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From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

“Drawing prayer circles isn’t some magic trick to get what you want from God... Drawing prayer circles starts with discerning what God wants. What God wills. And until His sovereign will becomes your sanctified wish, your prayer life will be unplugged from its power supply... getting what you want isn’t the goal; the goal is glorifying God by drawing circles around the promises, miracles, and dreams He wants for you.” – Mark Batterson, *The Circle Maker*

The 40 days before Easter (minus Sundays) are designated in the church as the season of Lent, of preparation, of self-examination. With this intentional season of discernment and sacrifice, I’m inviting you this year to commit whole-heartedly to prayer. Yes, we’ve been praying already this year, and yes, we’ve been praying for as long as we’ve been a Jesus-follower. But this time, why not choose to open-wide the promises of God as we explore prayer practices and renewed vision for God’s will in our lives and in our church.

Join us in worship this Lent for a series on prayer, based around the book *The Circle Maker*, by Mark Batterson. We’ll learn what it means to circle in prayer, how to pray big, long, and hard, and how to keep circling when things get tough. We want to experience the miraculous work of God in our lives and in our communities.

Dive deeper with the Sunday School class in the Music Room, March 5 or join the Lenten Bible Study on Thursday nights at 6:30, starting March 9, exploring additional promises and making the teachings in worship, personal.



Liturgist

- 5) Connie Rees
- 12) Brian Tomsett
- 19) Megan Rumbaugh
- 26) Youth

Nursery

- 5) Shawna Kohlrieser
- Betsy Wagner
- 12) Amanda Morton
- Kathy Krites
- 19) Diana Eversole
- Joyce Beecher
- 26) Steve Humes
- Angie Gierhart

Power Express

- 12) Jill Wierwille
- 19) Kari Houser
- 26) Josh Conley

**See page 2 for ushers
and greeters**

Greeters

5) Ernie & Jenny
Numbers
Jean Fox
Jane Bowersock

12) Larry & Bea
Musser
Sue Hinegardner
Cindy Weaver

19) George & Kathy
Krites
Gene & Neita
Border

26) Billy & Janet Pack
Linda Nixon
Deb & Frank Oen

Ushers

Josh & Kari Houser
Brandon & Jenny
Drexler

Souper Bowl of Caring Totals

Our Souper Bowl raised \$4807.27 for the Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry. That's almost double our total from last year. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving and supporting the needs in our community.

The AFC Patriots found a nail-biting victory, winning by only \$2.73. Congratulations to coaches Jerry Johnson & Jim Schroeder! And thank you to everyone for contributing to the work of God's kingdom.

Thank you for your support

Thank you to those who participated in the Youth Soup Luncheon.

The youth raised \$439 which will help offset the cost for Lakeside camp housing.



Easter Candy Needed

The Family Life Committee is in need of LOTS of candy for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 15. They will be collecting candy until April 9. Please be sure the candy is small enough to fit inside a plastic Easter Egg. You can drop off your candy in the Ministry Center. They will be stuffing eggs on Monday, April 10 at 6 pm. Please contact Betsy Wagner if you would like to help.



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 am or before you go to bed.

Baker / Mart Scholarships

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



Family of Mary Wellbaum

Family of M. L. Leist

Family of Wendell Hampp

Prayer should be the key of the day
and the lock of the night.

March Birthdays

- 5) Kaye Seese
- 6) Karen Feigh
- 7) Diana Eversole
Micah Chambers
- 8) Marcia Clay
- 9) Joni Blaha
Guy Kohlrieser
- 10) Miriam Irwin
- 12) Trent Fairburn
- 15) Gary Rumbaugh
- 18) David Lightle
- 20) Helen Kuntz
- 22) Brianna Rumbaugh
- 24) Matthew Drexler
- 26) Carah Fry
- 27) Tanner Schroeder
Angie Gierhart
- 28) Michael Greer
Jaxson Ricker
Aiden Ricker
- 29) Quinn Humes
- 31) Neita Border
Gene Bales

Anniversaries

- 20) Larry & Bea Musser
- 24) Jack & Marcia Clay

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

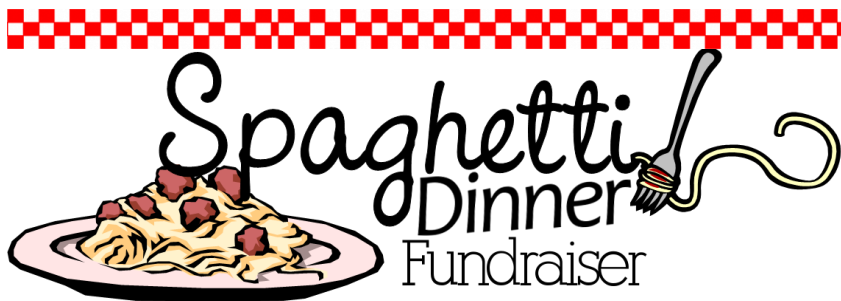
A BIG Thank you to everyone who so graciously supported the Souper Bowl of Giving! We were blown away by the final count! These funds will provide food to many needy folks in the Cridersville area. 225 people were served by Ch-Ki-Lo in January.



Around 35 people came to the Food Pantry Open House and were impressed with the facility and all that is done. Again, a HUGE thank you to Donna Lotz for her years of service and to all the Ch-Ki-Lo workers.

The Missions committee voted to support the gospel tents at both the Allen County Fair and Auglaize County Fair with a monetary donation.

Pick up your Missions Lenten calendar to tally your blessings and give to support UM Advance Specials: Living Gifts (Heifer international); Church World services (blankets); Anti-Human Trafficking; Good Works, Inc.; Medicine Box; and Water and Sanitation.



Cridersville Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner

The Cridersville Lion's Club is having their annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, March 23. It is to be held in the Fellowship Hall of Cridersville UMC. They will be serving dinner from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm with carry outs available. The price of the dinner is \$8 for adults.

Carry out is available.

The food is bring provided by **Fazoli's**.

Menu: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce , breadsticks, salad, homemade dessert and beverage.

Tickets can be obtained from any Lion member.

Proceeds will benefit the Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry and Lion's Club projects.

February Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
January 29	175	24	\$2,156.00	\$45.00
February 5	143	28	\$5,063.00	\$55.00
February 12	137	62	\$2,413.00	\$65.00
February 19	111	39	\$1,883.00	\$45.00

Change for Change

Change for Change Easter Offering- United Methodist Advanced Special Missions

During Lent, all offerings designated for Missions will support our commitment to partner with ministries around the world, through the United Methodist Church. We've included a Change for Change calendar to get creative with our giving and sacrifice. Information is available at the ministry center to learn more about each mission.

All funds collected in by Easter will be distributed equally between the 6. Invest your money in God's ministry at home and abroad!

- Living Gifts: Heifer International- livestock investments
- Church World Services- emergency response and community development
- Anti-Human Trafficking ministries worldwide
- Good Works, Inc of Ohio
- Medicine Box- global medicine distribution
- Water and Sanitation ministries worldwide



3/1- Ash Wednesday Worship 7 PM

Bring your fears, your hurts, your struggles. Confess before God as we find peace together. Join us in receiving ashes as a sign of repentance and mortality. Find peace and forgiveness as we begin the long journey towards Easter.

Beginning 3/9- The Circle Maker Bible Study

Thursdays from 6:30-8, we'll study together through Lent, identifying the prayers God has called us to passionately pursue. Get ready, in this class, miracles do happen.

Materials are provided

4/9- Palm Sunday

Prayer Path at Calvary Campus, youth group 5-7 PM,

Monday, 4/10 open to the public 3-6 PM

After a morning of worship, extend your Sabbath with a centering prayer walk in our Calvary building. Prepare your hearts for the struggles of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection with stations for silence, for creativity, for intentional prayers, and simply for worship.

4/13- Maundy Thursday Worship 7 PM

Jesus shared one final meal with his followers, celebrating Jewish Passover, yet bringing fulfillment as he served his friends and declared how he would sacrifice himself. Join us in worship as we approach the hope of Jesus' love for us, and the pain of his sacrifice.

4/14- Good Friday Prayer Walk 11 AM – beginning at Calvary-

Sanctuary open 12-3

Walk (or ride on the bus) your way through town, praying for our community, stopping to bless, to pray, and to invite others along the way. We start at Calvary and end at our main sanctuary. . A bus will be available to transport non-walker to each stop. Please contact the church office if you also need transportation to Calvary. Can't join us for the walk? Drop in anytime that afternoon for contemplative prayer

4/16- Sunrise Service 8:00 AM- lead by the Youth Group

Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM