



# THE VISITOR

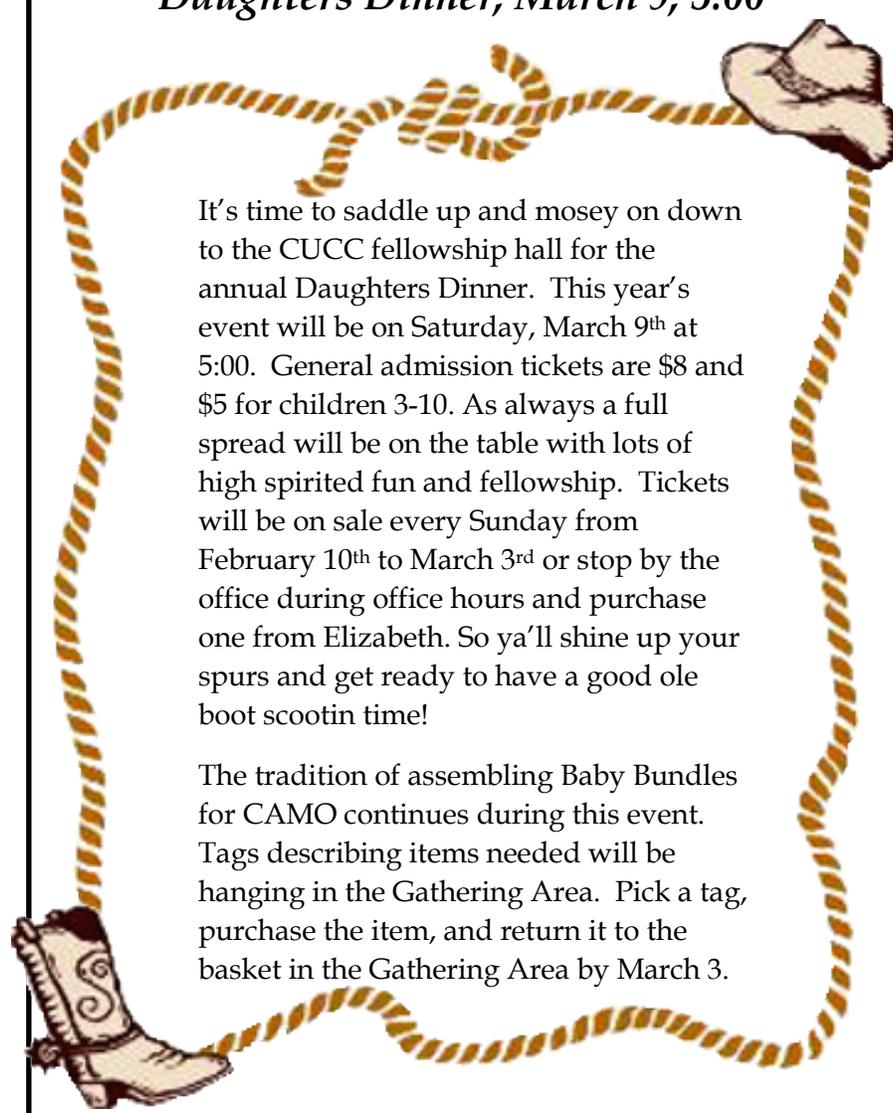
*February 2019*

***Zumba with Zara***  
*Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.*  
*beginning Feb. 2*

Zumba with Zara will begin on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9:30, right here at Christ Church in our Fellowship Hall! Zumba is an exercise fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez during the 1990s. Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. This weekly class is open to the community (men & women, ages 13 & up). **Christ Church is sponsoring "Zumba On Us."** Bring a copy of the most recent Sunday bulletin to the class as your "ticket" to get in. Questions? Contact Elizabeth.

***We're Fittin to Have a Mighty Good Time!***

***Daughters Dinner, March 9, 5:00***



It's time to saddle up and mosey on down to the CUCC fellowship hall for the annual Daughters Dinner. This year's event will be on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. General admission tickets are \$8 and \$5 for children 3-10. As always a full spread will be on the table with lots of high spirited fun and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale every Sunday from February 10<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> or stop by the office during office hours and purchase one from Elizabeth. So ya'll shine up your spurs and get ready to have a good ole boot scootin time!

The tradition of assembling Baby Bundles for CAMO continues during this event. Tags describing items needed will be hanging in the Gathering Area. Pick a tag, purchase the item, and return it to the basket in the Gathering Area by March 3.

## February Worship

### February 3

Installation of Pastor Bone  
Communion  
Rev. Nayiri Karjian, preaching  
Reception in Fellowship Hall  
Home Communion

### February 10

Chancel Choir  
Coffee Hour

### February 17

Chancel Choir  
Carol Choir  
Third Sunday Potluck  
BrennField Service

### February 24

Chancel Choir  
Coffee Hour

## Christ Church Preschool Accepting Registrations

Christ Church Preschool is Registering now for the Fall 2019-2020 preschool year for three to five year olds & prekindergarten students. The school offers two, three & five day a week programs in the morning & afternoon. Call or visit to sign up your preschooler. For more information call Teri Thomas - Director @ [330-683-0735](tel:330-683-0735) or visit our website [www.christucc.com](http://www.christucc.com).



## From the Pastor's Pen

*Submit to each other out of respect for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)*

*Groundhog Day* is one of Billie's and my favorite movies. We first watched it many years ago on HBO in a motel in Vermont to which she and I had gone, without children, to refresh and strengthen our marriage. It was a rare weekend away for a pastor and the beloved, a time of prowling second-hand bookstores and walking along Lake Champlain in the off-season and drinking wine together in a nice restaurant. That evening as we watched Bill Murray try to woo Andi MacDowell over and over *and over* again, we laughed and snuggled and wished our day could repeat, too.

In 2010 the movie *Valentine's Day* came out. We never went to see it. From the movie trailer, we could see it was obviously not about us. We were never that glamorous or beautiful or sexy, if we were ever that young. *Valentine's Day* portrays how America's yearning for that one, perfect love gets fixated and exploited on a certain day in February every year. You could call it the Groundhog's Day of our anxious search for love.

If *Valentine's Day* is the confused, anxious search for something real and lasting, *Groundhog Day* is the reality once we think we've found it. Waking up in the same situation over and over again, we face the same storms and step in the same frigid puddle to the same laugh every day. It's tough. Sometimes we think it's not worth it. (By the way, it's not if our safety is threatened by drugs, alcohol or violence within the relationship.) But I believe intimacy is always worth it. The daily work of intimacy with another person to whom you were/are/may- yet-still-be attracted is the kind of work that built the saints of old. Day after day devotion to a reality greater than oneself scrapes away our pettiness, our shallowness, and our need for life to be always about us.

There are those who do not need a partner, who are blessed to find within themselves all the resources they need to become who they most truly are. Yet, even these persons require the community of common care that we find in the church. And the church itself, as scripture portrays it, is the intimacy partner of Christ.

*<sup>25</sup> As for husbands, love your wives just like Christ loved the church and gave himself for her. <sup>26</sup> He did this to make her holy by washing her in a bath of water with the word. <sup>27</sup> He did this to present himself with a splendid church, one without any sort of stain or wrinkle on her clothes, but rather one that is holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25-27)*

Working on our relationship together with you,

Pastor Mike

## Youth News

### Youth Fellowship (6th-12<sup>th</sup> grades):

February 3rd: 6:00-8:00 pm at the Ayers' house for Super Bowl Party

February 10th: 6:00-8:00 pm at the church

February 17th: 6:00-8:00 pm at the church

February 24<sup>th</sup>: No YF, Youth/Mentor & Confirmation trip to the Maltz Museum

### Kids Club (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades):

February 6<sup>th</sup>: 5:15-6:30 pm

February 13<sup>th</sup>: 5:15-6:30 pm

February 20<sup>th</sup>: 5:15-6:30 pm

February 27<sup>th</sup>: 5:15-6:30 pm

### Confirmation Class and Youth & Mentor pairs trip to the Maltz Museum:

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> the confirmands and the youth & mentor pairs are invited to attend a special trip to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage as we learn the common threads of Judaism and Christianity. Please meet at the church at 12:45pm to carpool together. Please RSVP to Lisa if you are able to attend by Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Information from the Money Counters

Dear Members of Christ Church,

In addition to the new ways to contribute at Christ Church, the collection counting teams would like to offer guidelines if you choose to continue using the envelope system. If you specified on your estimate of giving card how each contribution should be divided, you do not need to fill in the blanks on the front of the envelope, because the computer will apportion your amounts properly. If you add additional funds for special offerings, please note the amount & which fund(s) on the envelope.

If you prefer to donate for multiple weeks or a monthly sum, please use only one envelope. If you place cash and a check in the same envelope, counting teams are required to enter those amounts separately, so let us fill in the top two blanks. Our teams then balance both the total cash and total check amounts.

Finally, if you can, please write your envelope # on any special offering envelopes. These simple guidelines help to streamline our job to balance more quickly every week. With your help, just maybe the counters will be able to make it to the potluck before the food is gone!

## Love Offering – February 10th

This year's Love Offering will be designated for Campership Scholarships which will support youth seeking to attend church camps. The Ohio Conference Outdoor Ministries serve youth from across the state. With scholarships, our children get to know God, themselves, and others. They learn about, understand, and respect nature. And they learn to help take care of themselves, others, and nature.

## Youth Auction 2019

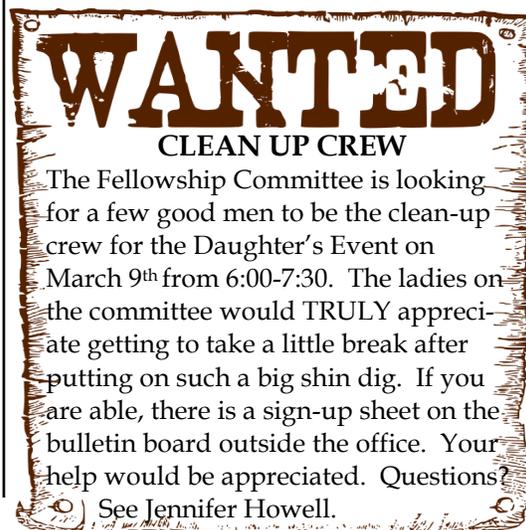
Save the Date: The Youth Fellowship group will be holding an auction on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be a light lunch served.

This event will again be a combination of a Live and Silent Auction. All the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Youth Mission Fund which helps the youth attend their annual mission trips and helps with other local mission work that the youth participate in throughout the year. If you have any items, you would like to donate to the auction please see Lisa Yeagley or drop it off in the office.

## Bridging Team News

We hope you are enjoying wearing name tags to help identify all. It's surprising how often we didn't know someone's first name or how it is spelled. Each person is important - even if you know others, they may not know you!

An improvement is coming that will make it easier to find your tag before church. Once again we ask your patience as we fine tune this project.



## Thank You

On behalf of the staff and Advisory Board of the Orrville Salvation Army, we want to express our gratitude and say thank you for your generosity this Christmas season. The Angel Tree project was successful because of you and your contributions of gifts and monetary donations. A total of 1,062 gifts were given out this season to 310 children and their families. Thank you for being a blessing in a child's life this Christmas.

To Christ UCC Youth,

Thanks for your visit to my door with Christmas cheer and joyful voices singing my favorite Christmas carols. Thanks, also, for the beautiful Christmas box filled with goodies. I am so proud of you all.

With Love, Mary Meeks

A special thanks to Barb Stoll, Jayne McGrew, and Connie Duffy for preparing the blankets for the Kids Club family mission projects for Akron Children's Hospital

## Consistory Minutes-January Mtg.

- Property Committee notes that snow removal is going well.
- Kent Smith of Policy and Personnel Committee defined the four functions of the committee to consistory.
- Stewardship Committee reports that the annual campaign is complete and the budget has passed.
- Worship Committee will meet on January 17 to begin work on the Lenten season.
- Bridging Team will meeting on January 27. Governance Committee will update consistory on progress at the March meeting. The goal is to present a recommendation to Consistory within the year.
- 150th Anniversary Committee has put bulletin boards in the hallway. Watch for monthly activities.
- Nick Yeagley presented a proposal for a service agreement with Schantz Organ for organ maintenance.

## Financial Report

	December 31, 2018		
	Month of	YTD	Last Year
	Dec. '16		
<b>Current Fund</b>			
Income	\$36,225	\$242,919	\$273,530
Expenses	\$27,830	\$248,561	\$278,596
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,395	\$ (5,642)	\$ (5,066)
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	\$ 5,977	\$ 42,522	\$ 43,987
Veterans of the Cross	\$ 1,637	\$ 1,757	\$ 2,017
Pastor's Em. Fund	\$ 1,513	\$ 8,169	\$ 7,341
Advent/Cal. Wildfires	\$ 1,010		

Brian Amstutz, Treasurer

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

2/01 Mark Clark	2/11 Ellen Clark	2/16 Kimberly Hopsecger
2/02 Linda Smucker	2/12 Richard Jones	2/17 Gordon Maupin
Connie Reynolds	Traci Williams	Josh Smith
Judie Pouly	Jaron Browne	2/19 Krista Musser
Tom Baer	Antonio Mangano	Grant Curtis
2/03 Jim Nelson	Logan Boggs	2/21 Gene Pouly
Lee Wade	Maverick Curtis	Audra Simmavanh
Scott Swinehart	Fiona Curie	2/22 Ruth Harrington
2/04 Dorothy Hahn	2/13 Russ Davidson	Bob Weeman
2/05 Emogene Erwin	Cindy Zimmerman	2/23 Zola Craver
Jameson Gardner	2/14 Judy Miller	2/25 Carol Jones
Andy Stocker	Laura Allard	Karen Herr
2/06 Sandy Amstutz	Joseph Weeman	2/26 Colin Abel
Brian Orosz	Matthew Weeman	2/27 Mark Gehres
2/07 James Hahn	Lillian Louanglath	Verni Nerren
2/08 Randall Gehres	2/15 Kurtis Sprowls	Katelyn Malcuit
2/09 Paula Kohler		

### Anniversaries

2/01 Bruce and Rhonda Weeman
2/12 Al and Carol Yeagley
2/19 David and Judy Browne
2/28 Jeremy and Chelsey Fry

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30a Zumba with Zara 3:00p FH Reserved
3 9:00a Sunday School 10:15a Worship; Installation & Communion 11:30a Reception 11:30a Parish Nurses—BP's 1:00p Home Communion 5:00p Confirmation 6:00p YF—Super Bowl Party at Ayers' house	4 7:00p Spiritual Council	5	6 5:15p Kids Club 5:15p Beginnings 6:30p Carol Choir 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 5:30p Friendship Meals	8	9 9:30a Zumba with Zara
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