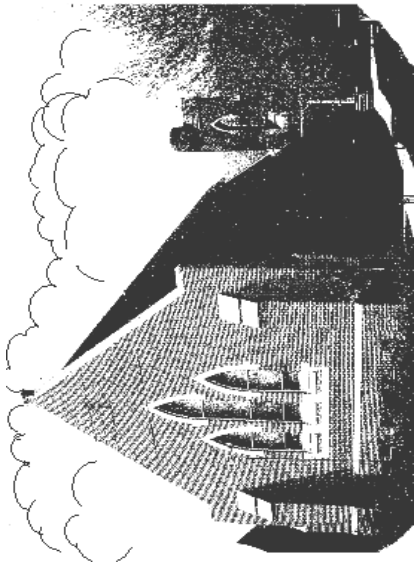


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with a blessing and prayer to.....*

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# THE GOOD NEWS COURIER



September 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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## “Red Sea Rules”

By Robert Morgan

**Sermon Series during both services**

September 11 to November 13

*“Searching God’s Heart  
in Exodus 14”*

### CLOWN

(Children Learn On  
Wednesday Night)

Begins  
September 21

**Supper at 5:20 PM**

**Choir time** from  
5:50 to 6:50 PM

**RENEWED** from  
6:00 to 7:30 PM

**Activity Time** from  
6:50 to 7:30 PM

### RENEWED

**Wednesday nights**

*September 21 to  
November 2*

*Inception Day on  
November 5  
(with lunch)*

*Renewal Service  
on November 6  
during both  
services*

## Prayer Concerns

**Please pray for:**

The families of John Sheely and Irvan Home

Samantha Cole

Joe Bifulco and Family (health concerns)

Jackson Salemme (health issues)

Andy (surgery)

Christine Bleyle (health issues)

Kim Staub (family issues)

Deb McNight (health issues)

Amber Drake deSousa (traveling mercies)

Pam Donagher (health issues)

Jim Regester (health issues)

Art Williams (job situation)

Bud Ruppert (health issues)

Bird Bowers (health issues)

**Submitted by:**

Ian & Shawn Colbert

Tori Shearer

Ted Schaefer

son of Lisa Layden

Ian & Shawn Colbert

Elaine Duncan

Bernie Suplee

Whitney Wagner

Ted & Deby Schaefer

Ian & Shawn Colbert

Michele Williams

Dave & Diana Kistler

Dave & Diane Kistler

**Cody Shaulis** - Injuries

**Romaine Marshall** – Fell /broken ankle

**Clark McWilliams** – Cancer/no treatments

**B.J. Geiselman**

**Perry Warfel** – Health Issues

**Gaelin Williams**

**All our friends and family that are in nursing homes**

**All that are serving our country in the military**

**Our missionaries** - Teen Haven, Ben and Cathy Bidelspach, Rev.

Ernest Hummer, and Rev. Kenneth Wagoner, Pastor Blessings, Linc

and Kaye Myers

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If you have a prayer request and want to start the prayer chain,  
please contact:

Kris Clark (244-0215 or 887-7072)

or

Pastor Randy Hughes (578-3309 or 428-1424)

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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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**We need sponsors for the following dates:**

**Altar Flowers** for October 16, 23 and  
November 20.

**Website** for October and November.

**Newsletter** for November and December.

*Sign up or call the church office!*



### In Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to Martha Shaffer and her family in the passing away of her husband, William "Bill" Shaffer, on June 23, 2011.

We pray God's strength and peace to sustain his family during this time of sorrow.

and

Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to Margaret Geisleman and her family in the passing away of her husband, William Geiselman, on July 14, 2011.

We pray God's strength and peace to sustain his family during this time of sorrow.

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."*

**CROP WALK**  
October 9, 2011  
(mark your calendars)

### God's Gift Of New Life

With much joy we announce the birth of Ella Paige Floyd, who was born on July 6, 2011 at York Hospital. Ella weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 18 inches long.

Ella is the daughter of Jeff and Jessica Floyd, granddaughter of Dave and Linda Wright and great-granddaughter of Earle Lehman.

We welcome Ella to the Christ Church family and pray God's richest blessings upon her and her family.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Shurfine **Community Rewards** program. We received a check in the amount of \$288.30 for the program that ran from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

If you are not signed up, a registration slip is on the table in the church lobby, or call the church office (428-1424).

## SUNDAY HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER

**GREETERS**—Ted and Glenda Meckley

**HOSPITALITY GREETER**— Paula Hostler

**ACOLYTES** - Nick Loucks and Caleb Kot

### LAY READERS

September	4	Shreall Nace
	11	Paula Hostler
	18	Ted Meckley
	25	Matt Chilcoat



### NURSERY CARE

(Traditional Service-8:30 AM)

September	4	Kris Clark
	11	Lisa Chilcoat
	18	Lori Shaulis
	25	Paula Hostler

(Sunday School—9:45 AM)

September	4	Lisa Chilcoat
	11	Barbie Matthie
	18	Stacie Snyder
	25	Jen Trout

(Contemporary Service-11:00 AM)

September	4	Whitney Wagner/Krystyana Williams
	11	Paula Shearer/Cora Wagner
	18	Joni McKenzie
	25	Cheryl Shearer

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Garrett Kistler  
6 Katie Polignone  
Donald Trout  
7 Tyler Gohn  
8 Connie Miller  
Amanda Hostler  
Lisa Layden  
9 Betty Bortner  
11 Sherree Hake  
James Pressel  
12 Deborah Rishell  
14 Truman Smith  
18 Chris Snyder  
20 Ted Schaefer II  
22 Dean Gladfelter  
23 Gene Snyder  
Ronald Snyder  
Dale Hildebrandt  
McGraw Lehman  
24 Seth Gainer  
26 Janet Riley  
27 Ethan Miller  
29 Ruth Becker  
Casara Smith  
30 Emily Beard  
Rachel Clark  
Ken Sielsch

Stay tuned for a **Party in Pink Zumbathon** to benefit Breast Cancer on Sunday, October 16 from 2 - 5 in memory of Shirley Eastwood. Watch for details in the weekly bulletin and the next newsletter.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gohn  
20 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frantz  
23 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Floyd  
26 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allison  
28 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Warfel  
30 - Mr. and Mrs. James Pressel

## 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

Let's face it, God was gracious enough to give us these wonderfully efficient bodies in which to live our lives, yet we live in a world that constantly throws temptation at us. We do mistreat our bodies, even though we feel such guilt and regret as a result. Do not pass up this opportunity to be good to your body; do NOT open yourself up to more regret.

If you have any questions at all, please call or email us.  
Phones: 577-2946 or 887-3002; email: kara@braninbodyfitness.com  
or evan@braninbodyfitness.com.

Information will also be available on our webpage  
[www.braninbodyfitness.com](http://www.braninbodyfitness.com). Click on the bootcamp tab at the top of the homepage for additional information and training packages.

**Please Remember to Continue to help  
Christ Church Change Lives for Christ  
During The Fall Season.**

Changing lives for Christ can be accomplished in many ways with one being your continued financial support of the various ministries offered here at Christ Church. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that there are a number of giving options for you to continue to support Christ Church even if you can't be here with us.



Along with our current weekly envelope system, we are offering electronic giving. By filling out a short authorization form, you can authorize weekly, semi-monthly or monthly withdrawals from your personal checking or savings account through your bank. Contact the church office at 428-1424 today and request a form to continue your support of ministries at Christ Church throughout the year.



Have you heard? Christ United Methodist Church is getting in shape and becoming healthier! Certainly by now you've heard friends and family talking about the strides they've made during the current session of BraninBody Bootcamps...and we've only just begun! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> eight-week block of classes is starting on August 20th, and NOW is the time to get signed up.

We are Evan and Kara Branin, a husband and wife personal training and fitness team. We are the most rapidly growing local fitness team because we have proven to have the ability to help you realize YOUR ability. Our goal is to help guide you to the realization that YOU CAN BE AN ATHLETE IN THE SPORT OF LIFE! IT IS ALREADY IN YOU, AND WE WILL HELP YOU FIND IT, just as so many of the clergy/staff/parishioners here at church have done so successfully.

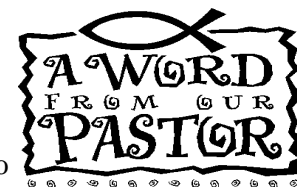
If you participated in this, our first 8-week block of classes, DON'T STOP NOW!!! This fitness and health race is a marathon, not a sprint! It continues as long as you are alive, so continue to be proactive with your own physical, mental, and spiritual growth. You got the locomotive moving; now you've got to continue fueling that fire!

Classes take place every Monday and Thursday at 6:00 PM, and Saturday at 11:00 AM. When weather permits, we will meet at Lakeview Park, and in the Fellowship Hall when the weather isn't so great. We offer classes in 8-week blocks, which can be purchased based upon how many classes you would like to attend per week.

RATES

- 1x/week: \$64 (\$8/class)
- 2x/week: \$112 (\$7/class)
- 3x/week: \$144 (\$6/class)

**Listen.** Did you hear the sound of children laughing in the church yard? Did you hear the rhythmic beat of music coming from the Fellowship Hall? Did you hear the grunts and groans of people pushing their health forward to new heights? I heard them.



This summer has been a busy one at Christ UMC. We have been living into our vision of connectional ministry. Our Kid's Connection summer camp has had as many as 15 kids enrolled. The Zumba fitness sessions have averaged 21 each Wednesday night. Branin Body Fitness Boot camp offered weight loss management three nights weekly for an average of 8 people.

Our mission to love God and love people is being realized when we connect those two loves together. Our vision is realized when we connect people with God via Christ United Methodist Church. Ironically, the church does not have to be bound up in the building but is most effective when it is out in the streets highly visible to our community. We are effective when we are offering the community what they want and need for living.

Our mission to love God and people is lived out in providing vibrant ministries that build up children and families. We are more fully alive when we offer child care for parents and single parents. Our intention to improve health both in our congregation and the community is designed to connect us with others.

This fall we will again offer our RENEWED course for potential new members and longtime members. We will need mentors for the course, so be ready and willing to step forward when asked. The Kid's Connection is ramping up for the school year to start. Shannon Godfrey is planning her fall Zumba classes and Evan & Kara Branin will have already started the fall Boot camp at Lakeview Park.

We are also in the midst of planning the 2012 festivities for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. Our Bishop, Jane Allen Middleton will be worshipping with us on April 1, 2012, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Webb will be worshipping with us later in October. As the leaves begin to turn to different hues and the air cools down, the church at 200 North Main Street is preparing to surge forward to new places of ministry. Can you hear children crying out for something to do? Do you hear people groan as they search for purpose and meaning in their lives? I do! Let's go and meet them!

Shalom, PR



# MISSIONS

This has been a very busy summer. Now it's time to think about Fall and the kids going back to school.

Our yard sale in July was fun! The kids from the "Week of Hope" were very helpful. The total raised for missions was \$3,061.34. \$180 of that was given to House of Hope, and \$100 for the park fund for the use of utilities. \$2,781.34 will be put towards our loan debt.

During the summer, we received many calls from people needing food and financial help. I am so thankful for our food pantry to be able to help. We could use personal items such as soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, and detergent, as well as help financially.

There is the "Alms For The Poor" wooden box in the back of the sanctuary for your contributions. Many live from week to week and get evicted.

Thank you for all of your help with the Corn Roast. It is always fun to fellowship with all of you! Proceeds after expenses were \$411.20. This will be used for the needy in our community.

Our service for the Lord goes on and I am already thinking about our Yard Sale/Bazaar in the Fall on October 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as our Calvary Boys concert October 9<sup>th</sup>.

God bless all of you,  
Paula and Committee

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If anyone has any information, pictures or clippings concerning the community or the church and its people, and you would like to donate them to the church history archives, please turn them into the church office or Sandy McDonald.

Thank you!

## Zumba is coming to Christ United Methodist Church

What is Zumba you may ask. Well here is the definition from the web site. Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. I just call it a fun work out with friends. No dancing experience necessary, dancers with two left feet accepted and also the rhythmically challenged, I fit into both of these categories and the instructor hasn't asked me to sideline it yet.

Zumba classes will also start September 29 @ 6:40 pm to 7:40 pm. 12 classes for \$65/student. I will be a participant in this class.

Our instructor is Shannon Godfrey, you can friend her on face book @ zumba shakin Shannon Godfrey. She also has information on the zumba.com website. Just search her name in the instructors and you'll be able to see all of her certifications.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact me 428.3814 or Shannon 858.7103 It is my prayer that when you see Shannon here at Christ U M, that you will welcome her with the peace, joy and love of Christ. You'll recognize her in her Zumba wear clothing.

Come on, ditch the workout and join the party!!! I know you want to.

In HIS name,

Renee (& Shannon)



### CHRIST UM CHURCH DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE

Thanks for your gifts of giving to the CUMC Building Fund which continues to reduce our loan debt with the Conference. Our Church Treasurer, Gene Snyder, reported a payment of \$4,292.38 (\$3,000 to principal and \$1,292.38 to interest). This payment reduces our remaining debt to \$83,000.

We are still awaiting bids on the cost to replace the church roof which is projected to cost between \$65,000 and \$90,000. The Finance Committee and Ad Council have approved the replacement of the front roof section using \$25,000 that is currently in the Building Fund. Additional replacement/repair will depend on the final bid cost and mini fund raising. When the cost of a bundle of shingles is available, you will be able to help with replacing the church roof by purchasing a bundle. Children and youth will be able to purchase individual shingles.

The church has other capital repairs; including the bell tower repairs, sealing/line painting of the parking lot, re-carpeting of the sanctuary and major items, as determined by the church Trustees, that will need to be done over the next five years. Paying off our loan debt and replacing the roof are the two major priorities.

We appreciate your continued use of the monthly Building Fund envelope that is included with your weekly giving envelope packet to help keep the house of God where we worship in good repair.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make them known to anyone on the CUMC Finance Committee, Ad Council or Trustees Committee. Again, we thank you for your faithful financial support of Christ Church.

-submitted by Joyce Johnson

### Women's Retreat September 30-October 2 At Renee Eastwood's "Little Piece of Heaven"



Ladies can stay overnight or just come up on Saturday. We ask that Saturday ladies pay \$15 toward the cost, and overnight ladies pay \$30 (total). Those who would like to attend should contact Whitney Wagner at 717) 781-7656. Whitney will see you get directions to the cabin.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying all weekend

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying overnight on Friday night

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying overnight on Saturday night

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be coming up on Saturday

A Friday group will be leaving around 6:00 at the church. Please eat beforehand, but don't fill up--we'll be making mountain pies at the cabin! If there are enough ladies who want to wait until Saturday, we'll try to have a group meet up in the morning to ride together.

If anybody has something holding you back from coming, please talk to me, and we'll try to help you figure things out so you can make it!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or ideas \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**C.L.O.W.N.****Children Learn On Wednesday Night**

We will begin CLOWN on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Supper is from 5:20 till 5:45 PM.  
 Choir time is from 5:50 to 6:50 PM  
 Activity time is from 6:50 to 7:30

Whitney Wagner has the nursery staffed for children 2 and younger.

3 years to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Cherubs Choir 5:50 to 6:10 PM  
 Snack and time with Paula 6:10 to 6:50 PM  
 Activities 6:50 to 7:30 PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Lesson with snack 5:50 to 6:10 PM  
 Choir time 6:10 to 6:50 PM  
 Activities 6:50 to 7:30 PM

6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have a time to sit and talk during activity time from 6:50 to 7:30 PM, with adult supervision in the High School Sunday School room. From 5:50 to 6:50 PM, the youth bring homework, or help with the younger children and the activities.

**Parents:** You need to fill out an emergency form and please come to the fellowship hall to pick up your child at 7:30 PM.

The children will once again be learning Bible verses. Children who learn them will get a small prize the night they recite it. A prize will be given at the end of C.L.O.W.N. based on how many they learned. Bible verses will be posted on [www.christumcjacobus.org](http://www.christumcjacobus.org). Click on C.L.O.W.N. Then click on dates and menus.

Choirs will perform during worship usually on the following Sundays: Cherubs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Choirchimes 3<sup>rd</sup> and Junior/youth Choir 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. (Please watch for exact dates.) The Christmas program will be December 18<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45 PM.

**Note: RENEWED** classes will start September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 7:30 PM and end November 2. You may join us for the evening meal and there is a minimal price for this meal. The money goes to purchase food and material for the C.L.O.W.N. program. Thanks!

**CLOWN Menu****September 14**

Hot Dogs  
 Baked Beans  
 Potato &  
 Macaroni Salad  
 Chips  
 Fruit

**September 21**

Chicken Tenders  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Stewed Tomatoes  
 Carrots and dip  
 Apples and dip

**September 28**

Ham, green beans  
 and potatoes  
 Rice Pudding  
 Bread  
 Fruit

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## Kid's Connection



We are excited for **Kid's Connection** to begin the before and after school care for the 2011-2012 school year! We already have more kids signed up than last year! YAY! We are looking for anyone interested in helping with this care. We are looking for someone who loves children and wants to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and can work 6:20 AM to 8:20 AM and/or 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. In addition, we may need help on in-service days. If you are not interested in working every week, but would be willing to be a sub when needed, please let us know as well. Please contact Tess at [kidsconnectionatcumc@yahoo.com](mailto:kidsconnectionatcumc@yahoo.com) or (717) 951-2611 if at all interested.

Thanks so much and have a great day!

Tess Crimbring  
 Director of Kid's Connection at Christ UMC  
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Also, find us on facebook!