

Cridersville Chronicle

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Liturgist

- 4) Mel Reichelderfer
- 11) Susie Dailey
- 18) Jane Bowersock
- 25) Matthew Green

Nursery

- 4) Susie Dailey
- Courtney Raines
- 11) Josh Conley
- Youth
- 18) Judy Eversole
- Youth
- 25) Quinn Humes
- June Reichelderfer

Power Express

- 11) Youth
- 18) Youth
- 25) Karen Feigh

Ushers

- Josh & Kari Houser
- Brandon & Jenny Drexler

From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

"Show me thy ways, O Lord;
teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth and teach me."
- Psalm 25:4

Several years ago, a friend and I decided to go to a park we'd always enjoyed. Neither of us had driven there before, only ridden as passengers, but we confidently set out with loosely written directions. We assumed that, having been several times before, we could easily find this park. Well, between our ear-piercing sing-along and our lack of navigational skills, the 10 minute commute turned into an hour of searching for the park entrance. We circled the same roads over and over, flummoxed as to why the entrance wasn't where we "remembered" it. When we finally found the path we were looking for, the directions seemed obvious! But for some reason, following them was not something we could do on our own. What I wouldn't have given for a GPS that day!

What do you do when the directions don't line up with the path you're trying to follow? Not everything we see in front of us matches up with the directions we've been given and even the best navigators among us can fall prey to taking a wrong turn. We've been gifted the Bible-- God's directions for us-- and the witness of other followers-- recommending paths to us. And yet having all the directions doesn't mean the path is easy to find or well-marked.

Psalm 25 offers this prayer as a way forward for all us on the paths of life. The writer, like us, has the directions and recommendations, but those are not enough. Lord, I need not just your instructions, but your ways. Lord, when the situation isn't one Scripture directly addresses, I need your heart, your truths, your path. Lord, when I'm driving in circles, I need your voice to clearly re-route me. "Show me *thy ways*, O Lord" at every fork in the road, in every curve of the path. Amen.

Greeters

4) Jo Nance

Jane Gray

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

11) Larry & Bea
Musser

Sue Hinegardner

Jane Plummer

18) Gene & Neita
BorderGeorge & Kathy
Krites25) Billy & Janet
Pack

Deb & Frank Oen

We are pleased to announce Rev. Mark Hollinger as our new pastor, beginning July 1. Please hold Mark and Kathy in prayer as they transition.

Kathy and I are Lima born and raised. We have two children, our son, Aaron is married to Aubrey and they have three children—our precious grandchildren—and they live in Canal Winchester—just outside Columbus. Our daughter, Amanda lives in Cincinnati.

Mark is a graduate of ONU with a degree in pharmacy. Kathy is a graduate from Kent state with a degree in education and a minor in art. I have worked a variety of jobs including hardware retail (think Lima Bargain Center) Pharmacy retail, pharmaceutical salesman for Eli Lilly and company, construction and twenty years as a pastor in the United Methodist church.

I grew up in Trinity UMC in Lima and Kathy grew up in the Nazarene church in Lima. I started leadership ministry in 1998 serving as a student pastor at Bluelick UMC (now Bath Community church) while attending United Theological Seminary. Upon graduation from Seminary in 2002 Kathy and I served nine years at Pandora UMC, which proved to be a wonderful time in serving the Lord with committed disciples of Christ. In 2011 Kathy and I were appointed to St Marks UMC in Findlay where we are presently serving with wonderful disciples of Christ committed to loving God, each other and reaching out into the Findlay community,

Kathy is very crafty (sewing, quilting, jewelry making, wood burning) and is a talented artist; she also sings in the church choir and plays in the church bell choir. I play several instruments and also sing in the choir and play in the bell choir.

Kathy and I consider ourselves called into "team" ministry and we have served together partnered in ministry at many levels.

We are excited in being appointed to Cridersville UMC. We are very familiar with the Lima area and consider this appointment a huge blessing to once again be serving Christ our Lord in leadership ministry in the Lima area.

Pray for Kathy and I as we pray for both Cridersville and St Marks UMC in this time of transition.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mark and Kathy

Book Notes

Lori Wicks "JESSIE" is an interesting read. Jessie Wheeler is the owner of Token Creek's general store. She meets Seth Redding, they fall in love and marry. He up and walks out on her leaving her the responsibility of the store and two children to raise. Eight years later he's back . . . a new man and the story gets better.

Debbie Macomber's "A CEDAR COVE CHRISTMAS" has it all! (I know it's March, not December, and

Christmas is over) So, you were too busy to read last December, so enjoy a good story now! You will meet up with a young lady about to have a baby in a room over a stable . . . is visited by the three Wyse men . . . and the baby is named Noel! A fun story!

James Stuart Bell has compiled a book of modern-day stories of Jesus' supernatural presence and power. This is a collection of people who have seen Jesus, heard his voice, or had Him intervene miraculously in their lives. The title is: ENCOUNTERING JESUS.

Spring is on its way!!!!!!!



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 am or before you go to bed.

A HUGE thank you to all those who helped out with the youth overnighter. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Dime Collection

The Youth Dime collection continues for missions at Lakeside . To date, \$225 has been collected and we are grateful for your help thus far. A collection container can be found in the Ministry Center.

March Birthdays

- 5) Kaye Seese
- 6) Karen Feigh
- 7) Diana Eversole
- Micah Chambers
- 8) Marcia Clay
- 9) Joni Blaha
- Guy Kohlieser
- 10) Miriam Irwin
- 12) Trent Fairburn
- 15) Gary Rumbaugh
- 18) David Lightle
- 20) Helen Kuntz
- 24) Matthew Drexler
- 26) Carah Fry
- 27) Tanner Schroder
- 28) Michael Greer
- 29) Quinn Humes
- 31) Gene Bales
- Neita Border

March Anniversaries

- 20) Larry & Bea Musser
- 24) Jack & Marcia Clay

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

The Easter distribution at CH-KI-LO Food Pantry will take place on Thursday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Extra hands are always appreciated so if you'd like to help, come on down to Calvary Campus!!

Thank you to everyone who donated to CH-KI-LO through the recent "Souper" Bowl of Caring. \$2100.00 was raised for the food pantry. Thank you to the coaches who were dedicated and entertaining, and to all others called into service to support the cause. It was a fun time!!

In our competition, the AFC - coached by Jerry Johnson and Rachel Green- were the winners over the NFC - coached by Casey Irwin and Matthew Green, by \$100. The AFC team won Best Souper Bowl commercial with an outstanding cast of characters.

Baker / Mart Scholarship

- Open to Cridersville UMC students who are actively participating in church
- Open to high school students entering college or college students continuing their studies in undergraduate work
- Up to 6 scholarships available each year
- Each scholarship is \$500 with 2 annual \$500 renewal opportunities for a potential total of \$1,500 awarded
- College students winning a scholarship following their first year of college will be eligible for 1 - \$500 renewal for a potential of \$1,000
- A renewal candidate that fails to qualify for a renewal is not eligible for subsequent renewals
- Deadline is May 1 of each year
- Applications are available in the office
- Must have 3 letters of recommendation and 1 page essay

February Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
January 28	107	27	\$2,433.00	\$60.00
February 4	103	23	\$3,405.00	\$60.00
February 11	87	21	\$2,312.00	\$30.00
February 18	94	33	\$2,162.00	\$151.00

**THANK
YOU!**



Thank you for the cards and caring condolences sent in the loss of Duane's Mother, Helen.

Your prayers were appreciated.

The West Family

Thank you to the loving folks at Cridersville United Methodist church for all their prayers, notes, cards and phone calls during my recent illness. Thank you to Pastor Casey for her phone call. I have finished my radiation and now we go on to the next step.

May God Bless you all -

Ruth Thompson

Easter Candy

The Family Life Committee is in need of LOTS of candy for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. They will be collecting candy until March 19. Please be sure the candy is small enough to fit inside a plastic Easter Egg. You can drop off your candy in the Ministry Center.





March 25- Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

March 30 Good Friday Service - 7 PM

Live through the pain of Christ's death, as we mourn the sins of ourselves and the world, and prepare for the pain of waiting for Easter. Nursery will be provided.

March 31- Preparing the Flower Cross 9 AM

Bring your own scissors to cut flowers and decorate our beautiful symbol of resurrection. Meet in the sanctuary at 9 AM.

Community Easter Egg Hunt (co-sponsored with the Lions Club) 10:30-11:30 AM

Children up to age 10 can hunt eggs, take a photo with the Easter Bunny, enjoy a hot lunch, and share in the story of Easter. Gathering begins in the Fellowship Hall with egg hunts divided by age group on the back lawns.

To volunteer, contact the church office, or speak directly with the Family Life Chair—Megan Rumbaugh

April 1- Sunrise Service 8:00 AM- lead by the Youth Group

Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM

Easter Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Cridersville Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner



The Cridersville Lion's Club is having their annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, March 15. It is to be held in the Fellowship Hall of Cridersville UMC. They will be serving dinner from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. The price of the dinner is \$8 for adults. Carry out is available.

The food is bring provided by **Fazoli's**.

Menu: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce , breadsticks, salad, homemade dessert and beverage.

Tickets can be obtained from any Lion's member.

Proceeds will benefit the Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry and Lion's Club projects.

Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

Lent IS A TIME TO
 GROW
 CLOSER TO JESUS

During Lent each year, we use the season of preparation to connect and support our mission ministry partners, raising funds through our designated Lent and Easter offerings. Take some time to get to know our ministries below, and join us each week in worship to learn how each ministry connects and share Christ's love and work.

Ghana Water Project

While Ghana has made great strides in providing water for its population, there are still 16% of its rural population without access to an improved water source (JMP 2015). With respect to sanitation, the situation is much more grim. Only 15% of the population has access to safe, private, and hygienic sanitation, while 19% of the total population and 34% of the rural population continue to practice open defecation (JMP 2015). This resulting in disease burden, especially on children, is great, with 25% of child deaths attributable to diarrhea. While a community may have a water point, or sanitation facilities, they may not be adequate to serve the current population. Which results in rationing supplies, long lines, long walks to seek additional sources of water, and/or a return to unimproved sources of water and acts of frustration. Giving to this ministry will be used to construct more water sources in communities and schools, to keep pace with the population needs of each area.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is the second largest criminal industry in the world. The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons defines human trafficking as the recruiting, transporting and harboring of persons by use of threat, force or deception for the purpose of exploitation. Traffickers take advantage of vulnerable persons with false promises or physical abduction, forcing them into contract slavery, forced labor and sexual trafficking. According to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2015, the number of adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution is 20.9 million. Worldwide, 3 out of every 1,000 people are victims of human trafficking. Giving to this ministry will be used to reinforce investigation, education, and rehabilitation efforts locally and worldwide.

Good Works Ohio

Good Works OH desires, as Jesus does, to bring good news to the poor, specifically in the midst of the rural poverty in Athens, OH. In the long term, their hope is to build bridges between Christians and non Christians from different socioeconomic backgrounds and people in poverty. Their work is to meet needs for shelter, food, transportation and companionship, and communicate clearly that the recipients are loved and valued by God. Good Works, OH wants the people they are reaching to discover what they are also capable of contributing--that they have gifts and skills to share. Finally, they seek to raise up the importance of service to people in poverty to the church, and communicate that serving the poor is a starting place, but Christians can also know and love people living in poverty and deliberately incorporate them into the life of the body of Christ.

Auglaize County Crisis Center

The mission of the Auglaize County Crisis Center, Inc is to provide coordinated family intervention to ensure the safety, dignity and self determination of those involved in the cycle of family violence. This organization provides 24 hour crisis intervention, safe confidential shelter, food, transportation, case management, legal advocacy, family crisis management and programs of prevention and intervention. They provide programs that help families recognize the characteristics of unhealthy relationships, and seek to reduce the risk of interpersonal violence within potentially harmful households. They also provide job skills training, job searching, transportation support. All funds go towards training, supporting, and empowering a holistic future for these families.

Change for Change, Lent 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Join us in supporting our ongoing Special Mission projects chosen by our Missions Committee. Each week of Lent focuses on a different one of the 4 partners as we practice our faith through giving our change. All Easter offerings will be divided evenly among the 4 special projects, in addition to funds directly from our Missions fund. We invite you to give towards God's kingdom work in the world! Bring your offering on Easter or send it to the church office.

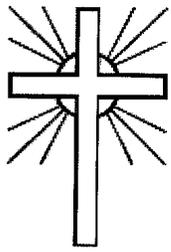
February

18 Pray today, as we begin our season in mission, that God would provide through each of us.	19 How many blankets are in your home? Give 2¢ for each	20 SPECIAL!!! Give \$10 to wear pajamas to worship every Sunday in Lent!	21 Today give a coin for every candle in your home.	22 Many people cannot afford warm clothing in winter. Give 10¢ for every coat in your home	23 Did you attend a Bible study this week? Give 10¢ if you did, 25¢ if you didn't	24 Give 5¢ for every open medicine bottle in your home.
25 Good Works OH Did you eat today? Give 50¢ as a blessing for every meal you ate	26 Did you do a "good work" today? Give a coin for every person you supported	27 Jesus said, "I am the door." Give 2¢ for each door in your house	28 Did you say grace before dinner? Give 10¢ if you did, 25¢ if you didn't	MARCH 1 Do you have access to fresh fruit and veggies? Give 10¢ for each item in your home	2 Do you enjoy the beauty of the earth? Give 10¢ if you took a walk	3 Do you have enough to eat? Give 10¢ for each grocery trip this week
4 Ghana Water Project Did you have enough to drink? Give 25¢ for every beverage you consume today.	5 Give 10¢ for every bath or shower you took in the past week	6 Do you have running water? Give 5¢ for each time you washed your hands.	7 Do you forgive well? Give 10¢ if someone forgave you and 25¢ if you did the forgiving	8 Do you enjoy indoor plumbing? Give 25¢ for every restroom break today	9 Check your water bill & give 25¢ for every cubic foot you used last month.	10 Give 25¢ for every time you've washed your car this month!
11 Auglaize County Crisis Center Did you worship in church today? Yes, give 25¢. No, give 50¢	12 Do you have children who bless your life? Give 10¢ for each child you love	13 Are you fond of reading? Give 25¢ if you read a book today, 50¢ if you didn't.	14 Did you leave your house today? Give 50¢ for those who can't.	15 Are you happy? Give 10¢ for everyone you smiled at today	16 Did you have a quality education? Give 10¢ for each year you were a student.	17 Were you able to go to school or work this week? Give 5¢ for each day

*Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life,
and every setting sun be to you as its close.*

*Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing
done for others, some godly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.*

Change for Change, Lent 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Anti-Human Trafficking Jesus is often called the Great Physician. Give 25¢ for every doctor you visit regularly.	19 Do you feel safe travelling? Give 5¢ for every car ride you take today.	20 Give 10¢ for every box of bandaids in your home. Give 25¢ for every rolled bandage	21 Do you have a home? Give 5¢ for every room where you live	22 Does your bed have clean sheets? Give 10¢ for every bed in your home	23 We thank God for light in our lives. Pray for those who are trapped in darkness and give as you are led.	24 Do you have people in your life you can count on? Give 25¢ for each as thanksgiving!
25 Palm Sunday Did you wake up in a bed today? Give 10¢ for every bed in your house	26 Did you wear shoes today? Give 1¢ for each pair of shoes in your house	27 How many pills or vitamins did you take today? Give 5¢ for each	28 After you finish breakfast, give a coin of thanks for every box of cereal in your pantry	29 Do you have transportation? Give 50¢ for each vehicle you own	30 As we remember Jesus' death, give a coin for every cross in your home	31 Give anything you want for your extra blessings and take your offering to church tomorrow!
APRIL 1 HAPPY EASTER! 		<p style="text-align: center;">Our 4 mission partners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auglaize County Crisis Center • Anti-Human Trafficking Ministries– local and global support • Ghana Water Project • Good Works, Inc.– Resourcing People in Poverty in Southern OH <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your offering to worship or send it to the church office labelled "Easter Offering"</p>				
<p>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. I John 4:9</p>						

