

Cridersville Chronicle

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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

As we move into May I cannot help but think about our graduating seniors, whether that's high school or college, and our confirmation class graduates. We will be celebrating both of those achievements on May 19th. I think about all that I went through as I moved to college and then out of college into the world. In both of these instances and it doesn't matter if a graduating high school senior is moving on to some higher education or not, our young people in this stage in their lives are moving out into a world with more responsibilities and independent choices. They move out with less support from home and into new relationships and friends and all of this can cause parents, teachers, grandparents and pastors some angst and worry.

The culture today (as compared to the days of my youth) moves faster and just swirls all around us. We are saturated with our culture and it tells us not just what to hear and what to do but how to hear and how to interact. Our culture goes a long way in shaping our values and thus our ethics and actions and the advent of smart phones and iPods and iPads only makes the presence of culture pervasive, like 24 hours a day pervasive.

As Christians we are called to be counter-cultural. And yet many churches and the people who attend them have become so saturated in the culture that we are not much different from everybody else. It is because of this development that many people are opting out of church all together. This isn't something new but an attitude and cynicism that started at least 25 years ago. So what does it mean to be counter-cultural? It most certainly doesn't mean that we opt out of the world and retreat into monasteries or cloistered churches. We are called to transform the world and you can't do that by retreating out of the world.

To be counter-cultural means to be truly Christ-like. We cannot convey anything related to the truth of Christ apart from reflecting Christ Himself. One of the reasons the early church spread like wildfire and became the state religion in just 300 years after Christ's resurrection is that the church and its members were very much like Jesus, so much so that the name "Christian" (meaning "little Christ") came into existence (Acts 11). Pagans would marvel at Christians and say, "See how they love one another."

I recently read of a person saying to another, "God looks good on you." The context made it clear that it wasn't meant to say that God looked on them in a favorable way, as in God's spirit toward them, but that when people looked on their life, it made God look good. God should look good on us to others. God looked good on Jesus. I've always marveled at how Jesus could proclaim absolute truth without compromise to those far from God, and then have those very people invite Him to their parties.

Many of those outside of the Christian faith think Christians no longer represent what Jesus had in mind – that Christianity in our society is not what it was meant to be. We're seen as hyper-political, out of touch, pushy in our beliefs, arrogant and judgmental. Simply put, in the minds of many, modern day Christianity no longer seems Christian. We've acted in ways, talked in ways, lived in ways that have stolen from God's reputation. So while we used to have a culture saying, "God, yes; Church, no," it's now saying, "God, perhaps; Christianity and Christians, no." Yet the church remains the hope of the world.

I hope and pray that as our graduates and confirmands work their way into the world they will understand that we are called to be little Christ's into the world. My prayer is that we as members of Cridersville UMC have that same understanding and that God will look good on us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



Sunday, May 12th

Joys of Motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

Liturgist

- 5) Jane Bowersock
- 12) Susie Dailey
- 19) Kathy Krites
- 26) Youth

Nursery

- 5) Nakina Settlege & Youth
- 12) Rachel Green & Heather McKenzie
- 19) Nakina Settlege & Judy Eversole
- 26) Brock & Crystal Drexler

Power Express

- 5) None—Communion
- 12) Youth
- 19) Youth
- 26) Youth

Ushers

- Julie Smith
- Hanna Smith
- Janet & Billy Pack

Greeters

- 5) Ernie & Jenny Numbers
- Jean Fox
- Jane Bowersock

- 12) Sue Hinegardner

- 19) Gene & Neita Border
- George & Kathy Krites

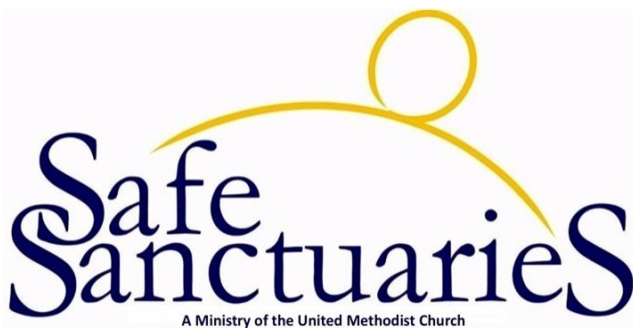
- 26) Billy & Janet Pack
- Mel and Sue Numbers

Youth Events

- May 5th Lakeside Counselor Meeting 4:00 pm
- May 19th Graduation Sunday
- May 24th Youth going to Cincinnati to set up Pray Path
- May 25th Youth going to Cincinnati to take down Pray Path

CRAVE

- May 5th 5 - 7 pm
- May 19th 5 - 7 pm



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all of our volun-

teers who are serving in any capacity with our nursery, children's or youth ministry will need to attend a "Safe Sanctuary" workshop after our morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. It will last 1 1/2 hour from 10:45 to 12:15. Thank you for being a part of these ministries and making the time for this important aspect of that ministry obligation



It's that time of year where we celebrate achievements and accomplishments of all of the graduates that have worked so hard as they end one season in their lives and begin another.

On May 19th we will be honoring our high

school and college graduates during the morning worship service. If you are graduating winter/spring 2019 please let the church office know (by May 9th) and we will be sure to honor you.

Information needed:

name of graduate, school from which they are graduating, future plans.



May 11th 9 am - 3 pm
Church Parking Lot

May Birthdays

- 2) Margie Humes
- 4) Steve Humes
- Barbara Reese
- 8) Crystal Drexler
- 9) Terry Bailey
- 11) Jennie Chambers
- 14) Barbara Johnson
- 17) Ashley Blackburn
- 21) Brock Drexler
- Debbie Schroeder
- Julie Smith
- 22) Jane Bowersock
- Larry Musser
- Emily Plummer
- 25) Dennis Simons
- 27) Sandra Spillman

May Anniversaries

- 2) Susie & Don Dailey
- 6) Susan & Terry Bay
- 17) Jennie & Mark Chambers
- 25) Jane & Ernie Gray

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

The Easter distribution at the CH-KI-LO Food Pantry on Thursday, April 18th went very well. We were very grateful for no rain as we served our clients! There were 56 households served, comprised of 46 seniors, 71 adults, and 41 children, for a total of 158 people. Thank you so much to our incredible volunteers who made this welcome service possible!



Upcoming events:

The Postal Food Drive, benefiting our pantry is coming up on Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Our next Food Pantry / Missions meeting will be at the pantry on Tuesday, May 14th at noon.

The United States Postal Service is again holding their "Stamp Out Hunger" event on Saturday May 11, 2019. All food collected in the 45806 delivery area is donated to the CH-KI-LO Food Pantry. Please help Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry meet the emergency food needs of our community by remembering to fill your bag and leave it by your mailbox or just bring your donation to the church ministry center.

Please be generous again this year and put only non-perishable food items in a sack beside your mailbox before your morning delivery, for your letter carrier/volunteer to pick up.



PLEASE – NO GLASS CONTAINERS

April Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
March 31	101	40	\$1,901.00	\$30.00
April 7	103	30	\$4,541.60	\$283.70
April 14	127	41	\$6,891.00	\$82.00
April 21	154	29	\$2,435.00	\$30.00

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.



We are looking for additional Greeters and Ushers. If you would like to volunteer please contact the church office



JOIN US FOR A LUAU AT
CRIDERSVILLE UMC

When: Sunday May 5th, 2019

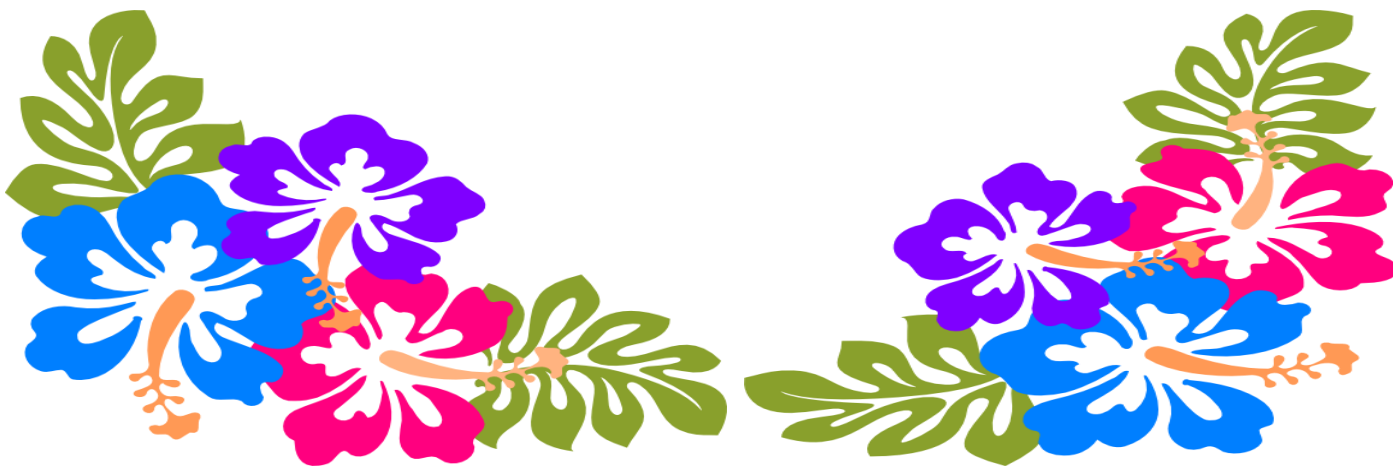
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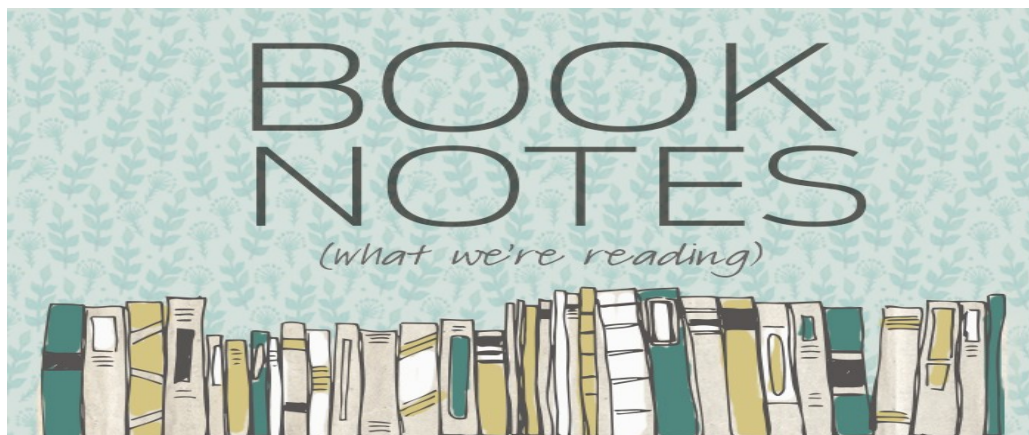
**Who: Children ages preschool-
4th grade and their family**

Cost: Free

FREE FOOD AND GAMES

REGISTER TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE





Attention to all our Amish book fans we have two new Beverly Lewis books! Thanks to a friend of our library who likes Beverly Lewis books and donates them to our library after she has bought and read them. This person is not even a member of our church! The two books are: THE ROAD HOME and THE FIRST LOVE. I read and enjoyed both books.

“TEA LEAVES”, DEVOTIONAL MEDITATIONS FOR WOMEN”, compiled by Nancy Stuzman, is written by twelve missionary mothers. The dozen missionary and ministers’ wives who submitted these pages do not claim to be professional writers. Yet they have a message to convey. Through their trials and their triumphs, their faith in God has been refined and enlarged, and they want to share with others.

Thought for the day: “Do your best today and let it go at that”

Lay Delegate Our church's conference will be gathering for the West Ohio Annual Conference from Sunday, June 2 to Thursday, June 6. If you would like to serve as our church's lay delegate, please call Pastor Mark or contact the church office so that we can meet and discuss this wonderful opportunity to serve Christ and your church

**Graduation
Party**

Quinn Humes Graduation Party
OPEN HOUSE
May 10th 5 pm to 9 pm
508 Morning Glory, Waynesfield, OH
Everyone's Welcome to attend

*Thank
You*

To the Church,

Jane Roebuck would like to Thank everyone for the calls, cards and prayers during her recent surgery.

God Bless

Thank you to all of our Easter weekend volunteers, serving with our flowers, Easter Egg Hunt, Sunrise Breakfast, and worship ministries. We celebrated the risen Christ, welcomed our visitors, and found joy in serving God. Your work is much appreciated.



We will be celebrating a special Memorial Day Sunday on May 26. We will have a reading of the role of those who have passed since the last reading (November 2017) and honor those who have died in service to our country. We are requesting pictures of loved ones who have served in the military and have died. We would like to honor them during the reading of the role. Please bring your pictures to the office or submit them via email to the church office or Pastor Mark



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cridersville United Methodist Church would like to welcome
it's newest Members

Jenny Drexler
Brandon Drexler
Billy Pack
Ted Cornwell
Linda Cornwell
Beau Smith
Brittney Smith
Jayne Vance
Maggie Vale
Charlotte Hefner
Terry Hefner
Steve Humes
Judy Maloney

Announcements

Family Luau - Courtney is looking for people to donate hotdogs for the Family Luau on Sunday, May 5th. Please contact Courtney at courtneyannie88@gmail.com for additional information.

Craft Show - May 11th, please contact Jeff Reichelderfer to rent a booth (\$25 for a 10x10 space or \$45 for 10x 20 space) or any additional information. jeffandmel@bright.net

Pastor Mark and Kathy will be on vacation from April 22 to May 9. They will be traveling out west. Rev Mike Westbay will be our guest presider and preacher on April 28 and May 5. If there are medical issues requiring hospitalizations and pastoral care is needed during Pastor Mark's absence please contact Rev Lynda Lockwood in Wapakoneta, Salem UMC. Her cell phone is 419-890-9375

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Lakeside Counselor Meeting May 5th 4 pm

Trish Wilson, Office Administrator will be on Vacation May 13 – 15th

Office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27th