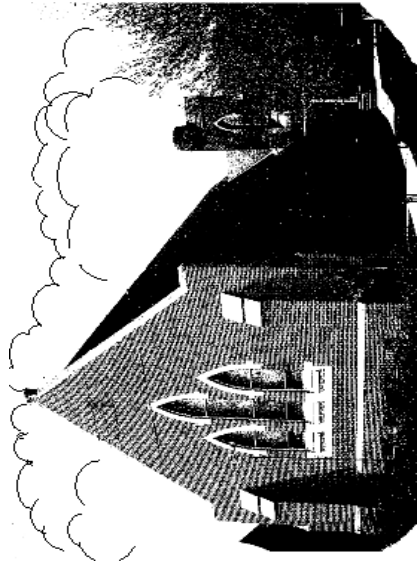


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*A Christmas Prayer to.....*

***Hearts Committed to God***

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# THE GOOD NEWS COURIER



December 2011

Christ United Methodist Church

## OUR MISSION...

*Love God,  
love people and  
make disciples.*

## OUR VISION...

*To meet,  
connect with,  
and invite people.*

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## Christmas Worship Schedule

### Sunday, December 18, 2011

8:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
**Christmas Cantata**  
*A World of Christmas* Joseph M. Martin

9:45 AM—Children's Christmas Program

11:00 AM—Special Christmas Music  
Celebration during Contemporary Service

7:00 PM—Community Blue Christmas Service  
For those who are grieving a loss this Christmas  
Sponsored by CCWC

### Saturday, December 24, 2011

6:30 PM—Special Christmas Music

7:00 PM—Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

### Sunday, December 25, 2011

10:30 AM—Christmas Worship Service  
*Celebrating New Life and Jesus' Birthday*

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for:

Erin Brunner's mother (health issues)  
 Pete Weaver (health issues)  
 Bob Hilderbrandt (health issues) brother of Paula Shearer  
 Hannah Rosenberg (cheerleading accident) granddaughter of

Shannon Greenly and Family Whitney Wagner  
 Sister and family back in states Whitney Wagner  
 Vickie Curry (surgery) Jeanette Curry  
 The family and friends of Tyler Weaver (accident fatality)  
 David Miller (health issues) Jeanette Curry  
 Bradley Laird (health issues) Dot Laird  
 Joy Shearer (surgery) Paula Shearer  
 Carole Dohme (health issues) Shawn & Ian Colbert  
 Dawn Ward (health issues) Shawn & Ian Colbert  
 Betty Hake (health issues) Joyce Johnson  
 The Henley Family (loss of mother) Elaine & Jamie Duncan  
 Tanya Saylor (job interview) Paula Shearer  
 David Doll (surgery) Shirley Doll and  
 Glenda Meckley

Theresa Concordia (health issues) Kris Clark  
 Bud Ruppert (surgery) Dave & Diana Kistler  
 David Sherrer (injuries/accident) Darren Hake  
 The family of David Serdyski Candi Winter  
 Kara Hogan (health issues) Sherree Hake and  
 Joyce Johnson

The family of Richard Bieda Anna Smith  
 The family of Wanda Miller niece of Doris Lerew  
 Marrisa Hileman (health issues) Jeff Brown  
 Barbara Klaus (health concerns) Anne Kistler  
 Benjamin Suplee (safety) Bernadine Suplee  
 Ann Nix (loss of son and mother) Linda Warfel  
 Artie Lightner (surgery) Sonia Heidler  
 Scott Dotts (health issues) Randy Hughes  
 Fred Williams (health issues) Michelle Williams

### Submitted by:

Michael Brunner  
 Paula Shearer  
 brother of Paula Shearer  
 granddaughter of  
 Joyce Johnson  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Jeanette Curry  
 Jeanette Curry  
 Dot Laird  
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### Sunday Morning Services

8:00 AM—Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting

8:30 AM-Traditional Worship Service

9:45 AM—Sunday School

11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service

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### 2012 Calendars

G-Crew is selling calendars again  
 this fall with scripture and  
 beautiful pictures of God's creation.

The proceeds will go to the 2012 youth mission trip.

Please see Pastor Randy or Tracie to purchase a calendar.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Perry Warfel
- 5 Lynn Smith  
Frank Mazzur
- 8 Sally Trout
- 10 Doris Lerew  
Kenneth Ferree
- 12 Bruce Geiselman
- 13 Ted Meckley
- 14 Dana Eberly  
Jeffrey Brown
- 15 Jennifer Trout
- 16 Yvonne Jackson
- 17 Margaret Geiselman  
Barbara Matthie  
Steven Eberly
- 20 Teresa New  
Ethan Hostler
- 21 Jeffrey Bortner II  
Harold Snyder  
Jarrett Hostler
- 22 David Matthie
- 23 Janet Gladfelter
- 24 Diana Kistler
- 25 Koby McDonald  
Brandon Geiselman
- 27 Darren Hake  
Nathan Peeler
- 28 Cortney Herman  
Brenda Snyder  
Harry Fry
- 28 Madden Gainer
- 30 Cora Wagner
- 31 Richard Clark

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Earle Lehman
- 3 Mr. and Mrs. Art Williams
- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Ferree
- 9 Mr. and Mrs. James Beard
- 22 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hesson

### Holiday Visitation to our Shut-ins



The Care and Share Committee will be preparing to take some Christmas joy to our shut-ins. On Sunday, December 4th a Christmas gift container will be placed in the church for anyone to place Christmas cards, notes or small gifts for our shut-ins. These gifts will be taken to them sometime after December 18th.

Perishable gifts should be brought to the church on December 18th. **If you would like to help deliver these gifts, please call Mary Geiselman at 428-2381.**

### Upcoming Events in December

- 18- Christmas Program here at Christ UMC at 9:45 AM
- 23-Half Day In-service
- 26-Day after Christmas (Center Closed)
- 27, 28, 29, & 30-Full Day In-Services

### Looking Ahead to January

- 16-Full Day In-Service
- 18- Half Day In-Service

### Student of the Month

Congratulations to Megan for earning Kid's Connection's December student of the month! Megan always has a kind personality and shows respect for all who are around her. Super job Megan!



**Megan**, 1<sup>st</sup> grader at St. Joe's

Age: 6

Birthday: September 1<sup>st</sup>

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Hobby: Swimming

Pets: Four cats named Myrin, Mr. Quervo, Tilla, and Simon

Favorite Subject in School: Math

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Bible Story: The story of Noah's ark

## Kid's Connection

My hope is that all of you have had many blessings in 2011 and will continue to be blessed in 2012. We have had the chance to bless others here at Kid's Connection by participating in Operation Christmas Child, getting ready to present our Christmas program, and sharing with others about the birth of our Savior. Many of us love to receive presents as Christmas time, but we have been focusing on **giving** here at Kid's Connection through these various programs. Along with that, we have been focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, Christ's birth. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless you now and always! ~Miss Tess

### What we have been doing:

Here at Kid's Connection we have been working hard. We have been helping out with Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is where we have been gathering things to put in shoeboxes to send to needy children around the world. This is a great program to give a child a Christmas present who would have had nothing for Christmas and to teach these children the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have continued to practice for our upcoming Christmas program. I cannot wait to see the program come together with all the actors, singers, and speakers!

Along with all of this, we have continued to have homework time, craft time, and free time.

I am so impressed with how giving and concerned our kids are for children around the world and how motivated they are to help others. Keep up the great work guys and gals!!! I can see the children here at Kid's Connection all making a difference in other's lives.

## OFFICE HOURS

### Pastor's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00  
to 3:00 PM

**THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY.**

Pastor Randy is available  
other times by appointment.  
Phone 717-578-3309.

### Secretary's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The Church Office will be  
closed December 26 to  
January 2.

**The Website for December  
is being sponsored  
by  
Faith Boyer.**



The witness ministry is offering an opportunity for you to share Christmas cards with your friends at Christ United Methodist Church. Beginning Sunday, December 4th a table will be set up for you to place your cards in alphabetical order. Please check each week and take along the cards for your family.



On Sunday, November 6, 2011, we warmly welcomed into the fellowship of Christ United Methodist Church:

Evan Branin  
Kara Branin  
Pam Fry  
Brenda Sessa  
Bernie Suplee  
Kevin Winter

*It is a joy to have Evan, Kara, Pam, Brenda Bernie and Kevin as a part of our congregation!*

Hello and welcome to the first day of the rest of your life. That may sound quite dramatic for some and boring to others but here is the explanation of my greeting. Our church is approved for the Matthew 28 journey and God is leading us into new places to meet new people who need a personal relationship with Christ. I took some time the other day to re-read Matthew 28 for contextual understanding. Here's what I found.

Matthew wrote God's story of Christ's resurrection (vv 1-10), then an account of Roman opposition to the resurrection (11-15), and finally a firsthand account of the risen Christ from the disciple's perspective (16-20). I wonder what went through their minds as they heard Jesus say the following words.

*Mt 28:18b "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)*

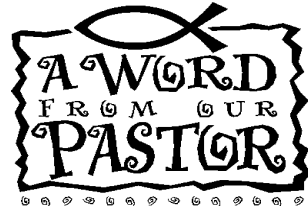
These marching orders stimulated the disciples to change the world. A band of men, with no seminary training, no three piece suits, and no glowing family heritage, set about to share Christ and His resurrection power with everyone who would hear and receive it.

Here we stand on the cusp of an exciting journey where God's command has remained unchanged. Our task, to change the world for Jesus Christ is before us. It will require each one of to evaluate our mission, passion, and resolve.

The good news for us is that we are ahead of the curve in regards to Matthew 28 and its weight of accountability. We are slowly connecting with a wider range of un-churched and nominally religious people. We are building relationships that had previously been non-existent. We are being faithful to God's command found in Matthew 28:18-20.

What will you do with this first day of the rest of your life? Here's an idea. Invite someone to come with you to the Advent and Christmas services during December. Allow God's Spirit to work in their lives and watch how their life changes because you were faithful to the mission found in Matthew 28.

Glad we could get together. Peace & Joy to you.



It is so exciting to be alive in the work for our Lord and through it all some will catch the vision too, to be a disciple for Jesus Christ.

We had a wonderful time during Christmastime in Loganville on the November 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will visit our shut-in's over the holidays. The Christmas bags will be in the sanctuary beginning December 4, if you wish to send along a card or something else they would enjoy.

A monetary gift for York Rescue for Thanksgiving food will be sent after Christmastime in Loganville.

Every year we help support Chinese Overseas Missions for their staff conference as they finalize plans to bring Christ to China in the different universities. Thank you for your Faith Promise giving.

HeiroGround needs support from the local churches to pay salary for a coordinator of the mission. It is our prayer that we will be able to help out with this on a monthly basis.

We had a great meeting with Pastor Randy, Pastor Scott, and Kraig to plan what our focus will be for missions to Malawi. Some possible areas: nursery school, mosquito nets, Bibles, farm issue (crop rotation, drought resistant crops, water pumps), first aid kits, and more. Please be praying with us concerning the Lord's will in all this.

**Mark your calendar:** January 14<sup>th</sup> (snow date January 21<sup>st</sup>) for a hog maw dinner at the Jacobus Fire Hall. All are invited. Members and folks in the community- a free will offering will be accepted to cover expenses. Any extra will go to the firehall to help in all they do for the community.

Merry Christmas to all.

Love in Christ,

Paula and Mission Committee

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## Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2012 is located on the bulletin board as you come into the church. If you would like to sponsor altar vases for a particular Sunday in 2012, please sign up on the chart. The cost of two altar vases is **\$35.00**. Payment of flowers should be made to the church treasurer by placing the money in the offering plate. Be sure to indicate that it is payment of altar flowers. If possible, please note on the chart how you would like the presentation to read in the worship folder (either in honor of, memory of, etc.).

## Worship Folders

If you would be willing to sponsor the worship folders for a month in 2012, please sign the chart on the bulletin board. The cost for the month is **\$25.00**. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as for the altar flowers. Please note on the chart how you would like the presentation to read in the worship folder.

## Newsletter Sponsors

We are asking for sponsors for the monthly newsletter. The cost for this is **\$40.00** for the month. A chart is placed on the bulletin board for anyone interested in signing up. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as the altar flowers. Please indicate how you would like the presentation to read in the newsletter.

## Website Sponsors

We are asking for sponsors for the monthly website. The cost for this is **\$35.00** for the month. A chart is placed on the bulletin board for anyone interested in signing up. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as the altar flowers. Please indicate how you would like the presentation to read in the newsletter.

**When you are signing up for flowers, worship folders, website or newsletter, please sign up to be a greeter in 2012!**

## G-crew

Youth Ministry

Wow!! Hard to believe that it is December already.

The youth are selling Little Caesar's Pizza kits and Cookies until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The delivery day is December 12<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your order after 11:30 AM.

The annual Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. We will also be wrapping gifts. The proceeds from the Cookie Walk will go to the Mechanicsburg Children's Home and the gift wrapping will go to the CUMC youth mission trip in 2012. The snow date is Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.



Wendy Hewitt is in charge of the Cookie Walk. Please talk to her about donations of cookies.

### December schedule:

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting 6 to 7:30  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> – Baking cookies 5 to 8:00  
 December 17<sup>th</sup> – Cookie walk and gift wrap  
 December 18<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting 6 to 7:30  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> – No Youth -- Celebrate Jesus  
 January 1<sup>st</sup>—No youth -- Catch up on sleep

### Upcoming events:

Souper Bowl of Caring January 29 and February 5<sup>th</sup>.  
 30 Hour Famine  
 Battle ball at Messiah College with Praise Rally to follow.



## Christmas Gifts



Grocery Store Gift Cards make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

Weis and Giant gift cards in the amounts of \$50 and \$100 are kept on hand, but you can order other amounts. Weis cards also come in amounts of \$10, \$20, and \$25. Giant cards also come in the amounts of \$ 2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, and \$25.00.

If you would like to have cards for Christmas gifts, please contact Linda Wright (428-2893 or lswri@aol.com) by December 11 and the cards will be available .

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Christ United Methodist Church has made provisions for you to give your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly tithes and offerings electronically. If you would like the convenience of Electronic Giving, call the church office and request a form from the church secretary to get started.



Brian McKenzie  
2139 Pebble Creek Drive  
Apt. 203G  
Twinsburg, OH 44087

(If you are moving, please notify the church office of the change. Thank you!)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met on November 15<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of preparing the Church Operations Budget for 2012. The annual budget for 2012 is set at \$200,000; a 2% increase over 2011. This was taken to the Ad Council and approved on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

A complete copy of the budget will be included in the January newsletter.

2. Think of a person you have trouble getting along with then pray for that person.
3. Then ask your child who is hard to get along with at school and then pray with your child about that person.

## December 21<sup>st</sup> – Family night - Caroling in Jacobus

(Parents need to go caroling with us and this for your child's safety)

1. **“Do to others as you would have them do to you” Luke 6:31**
2. Read to yourself the birth of Christ.  
Matthew 1:18 to 2:18  
Luke 1:26 to 2:38
3. Have your child open the Bible to Matthew chapter 2 and then tell your child about the Birth of Christ. Tell it as you would tell a friend a story of what your child did. Make it interesting for them.

## CLOWN Menu:

### December 7

Hot dogs  
Baked beans  
Veggies and dip  
Fruit

### December 14

Chicken Pot Pie  
Peas  
Butter bread  
Cole Slaw  
Fruit

### December 21

Fish sticks  
Mac and cheese  
Butter bread  
Stewed tomatoes  
Fruit

## C.L.O.W.N.

### Children Learn On Wednesday Night

God has blessed us with many fun nights. The children are enjoying their time and learning memory verses and much about what God wants us to do with our lives.

I am adding a new feature to the C.L.O.W.N. program. I am asking you the parent (guardian) to help with your child's faith walk. The new feature is a weekly challenge to do with your child.

Once a week when you put your child to bed, sit with him/her and ask:

What did you find hard to today?

What was fun about your day?

What are you thinking about tomorrow?

Pray with your child about the answers they gave you. If your child is too young, stand or sit next to their bed and pray over them.

Below are the Bible stories and themes for upcoming Wednesday evenings:

#### December 7<sup>th</sup> – Abram follows God directions

**Genesis 12:1-8**

1. **“Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in the building”**  
**Ephesians 2:20b**
2. Write your child a note of encouragement.
3. Then have your child write a friend or teacher a note of encouragement.

#### December 14<sup>th</sup> – Lot and Abram divide the Land

**Genesis 13:1-8**

1. **“Trust in the Lord with all your Heart”**  
**Proverbs 3:5a**



## SUNDAY HELPERS

### December

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE GREETERS**— Kay and Connie Miller

**ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER** – Lance and Megan McGuire

### LAY READERS

December	4	Ben Miller
	11	Wendy Hewitt
	18	Kylie Hewitt
	25	Jason Snyder

### NURSERY CARE

(Traditional Service-8:30 AM)

December	4	Patsy Geiselman
	11	Stacie Snyder
	18	Connie Miller

(Sunday School—9:45 AM)

December	4	Jen McWilliams
	11	Deb Schaefer
	18	Pam Fry

(Contemporary Service-11:00 AM)

December	4	Jen Trout
	11	Paula Shearer
	18	Joni McKenzie

December 25—One Service at 10:30 AM—Whitney Wagner



