

Cridersville Chronicle

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June 2018

Liturgist

- 3) Marcia Clay
- 10) Jim Schroeder
- 17) Betsy Wagner
- 24) Youth

Nursery

- 3) Candace Roberts/
Hannah Smith
- 10) Rachel Hewlett/
Youth
- 17) Emma & Jason
Rumbaugh
- 24) Ryan & Dana
Bailey

Power Express

- 3) No Power Express
- 10) Youth
- 17) Youth
- 24) Rachel Hewlett

Ushers

- Jane Bowersock
- Jean Fox
- June Reichelderfer
- Diana Eversole

From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. So what do you write in your first newsletter to the new church you've been appointed. I will start by letting you know that Kathy and I are very excited to be coming to you. We are packing up all of our stuff and we are up to our knees in boxes. Kathy has already made several trips over to the parsonage and has delivered some boxes in the parsonage garage. We will be packing up from Findlay on June 20th and moving into Cridersville on June 21st. Moving is fraught full of emotions, but mostly Kathy and I are excited in getting to know all of you and becoming a part of the ministries of Christ at Cridersville UMC. We have been blessed in the rapid sale of our house and the blessing of having such a large and well maintained parsonage awaiting us.

The Bible is full of people moving and being in transition. The Old Testament is set upon the backdrop of a couple moving and starting a new life. In Genesis chapter 12 we have the call of Abram (and by extension his wife Sarai) to leave the land of Haran, their homeland, and to move and take possession of a new land, Canaan. We remember this story and consider it a move centered in great conviction of faith. Abram hears God and moves away from what he knows to a new land and new adventure.

I just recently attended "A Right Start" session in which I and a team of five from Cridersville UMC attended to receive some best moves and practices for churches transitioning with new pastors. I appreciated having the support early on with five key members of the church and I look forward to employing those tools and practices as we get to know one another. Rev. Dr Scot Ocke facilitated the session and he started it by reminding us of the story of Abraham and Sarah and that they arrived and traveled as strangers in a foreign land and the implications of that for the United Methodist pastors who are about to move. But I didn't totally identify and correlate that comparison.

It's true that Kathy and I are coming to you as strangers and it is also true that we have never lived in Cridersville so it is a strange land but, I don't necessarily believe that this comparison carries as much parallel for the transitioning pastors and their families as it did 4000 years ago with Abraham and Sarah. We are all Americans with that common heritage and language and Kathy and I are from Lima so we are very familiar with Cridersville and the surrounding area. But it's so much more than that because we are all Christians and have Christ as our sovereign Lord and king. So we not only speak a common language and have connection and understanding of the culture of northwest Ohio, but we have a common purpose and mission—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That's exciting, challenging and binding.

As you move through the story of Abraham and Sarah we are reminded that God encapsulates their mission in this manner: "I have blessed you so that you can be a blessing to others" and this becomes part of who we are how we operate in the world and with each other. This will be the fourth appointment for Kathy and I in our twenty years of ministry and we have been blessed in each church with committed disciples of Jesus Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As Kathy and I prepare to move and form ministry relationships with you and the residents of Cridersville, we look forward to the flow of blessings and Christian work that will pass between us and among us at Cridersville UMC as the called and blessed of Christ.

Greeters

6) Ernie & Jenny
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

13) Jane Gray

Jo Nance

Sue Hinegardner

Jane Plummer

20) Gene & Neita
Border

George & Kathy
Krites

27) Youth

Billy & Janet Pack



Upcoming Events:

June 23– 30 *Lakeside for Youth*

The youth dime collection for Lakeside Missions is still underway.

Please continue to donate to help the missions at Lakeside. Thank you to all who have contributed.



Letters to Lakeside

We are seeking people in the congregation to support a teen as they are at Lakeside by writing a letter, sending a card and the most important thing...Prayer!

Please contact Jeff or Mel to "adopt" a camper.

Address and dates are as follows:

Senior High, June 23-30

Child's name

Sr. High Lakeside for youth

c/o Lakeside Association

236 Walnut Ave.

Lakeside, OH 43440

Be sure to send your letters early (on or before June 21) or they will not arrive in time.

Prayers are appreciated all week!

Book Notes

ORPHAN TRAIN, by Christina Bake Kline is a work of fiction. However the back of the book gives a short history of the so-called orphan trains during 1854 thru 1929. This history tells how more than two hundred thousand orphaned, abandoned and homeless Irish Immigrant children were transported to America and the horrible way a good many were treated. It's hard to believe that this went on. I wonder if any of these children are still alive.

If you haven't read Ann B. Ross's *MISS JULIA* books give them a try. But only if you want to relax, laugh and have a good time! Miss Julia is an elderly southern woman, has money, is active in her church, was married and when her husband died Miss Julia discovered he had a mistress

as well as a son!!!! AND, when the mistress (young by the way) and the little boy turn up at Miss Julia's doorstep Miss Julia takes them in and comes to love them both. We only have two of these books, but hope to get more. The two we have are: "Miss Julia Hits the Road" and "Miss Julia Throws a Wedding". Oh yes, Miss Julia has a gentlemen friend, Sam. No hanky-panky, but it's somewhat understood they will soon get married.

Enjoy your summer Relax on the porch with a cup of coffee and a good book!

Sing to God: sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:2



June Birthdays

- 2) Meghan Erb
- 5) Barb Pelly
- 8) Brooks Bush
- Becky Bayliff
- 9) Donna Burden
- 12) Beau Smith
- 14) Noah Reichelderfer
- 15) Gene Border
- 22) Mary Kay Smith
- 23) Nina Henne
- 25) Dinah Oen
- 27) John Pelly
- 28) Randy Oen
- Lori Lucas
- Bryan Stombaugh
- Maddie Rumbaugh
- 29) Frank Hugger
- Andrew Gowanlock

June Anniversaries

- 3) Eric Pierson & Becky Bayliff
- 17) Steve & Deb Drexler
- 21) Dennis & Priscilla Simons
- 28) Terry & Grace Bailey
- 29) Ashley & Raymond Blackburn
- 30) Duane & Cindy West
- Gary & Judy Eversole

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

The '**Stamp Out Hunger**' food drive, conducted by the Postal Service, brought 1422 pounds of food to CH-KI-LO food pantry. That amount of food filled 36 banana boxes. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the drive and to those who helped with the actual work of the day.

Folks who come to the food pantry for assistance receive enough food, and some non food items, for 3 days. CH-KI-LO is a distribution site for West Ohio Food Bank Senior boxes, for clients over 60 years of age who meet financial qualifications through WOFB. A typical 'shopping list' for the choice food pantry includes – fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, juice, soup, tomato sauce, canned beans, condiments, bathroom tissues, laundry soap, health and beauty items, dried beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta, egg noodles, cereal, snacks, desserts, dried mixes (Hamburger Helper, potatoes, etc.), baked goods, shelf milk, frozen foods – meat, potatoes, mac and cheese, etc., eggs, bread, produce – potatoes, onions, apples, etc. The amount clients receive depends on the number of folks in the household. The pantry is open for 'shoppers' Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to noon.

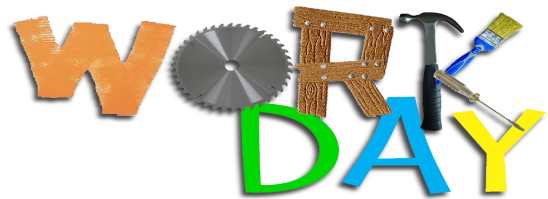
While the pantry receives food donations, items must also be purchased to fill the needs. Generous monetary gifts from individuals, groups, churches and businesses enable the success of the pantry. Thank you to all who support CH-KI-LO Food Pantry by your many gifts!!

Meeting dates: Food Pantry Committee – June 12 at noon at Calvary Campus

Missions Committee – June 12 at 12:30 at Calvary Campus

Thank you

To everyone who helped on the spring work day. Every year we have this day to get the church ready for summer. We appreciate all of the love and support that you have shown us on this day.



Beginning...and beginning again.

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

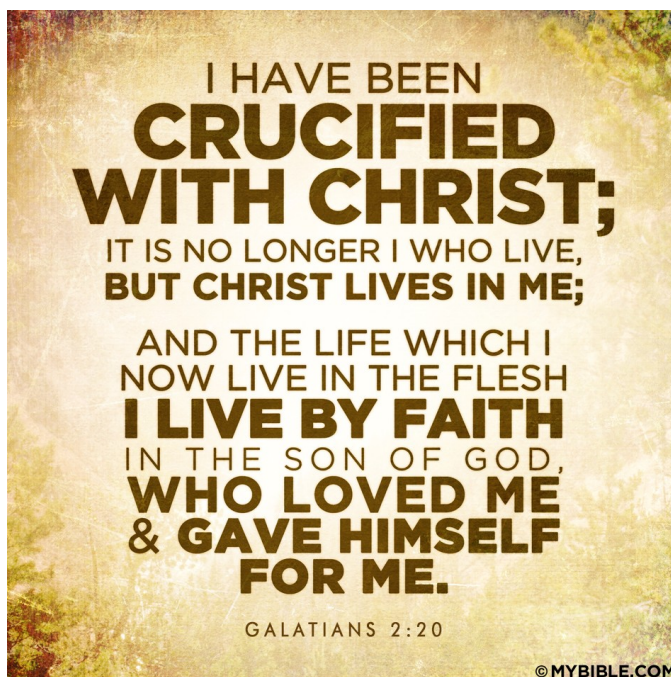
Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

April Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
April 29	121	31	\$2488.00	\$50.00
May 6	99	29	\$4270.00	\$250.00
May 13	122	23	\$2989.00	\$30.00
May 20	122	65	\$1955.00	\$30.00

Interim Minister

Rev. Mike Westbay will be our interim minister from May 31-June 30, assisting with worship and pastors care emergencies. Please contact the church office with any needs or contact Pastor Mike at 419-305-7486 and rotciv1921@hotmail.com.



Baker/Mart Scholarship Recipients 2018

Alyssa Drexler

Cridersville Graduates

Landon Lightle – Wapakoneta High School

Jake Tregoning – Wapakoneta High School

College Graduates

Nicole Fairburn – Ohio State University

Nicole obtained her Masters' degree in Social Work. She plans to continue her work at Crime Victims Services.

Rachel Green – Ohio Northern University
Rachel obtained her Nursing Degree.

Amanda Lucas – Ohio State University
Amanda obtained her Bachelor's degree in Criminology.

Other Graduates

Caleb Clay– United States Military Academy

Grandson of Jack and Marcia Clay

Josh Conley– National Guard



Thank You

Thank you for the care and kindness shown to Ernie Gray's family by the church staff and members during our recent loss.

Jane Gray & Family



Our
Condolences

Our Sympathies to families who have recently lost loved ones:

Family of Skip Rumbaugh

Family of Gene Dubois

Family of Jay Morris

VBS Updates from Children's Ministry Committee

VBS Meeting

There will be a short meeting after church on Sunday June 3 in the Power Express room for anyone interested in helping with VBS (Aug 8th from 6-8pm).

Greeter Volunteers Needed

We're looking for smiling faces to help greet on Sunday mornings. It is for 4 weeks at a time or let us know when you can be here. Please contact the church office or Joann Nance.

West Ohio Conference of the UMC

Follow along with our Annual Conference meetings and worship via live stream or daily recaps and photos at www.westohioumc.org/ac/2018 . Meetings begin at 7:30 PM June 3 and run through 4:30 PM June 6.

Dear Cridersville UMC Family,



Thank you for the memories and ministry we have shared together. With May 27th as my final Sunday with you, I wanted to take the opportunity to say goodbye. We have enjoyed our time in Ohio over these past nine years, but we are looking forward to being back in our home state; our kids are especially looking forward to having grandparents right down the road. I want you to know that we will be praying for you in the upcoming transition. We have the hope that God will continue the good work in you and carry it onto completion in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Casey Ann Irwin

Hello Cridersville UMC Family!

As I have stepped into the role of Office Manager I have realized that it is so much more. It means becoming a part of something more, something greater. A family. And with any family I realize that you have not gotten to know me as quickly or in depth as a family would like. I apologize for that. I never meant to keep myself a secret.

As most of you already know I am originally from Coldwater Ohio. But I lived most of my life right outside of Cridersville. My mother still lives in that very house. I graduated from Wapak High School and also attended UNOH previously. I am returning for more online classes soon in hopes to further my education in Business Management.

I had my son in 2001 and he is currently a Junior at Wapak High School. He plans on going to college for Mechanical Engineering or Construction Maintenance. He will be attending services with me on occasion but due to his work schedule he can not always make service. He is kind hearted and very spirited young man at the age of 17. He has big plans for his life. I pray that with God's help he can accomplish everything that he has planned.

I moved to West Virginia in 2008 and worked for the State of West Virginia for years before returning home in June of 2015. My grandfather was not well and I wanted to help my family. I spent his last months doing my very best to show him the love and care that he had always shown me, my whole life.

I was with my previous company for 3 years and I loved my job. I just felt that moving forward that I needed to find a job that would bring me closer to God and what He would like for my life. I also have planned to have another part time job that is with Non-Profit or that helps others. I want to do more to help those who need it.

I love the work that I do here and hope to continuously help the church to grow and prosper in any way that I can. I am so thankful that you given me this opportunity to work with all of you. I know that I will grow with this position and with God. I am excited to have Him as more of my daily life. I look forward to getting to know all of you.

I know that I have not chosen a home church yet. I understand that many of you would like to see this be my home church and maybe one day it might. I just do not want to give false hope on the matter. I love this church, but due to my own experiences it may take some time to figure this out. I appreciate all of your patience while I do. I hope that I can show all of you the love and kindness that you have shown me in the short time that I have been here.

Many Blessings,

Nichole

**CRIDERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Did you know items you readily throw away can be repurposed for our Mission ministries? Any of the following items can be dropped off in the Ministry Center, and used to raise funds or provide support for our congregations' needs, our community, and for people around the world.

- **Pill Bottles** –Clean, unlabeled pill bottles that DO NOT have a child-proof lid are used for Matthew 25 medical ministries, distributing personal health kits and medicines around the world. Collected by Terry & Susan Bay
- **Used Stamps**-Collected by Howard & Nola Heilman
- **Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels** - raises funds for Cridersville Elementary. Collected by Pastor Casey
- **Coupons** - used for all ministries in need of supplies or food. Donate what you won't use including expired coupons to help us be good stewards of available funds. Collected by Jane Bowersock
- **Used Greeting Cards** - bring in blank or the front flap of your greeting cards to donate to St. Jude's Ranch for reuse throughout the year. No Hallmark or American Greetings can be accepted. Collected by Sue Hinegardner
- **Non-perishable Food Items** - donated to Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry servicing Cridersville
- **Used Cell Phones** - Provided to discharged servicemen & women, and to Crime Victim Services for families fleeing a crisis. Collected by Howard & Nola Heilman
- **Used Eye Glasses** - Collected by Cridersville Lion's Club for redistribution. Collected by Howard & Nola Heilman

- **Personal Items & Children's Items** - Support the Shoebox initiative at Wapak Crisis Center by donating toiletries for women or notepads, small toys and crayons for children. Collected by Sue Hinegardner
- **Pop Can Tabs** - donated to Wapakoneta Elementary to raise funds for Ronald McDonald Houses at area hospitals. Collected by Meghan Erb & Cindy West
- **Community Market and Chief's Store Receipts** - Community Market receipts are collected year round. Chief's Receipts must have the word "Community Cash" on the top of the receipt (September—May). Funds raised support our youth attending church camp. Helen Kuntz coordinator
- **Yarn** - Prayer squares and prayer shawl ministries, making and praying for the recipients. Sharon Koenig coordinator
- **New or Gently Used Coats, Hats, Gloves and Mittens** - collected at any time during the year for distribution by Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Criddersville United Methodist Church on 6/15/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

Life Line Screening Certificate

Life Line has been gracious enough to send us a certificate of \$25 off any screening. If you would like the discount certificate please let the office know and we will provide you with one for the screening on June 15, 2018.