

Cridersville Chronicle

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May 2018

Liturgist

- 6) Marcia Clay
- 13) Jim Schroeder
- 20) Betsy Wagner
- 27) Youth

Nursery

- 6) Courtney Raines/
Youth
- 13) Rachel Green
Matthew Green
- 20) Carah Fry
Donna Paul
- 27) Sydney Drexler/
Youth

Power Express

- 6) Communion
- 13) Youth
- 20) Youth
- 27) Youth

Ushers

- Julie & Hannah Smith
- Billy & Janet Pack

From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." - John 15:5

Spring has finally arrived! Our late snow has moved on (we hope) and growth has begun. Flowers are peeking out, gardens are growing, grass is flourishing and weeds are mounting their annual coup d'état! As our fruits after the long winter may be starting to show, nature gives us a prompt for keeping our lives of faith just as fruitful.

"Remain in me," Jesus says to us. A few verses later, he declares that this will be to God's glory if we remain and bear fruit. A long and prayerful winter, the self-examination of Lent, and the powerful unleashing at Easter have all set us up for a season of fruitful living as disciples of Jesus. However, the temptation is always to sit back and enjoy the fruits, forgetting there are more seasons still to come. Judith Sutera puts it well in *The Vine-dresser's Notebook* stating "A vine that only has top growth will eventually use up all of the potential for fruit-bearing that those branches can provide. Something has to be deep at the source and continuing to push out from that reserve."

Friends, this season is for the fruit at the end of a long winter, but it's also the season for rooting for the next round of fruitfulness. We are called to bring glory to God as we abide *now*, and as we remain, dropping roots for later. How are you growing and thriving in this season? We have so many opportunities to connect in faithful worship, study, or service this month. Give thanks with us on Mother's Day, worship twice on Pentecost, connect with a Sunday School class or Bible study, party with the community at the Family Luau, support our congregation at our work day, or simply spend time nurturing the faith of another person. You'll be surprised at just how quickly a connection can drop root, and how easily one season's fruitfulness can be multiplied for life. Will you join me in fruitful, faithful living this spring? To God be the glory, Amen.



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



Upcoming Events:

May 6

6:30 pm - 8 pm

Westview Campus

End of year Youth/Parent Picnic

May 20

5 pm

Service with Pastor Todd.

Youth will be selling concessions as a fundraiser

Youth goal for dime collection for Lakeside Missions is \$300.

In good hands

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure, they were full of questions — “Where are you going? How will we know the way there? Would you please just show us the Father?” — and not very satisfied with his answers. So Jesus promised to send them “another Helper” (John 14:16, ESV). And we can almost hear them protesting, like kids bemoaning a favorite coach’s retirement or church members grieving a beloved pastor’s call to serve elsewhere: “Oh, great. Someone new for us to get to know. It won’t be the same. It won’t be you.”

Except ... the word another has two forms in Greek: “another just like this one” and “another, different version.” And when the author of John translated Jesus’ Aramaic into Greek, the first definition was the accurate one. Jesus was assuring his disciples they’d be in good hands, at peace and secure because the new Helper — the Holy Spirit — would be another just like him.

—based on *Fearless*, by Max Lucado

Book Notes

LEAVE A CANDEL BURNING, by Lori Wick. Young, handsome Dannan MacKay is new in town. He has come take over the medical practice of his uncle, Doc MacKay. He is welcomed by the town, the church, as well as his patients. Of course, a love interest is involved, but poses a problem. Another little problem involves a young cousin that has been orphaned and Dannan offers his home to the child. Wonder how all this works out?

A SIMPLE GIFT, by Karyn Witmer. Avery Montgomery's life changed forever in the checkout line at Food-4-Less when she discovered her long-lost daughter, Fiona, working at the next register. (Wouldn't that be a surprise?!?) Needless to say Fiona has secrets and failures she cannot bring herself to share with her mother — and especially with her father.

TAKE ME WITH YOU, by Catherine Ryan Hyde. August Shroeder has been sober since his nineteen-year-old Son died. He is on his way to Yellowstone with his son's ashes. An unexpected twist of fate lands August with two half-orphans with him on this journey. August and these two children develop a close bond with each other and makes for a really good story.

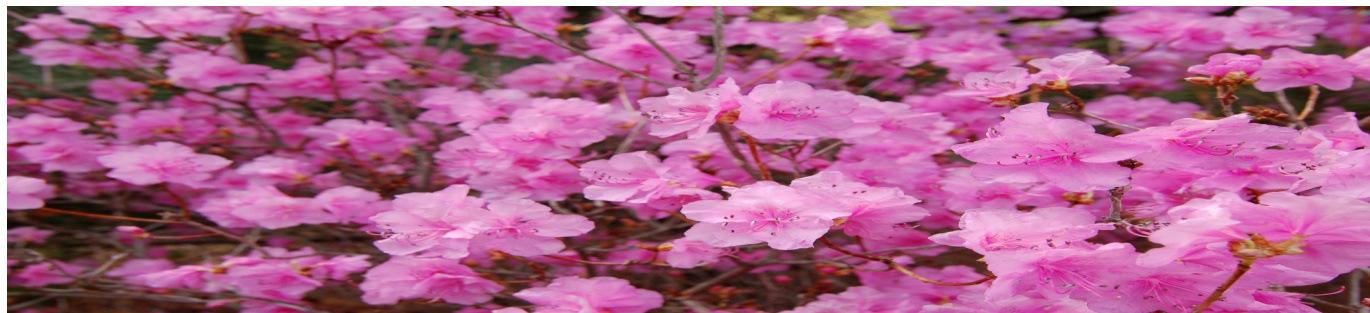
“Sing to God: sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:2

May Birthdays

- 2) Margie Humes
- 4) Steve Humes
Barbara Reese
- 8) Crystal Drexler
- 9) Terry Bailey
- 10) Deb Fairburn
- 11) Jennie Chambers
- 14) Barbara Johnson
- 15) Brittney Smith
- 17) Ashley Blackburn
- 18) Makenna Erb
- 21) Debbie Schroeder
Brock Drexler
Julie Smith
- 22) Larry Musser
Jane Bowersock
- 27) Dennis Simons
- 29) Sandy Spillman

May Anniversaries

- 2) Donnie & Susie Dailey
- 6) Terry & Susan Bay
- 17) Mark & Jennie Chambers



Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

The Easter Food Distribution served 64 families. Thanks to everyone who helped once again! The Easter offering of \$1351.15 was divided among four missions. Thank you for your giving that benefits The Auglaize County Crisis Center, Good Works in Athens, OH, Anti-Human Trafficking around the world and Ghana Water Project in Africa. \$5 on the 5th, April 29, is a small way to make a big difference. By giving an extra \$5 that Sunday morning, and denoting it as \$5 on the 5th, you can help children who are struggling.

Spring work day May 5, 2018. 9am-12pm

The Trustees ask that you join us for the Spring Work Day, as we spruce up the church exterior and tackle some projects inside. Work begins at 9 AM. If you can't participate that day, check the Ministry Center for a project list, and sign up to take care of it on a different day. We have projects for any age, so bring the whole family to work on creating a hospitable and welcoming atmosphere.



Pentecost Sunday

May 20th is the Holy Day of Pentecost, when we celebrate the birth of the church through the sharing of God's Holy Spirit. As a church-wide celebration, we want to throw the church a birthday party right after worship! If you can contribute a snack food or cake for the occasion, please let us know in the church office. Sign-up using the bulletin tab.

Thank you to all of our Easter weekend volunteers, serving with our flowers, Easter Egg Hunt, Sunrise Breakfast, and worship ministries. We celebrated the risen Christ, welcomed our visitors, and found joy in serving God. Your work is much appreciated.

April Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
March 25	106	26	\$1870.00	\$75.00
April 1	167	23	\$4,162.00	\$130
April 8	107	32	\$3115.00	\$70.00
April 15	100	25	\$1355.00	\$30.00
April 22	94	36	\$2000.00	\$30.00

The United States Postal Service is again holding their “Stamp Out Hunger” event on Saturday May 12, 2018. All food collected in the 45806 delivery area is donated to the CH-KI-LO Food Pantry. Please help Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry meet the emergency food needs of our community by remembering to fill your bag and leave it by your mailbox or just bring your donation to the church ministry center.

Please be generous again this year and put only non-perishable food items in a sack beside your mailbox before your morning delivery, for your letter carrier/volunteer to pick up.

PLEASE – NO GLASS CONTAINERS



Cridersville Community
Garage Sale

Saturday, May 12th starting at 9 AM



**JOIN US FOR A LUAU AT
CRIDERSVILLE UMC**

When: Sunday May 6th, 2018

Time: 5-6pm

**Who: Children ages preschool-4th grade and
their family**

Cost: Free

FREE FOOD AND GAMES

REGISTER TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE

Contact Courtney for more info at courtneyannie88@gmail.com

To the Church,
The Gospel Singing Tent Committee and the Board of Directors of the Auglaize County Agricultural Society would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous support of the Auglaize County Fair Gospel Tent.

God Bless

The Bernard McClain family would like to thank the church for letting them use the church for his Memorial Service. Bernard was a few weeks from being 101 years old when he died. His wife Gladys just turned 99 last week. He was brought back here from Richland, Washington. He and Gladys both were from the Wapakoneta and Lima areas.

It was beautiful to hear the organ played by Jane Roebuck and the sermon by Rev. Gail Sims. Plus his beautiful voice when the songs were sung and the funeral dinner as always is very well done.

Kathy Krites also told of the florist who left off the flowers, who was in awe of how beautiful our church is. He was fascinated at the stained glass windows which depicted Jesus' life. Until we hear something like this mentioned by a visitor we don't think about it. The Church IS beautiful and was accomplished by the members of the church—many of them no longer here due to their passing.

Thank you God!

It's that time of year where we celebrate achievements and accomplishments of all of the graduates that have worked so hard as they end one season in their lives and begin another.

On May 20th we will be honoring our high school and college graduates during the morning worship service. If you are graduating winter/spring 2018 please let the church office know and we will be sure to honor you.

Information needed:

name of graduate, school from which they are graduating, future plans.

Dear Cridersville UMC Family,

Twelve years ago on March 8, 2006, my first newsletter article was titled “A Hearty Hello” and read as follows:

“Hello” to Westview United Methodist Church from your new secretary, Lisa Katterheinrich. I consider it a privilege to be working here with so many fine people. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you! I have thoroughly enjoyed training with Kathy these past few weeks. She has a wealth of knowledge that she has tried to pass down to me in a short time. I appreciate your patience as I learn the ins and outs of life at Westview. I hope you will stop by sometime so that I can meet you!

And now 12 years later ...“A Sad Goodbye”

It is with great sadness and through tears that I write to tell you that my time as office manager at Cridersville UMC is coming to an end. It has been an amazing 12 year journey with all of you. I never would have imagined all the friends I would make during this time. You are truly like my family. I will miss you terribly and will never forget you. “Thank you” doesn’t seem enough to express all the feelings that are in my heart for those of you who have made my job so enjoyable. But here goes...

Office Help-Thank you to Mary Kay Smith, Susan Bay, Joni Blaha, Helen Kuntz, and Kathy Krites for filling in during my vacations and absences. You made it possible for me to “get away” with no worries whatsoever. You ladies are absolutely amazing.

Peanut Brittle Crew-A huge thank you to Gary and Judy Eversole for all their hard work in organizing the peanut brittle project. Having worked closely with them I know what goes on “behind the scenes”, and it is no small task!! I am truly grateful for their spirit and dedication to help the church in this endeavor. To all the workers...what a fun time I’ve had the past few years spending Thursday evenings with you stirring, pouring, packing and laughing. Did I mention laughing? To the peanut brittle packers...don’t forget, if the bag is exactly one pound, it’s mine.

Praise Team-Thanks to Mark, Nola and team for allowing me to join you on occasion. What a privilege and honor to sing, play and serve with you.

A special thank you to the following people:

Susan Bay –Thank you for being here every single Monday morning to count offering and play mind reader with me. I will miss our talks; you know the ones that had nothing to do with money.

Joyce Beecher-So glad we could experience Emmaus together (what happens at Emmaus, stays at Emmaus). “Joyce Ann Sue Elizabeth Kate” you give the best hugs. Thanks for always being there for me. Your friendship is priceless.

Pastor Casey– Even though it’s been just a short time for us to work together, I wanted to thank you for the many ways in which you have ministered to me. I appreciate your love and concern.

Jerry Johnson– Thanks for all the morning calls just to check in with the “princess” even though I’m certain I was downgraded from “queen” at some point in these 12 years.

Helen Kuntz-I always looked forward to your smiling face when you would visit the office on your way to work down in the library. Many times our conversation ended up as “book” talks and more. Thanks for always having a listening ear and for being my second “second” mom.

Jeff and Mel – Thank you for the many conversations with laughter (and sometimes tears), for serving alongside me for 12 years and for Lakeside camp transactions; on second thought maybe NOT for camp. You two are a great team. The teens and Cridersville are privileged to have you.

June Reichelderfer-Thank you for your servant’s heart and all the fun, orneriness, hugs and laughter shared.

Mary Kay Smith – I have YOU to thank for hiring me for this job. Who would have guessed that that one small decision would lead to you becoming my second mom? I’m forever grateful for all you and Tom have done for me over the years. Your generosity is beyond compare.

Ruth Thompson – Thank you for all the times you called to tell me someone was in the hospital since the hospital calls were unreliable. Your concern for others warms my heart.

Lastly, to the entire staff and congregation of Cridersville UMC, you are loved and appreciated. Keep serving Christ and bringing hope to the community and those around the world.

Love,

Lisa Katterheinrich