

Cridersville Chronicle

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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

I just recently went to Wapakoneta to do some shopping and it was the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. It was heartwarming to see the community and indeed the whole country and added affirmations across the globe celebrating this remarkable human achievement of reaching out into space and landing on the moon!

As the events and special programming unfolded I was once again reminded of the dangers of space and the subsequent perils traveling through it and therefore the extraordinary achievement the lunar landing represents. I have always been fascinated by space, our galaxy and the wonders of the universe. About ten years ago I was live streaming "The Universe" which is like 50 episodes regarding all the marvels and complexities of the universe including our solar system and our galaxy, the Milky Way. When Netflix took it off live streaming I ordered the whole DVD series online for my upcoming birthday and so I told Kathy that she got me the universe for my birthday that year.

I marvel at all the chaos and yet order that is found in the planets and stars of the universe. I marvel at the unique survivability of our planet in the midst of a hostile solar system. This, for me, speaks of a divine hand creating and ordering all that is in the universe.

I recently came across an article which had the headline: "As the Moon landing unfolded, Buzz Aldrin took communion. Here's why" Although it primarily focused on Buzz Aldrin and his own thoughts and reflections from his Apollo 11 mission, (he was there with Neil Armstrong for that first moon landing) it also reported on the experiences of all of those who had the opportunity to travel to the moon and back.

Without exception every member of those crews—whether landing on the moon or remaining in the command module had their faith and spiritual journey deepened. The article reflected that it has been a small and select group who has known what it is to stare back at our own blue planet from the Moon, to appreciate that perspective and marvel at the rare and precious jewel that Earth is. For those who had that experience in the '60s and '70s, without exception, it changed them irrevocably.

The article concluded “beyond the intricate planning, the complex equations, the stunning technology required to get to that place, in a moment of sheer wonder and awe, the human tendency to reach for non-material ways to interpret what's going on, is undeniable; to reach for that which is beyond ourselves.

Even though I am anchored on terra firma and have never had the advantage of a 250,000 mile perspective look back of the earth, still, what I know and experience in the wonder of nature and the relationship of the creator moves me to inexpressible gratitude and praise to the Lord, God Almighty. It is no wonder that when Apollo 8, the first mission to orbit the moon, while in that first orbit ever of the moon so moved all three crew members to read in turn Genesis 1:1-10.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

Youth Block Party

Grades 5 –12

Saturday, September 15th

5 - 7 pm

Cridersville United Methodist Church Youth Center
East Sugar Street behind Car Wash

PLEASE
TAKE NOTE...



Ushers

- 8/4 Jean Fox
Jane Bowersock
Ernie & Jenny Numbers
- 8/11 Sue Hinegardner
Jane Gray
Jane Bowersock
- 8/18 Gene & Neita Border
George & Kathy Krites
- 8/25 Mel & Sue Numbers
Billy & Janet Pack

Ushers

John Bayliff
Jane Roebuck
Ernie Numbers
Jenny Numbers

Liturgist

- 8/4 Becky Bayliff
8/11 Betsy Wagner
8/18 Megan Rumbaugh
8/25 Youth

Power Express

- 8/4 None
8/11 Youth
8/18 Rachel Hewlett and Youth
8/25 Youth

Nursery

- 8/4 Jeff & Mel Reichelderfer
8/11 Nakina Settlage & Youth
8/18 Brock & Crystal Drexler
8/25 Nakina Settlage &
Diana Eversole



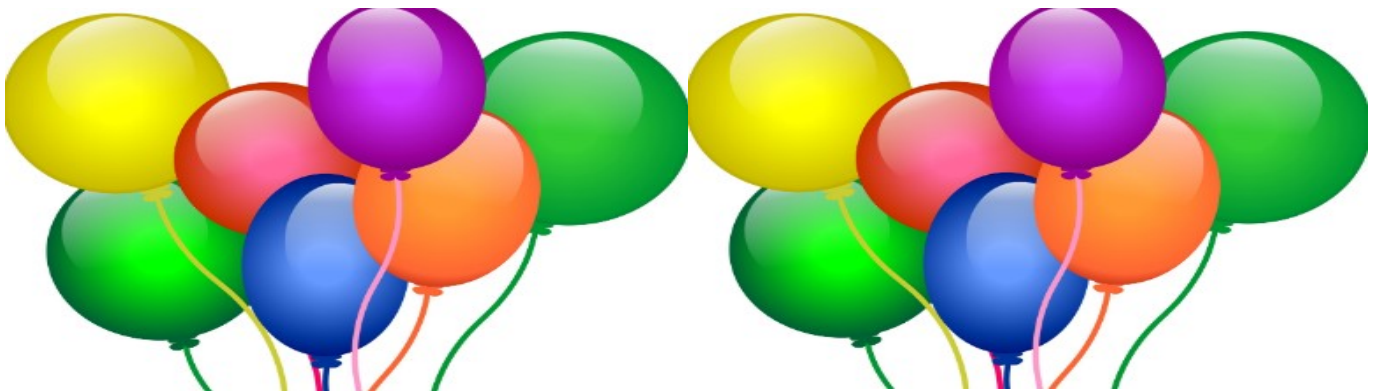
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August Anniversaries

- 8/4 Brandon & Jenny Drexler
- 8/6 Dan & Heather Gowanlock
- 8/6 Keith & Donna Paul
- 8/9 James & Carolyn Lucas
- 8/14 Jerry & Barbara Johnson
- 8/15 Nicholas & Meghan Martin
- 8/20 Josh & Kari Houser
- 8/20 Scott & Lori Lucas
- 8/26 Justin & Meghan Erb

August Birthdays

- 8/2 Glen Richardson
- 8/3 Kristin Bailey
- 8/7 Mary Bales
- 8/7 Justin Erb
- 8/9 Debra Oen
- 8/12 Connie Rees
- 8/17 Christopher Ryan Bailey
- 8/17 Eunice Richardson
- 8/18 Shawna Kohlrieser
- 8/18 Nicholas Martin
- 8/21 Abigail Houser
- 8/21 Jane Roebuck
- 8/23 Billy Pack
- 8/26 Alyssa Drexler
- 8/27 Rachel Green
- 8/28 Duane West
- 8/29 Jenny Drexler
- 8/29 Howard Heilman
- 8/29 Sandra Mooney



BACK TO SCHOOL

It's time to start thinking about assisting with school supplies for students at Cridersville Elementary. Lots of things are needed and it can be a financial burden that some families struggle to meet. Cridersville UMC has always been generous in

giving supplies to get students off to a good start and it's time to start gathering items.

This year we will designate certain Sundays for specific items – although we will accept and items at any time!! There will be a shopping cart in the welcome center in front of the board that will have school supply lists. Please join in the fun and give generously.

- July 7 - #2 pencils and boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, erasable colored pencils
- July 14 - glue sticks and Elmer's glue bottle, 10 pack and 8 pack Crayola CLASSIC markers
- July 21 - EXPO dry erase markers and highlighters
- July 28 - 5" pointed scissors and Fiskars for kids scissors, pink erasers and pencil erasers
- August 4 - 1 subject spiral notebook, composition notebook, one inch 3 ring binder, pocket folder (3 hole punched)
- August 11 - ruler with inches and cm, protractor (clear), plastic pencil boxes (6"x9" and 5"x 8")
- August 18 - boxes of Kleenex, Sandwich zip lock bags, quart zip lock bags, gallon zip lock bags, Clorox wipes, baby wipes
- Other items requested: book bags, small and regular paper plates, 4 pack play dough, paper towels, napkins, 3x5 index cards, zippered pencil pouch for 3 ring binder, Red pens, 3"x3" post it notes (5 pack or greater), old shirts for art class, change of clothes (long pants, shirt, socks, underwear in large zip bag for Pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners, socks (for erasers).



Back to School Supplies Drive



Back-to-School Blessing

by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton

Bless my paper and my pen.
 Guide my spirit deep within.
 Help me think and help me play,
 This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,
 Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
 Keep my tongue to speak your words.
 Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,
 May God's excellence be shown!
 Keep me strong to reach the prize,
 To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,
 May I hold God's precepts dear.
 To do my best at every task;
 For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part
 As I lift my mind and heart.
 As I study, work, and pray,
 Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.
 May learning be your greatest desire!



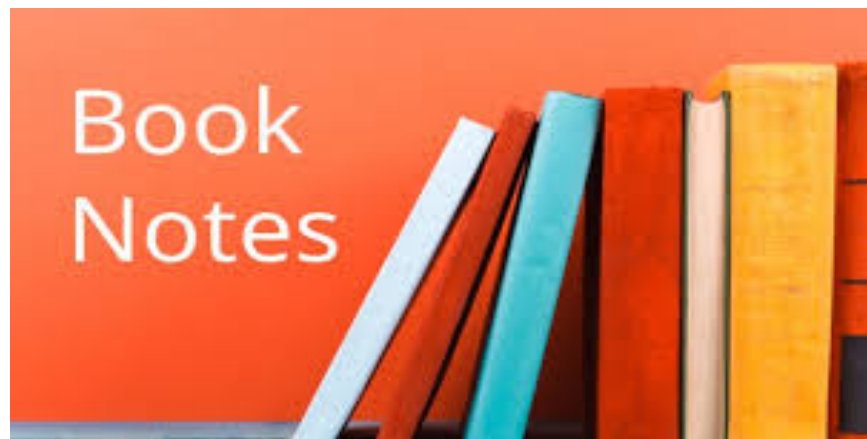
**Tuesday,
 August 20th**

Blessing of the Backpacks



**Blessing of the Backpacks
 And
 Donate to Cridersville School**

August 18th

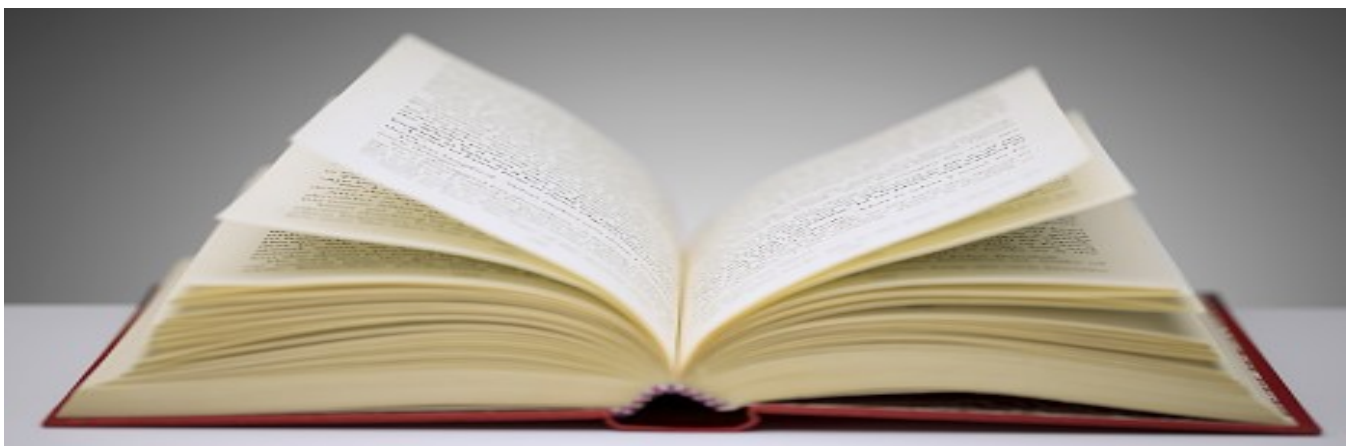


In her book ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY, Joyce Meyer helps you find the treasures hidden in every day! EVERY DAY!!!! Joyce suggests we let God take care of our problems cast your care upon Him and do what He has instructed you to do. It almost sounds too good to be true, but you can actually ENJOY life while God handles all your problems.

THE RED DOOR INN, by Liz Johnson is a story about new beginnings and fresh hope. The setting: Prince Edward Island. Here we meet up with Marie Carrington who is broke, desperate and hoping to find sanctuary while decorating a renovated bed-and-breakfast. Along comes Seth Sloane who just moved 3,000 miles to help restore his uncle's B and B and to forget about the fiancée who broke his heart. These two must work together to get this Inn up and running in just two months! This all makes for interesting reading!

We have several Debbie Macomber books that were given to the library. I know many of you read Debbie, so enjoy!

Have a great August!



July Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
June 30	121	43	\$1,981.00	\$85.00
July 7	119	44	\$3,570.60	\$258.70
July 14	112	52	\$3,612.00	\$187.00
July 21	123	47	\$2,667.00	\$45.00

Greeters

We're looking for smiling faces to help out on Sunday mornings. We need additional Greeters the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please let us know if you can help out. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Scrip Cards

Please stop by the Ministry Center after Service or in the Church office Monday thru Friday 8 am - 12 pm to purchase your Scrip Gift Cards. This is a great fundraiser for the church . We have many cards in stock including Applebee's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Meijer, Wal-Mart, JCPenny, Kohl's, Lowes, Menard's and Regal Cinemas and many more.

Auglaize & Allen County Fair

Drop by the Gospel tents at the Auglaize Co. and Allen Co. Fairs for some uplifting music!

Auglaize County Fair
July 28 - Aug 3rd

Allen County Fair
August 16 - 24

Mark Your Calendars

Allen County Fair Gates is August 23-24. Two days of Volunteering earns \$3,200 towards our church's mission and ministries. Help us reach out to the Allen County area and raise funds for the work of God's kingdom. Sign up for your time slot with Gary Eversole or contact the church office for



Youth Events

Splash Canyon VBS will be Wednesday August 7th and Thursday August 8th from 6-8pm at the church.

Decorating for VBS will be after church on Sunday August 4th and Courtney is looking for people to help decorate and set up. We are in need of lots of help!! If anyone is interested in helping please contact Courtney by emailing her at courtne-yannie88@gmail.com or text her at (419) 233-0968.

VBS Volunteers

Join Us For

“Splash Canyon” VBS

When: August 7 & 8

Where: Cridersville UMC

Time: 6-8pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

Who: Children ages preschool-4th grade

What: Join us for an evening of music, games, interactive Bible story, crafts, and a snack (Please bring a towel and clothes you can get wet)

*Register online by going to our Facebook page
@PowerXpresscumc and
clicking the link*

*For more info please email
courtneyannie88@gmail.com*



Thank
you

A Big Thank you to Jeff , Mel and all the Chaperones
from Lakeside. Thank you for taking such good
care of the kids while at Lakeside.

The Parents

Announcements

VBS is scheduled for August 7 & 8th

Backpack Blessing - August 18th

The Church will NO LONGER be collecting Coupons.