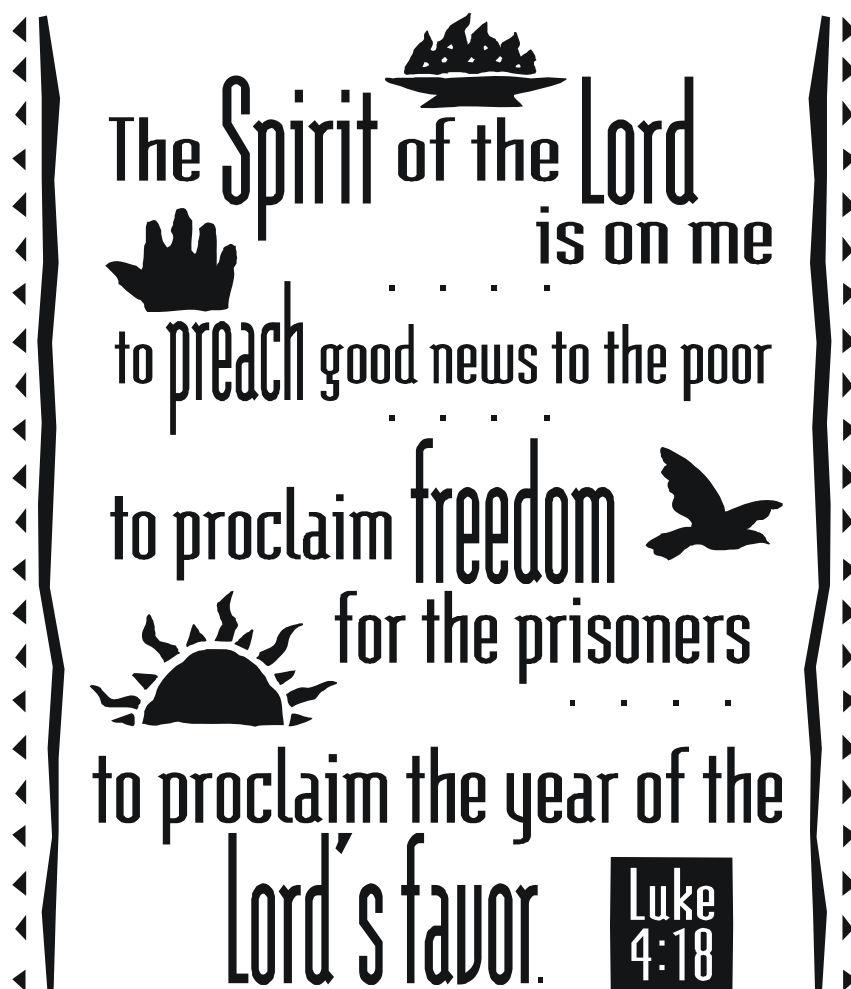


# Christ United Methodist Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

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

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MARCH 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

Time of Centering: We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and being here.” Take these few minutes of quiet time to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you; the spirit, relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind. Focus on feeling, on being. Be receptive to your center -- your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of community.

## Entrance

Gathering Linda Allen  
Prelude  
The Light of God Enters our Presence Kevin Rahrig

\*Call to Worship Dick Gill

L: In hope, in longing  
**P: We're glad to come together.**  
L: In trust, in community  
**P: We're glad to come together.**  
L: In many moods, in many shapes and sizes  
**P: We're glad to come together.**  
L: In peace, in joy  
**P: We're glad to come together.**  
L: In solidarity with those who struggle  
**P: We're glad to come together in this Lenten season.** (Nelson-Pallmeyer/wsj)

\*Prayer of Awareness (unison)

Remind us, O Spirit, that life is worth living. Remind us, O Creator, that the struggle for justice is worth undertaking. Remind us, O Mercy, that love and action are one. (Nelson-Pallmeyer/wsj)

\*Hymn *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”* #203

## Proclamation and Response

Anthem *“The Crown”* Chancel Choir

Time with the Children *“Living a Fruitful Life”* Rev. McDaniel  
(Children, ages preschool through Third Grade may go to Children’s Church)

Gospel Reading *Luke 4:18b* Dick Gill

Celebration of Faith

In response to the word reflected on let us stand and share together a celebration of faith.

L: Beckoning Christ, you call us out of our comfortable ghetto of ‘us’ and ‘them’ to risk discipleship without walls.  
**All: You call us into a world-wide fellowship where God is worshipped above all other.**  
W: You call us into a world-wide fellowship where prayer is offered day and night.  
**All: You call us into a world-wide fellowship where we can share what we are with others who love you.**  
M: You call us into a world-wide fellowship where each person has something to give to the whole.  
**All: You call us into a world-wide fellowship where compassion and respect shape missionary endeavor.**  
L: Keep on beckoning us out of our safe havens into your rich fellowship of challenge and reconciliation, faith and hope. (KCompston/sco)

Sermon *“Jesus’ Agenda: Announcing Good News to the Poor”* Rev. McDaniel

A Time for Prayer  
Sharing of Prayers  
Silence  
Pastoral Prayer

Offering  
Invitation to Offering  
Offertory and \*Doxology

Hymn *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"* #340

Celebrating Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Presentation  
Invitation  
Discernment

L: Loving and Caring God, . . . And let your justice reach to the ends of the earth.

**All: So that we come glad to this celebration.**

L: When our prayers are as dry as a concrete block

**All: May we be drenched with a downpour of mercy!**

L: When we take things for granted and gratitude goes to sleep

**All: May a new song be put on our tongues.**

L: When life's abrasive pressures fray us, loosening our hold on life around us

**All: May we be reminded again about the God who loves and seeks after us.**

L: O God, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard hearted; forgiveness, where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are the prisoners of our selves.

Thanksgiving

L: In time beyond our dreaming . . . living creatures of grace and beauty!

**All: We offer this our thanks and praise.**

L: In the 40 days of Lent . . . we continue our praise, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Bread and Wine  
Communion  
Prayer

### Sending Forth

Hymn *"Alleluia, Alleluia"* #162

Words of Mission

L: The God we worship is never confined to this holy place towards the goals set by the Man of Nazareth.

**All: There is no shame in failing. But there is in not trying.** (PBrewer)

Blessing

The Light of God leads us forth. (Please remain seated until the music is ended.)

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP**

Pastor .....	Bruce McDaniel
Organist.....	Linda Allen
Pianist.....	Kathy Bame
Acolyte .....	Kevin Rahrig
Liturgist .....	Dick Gill
Ushers .....	
Greeters: North.....	Bruce and Deb Smith
East.....	Lynda Loera
Children's Church.....	
Crib Room .....	Lynda Loera

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Today.....	9:30 a.m .....	Worship
.....	11:00 a.m .....	Sunday School
.....	12:00 p.m .....	Church Potluck
March 8.....	9:00 a.m .....	Sermon Shaping
.....	6:00 p.m.....	Dulcimer Rehearsal
.....	7:00 p.m.....	Lions Club
Tuesday, March 9.....	7:00 p.m.....	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 10.....	7:00 p.m.....	United Methodist Women Meeting
Thursday, March 11.....	6:30 p.m.....	Lenten Soup/Salad & Study
.....	7:30 p.m.....	N.O.W. Team Meeting
Saturday, March 13.....	2:30 p.m.....	Baby Shower

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS : February 28, 2010**

General Fund.....	\$2095.05	Building .....	\$20.00
Benevolences .....	\$50.00	Parsonage.....	\$620.00
Mustard Seed.....	\$1.78	Bathrooms.....	\$0.00
Hospitalization .....	\$220.00		
	Worship -55	Membership - 32%	Sunday School - 21

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**DID YOU REMEMBER?**

Please sign the attendance pad which is located at the inside aisle of each pew. Thank you!

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS**

The Fellowship Class has started a study of Bad Girls of the Bible by Higgs. Come join the class if you think you might be interested. Kathy Bame is the coordinator. Everyone is welcome.

**CHURCH POTLUCK**

Next Sunday, March 7, the monthly church potluck will be held. The hosts are the McDaniel family. We hope you will be able to stay and enjoy the fun, fellowship, and always delicious food.

**SERMON SHAPING REMINDER**

We meet each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. to read and discuss the biblical texts that will be used in the following Sunday's worship. All you need to bring is yourself, a Bible (if you have one; if not, we have plenty here) and a willingness to share your thoughts and have fun.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

The District United Methodist Men will have lilies, hyacinths, and tulips available at \$8.00 per plant again this year. Orders need to be turned into the church office no later than March 14, 2010. The money will be used to support the ministerial scholarship fund.

## **DAFFODIL DAYS**

The Wood County American Cancer Society is again offering the opportunity to support its effort to help free the world from cancer through the purchase of bouquets of daffodils. The time is Saturday, March 13 – Monday, March 15. Each bouquet can be delivered for a minimum donation of \$10.00. The deadline to order is Wednesday, March 10, 2010. There are few order forms (orange) on the table in the narthex. Also, there is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

## **FESTIVAL OF SHARING KITS**

Needed for each school kit:

3 ring-bound notebooks	1 paid round tipped scissors
6 pencils with erasers <sup>1</sup>	1 12-inch ruler
1 large eraser	1 pencil sharpener

Crayons are NOT needed.

## **LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER AND STUDY**

Lent is a season that spans 40 days not counting Sundays. The origin of Lent began in the early centuries of the Christian faith, as a final time of fasting and preparation for new converts, before their baptisms into the faith on Easter. As time passed it became an invitation for the entire church to observe. Lent has become for Christians a season of intentional penance, fasting and introspection for each to journey at a personal level. It is a time of reflection of reacquainting ourselves with the work of God's spirit in our lives. The ideal and hope is that every Christian will move sacrificially through this season and arrive at the Easter celebration with a renewed vitality of faith, in light of our resurrected Christ.

Consider this your invitation! We are gathering on the Thursdays of Lent for soup, salad and study. This study began Thursday, February 18, and will continue through Lent. The gatherings are informal and will begin at 6:30 p.m. as we eat and study together while we share the meal. Our time will end around 7:30 p.m. Our theme for discussion and study is to look at the agenda that Jesus announced at Nazareth would be his ministry focus. I anticipate sharing food and dialogue with all who decide to take this journey. Theme for this coming Thursday, 11, is: 'and recovery of sight for the blind. Luke 4:18d.

## **THE UGLY BOX**

"It" can be found in the Fellowship Hall under the United Methodist Women mission board. Please join the UMW in supporting the Bowling Green Food Pantry with donations of non-perishable food items during 2009. Thanks!

## **BOWLING GREEN KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by September 30, 2010, he/she will need to be registered. The dates and time for registration are as follows:

Wednesday, March 31 between 4:00-8:00 p.m.;

Thursday, April 1, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

The place of registration will be at the elementary school in the district where your child resides. There are yellow flyers in narthex giving more detailed information. Please feel free to pick up one.

## **2010 CENSUS**

In 2010, the U. S. Census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every ten years to decide allocation of billions of dollars in government funds. Our church is encouraged to reach out to those who possibly would have problems with the English language, are sick at home or those who are homeless. Help them to send the Census back. The questionnaire only takes 10 minutes to complete. Watch for further information.

## **BRIDGE HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE**

Will be holding volunteer training classes beginning Monday, March 22. The sessions will be held at Otterbein Portage Valley in Pemberville from 1-4 p.m. for seven consecutive Mondays. Volunteer opportunities are available for respite sitting, fundraising, friendly visits, care center and office work, and bereavement. Volunteers are always free to choose their area and amount of involvement. All are welcome to attend, but registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Katie Stygles, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-352-9808.

## WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The theme for the June 6-10, 2010 Annual Conference session is "Love in Action: Building Bridges Out of Poverty." Ministry with the poor is one of the four missional foci affirmed by the 2008 General Conference. As we gather at Lakeside, we will be celebrating the multiple ways the congregations of the West Ohio Conference are engaged in ministry with those living in poverty. In a variety of teaching sessions we will learn how we can help sisters and brothers build bridges out of poverty.

In keeping with our theme, we will once again receive a "Love First Miracle Offering," Our goal for this offering is \$350,000 and 10,000 pounds of potatoes. The cash offering will be used to support impoverished children being treated at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and our own UM Children's Home in Worthington. Seventy per cent will support Grace Hospital and thirty per cent will go to the children's home in Worthington. The potatoes will be distributed through the Society of St. Andrew to feed hungry people in the West Ohio Conference.

## MISSIONAL RENEWAL OF THE SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH

The Mission and Evangelism Institute at Methodist Theological School is sponsoring a "Small Yet Significant" seminars for small membership churches on Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16, 2010. The purpose is to strengthen small membership and rural congregations that face unique challenges due to population shifts and economic changes. As many of them and their clergy often feel ignored and neglected, there is an urgent need for transformative leadership, as well as creative and integral approaches to mission and evangelism. Dr. Anthony Pappas and Robin Knowles Wallace will offer these seminars. Please contact Rev. McDaniel for further information..

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

There is a list of the March birthdays and anniversaries on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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## FINANCE REPORT (Year to Date)

Sundays	2/07/10	2/14/10	2/21/10	2/28/10
Weekly Total	\$2,406.86	\$2,257.68	\$1,921.01	\$2,986.83
Total Contribution (Year to date)	\$15,246.72	\$17,504.40	\$19,425.41	\$22,412.24
Weekly Need	\$2,877.23	\$2,877.23	\$2,877.23	\$2,877.23
Over or Short	\$470.37	\$619.55	\$956.22	+109.60
Year to Date (over or short)	\$2,016.66	\$2,636.21	\$3,592.43	3,483.83

Contributions to Haiti: \$565.00 on 1/17/10; \$355.00 on 1/24/10; \$20.00 on 2/07/10; \$10.00 on 2/14/10.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Family of William Alexander  
Skip Amos  
Vern Bame  
Jacob Boltz (Marines)\_  
Richard Boltz  
Helen Bowen  
Beverly Brandeberry  
Leroy Chamberlain  
Family of Mary Chutas  
Danielle (malignant brain tumor)  
Heather Diegel  
Jeremiah Diegel  
Emily Earl  
Family of Jim Eckel  
Connie Faehnle (heart surgery)  
Ellen Farison  
Finances of our church  
Betty Frank  
Virginia Garner  
Holly, Mike, Mason Gilsdorf (job change\_  
Hazel and Jack Goodwin  
Family of Mike Henschen  
Nathan Heritage (Iraq)  
Thelma Herringshaw  
Chris Hillard  
Fred Holloway  
Jim Hone  
Brittan Jenkins  
Members of George (Tater) Jensen Family  
Richard (cancer)  
Katy (MS affecting her eyes)  
George, Jr. (tumor near brain stem)  
Charolyn Kelly  
Andrew & Vanessa Kennedy  
Tim Kennedy  
Janet Kidd  
Darnell Kirschner  
Carroll Lovett (cancer)  
Joan Lovett (ALS)

Mike Mason  
Jim Merwin (MS)  
Mary Miller (cancer)  
Roy & Evelyn Miller  
Nellie & Alfred Myers (colon cancer)  
Ethel Noch  
Joann Patton  
Chris Paxton and family  
Dave Paxton  
Betty Perez  
Eric Rader  
Religious Community at Large  
Bob Schoeni (ALS)  
Family of Warren Scholler  
Family of Tim Seedorf  
Phyllis Shell (stroke, seizures)  
Fred Skulina  
Jan Smith  
Jacob Snow  
Daniel Stacy  
Katie Stanger  
Jenny Sugg (Stage 4 breast cancer)  
Linda Sullivan  
Jamie Taylor  
Carol Wickard  
Sharon Wiseman  
Cindy Yeasting  
Richard Yeasting  
Mackenzie Zarecki  
All Service Men and Women  
Our Nation/Leaders  
Loss of Jobs  
Youth Group  
People of Haiti  
People in the USA (lost people in Hait)  
People of Iran  
Situation in Afghanistan