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The Good News

The monthly newsletter of **Christ United Church**

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as our heart
and God's love
as our fire,
we learn, we love,
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people.**

Gathered as One Body

World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 4, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

"This do in remembrance of me," Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love, and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. "In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth" (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord! ✞

Christ United honors World Communion Sunday on October 4 using various breads from around the world offered by some of our members. This is also the Sunday we collect special offerings. (See pg. 3)



Intergenerational Game Night

Friday, October 9 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM

The CUC Member Care and Fellowship Team has planned a Family Game Night on **Friday, October 9 at 6:30 pm** for church members, friends, and family.

Member Care and Fellowship Team will provide drinks. If coming, please sign up to bring a snack – sign-up sheets will be on bulletin boards at both ends of the building. Bring a favorite "table game" to share!

We hope you plan to be there! Bring game lovers! ✞



October is Pastor Appreciation Month:

Grateful for Faithful Leadership

October gives us a special opportunity to thank the pastors who teach, encourage, pray, and care for our congregation. May we honor their faithful service, support them with our prayers, and remind them that their ministry makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many. ✞





Yard Signs

` Do you want to promote voting in November? Do you want to promote voting with love? Intrigued? There are yard signs available that do this. They are $20 but, for each ten we purchase the price goes down to $13. If you are interested in buying one, please send your name and the quantity you want to the church office email, Office@ChristUnited.Church. We will place an order as soon as we have enough requests. ✞

Fall Campfires

Campfires began in September on the labyrinth and continue **every Wednesday evening through at least October 7**. Folks gather at 7 pm. Bring a chair, a roasting stick for marshmallows (there may be s'mores), and a friend. Note: *If you enter the labyrinth from the building, please do so from the library/room 11. There is a support group in Friendship Hall and we do not want to disturb them.* ✞

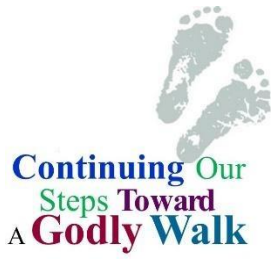


Fellowship and Discuss

For September 2026

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out. Proverbs 18:15

Fellowship and Discuss will gather on **Thursday, October 8, at 7 pm** to continue the study of the Old Testament by virtue of Bethel Bible Study. Our 8th study tells us about "A Destiny Ensured."



This study is open to anyone interested in broadening their understanding of God's word. Corinne Wilson will lead the study, with Bonnie Crall assisting. Please let Bonnie know **by October 5th** if you plan to attend so she can prepare enough printed materials for everyone in attendance.

Come to the Crall home located at 6459 East Vancey Dr., Brook Park. Bonnie's home phone number is 440-234-2202 and her email is bcrall@ameritech.net. The Cralls live in the southwest portion of Brook Park, near Rte. 237, for those who might think that it is in the heart of Brook Park. Parking is available on the west and north sides of the street and in the driveway. ✞

Community Outreach Task Force

Here's a list of the people the Community Outreach Task Force helped in the past month. As expected, requests are picking up:

A family that has been staying in a motel requested assistance. The mother is disabled and the father is working two jobs to pay for expenses. He is a member of a men's Christian support group. Recently, his vehicle broke down, and they helped him pay for the repair. However, he had to quit one job because he had 2nd degree burns. He did find a new job but lost some income in the process. So, we covered the cost of housing for one week. ✞

Special Offerings

Neighbors in Need and the new **World Communion Offering with PCUSA** will be received on World Communion Sunday in October, this year October 4. Materials with more information and envelopes for this offering are in the pews. The Stewardship folks on Discipleship encourage you to support these offerings. All gifts received will be divided with 50% of the entire collection going to each denomination's offering. Please mark your envelope *Special Offering* or use the special pew envelope. These offerings will be collected through October 4.

Neighbors in Need



Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet in room 10 on **October 14 at 10 am**, to make cards for our local veterans for Veteran's Day.

We are also asking church members to help us collect personal care supplies to help stock the Veterans' office in Berea. Items most requested are shampoo, conditioner, facial cleanser, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving supplies, and blankets (new or like new). Please bring items to church between October 1 and October 18. There will be a bin in the west entrance, near the Amigos room. ✞

Happy Birthday

October

1	Wendy Mercier
4	Sandy Dipko
9	Cathy Green
16	Bill Allen
23	Brian Rickel
26	Janet Winzenburger
30	Gladys Kershaw



The Serviceberry

An Economy of Abundance

This fall, something new is beginning to grow at Christ United.

Starting on World Communion Sunday, October 4, we'll spend several weeks together exploring Robin Wall Kimmerer's book *The Serviceberry*. Thanks to a generous grant approved by our Governing Board, copies of the book will be available at no cost—not only for our congregation, but for friends, neighbors, and members of the wider community who would like to join us.

The Serviceberry invites us to consider a different way of understanding the world around us: not simply as a collection of resources to possess or commodities to exchange, but as a community of gifts received, shared, and passed along.

While we wait for the books to arrive, you may notice something beginning to take shape in our hallways. Open spaces will become a community idea board, art installation, collaborative collage—or whatever else we discover it wants to become.

And **you are invited to help create it.**

Bring a quotation that inspires you. A poem. A photograph. A drawing. A leaf or flower. A prayer. A question you've been carrying. Something you've made. Something you've received. An idea for our church or community. Add something of yourself, and then see what someone else adds beside it. Along the way, our prayer is that you'll find some seeds, both literal and not so much, to inspire further wonder.

There is no finished picture we're trying to recreate. That's rather the point.

Over the weeks ahead, we'll read together, talk together, worship together, experiment together, and ask some deceptively simple questions

- **What have we received?**
- **What can we share?**
- **What might we become together?**

We don't know exactly where those questions will lead us. But we're planting some seeds.

Let's see what grows. ✞



Welcome new CUC Choral Scholars

Christ United Church Music Ministry is very happy to welcome two new Baldwin Wallace Conservatory students as CUC Choral Scholars this fall.



Maricel Wheatley (she/her) is thrilled to join the Christ United Church community in the soprano section. She is currently a first-year BFA Acting major with a minor in Music at Baldwin Wallace. She has previous experience of serving as a choral scholar at an Episcopal church in her hometown back in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and music has always been an important part of her life. Outside of her studies, she enjoys crocheting, baking, and coffee. She is so happy to join this welcoming community!



Meg Zakeri (she/her) is a senior Music Education major at Baldwin Wallace University! Originally from Buffalo, NY, she's happy to call Cleveland her second home. When she's not teaching in a classroom or performing on stage, you can find her practicing yoga or hanging out with friends. She's so grateful to be a part of the CUC family!

Special thanks go to former CUC Choral Scholars Alexa Richardson and Emily Flood who were beautiful additions to the CUC choir and community. ✞



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