Cridersville Chronicle

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April 2018

Liturgist

- 1) Mary Kay Smith
- 8) Kathy Krites
- 15) LeeAnn McCaslin
- 22) Youth
- 29) Marcia Clay

Nursery

- 1) Combine with Power Express
- 8) Marcia Clay Diana Eversole
- 15) Rachel Green Matthew Green
- 22) Deb & Carlie Schroeder
- 29) Dan & Heather Gowanlock

Power Express

- 8) Youth
- 15) Youth
- 22) Youth
- 29)Youth

Ushers

Glen & Eunice Richardson Kyle & Betsy Wagner

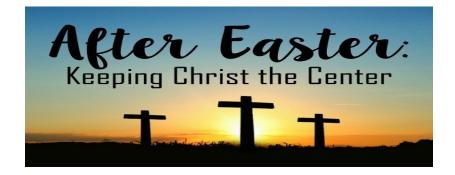
From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

Whether you're reading this in the last days of Lent or after our April 1 celebration, the call rings true at all times of the year, "Christ is risen!" Jesus' resurrection is both *unbelievable* and a cornerstone of our beliefs. A man who was dead is now alive? And this man is God come to earth?

The early disciples wondered these same things. Mary didn't recognize him at the tomb, Peter doubted the women's reports of what the angel had said, Thomas refused to believe the group's testimony, and still others said "he was an interesting teacher, but the rest is ridiculous."

What was it that changed the minds of so many people? What changes the hearts and minds of people today? Well, it was this time *After Easter*. See, the resurrection of Jesus was the miracle, but trusting the miracle and God's gift of salvation, take the long road of encountering the person and work of Christ again and again and again. In worship this month, we'll be journeying with these disciples as they meet Jesus post-resurrection, and sort through how that changes their own lives. I pray that our stories take us to the same affirmation of our Savior as God calls us into an *After Easter* kind of life.



Greeters

- Ernie & Jenny Numbers
 Jean Fox
 Jane Bowersock
- 8) Jane Gray Jo Nance Sue Hinegardner Jane Plummer
- 15) Gene & Neita Border George & Kathy Krites
- 22) Billy & Janet Pack
 Deb & Frank Oen
- 29) Sandy Spillman June Reichelderfer Jo Nance Jane Gray



Youth Sunrise Service
April 1
8:00 am

Countdown to Lakeside April 22 5:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Spring 2018 Countdown to Lakeside April 22, 2018 Cridersville UMC

Upcoming Events:

May 6
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Westview Campus
End of year Youth/Parent Picnic

May 20
5 pm
Service with Pastor Todd.
Youth will be selling concessions as a fundraiser

Youth goal for dime collection for Lakeside Missions is \$300. We are currently at \$225. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Book Notes

SUZANNE'S DIARY FOR NICHOLAS, by James Patterson is a good read. It took me awhile to get into the story, but soon I was hooked. It is totally unlike any that I've read by him.

THE GOOD DREAM, by Donna VanLiere.

Setting is the hill country in Tennessee. A single woman shows courage and compassion when she discovers a young boy who is being beat, not fed, and other atrocious things going on. How she relates to this young boy and gets him the help he needs is a wonderful story!

"Let Jesus "reflate" you today, through a nap, a good book, a walk, or even a cup of coffee with a friend!"



In We Know How This Ends (Univ. of Minnesota Press), Bruce Kramer writes about "living while dying" from Lou Gehrig's disease. While not denying his impending death, Kramer focuses on getting as much out of life as possible. Part of that involves the following distinction:

"Know the difference between curing and healing," he writes. "Curing implies that things will be brought back to the way they were. ... Expecting a cure will only result in frustration and disappointment. But healing can take place."

In Scripture, *curing* and *healing* are generally used interchangeably, yet one can happen without the other. We know people with disease or disability whose spirits are vibrant and faithful. Though they haven't been cured, their lives are marked by God's healing touch. Even in the Gospels, Jesus' curing of ailments was often a sign of his greater healing: sins forgiven, community restored, faith embraced.

For what have you prayed for a cure? Might healing be the greater need?

April Birthdays

- 2) Jeanne LoySiers Stanley
- 3) Sherman Nance
- 5) Jerry Johnson
- 6) Carl Swartz
- 10) Linda Nixon
- 16) Zach Chambers
- 17) Deb Drexler
- 18) Zane Morton
- 19) Hannah Smith

Dalton Smith

- 20) Sharon Koenig
- 21) Keith Paul
- 22) Jake Tregoning
- 23) Sue Hinegardner
- 24) Tom Mulcahy

Lucas Lightle

- 25) Amanda Morton Jason Rumbaugh
- 29) Joyce Beecher Morgan Stombaugh

April Anniversaries

- 18) Brooks & Beth Bush
- 27) Roger & Sharon Koenig

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

The food pantry now has three new upright freezers. We thank everyone for their generosity and celebrate lives of Boyd Arnold and Shirley Emrick who were devoted workers at the pantry. The huge freezer was donated to the Veterans food pantry. Easter distribution will be Thursday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

The Change for Change Lent Giving Calendar is a wonderful reminder of how very blessed we are!! Keep adding up those amounts and remember to turn in your Easter offering to support our missions that have been highlighted this Lenten season.

There will be no Food Pantry or Missions meetings in April.

Baker / Mart Scholarship

- Open to Cridersville UMC students who are <u>actively</u> participating in church
- Open to high school students entering college or college students continuing their studies in <u>undergraduate</u> 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

March Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
February 25	107	39	\$2,452.00	\$90.00
March 4	132	4 5	\$4,270.00	\$280.00
March 11	105	36	\$2,783.00	\$20.00
March 18	111	30	\$2,010.00	N/A



Dearest CUMC Faith Community,

On behalf of my entire family I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, support, love and kindness offered up and given to Shirley Emrick. She loved her faith family very much. We are all so grateful for all of you who came to visit, paid your respects and celebrated her life with us at her funeral. To the very talented and wonderful funeral committee-The luncheon was lovely and we are so grateful for sharing your talent for delicious food with us.

With deepest gratitude, thank you,
The Emrick Families

To the Church,

A thank you for the use of the church for our mother's viewing. We so appreciated it.

To the funeral committee,

Thank you for all the delicious food and all you did! It was much appreciated by all of us!

The family of Linda Mooney





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.

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

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way *out* of the unfairness, but rather a way *through* it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, Disappointment With God





- √ Why did my child just do that?
- ✓ How can I teach my child to listen better?
- ✓ What makes my child stressed?
- ✓ How can I talk to other parents to compare stories?











Next session begins Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Workshops are on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm at Cridersville United Methodist Church 105 Shawnee Rd, Cridersville, OH

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

Call to register or ask for further information!

419-227-2586 Niki Oren Ext 240 or Ginger Loscavo Ext 131

This program is supported and funded by the Ohlo Children's Trust Fund Western Ohlo Regional Prevention Council that consists of 13 counties: Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Mercer, Darke, Shelby, Logan, Miami, Champaign, Clark, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble. The mission of the Ohlo Children's Trust Fund is to prevent child abuse and neglect through investing in strong communities, healthy families and safe children.

