

Cridersville Chronicle
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From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

Liturgist

- 1) LeeAnn McCaslin
- 8) Susie Dailey
- 15) Mel Reichelderfer
- 22) Youth
- 29) Kathy Krites

Nursery

- 1) No Nursery
- 8) Betsy Wagner
- Margie Humes
- 15) Diana Eversole
- Joyce Beecher
- 22) Kathy Krites
- Shawna Kohlreiser
- 29) Marcia Clay
- Jill Wierville

Power Express

- 8) Karen Feigh
- 15) Kari Houser
- 22) Alyssa Drexler
- 29) Rachel Hewlett

**See page 2 for ushers
and greeters**

Matthew 7:7 *“Ask, and it will be given to you seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

Matthew 21:22 *And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”*

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

John 14:13-14 *Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it*

God invites us to pray fervently, asking for whatever we need to glorify God. What are you in need of in 2017? This year, let's seek God's grace in our lives and power in our world. Join me in praying each week in worship and each day in your own prayer time:

God, I surrender my whole self to you in faithfulness, no matter the circumstances

We pray together to:

Renew and revive Cridersville United Methodist Church, unleashing new life.

Use me boldly to reach out in unconditional love, proclaiming the good news.

Equip me to serve out of my giftedness, to grow new disciples of Jesus Christ, and to carry God's hope and healing to our broken world.

Greeters

1) Ernie & Jenny
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

8) Larry & Bea Musser

Sue Hinegardner

Cindy Weaver

15) George & Kathy
Krites

Gene & Neita

Border

22) Billy & Janet Pack

Linda Nixon

Deb & Frank Oen

29) JoAnn Nance

Jane Gray

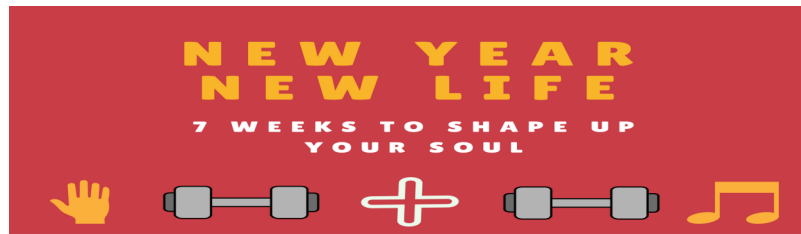
Sandy Spillman

June Reichelderfer

Ushers

Gary & Judy Eversole

Jack & Marcia Clay

Seven Weeks to Shape Up Your Soul**Starting January 8**

Refresh your soul, revive the disciplines that draw you closer to God. We'll explore worship, prayer, service, communion, generosity, evangelism,

January 15 kicks off our Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser for our Chi-Ki-Lo Food Pantry. Our teams are experiencing some retirements and trades, so it looks like an exciting competition is in store.

January 29, former OSU football player, Joel Penton, will be sharing his ministry of evangelism to youth, as well as a message of hope for all of us. Mark your calendars, bring your favorite football fan, and let God shape up your soul.

2017 Small Groups and Bible Studies

As a part of Shaping Up Our Souls this winter, we'll be offering a variety of groups and studies this year to help you connect in community and grow in your faith.

Sunday School- 10:45 on Sundays- Join one of our 3 adult classes, or connect with youth, children or preschool.

Youth Group- Most Sunday Nights at 5:30 at Calvary

Monday Night Bible Study- 6:30 PM at Calvary

Wednesday Prayer Group- 2:30 in the Library

Information on other opportunities will be available by mid-January.

Book Notes

DELICIOUS! A novel written by Ruth Reichl. It's a fun story of a young woman who makes her way to NYC to work for a food magazine (and to run away from her painful past). Her new life is filled with adventures. Anything that could go right did. Just a lot of fun. If you're in the mood for a light story with lots of foodie stuff in it, you will like this book. It is very different than anything I've read before.

Ok . . . all you Amish Fiction fans! Here's one for you. **LOVE FINDS YOU IN LANCASTER COUNTY**

PENNSYLVANIA, By Annalisa Daughety. When Amish-born Lydia Ann Raber and Southern belle Caroline DeMarco discover a shared history of loss, the unlikely duo decides to open a gift shop in beautiful Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Lydia Ann is surprised to find herself drawn to handsome woodworker Simon Zook. When God offers her a second chance at love and family, will she take it? Or will the secret Simon harbors cause her even more heartbreak? For Caroline, love comes in the form of journalist Michael Landis. Their low-key romance is a dream come true for Caroline, a fugitive from an infamous past. Is Michael to blame when reporters start hovering once again, or can Caroline find a way to trust him with her heart?

Heads up! Winter is upon us! So . . . stock up with a few books from our church library. If you get snowed in you'll have some good reading material on hand. You can take as many books as you want, and there are no fines or late fees! Just sign them out so we can find them if we need to.

Simple Truth: "God wants more than a part ---- He wants ALL your heart".



January Birthdays

- 1) Jeff Lambert
- 2) Jack Clay
- 3) Natalie Houser
Body Dalrymple
Kim McCaslin
- 6) Sharon McCaslin
Brandon Drexler
Rayna Blackburn
- 8) Carlos Womble
Carole Womble
Sydney Drexler
- 9) Jan Frantz
Anise Swartz
- 20) John Bayliff
Abigail Morton
- 21) Jane Gray
- 26) Olivia Tregoning
- 28) Brennan Bailey

Anniversaries

- 13) Jason & Megan
Rumbaugh
- 19) Ron & Linda
Mooney

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry



Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry served food to 497 persons in November, which included 92 for Thanksgiving.

On December 19, the pantry distributed food for Christmas to 70 families. Santa Russ Holly and his Elf Jan Frantz gave out gifts and candy to the little ones. We also gave gifts from the Angel Tree to all children signed up. Hats, gloves, men’s sock and coats were also given out.

Six persons worked December 12 at West Ohio Food Bank packing senior boxes and one person worked November 29 at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

Missions voted to give \$200 for families in need at Cridersville Elementary School.

Remember after the first of the year we will get started on our “Souper Bowl of Caring” benefiting Ch-Ki-Lo Pantry.

**OUR
DEEPEST
SYMPATHY**

Family of Irma Burden

Family of Ora Seese, Jr.

Family of JD Parker

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 2017 at Cridersville UMC

105 Shawnee Rd., 9 am - 4 pm

Jan. 21	Feb. 18	March 18	April 8
May 20	June 17	July 15	Aug. 19
Sept. 16	Retreat: Oct 6-8	Oct. 21	Nov. 18

Contact Grace Bailey for more information. 419-645-5660 gbailey@bright.net

December Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
November 27	123	24	\$2,256.00	0
December 4	136	23	\$5,139.00	\$75.00
December 11	111	25	\$2,627.00	\$25.00
December 18	86	21	\$1,760.00	\$45.00

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance. They are hand knitted or crocheted for those in need. This is an international cause and a church and community cause. The creation and presentation of a prayer shawl is an act of kindness, generosity and enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

Prayer shawls are a fellowship ministry of ladies getting together at the church or in a home to knit or crochet shawls along with devotions and prayers. Shawls will be prayed over before being distributed to those in need. Those in need may be for a healing or happy occasions such as healing needs, moving away, new baby, wedding, graduation and those mourning or distressed. The shawl can be a blessing to those who receive them. They provide comfort or just a feeling of being cared for in the face of new life situations.

The prayers blessing the shawl can be done in a worship service with shawls displayed or persons praying around them. A list of individual recipients is made. A prayer is said for each intended recipient and those who have received them. You can pray silently while you knit or crochet.

Fleece shawls can also be made. A rectangular shawl can be made out of a 1 yard and 34 inch length and a 60 inch wide piece of fleece. Triangular shawls could also be made from squares of fleece. Yarns need to be soft. Lion brand is a sponsor of this ministry. Each shawl takes 6 skeins of yarn. The colors have meanings-also birthstone colors have meanings. Presentation cards go with each shawl.

We invite the entire congregation to participate—all ages included. We will have patterns available for knit and crochet. If you cannot knit or crochet, you could help by buying yarn 6 skeins of a color. Donations could also be made to help purchase yarn and fleece. We will make shawls for children also. If interested in this ministry call Sharon Koenig.

2017 Church Leadership

Included in this edition of the Cridersville Chronicle is the 2017 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 2017 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

2017 Leadership Team

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:

2017

Chair: John Bayliff

Vice-Chair: Deb Drexler

Treasurer: Helen Kuntz

Trustee: Ryan Bailey

Family Life: Betsy Wagner

At Large Members:

2017

Keith Paul

2018

Finance: Terry Bay

SPPR: Neita Border

Trustee: Keith Paul

2018

Jack Clay

2019

Missions: Kaye Seese

2019

Sharon Koenig

Lay Delegate—Michael Greer, Becky Bayliff (alternate)

Positions to be filled: Lay Leader, Hospitality

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

2017

Margie Humes (chair)

Debbie Schroeder

Helen Kuntz

2018

Ruth Thompson

Skip Rumbaugh

2019

Donna Lotz

LeeAnn McCaslin

Children's Ministry Team**2017**

Janet Pack

Debbie Schroeder

Staff: Power Xpress Leader

2018

June Reichelderfer

Kari Houser

2019

Rachel Hewlett

Brian Tomsett

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Finance Chairperson: Terry Bay

Admin Board Chair

Trustee Chair

Treasurer

Staff Parish Chairperson

Staff: Pastor, Office Administrator

Lay Leader

Annual Conference Delegate

2017

Josh Houser

2018

Gene Border

2019

Jason Rumbaugh

BOARD OF TRUSTEES**2017**

Ernie Numbers

Ryan Bailey (co-chair)

Brock Drexler

2018

Keith Paul

Kyle Wagner (co-chair)

Julie Smith

2019

Ora Seese

Zane Morton

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS:**2017**

Jill Wierwille

Marcia Clay

Jane Roebuck

Lay Leader, Annual Conference Delegate

2018

Neita Border (chair)

Terry Bailey

George Krites

2019

Jane Bowersock

Tom Mulcahy

Susie Dailey

NOMINATIONS:**2017**

LeeAnn McCaslin

Terry Bailey

Boyd Smith

2018

Sandy Spillman

Deb Stroh

Brooks Bush

2019

Judy Eversole

Jerry Johnson

Deb Drexler

Peanut Brittle Update

Church Family:

Gary and I would like to thank everyone for their support of the peanut brittle fund raiser. This year was another successful year. As of December 22, peanut brittle income was \$11,453.00 expense was \$1,653.39 for a profit of \$9,799.61. This is not the final figure because we still have money that has not been turned in. I would also like to thank all of you who took the peanut brittle to your workplace, beauty salons and card clubs to sell the peanut brittle. Your work helps also. God's blessings to you all in the new year.

Holiday Worship

Service is family-oriented and welcoming for all ages

-New Year's Day Worship 9:30 AM



Worship and Study at Home through the Winter

Struggling to get out in the cold and ice? Watch the worship video through our church website or Facebook page. Sunday service is posted every Monday.

Not sure how to connect to the website? Contact the church office for a DVD copy of worship.

Spending time with God, reading Scriptures, and growing in faith sounds a bit daunting, but as you go about your day, write out some of your favorite verses to post around your home or workplace. As you move about, spend time with each of these, saying them out loud, praying them to God, and even memorizing the Scriptures. Let God's promises sustain your soul and bring you peace.

Church revitalization is a hot topic, and ideas for congregations can bring fresh energy and meaning to personal and family life, too. Consider the following tips:

- Have a clear vision. It's easy to go along day to day without considering what you're moving toward. Beyond the everyday routine, what bigger vision does God have for you? This year, take specific steps toward living that out.
- Ask questions. What gets you excited — even passionate? What issues or situations break your heart? What are you good at? Resolve to use a talent or something you enjoy to help heal hurts.
- Balance history with innovation. Honor your past as God's gift that makes you who you are, but be open to change. Dare to step out in faith for the sake of your life's mission. Try something new in the spirit of the God who's always doing a new thing (Isaiah 43:19; Revelation 21:5).

The best way to revitalize a church might be to revitalize the lives of its individual members!