

Cridersville Chronicle

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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for Kathy and my blessings for over a year in ministry together. There is such a cooperative spirit and a vision and focus of being a community church as well as a vibrant worship center where God is glorified and people can become affirmed and grow in the way of Christ our Lord.

In order to maintain and further the ministries and fellowship of Cridersville UMC several events are about to be celebrated during our upcoming worship services. On Sunday, October 20 you received a Cridersville UMC ministry handbook with brief descriptions of the "grow and serve" ministry opportunities in the church. These include everything from being a part of funeral dinner ministry, ChKiLo food pantry, Sunday school and worship duties (think usher, greeter, etc...). You have been invited to take these home and prayerfully consider your commitments into these ministries for 2020. You have commitment sheets for these ministries that will be collected on November 10th during worship and will be collected and available in the Sundays following at the welcome center.

The apostle Paul in his letters to the early churches instructs them as to the understanding that we are a body in Christ. Romans 12:4-6 *For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.* Paul then further describes that each of us are called to serve the church with our differing gifts and passions. We are called to be Christians who have an active faith that is seen and known in the ministries of Cridersville UMC. These ministries offer us not only the opportunity to live out our call but to fully realize the blessings received in serving others and one another. Kathy and I look forward to committing our time and talent to the ministries of Cridersville UMC on November 10.

And then on Sunday, November 24th we will have the opportunity to commit financially to the church for 2020. You will receive faith investment cards in the mail with the opportunity to either mail them or bring them into the church or bring them forward as an act of worship and celebration on November 24 during our worship service. Throughout the Bible we are commanded to give back to the Lord a portion which we have received from the Lord. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving back to God through your financial commitments to the church and to increase your financial commitment from last year. If you are absent on this Sunday you will have the opportunity to register your financial commitments on the following Sundays at the Welcome center or at the church office.

In order to celebrate all of your commitments and faith investments into the 2020 ministries of Cridersville UMC we will have a partially catered meal on November 24th immediately following the worship service. On that Sunday will not have Sunday school after worship so that we can immediately move into our celebration meal.

In both the Old and New Testaments we are instructed to give a tenth (10% of our total net income) of our earnings and/or gifts. It is my hope that we could all be moving toward that goal by annually increasing our giving to that goal, as we are able. This is a commitment and command that Kathy and I take very seriously and we look forward to making that financial commitment with you on November 24.

Pastor Mark and the lay and staff leadership of Cridersville UMC ask that you be in prayer as we start the process of preparing our 2020 church budget. Please pray for God's guidance in this process of preparation and our disciple call to support the church with our financial commitments.

PLEASE
TAKE NOTE...



Greeters

- 11/3 Jean Fox
Jane Bowersock
Ernie & Jenny Numbers
- 11/10 Sue Hinegardner
Jane Gray
- 11/17 Gene & Neita Border
George & Kathy Krites
- 11/24 Mel & Sue Numbers
Jane Bowersock

Ushers

Jeff McKenzie
Heather McKenzie
Julie Smith
Jean Fox

Liturgist

- 11/3 Betsy Wagner
11/10 Susie Dailey
11/17 Janet Pack
11/24 Youth

Power Express

- 11/3 None
11/10 Youth
11/17 None
11/24 Youth

Nursery

- 11/3 Courtney Raines/
Nakina Settlege
- 11/10 Schroeder Family
- 11/17 Susan Dailey/Youth
- 11/24 Brock & Crystal Drexler



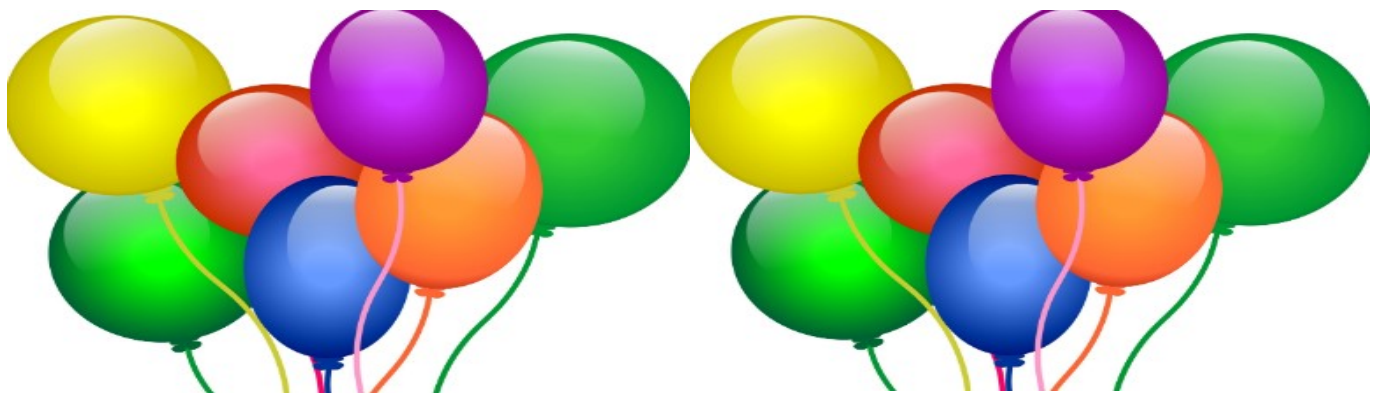
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November Birthdays

- 11/1 Colten Drexler
- 11/2 Elowyn West
- 11/3 Priscilla Simons
- 11/4 Mel Reichelderfer
- 11/4 Megan Rumbaugh
- 11/5 Heather McKenzie
- 11/6 Navy Drexler
- 11/6 Amanda Lucas
- 11/10 Heather Gowanlock
- 11/11 Austin Greer
- 11/12 Stephanie Stombaugh
- 11/14 Greg Lowry
- 11/15 Mackenzie Bailey
- 11/15 Alexandra Burklo
- 11/16 McKenzie Wagner
- 11/19 Beth Bush
- 11/19 Gary Eversole
- 11/21 Gordon Lowry
- 11/24 Kyle West
- 11/27 Carolyn Lucas
- 11/28 Jeff Reichelderfer

November Anniversaries

- 11/27 Carl & Anise Swartz





Youth Events

November 3rd

CRAVE - Jr High Small Groups

November 10th

CRAVE - Sr High Small Groups

November 17th

CRAVE - Game Night with Widow's and Retiree's

December 1st

CRAVE - Jr. High

December 8th

Live Nativity

December 22nd

Movie Night

Happy Thanksgiving
November 28th



Game Night



Is invited to the Youth Board Game night?

All retirees and widows that's who! Join the youth on Sunday, November 17th at 5 pm at the Calvary Campus for a fun night of playing board games. You won't be that you cleared your calendar for this fun night.



If it's not to much



bring a snack to share with

all the other



We'll try not to



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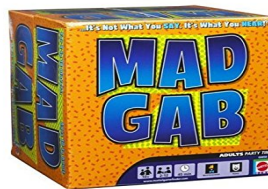


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Hope you join us for a great night of

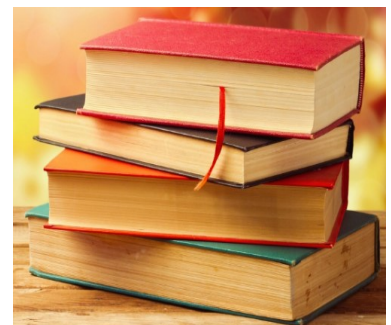




DON'T LET THE GOATS EAT THE LOQUAT TREES, Adventures of an American Surgeon in Nepal. The author, Thomas Hale, tells of how he, his wife Cynthia (also a doctor) and their two sons arrived in Kathmandu in 1970. This book is a tale of their first twelve years in Nepal. The President of World Vision has this to say: "Dr. Hale is an incredible storyteller. He makes the experience of a medical doctor in a mysterious land come alive. Be prepared for an utterly delightful account of serving God in the enchanting and "closed" mountain country of Nepal".

We have a set of books in the library called "CHURCH CHOIR MYSTERIES". The books are written by various authors, are very light reading, and will tickle your funny bone! Try 'em, you'll like 'em!

OK . . . another Christmas book. A STRANGER FOR CHRISTMAS, written by Carol Lynn Pearson. It takes about an hour to read. Two old ladies, alone in a nursing home during the Christmas season (besides the employees) try an experiment. One of the ladies believes that kindness to strangers still exists -- the other, well she is a doubter! I loved the ending -- so will you!



October Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
September 29	133	7	\$2,631.00	\$0.00
October 6	134	34	\$3,849.60	\$98.70
October 13	100	12	\$2,401.00	\$30.00

A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God,
 from whose love in Christ
 we cannot be parted,
 either by death or life:
 hear our prayers and
 thanksgivings for all whom we
 remember this day;
 fulfil in them the purpose of
 your love; and bring us all,
 with them, to your eternal joy;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

The soldier above all others
 prays for peace, for it is the
 soldier who must suffer and
 bear the deepest wounds and
 scars of war.

Douglas MacArthur



Honoring All Veterans on Veterans Day

We thank you for your service and sacrifices. We are forever grateful!

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry



In September the Food pantry served 20 households with minor children & 45 households without minor children, for a total of 65 households. There were a total of 50 seniors served, 97 adults served, and 38 minor children served, for a total 185 people for the month.

Upcoming events include a Shawnee Alliance Church food drive, and our annual Thanksgiving Distribution on Monday, November 25th. Thanks so much to our hardworking volunteers and the many people who contribute food and funds to help us serve the community! May God bless you all! Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at noon.

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.

Touring the Holy Land

If you have ever been interested in touring the Holy Land here is an opportunity for you. Sue Iden, the lay pastor at Shawnee UMC, is organizing a tour to the holy land for October 16-27, 2020. The cost is \$4,789.00 and includes air fare, hotel accommodations, all breakfasts and dinners and a couple lunches. The tour is booked through Jerusalem Tours out of Columbus, OH. There is brochure information available in the church office and if you have further questions you can contact Sue Iden at 567 204-7992.

Cridersville Elementary Tutoring

Cridersville elementary school is seeking volunteers for their tutoring program. It will start in October and seeks volunteers for Tuesday and Thursdays 11:00 to 1:00 tutoring kids 1st to 4th grades in 20 minute time slots. Please call the church office or talk with pastor Mark if you're interested.



New Members We will be having a new member's class on Sunday, November 3rd. The class will be in west classroom across from the kitchen from 11:00 to 2:00. We will have lunch and spend time getting to know each other, discussing our call into membership of a faith community, our commitments to the church, the United Methodist church structure and beliefs and the unique ministry opportunities available at Cridersville UMC. If you have been attending and are in a place of membership commitment, we look forward to having you in the class and becoming a part of Cridersville United Methodist Church. If you are not sure about becoming a member but would like to learn more about the church, please feel free to join us.

Who's that Fellow???? Sebastian the Scarecrow

This is a fundraiser that the Youth Ministry does to raise money for church camp and activities throughout the year.

If someone paid to put this whimsical scarecrow in your yard you have 2 options to have it removed.

1. Pay \$10 to get it out of your yard
2. Pay \$15 to get the scarecrow out of your yard and then put it in the yard of who put it in yours.

You can also purchase anti-scare insurance for \$20 so the scarecrow will never show up in your yard.

Contact Jeff & Mel (419-234-1691) for more information.

Watch the bulletin for inserts to "surprise" someone of your choice.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Saturday, November 30
10:00 am to 11:30 am
Cridersville UMC Fellowship Hall



This is a free event sponsored by the
Cridersville Lions Club

Join Santa for a meal of pancakes, sausage and juice. Be sure to get your picture taken with Santa too.

Church Family

It is time to go back to school, vacation time is over and Fall is in the air. It is once again time for our PEANUT BRITTLE PROJECT.

Gary and I have started gathering supplies and getting ready for our largest fund raiser of the year. This year our starting date will be September 24th and we will finish up on November 14th. I will be sending sign-up sheets around beginning September 8th. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone to come and be a part of this great fellowship. Letters with times and dates will be sent out via e-mail. If you need to update your e-mail address you can do so on the sign-up sheets or call the church office. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 567-204-7128.

Blessings to you all
Judy



Sew Blessed Quilters

THE SEW BLESSED QUILTERS invite you to join them in the Fellowship Hall for a time of learning and sharing in the art of quilting.

The remaining 2019 meeting dates are below:

Nov 16	9am-4pm
Dec 1 Christmas gathering	12 noon – 6pm

It's still not too late to join us in our efforts of making donation quilts to honor our veterans! We will present the donated quilts in November to the lucky recipients.



Operation Christmas Child

We have official Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes

No need to supply your own shoe box

Boxes are available in the Ministry Center

Cridersville UMC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. This program is sponsored by Samaritan's purse and is a way to reach children around the world with a shoe box of goodies for Christmas. Bless a child this season by taking these 5 easy steps.

1. Use an official Operation Christmas Child shoebox available in the ministry center.
2. Determine if your box will be for boy or girl and choose an age category: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 yrs. We will have labels available to mark your box on the outside.
3. Fill with box with a variety of gifts that will bring joy to a child. Brochures are available in the Ministry Center to help you with gift ideas.
4. Donate **\$9** per box to help cover cost of shipping. If you cannot afford this, you can still pack a box.
5. Place a rubber band around your shoe box and bring to church by **Nov. 24**.

New in 2019

1. The donation per shoe box is now **\$9**
2. No **toothpaste** or **candy** is allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations.