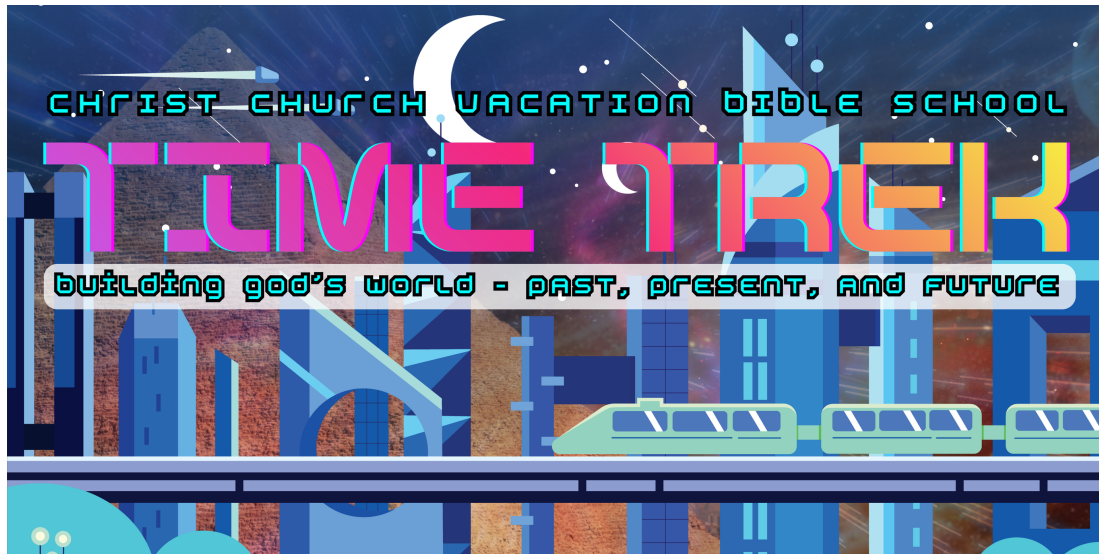




CHRIST CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY
2026

THE VISITOR



VBS 2026

*Get ready to travel through time this summer at Time Trek VBS, happening
July 27–30 from 6:00–7:45 PM!*

Each evening, kids (ages 3 through just completed 4th grade) will step into an adventure filled with music, storytelling, games, creativity, and hands-on activities—all centered around discovering how God's love is present in every moment: past, present, and future.

We'll wrap up the week with a special Family Night on July 30, where families are invited to join us for a celebration and a hands-on service project as we practice sharing God's love beyond ourselves.

Registration is now open!

Scan the QR code or visit the link on our website to sign up. Pre-registration helps us plan, but we'll always make room for you.

So grab your gear and come be part of the adventure—we can't wait to see where this journey takes us!



America 250

As you may have heard, our country is celebrating its 250th birthday this month. Celebrations are already held annually around this time and will certainly be enhanced because this is one of those big birthdays.

If you tune into Netflix, there are a number of great documentaries about great moments and people from our country's history. If you're anything like me, you love learning about how inspired people have thought and acted to build our country up to what it claims to be.

It has been said that we are more of an idea than a nation. Our founders boldly made assertions that have taken time and cost lives to live into. To this day, people argue (it's what we are best at) the role faith and our religion play into the governing of our country. What can't be denied is that our Christian ideals shine through most of the inspired language that we are founded on, even the religious freedom we enjoy.

So, happy birthday, America! Historically, we don't all agree with the direction we are heading at any given time, including this time, but we can agree that the last 250 years have been full of the United States being a beacon of light and freedom for the world. Cheers to the next 250, and the continuing struggle to become what we claim.

Peace,
Pastor Scott



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Fellowship Get-Together
All Youth Fellowship members (youth entering 6th-12th grades) are invited to a fun evening of fellowship and summer fun at the Yeagley home on Thursday, July 9, from 6:00–8:30 p.m. We'll enjoy whiffle ball, swimming, and time together. If you can't make this event, watch the August newsletter for another activity.

Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2026

Current Fund	Month of May 2026	Year-to-Date	Last Year
Sunday Offerings	\$ 22,855	\$110,039	\$103,682
Other Income	\$ 249	\$ 7,787	\$ 4,691
Expenses	\$ 24,869	\$134,474	\$102,250
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,756)	\$ (16,647)	\$ 6,123
Benevolent Fund Donations	\$ 5,525	\$ 20,311	\$14,720
Samaritan Fund Donations	\$ 591	\$ 2,077	\$ 2,832
Comfy Clothes Closet	\$ 465	\$ 715	

Samaritan Fund Balance is \$2,579.

Brian Amstutz, Treasurer



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Church Council Meeting Summary from June 9, 2026

Previous meeting minutes were approved - moved by Jason, second by Mollie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report is on file. Motion to approve, subject to audit, by Julie, second by Terri. Motion carried.

- Brian would like to be able to more easily move money between accounts. A motion was made by Terri Brest, seconded by Jason Ayers, to set up a Money Market account for Christ Church, 301 N. Main, Orrville, Ohio, with Farmer's National Bank located in Orrville, Ohio. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Lisa and Pastor Scott will be with the youth on the mission trip June 14-19. Nancy Hranko will cover the administrative desk that week.
- Kaylene will return from her maternity leave on July 7.
- Motion by Julie, second by Mollie to make changes to the signers/distributors of the Samaritan Fund. Motion carried.
- Pastor Scott and the staff are taking the next six weeks to look at various tasks completed by the Administrative Assistant and examine how those can be completed with remaining staff. HR and Pastor Scott will meet prior to the August council meeting with recommendations.
- Care/Community—Margaret Maupin reports that 4 current Spiritual Council members' terms are expiring. She will ask those who are eligible to stay for a second term.
- Robin Stocker will chair the Fellowship Committee.
- There were no meals prepared by Merry Cooks in May.
- Bob Landis will serve as a Care Visitor.
- ICU is searching for one team captain.
- Parish Health – blood pressures will be taken the 2nd Sunday of each month.
- There has been an interest in a CPR class. Vicki will research possible entities that would fill that need.
- Mission/Outreach—Current Bed and Breakfast numbers 157 cereal boxes, 137 bed sheet sets.
- Administration/Resources—Office renovations continue. Connie Duffy has completed the painting. Furniture is due July 16. Workroom cabinets and countertops are ordered. The carpet in the pastor's office was cleaned.
- Linda McHenry and crew have been working on the landscaping and flower watering schedule Joe Hranko has trimmed trees. John Kropf had a crew remove dead bushes from the area.
- The rooftop AC unit was installed.
- John Kropf called about removal of the dumpster.
- The Sensory Sanctuary is complete. In progress - Jay's Glass will repair the molding and replace the plexiglass covering the stained glass.
- Jason is researching companies to complete the replacement of the boilers and kitchen grease trap. The trap has been cleaned.
- The new tables are in – mostly. The 8' tables were returned due to problems with mold and scratches. Tractor supply assures that they have been shipped – again. Problems continue with the sanctuary sound system and streaming. We thank John Weyrauch for purchasing new microphones.
- Human Resources-The job description/responsibilities of office administrator will be reviewed HR. Motion by Julie, second by Mollie to set office hours as 9-1 Monday – Thursday until August 17. Motion carried.
- Do we need a capital campaign to fund the many necessary changes in the church building?

Next meeting – July 14, 7 PM.

Ladies of Light

Ladies of Light will not be meeting in July, but will resume in August. Watch for more information about the August meet-up!



Memorial Gifts

In memory of Fred Rehm
Joanne France

Thank you

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our church family for celebrating Alaina's graduation with us. Thank you to everyone who attended her graduation party, sent cards, shared kind words of encouragement, and gave thoughtful gifts. Thank you for making this special time even more memorable.

Nick & Lisa Yeagley

July Special Offering

July's Special Offering will go to CAMO. Launched in 1993 by former Peace Corps nurse, Kathryn M. Tschiegg, RN, BBA, Central American Medical Outreach is a non-denominational, Christian-based, humanitarian organization that brings life-saving medical services, education and community development to Central America. CAMO provides more than 217,767 life-saving services each year to impoverished people who otherwise would not have access to aid.

Pop-Up Pantry (PUP) – Summer 2026

There are two more pop-up pantries for the Salvation Army Orrville-Maiwurm Service Center and the Akron-Canton Regional scheduled for this summer. This program expands access to food assistance for anyone in need in our community.

Important details:

Dates: July 8, and August 12

Time: 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Location: 401 W. High St., Orrville

Eligibility:

- Self-declared income eligibility (no proof required)
- Photo ID requested
- Income guidelines are very generous — nearly anyone needing food will qualify
- Residency: Open to all Wayne County residents, regardless of service area

Additional note:

- Receiving food from the PUP does not count toward a client's monthly order from the regular Salvation Army pantry. Families may use both resources each month this summer.

Goal:

- The Food Bank hopes to serve at least 75 families at each event — please help spread the word!



Christ Church members volunteering their time with PUP. Ask how them how you can help!

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/01 Zoe Bates

7/04 Audrie Saurer

7/05 Jarod Legan

7/08 Sally Perry

7/08 Sarah Thistlethwaite

7/08 Matthew Kohler

7/08 Samantha Jones

7/09 Carter Mowrer

7/10 Ric Saurer

7/11 Bethany Williams

7/11 Kyrie Simmavanh

7/16 Karen Wyss

7/16 Tina Hostetler

7/16 Bryan Troyer

7/17 Karen Shupp

7/21 Bonnie Fleming

7/22 Brady Ayers

7/23 Alyssa Saurer

7/26 Mike Finney

7/26 Suzanne Jelinek

7/28 Sharon Nelson

7/29 Tate Howell

7/30 Deb Gresser

7/5 David & Kerry Pickett

7/10 Brian & Sandy Amstutz

7/10 John & Carrie Lefever

7/14 Kent & Judy Smith

7/18 Steve & Linda Combs

7/21 Wilbur & Betty Steiner

7/24 Tim & Alisha Musser

7/28 Bjorn & Beth Boggs

7/30 Scott & Jessica Musser



Youth Mission Trip Highlights

Enjoy some snapshots from the recent Youth Mission Trip to Tower Hill. The group will be sharing with the congregation about their trip during worship in August. Date to be determined, but until then, enjoy the pictures!

