

# Cridersville Chronicle

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January 2018

## Liturgist

- 7) LeeAnn McCaslin
- 14) Jim Schroeder
- 21) Betsy Wagner
- 28) Youth

## Nursery

- 7) Jeff & Mel
- 14) Jill Wierwille  
Julie Smith
- 21) Meg & Jason  
Rumbaugh
- 28) Hannah Smith  
Candace Roberts

## Power Express

- 14) Youth
- 21) Youth
- 28) Youth

## Ushers

- Jack & Marcia Clay
- Gary & Judy Eversole

## From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.”

The first time I heard that prayer wasn't in the midst of turmoil or heated discussions, or as a cease and desist attempt in an argument. This prayer wasn't even uttered out of fear or uncertainty. No, the first time I heard this prayer was uttered after a day of pleasant fellowship with co-workers. We had just spent the day in relative peace, from my perspective, getting to know each other and building trust. Yet in a moment of relative peace, this prayer emerged.

I wonder how often we wait for chaos and anger to occur before we ask God for peace. Like waiting for a spark to turn into a blaze before using the fire extinguisher, when things are going well, we overlook the sparks that we may be flinging into the world. When things are going well, it's easy to become *reactive* rather than *proactive* with seeking God's will in our life and our daily actions. When things are going well, we forget those prayers for protection, holiness, and loving actions.

My friend shared later that he prayed to be peaceful every chance he had because he was all too aware what disharmony he was capable of creating when left to his own devices. We all fall short of goodness when we try to make it on our own, yet with God, we truly can be instruments of peace. Whether the going is good or you're caught in the fray, will you join me in praying the following Prayer of Saint Francis as we seek joy in this New Year:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**Greeters**

7) Ernie & Jenny  
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

14) Larry & Bea  
Musser

Sue Hinegardner

Cindy Weaver

21) Gene & Neita  
Border

George & Kathy  
Krites

28) Billy & Janet  
Pack

Deb & Frank Oen

**Ushers**

Jim & Debbie

Schroeder

Bryan & Stephanie

Stombaugh

## Book Notes

We have two new books by Debbie MacComber: BACK ON BLOSSOM STREET and TWENTY WISHES. I haven't read either of them, but I am sure they are good.

Recommendations: SECRET OF THE ROSE SERIES, written by Michael Phillips and THE GOOD DREAM written by Donna VanLiere. Another author I highly recommend is Charles Martin. I am currently re-reading some of his books. He is a very good . . . . some of the words used to describe his work are: imaginative, gutsy, spellbinding and unforgettable. Give him a try!

Happy New Year to you All!!

## Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

Food Pantry and Missions had a very successful Christmas event with food distribution for 95 family units and 90 presents for children of food pantry clients given from the angel tree. Wow, it takes a lot of folks to make that happen and each and every one is appreciated!! Distribution day is a lot of fun with several of our day workers joining forces, many from other churches that partner with the pantry come to help, extra volunteers show up (that included many of Cridersville UMC youth group), and then there was Santa and an elf!!

The BIG event coming up in January will be the 'Souper Bowl of Caring'. This event was started by a church youth group. There will be youth teaming up with the team captains – Jerry Johnson and Pastor Casey Irwin – for good competition, lots of laughs and funds to benefit the Cridersville CH-KI-LO Food Pantry. So, choose your side and donate your dollars for a win – win!!

## Sew Blessed Quilters

The Sew Blessed Quilters would like to welcome you to join them in fellowship and service on the following dates.

Meetings for 2018 at Cridersville UMC

105 Shawnee Rd., 9 am - 4 pm

Jan. 27                      Feb. 17                      March 17                      April 21

May 19                      June 23                      July 21                      Aug. 18

Sept. 22                      Retreat: Oct 5-7      Oct. 13                      Nov. 17

Dec. 9, 12-6 pm Christmas Gathering

Contact Grace Bailey for more information.

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## Peanut Brittle Update

Gary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support of the Peanut Brittle sale. With your help it was another successful year. I wanted to let you know that we made 2,300 pounds of candy. As of the end of December, we made \$10,830.83. Gary and I would like to wish everyone of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Gary and I would like to thank you for the generosity of you all. Thank you to the dedicated people who work for eight weeks to make this project happen. Without each and everyone of you we would not be able to do what we do in service to our church and to our Lord. We would also like to thank those people who sold the peanut brittle. Thank you all again.

God's Blessing to you all,

Gary and Judy Eversole



### January Birthdays

- 2) Jack Clay
- 3) Natalie Houser  
Bodey Dalrymple
- 6) Sharon McCaslin  
Brandon Drexler  
Rayna Blackburn
- 8) Carlos Womble  
Carole Womble  
Sydney Drexler
- 9) Jan Frantz  
Anise Swartz
- 13) Rory Smith
- 20) John Bayliff  
Abigail Morton
- 21) Jane Gray  
Nicolette Martin
- 26) Olivia Tregoning
- 28) Brennan Bailey

### January Anniversaries

- 13) Jason & Megan Rumbaugh

## 2018 Church Leadership

Included in this edition of the Cridersville Chronicle is the 2018 Leadership. On behalf of the Nominations Committee we want to express appreciation for all those who have served and for those who have agreed to serve in the coming year. The words of Paul from the letter to the Philippians might speak to us as our new year begins: "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6). As the new year begins, we can be thankful to the many who are helping us move forward as a community of faith. Please look through the 2018 Church Leadership page and let us know if any corrections are needed. And let's pray for each other and for our church!

### Cridersville United Methodist 2018 Leadership Team

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:**

##### **2018**

Finance: Terry Bay  
SPPR: Neita Border  
Trustee Chair: Keith Paul

At Large Members:

##### **2018**

Jack Clay

##### **2019**

Missions: Kaye Seese

##### **2019**

Sharon Koenig

##### **2020**

Chair: Dave Reichelderfer  
Family Life: Meg Rumbaugh  
Treasurer: Judy Eversole  
Outreach: Deb & Frank Oen

##### **2020**

Josh Houser

Lay Delegate—Blake Irwin, Becky Bayliff (alternate)

Youth Delegate - Tanner Schroeder (2020)

Positions to be filled: Lay Leader, Hospitality

#### **Memorials:**

##### **2018**

Margie Humes Chair

##### **2019**

TBD

##### **2020**

TBD

**Children's Ministry Team****2018**

June Reichelderfer  
Kari Houser  
Staff: Power Xpress Leader

**2019**

Rachel Hewlett  
Brian Tomsett

**2020**

Karen Feigh

**FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Finance Chairperson: Terry Bay

Admin Board Chair

Trustee Chair

**2018**

Gene Border

Treasurer

Staff Parish Chairperson

Staff: Pastor, Office Administrator

**2019**

Jason Rumbaugh

Lay Leader

Annual Conference Delegate

**2020**

TBD

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****2018**

Keith Paul (chair)  
Kyle Wagner  
Julie Smith

**2019**

Ora Seese

**2020**

Frank Oen  
Jim Schroeder

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS:****2018**

Neita Border (chair)  
Terry Bailey  
George Krites  
Lay Leader, Annual Conference Delegate

**2019**

Jane Bowersock  
Tom Mulcahy  
Susie Dailey

**2020**

Susan Bay  
Sue Hinegardner

**NOMINATIONS:****2018**

Sandy Spillman  
Deb Stroh  
LeeAnn McCaslin

**2019**

Judy Eversole  
Jerry Johnson  
Deb Drexler

**2020**

Betsy Wagner  
Jill Wierwille  
Donna Paul

## December Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
November 26	100	32	\$2,130.00	0
December 3	119	58	\$10,377.00	\$250.00
December 10	169	59	\$2,878.00	\$130.00
December 17	163	36	\$2,387.00	\$50.00
December 24	124	19	\$2,365.00	\$30.00

## Adopt a Family

Many thanks to the wonderful folks of Cridersville United Methodist Church for your support in buying gifts for two less-fortunate families this year! One family was made up of a single Mother and three children; the other, a Father and Mother and three children. Both live in rent-subsidized housing--one in Cridersville and one in Wapakoneta. The first family had no decorations on their little tree--just lights and a ribbon at the top. We changed that! We took them a cylinder of "shatter-proof" balls! Using a list of gift suggestions and sizes, and utilizing coupons and shopping sales, Lisa and Tom and I purchased a variety of items from Ninja Turtles to Swiss Miss cocoa with little marshmallows and got some necessities, too, like shirts and pants and shoes. We were even able to buy a bike, a big wheel trike and a scooter for kids who had never had any, along with helmets for safety, of course! Then came a wrapping frenzy and making arrangements for the deliveries. Jeff Reichelderfer contacted me at this point, saying the Cridersville Fire Department had two extra food baskets and we could add them to our deliveries! The Mothers were contacted and deliveries made (one at arms-length as everyone was sick), and there were smiles all around--some tears, too! (Yes, tears in our eyes, too!) What a wonderful thing to be a part of!

-Mary Kay Smith

## Ash Wednesday

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



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

Family of Ron Mooney  
Family of Boyd Arnold



## Lessons from a snowman



- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
  - We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
  - So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
    - Don't get too much sun.
  - Sweating too much can be disastrous!

*Thank you*

Thank you for the use of the church for the viewing and the funeral dinner for our husband and father!

It was most appreciated by all! The dinner was wonderful.

-The Family of Ron Mooney

## Discontinued Recycled Card Program

For the past 30 years, our beloved recycled card program taught teens work skills by creating "new" cards from used greeting cards, which were then resold in the campus thrift store and online. Unfortunately, card orders have slowly declined over the past four years. We have also experienced limited available volunteers to run the program. Without full-time volunteers, our recycled card program is a time consuming and expensive project as we receive large amounts of cards in the mail from around the nation. Additionally, most of our teens who are gaining life and work skills go through our transitional living program, which has developed real-life training experiences. As a result, St. Jude's Ranch for Children has concluded its Recycled Card Program, however [THERE ARE STILL MANY WAYS TO HELP!](#)

We are very grateful to the many supporters across the country that have sent us their used greeting cards over the years. We hope, as we continue to focus our efforts on saving the lives of traumatized children, that those donors will continue to support us in the years to come.



The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

—C. Neil Strait