

# Cridersville Chronicle

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## Liturgist

- 4) Megan Rumbaugh
- 11) Helen Kuntz
- 18) Russ Holly
- 25) Micah Chambers

## Nursery

- 4) Rachel Hewlett  
Youth
- 11) Ryan & Dana  
Bailey
- 18) Steve & Margie  
Humes
- 25) Josh & Kari  
Houser

## Power Express

- 11) Youth
- 18) Youth
- 25) Youth

## Ushers

- Terry & Susan Bay
- Rick & Connie Rees

## From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

Dear Church Family,

Though we've only shared a brief time together, I've rejoiced in the call of Christ on your lives and the kingdom work we've accomplished together. Blake and I came to Ohio 9 years ago knowing the ministry and calling on our lives, and have served around this Annual Conference as God led us. Thus with both grief and joy we want to share that God's call is carrying us away from Cridersville and back to our home state of Tennessee. I will be taking a personal leave from appointed ministry at the end of this school year as we transition to care for extenuating family circumstances and embrace the next season of our family's call to ministry and education.

The District Superintendent will be working closely with our SPRC to bring the next pastor for this congregation. I am in prayer for your new pastor, and invite you to pray for the right person to embrace in this season. As always, know that the Holy Spirit is working within you as disciples to reach and make new disciples in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Greeters**

4) Ernie & Jenny  
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

11) Larry & Bea  
Musser

Sue Hinegardner

Jane Plummer

18) Gene & Neita  
Border

George & Kathy  
Krites

25) Billy & Janet  
Pack

Deb & Frank Oen

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.

## Youth Soup Luncheon



Support our youth group on Sunday, February 4 after church for a soup luncheon to raise funds for Lakeside Summer Camp.

The luncheon is on a free will donation basis.

All the church is welcome to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.

## Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

CH-KI-LO Food Pantry and Missions Committee offer heartfelt sympathy to the families of Boyd Arnold and Shirley Emrick. They were faithful and hard workers and will be missed!! Their love to the food pantry will continue through memorials, for which great gratitude is expressed!

Needed:

Grocery bags – don't throw away those bags, bring them by Calvary campus or bring them to the worship center at Cridersville UMC. Each customer averages 6 bags per visit so with 230+ shoppers each month, that's a lot of bags!!

Workers – Drop by the pantry any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. – noon to see for yourself what the job is! Or contact LeeAnn McCaslin, Kaye Seese or any other CH-KI-LO worker for more information.

### **February Birthdays**

- 1) Dan Gowanlock
- 4) Bea Musser
- 5) Cindy West
- 6) Ken McCaslin
- 10) Aaron Wagner
- Janet Pack
- Meghan Martin
- 11) Eric Pierson
- 14) Marie Snider
- 19) Lisa Katterheinrich
- 20) Evan Humes
- 21) Kari Houser
- 24) Jane Plummer
- Rick Rees
- 25) Taylor Lucas
- 26) Elizabeth Martin

### **February Anniversaries**

- 11) Dave & June Reichelderfer
- 12) Gene & Neita Border
- 13) Steve & Margie Humes
- 24) Ora & Kaye Seese

# **CH-KI-LO FOOD PANTRY**

## **2017 Report**

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry  
Charity-Kindness-Love  
510 E. Sugar St., Cridersville  
Telephone (419) 645-4878

Hours of Operation: Tues.- Wed.- Thurs. 9 am – Noon

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry is a choice food pantry in which the people are able to select their own food and have control over what they eat.

It serves the 45806 area and parts of the 45895 around Cridersville

In 2017 the food pantry distributed food to 1,078 families.

1,464 individuals were Senior Citizens over 60 years of age

1,874 were between the ages of 18-59

927 were children

For a total of 3,054 served

In 2017 the pantry handled 56,686 pounds of food  
at a cost of \$9,272.24

42,501 lbs were from the West Ohio Food Bank

6,117 lbs from local churches

875 lbs. from Edward Jones open house

1,674 lbs were from USPS Stamp Out Hunger Postal Drive

1,756 lbs from food drives at local schools,

3,763 lbs from misc. individuals, businesses & organizations

A total of \$13,884.31 was donated by other churches, organizations, businesses and individuals and more was given through Cridersville UMC

A gift of \$10,000 was given by Potash Corp. to support the food pantry!

Over 200 hats and gloves were distributed during the cold weather and  
90 gifts to children were given out at the Christmas distribution  
supported by the Angel Tree at Cridersville UMC

Cridersville UMC collected \$4,807.27 from the Souper Bowl of Caring

We would like to invite all adults and all children to attend our  
*All Church Bowling event*



The youth will be holding their annual bowl-a-thon to help raise money for Lakeside church camp at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta on Sunday, February 25 from 12-2 pm. The whole church is invited to attend.

*Thank you*

We would like to thank the minister and congregation for all the support provided in our time of bereavement, and the funeral service for our husband, father and grandfather. Also, thanks to the Funeral Dinner Committee who prepared and served a most delicious meal. We truly appreciate your kindness and pray that God be with you.

-The Family of Boyd Arnold

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### **Year-End Contribution Statements**

2017 Year-end Contribution statements are available in the Ministry Center. Contact the church office if you would prefer to have those emailed to you.

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## **Souper Bowl of Caring**

February 4<sup>th</sup> brings our fundraising to a close, as we cheer on the teams at the Super Bowl. Last year we raised \$4,807.27 for the Chi-Ki-Lo Food Pantry ministries in Cridersville. Can we top that total in 2018? Vote with your dollars for your favorite team and feed families in need of a hand up this winter.

AFC- Jerry Johnson and Rachel Green  
NFC- Pastor Casey Irwin and Matthew Green

## January Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
December 31	87	6	\$3,011.00	\$80.00
January 7	135	27	\$3,807.00	\$330.00
January 14	90	19	\$1,767.00	\$50.00
January 21	97	35	\$2,3525.00	\$30.00

## Ash Wednesday

Save the date for Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14 at 7:00 pm



Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

Our deepest sympathies to families who have recently lost loved ones:

Family of Shirley Emrick

