



THE VISITOR

September 2019

Mark Your Calendars Now for *Fall Camp*

Fall Camp will be held October 25-27, at Temple Hills, so don't make any other plans for that weekend! Fall Camp is open to everyone! Kaylene Holderman will be leading the retreat, and she will have more information and details about this awesome event soon.

If you like s'mores, bonfires, relaxation, fellowship, time in nature, and the opportunity to grow in faith, then Fall Camp is the place for you!



Ice Cream Club

Come one, come all! The first ever Ice Cream Club outing will take place at Handel's in Medina (1050 South Court Street) on Sunday September 22nd at 2pm. We will meet at the ice cream shop for a cone or a bowl and some time for fellowship. An enthusiastic stomach and love of ice cream is all you need (and some money for ice cream)! All ages welcome!



Intergenerational Mission Trip Meeting

Planning for an intergenerational mission trip is in the works for July of 2020! If you are interested in going please plan to meet after worship on Sunday September 22nd in the Parlor. We will discuss possible dates so bring your calendar. If you cannot make the after worship meeting, but are interested in going, please let Kaylene Holderman know.

September Worship

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Communion
Coffee Hour

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Coffee Hour

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Third Sunday Potluck

September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Coffee Hour
Intergenerational Mission Trip
Mtg.

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Coffee Hour

Endowment Fund Requests

The Endowment committee will be meeting on Sept. 15th to discuss the annual allocation of the endowment fund income for wider and local missions. If you would like to submit a request, there are forms located at both the gathering area and front doors. You can place the completed forms in Nancy Hranko's mail box outside the main office.

Third Sunday Potlucks to Resume

September means the return of Third Sunday Potlucks! Start searching Pinterest for new recipes to try, or stick with your tried and true favorites. Plan to stay for lunch on September 15!

From the Pastor's Pen

From the Pastor's Inbox...

Every so often I come across something that is too good not to share with you. The following is a brief devotion by former pastor and seminary president, Martin B. Copenhaver.

On a number of occasions I have hiked in the interior reaches of the Grand Canyon. To me it is a holy place, the most vaulted of natural Gothic cathedrals. It's not hard to feel close to God there, not only because of what is present, but also due to what is largely absent – the demands of living in community. The buttes don't quarrel with each other. The California condors make no demands of the living. The rollicking streams offer only comforting words. There is no need to raise money for a sanctuary roof because the blue sky has already supplied it. In such a place I relate easily to those who testify that their surest encounters with God are in the natural world.

Nevertheless, the affirmation that God can be found outside the church has never seemed like much of a claim. The true wonder is that God can be found inside the church, among quirky, flawed and broken people who may have little in common and yet are bound to one another. What an unlikely setting in which to encounter God. But the Christian God seems to like to surprise us by showing up in the most unpromising places, like a Jew from Nazareth and in a motley gathering of people known as church.

God throws us together in the church and says, in essence, "Here is where you get a chance to learn how to live with other people, to forgive, and even come to see God in one another. After all, if you can find God here, you can find God anywhere."

The church, like the family, is the place where we learn to live with people we are stuck with. And when we stick with those we are stuck with, it is a living reminder of the God who is stuck with us all.

Learning to be the church together with you,

Pastor Mike

Youth News

Help Needed:

Are you available on Monday, September 9th from 2-6pm or 6-10pm? Please consider signing up to work in the French Fry or Fried Cheese Wagon at the Wayne County Fair. Lisa is looking for 2 people to help in each time slot. This is a fund raiser for our youth mission fund so please consider signing up and supporting our youth. See Lisa Yeagley to sign up or if you would like more information.

Kids Club

We hope everyone had a good start to the school year and is settling into their new routines. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:15pm, which is the first meeting of our Kids Club. This is a Family Night so everyone in the family is invited to attend.

Kids Club is our Wednesday night children's program that meets October-March. It's for any kids in Kindergarten-5th grade. A typical night includes a Bible lesson, games, crafts, and dinner. If you would like more information contact Lisa Yeagley at:

youth.cucc@zoominternet.net or call the office.

Youth Fellowship

Our Middle School and High School Youth Fellowship groups will kick off the year with our annual Back to School Bash at Putt N Stuff on Sunday, September 15th from 6-8pm. Youth Fellowship is our Sunday night program for any youth in 6-12th grades. We meet most Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for a time of fellowship, fun, and Bible study. There is no full meal provided but there are always lots of snacks. We always love guests at any of our youth programming so please feel free to invite to your friends!

Youth Fellowship Family Night

Middle School (6-8th grade) and High School Youth Fellowship and their parents are invited on Sunday, September 22nd at 6:00pm for a fun evening of food, fellowship and cookie baking! Dinner will be provided that evening. Come enjoy a fun, relaxing evening with your family. The cookies that we bake will be used for the church's mission work. Please bring your insurance information with you as we will also fill out our annual paperwork. Hope to see you all there!

Youth Fellowship:

September 15th: 6-8pm at Putt N Stuff for Back to School Bash

September 22nd: 6-8pm: Family Night at the Church

September 29th : 6-8pm at the church

Ladies Lunch Bunch

The group formerly known as the Golden Singles, has reorganized and is now being called the Ladies Lunch Bunch. What does that mean? It means that all ladies of the church no matter marital status or age are invited to meet the third Wednesday of the month at noon, for food and fellowship. On Wednesday, September 18, the group will meet at Buehler's at 12:00. And just like we tell the kids: friends are always welcome!

Carol Choir

The Carol Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18, from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Kids ages kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join.

Bell Ringers Needed

We would like to have a bell choir again this year, but we are in need of a few more ringers. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 and play once or twice a month from September through April. Contact Nancy Hranko if you are interested or have any questions.

Recipe Books

The 150th Anniversary Recipe Books are about to go to print, and to help decide how many copies to order, the committee would like you to fill out a form with the number of books you would like reserved. If you haven't done so already, please fill out a form located at sanctuary entrances and place them in the offering plate, or call the church office.

hello, september

Sept. Special Offering—That Seeds May Grow

Our Annual “Seeds” offering will be collected on September 8th. A three-or four year- theological education can cost between \$50,000-\$60,000. May graduating seminarians begin their new ministries with great joy, faith and commitment – and a debt up to \$20,000. We can help by giving to “That Seeds May Grow.” The offering helps to provide the financial support many students need to complete their seminary training. In the Ohio Conference, through the “Seeds May Grow” offering, we offer financial support to help men and women become the clergypersons they are called to be. Our gifts go directly to UCC students all over Ohio through scholarship grants.

Financial Report

July 31, 2019

	Month of July '19	YTD	Last Year
Current Fund			
Income	\$19,515	\$146,840	\$141,677
Expenses	\$18,944	\$163,649	\$154,692
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 571	\$ (16,809)	\$(13,015)
Benevolent Fund	\$ 1,670	\$ 22,361	\$ 27,964
Pastor's Emergency Fund	\$ 459	\$ 4,444	\$ 4,872
Strengthen the Church	\$ 205	\$ 606	\$ 855

Brian Amstutz, Treasurer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/01 Katie Brown	Ethan Weeman
Korbin Sprowls	Gavin Bupp
9/02 Julie Finney	9/19 Robert Bricker
9/03 Harlan Ellis	Abigail
Lindsey Lorson	Weyrauch
9/06 Doris Zaugg	9/20 Sandra Bender
Amy Hostetler	Kenny Biddle
Maycie Stocker	9/21 Evelyn Geiser
9/07 Vicki Nussbaum	Vikki Gehring
9/08 Marilyn Thomas	Ty Duxbury
Hart Boss	9/22 Julie Smith
9/09 Marilyn Schantz	Ella Wallace
Evan Brest	Kate Lacy
9/11 Jim Musser	9/23 Mike Hostetler
9/12 Martha Edwards	9/25 Carolyn Crall
Dale Scott	9/26 Dan Edwards
9/14 Nancy Alfred	John Kropf
Margo Mitchell	Carson Tompkins
9/15 Linda Bilderback	9/29 Terri Brest

Anniversaries

9/03 David and Amy Walter
9/04 Donald and Ellen Grimes
Bob and Linda Orosz
Tanner and Alyssa Hostetler
9/10 Larry and Sharon Singer
9/20 Jason and Lisa Nussbaum
Bryan and Erica Troyer
9/24 Sack and Sythanh Luangraj
Brandon and Beth Gardner

Thank You

Christ Church & Merry Cooks,

Thank you so much for the card in the mail and to Shirley and Laura for delivering the wonderful meal and gluten free cookies, and to all who helped with it. It was very appreciated during the healing process after the birth of our son, Kyrie, on July 11.

God Bless, Audra & Lam Simmavanh,
Mya & Brevyn

To Christ UCC, Merry Cooks & ICU teams,

Thank you for all your prayers and cards during my recovery from heart surgery. Also, for the meal that was delivered to my home by Shirley Scott.

Feeling so Blessed, Carol Leiendecker

Thanks to all who donated food and service for the meal following Dad's funeral. It was comforting food in an atmosphere conducive to mingling, visiting, and remembering.

Thank you all,
The Family of Carl Weidman



Thank you to Teri Thomas and Annette Harrison for their years of dedication to Christ Church Preschool, and to all who helped make the anniversary celebration a success!

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> 9:00a Sunday School 10:15a Worship; Communion 11:30a Coffee Hour 11:30a Parish Nurses—BP's	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> Labor Day Office Closed	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> 6:30p Bridging Team 7:00p Pastoral Rel.	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> 7:30p Chancel Choir	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> 5:30p Friendship Meals	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> 9:00a Endowment Comm. 9:00a Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a Third Sunday Potluck 12:00p Confirmation 6:00p Youth Fellowship Back to School Bash at Putt 'n Stuff	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> 1:00p Care Ministries Cabinet 7:00p Christian Ed.	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> 6:30p Carol Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> 5:30p Friendship Meals 7:00p Worship Committee	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> Newsletter Deadline	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
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