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From the desk of Pastor Casey Irwin

"Prayer, in its implicit form, is the act of attention to realities that are before us." -
Craig R. Dykstra, *Vision and Character*

What are we paying attention to? This question echoes in my head as I deal with my own head-in-the-clouds moments, as I teach my children to look both ways before crossing the street, and as I pray with you all for God's will to be done. What are we paying attention to? Our own preferences, our own problems, our own ideas?

As humans, we notice most of our own needs, but what about people around us? Do we see the realities of our neighbors? Do we notice the realities overlooked by society? Do we share in the struggles and joys of others?

I asked you last month to name your prayers you have been circling, and the promises God has for you. Many of you wrote your realities and your prayers. And what I noticed is that our realities overlap.

Here's what you are praying in your reality:



Here's what you are praying for our church's reality:



As we pray, we **share our realities** with God. We ask God to **reveal realities** and plans for us and for the world. "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). We keep claiming, keep praying, keep hoping, so that we keep experiencing God's love and redemption as our **reality**. "For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Matthew 7:8).

Liturgist

- 7) Kathy Krites
- 14) LeeAnn McCaslin
- 21) Marcia Clay
- 28) Youth

Nursery

- 7) Mary Kay Smith
- Tom Mulcahy
- 14) Susie Dailey
- Shawna Kohrieser
- 21) Kari Houser
- Dana Bailey
- 28) Margie Humes
- Alyssa Drexler

Power Express

- 14) Diana Eversole
- 21) Jill Wierwille
- 28) Marcia Clay

**See page 2 for ushers
and greeters**

Greeters

7) Ernie & Jenny
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

14) Larry & Bea
Musser

Sue Hinegardner

Cindy Weaver

21) George & Kathy
Krites

Gene & Neita

Border

28) Billy & Janet Pack

Linda Nixon

Deb & Frank Oen

Ushers

Billy & Janet Pack

Julie & Hannah Smith

Baker / Mart Scholarship

- 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

Change for Change Easter Offering- United Methodist Advanced Special Missions

Thank you for your contributions to God's work in the world through our Mission Partners. Your gifts in Lent and Easter totaled \$1,253.77

- 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

Book Notes

“SHUNNING SARAH”, written by Julie Kramer. This one has it all:

Amish Community

Murder

Sink Hole

Dead Body

“THE DILEMMA OF CHARLOTTE FARROW”, by Olivia Newport.

The setting is Chicago during the time of the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition. Newport captures the tensions between the wealthy class and the hardworking servants who make their lives very comfortable. Charlotte Farrow is one of such servants and has a secret she has kept from her employers for almost a year. . . . she has an eleven-month old son.

If discovered, it means instant dismissal. The person who has been taking care of this son cannot do so any longer. How the wealthy people handle this, as well as how Charlotte handles it, makes for an interesting read.

FIRST STEPS, 75 Devotions for Families With Young Children.

The author, Paul Loth, brings Bible stories down to the kids level. Each devotional is just two pages, with pictures, questions to get the child thinking, and ideas for a short prayer that will help teach your child to pray. You can make this a very special time with your child, yourself and the Lord. Talk about quality time with your child!

Here is one of my favorite proverbs:

Gray hair is a crown of splendor:

It is attained by a righteous life. Proverbs 16:31

May Anniversaries

- 2) Donnie & Susie Dailey
- 3) Dick & Martha Hinegardner
- 6) Terry & Susan Bay
- 17) Mark & Jennie Chambers
- 25) Ernie & Jane Gray

May Birthdays

- 1) Sarah McCaslin
- 2) Margie Humes
- 4) Steve Humes
- Barbara Reese
- 8) Crystal Drexler
- 9) Terry Bailey
- 10) Deb Fairburn
- Evy Dalrymple
- 11) Jennie Chambers
- 12) Lindsey Dalrymple
- 14) Barbara Johnson
- 15) Brittney Smith
- 17) Ashley Blackburn
- 18) Makenna Erb
- 21) Debbie Schroeder
- Brock Drexler
- 22) Larry Musser
- Jane Bowersock
- Emily Plummer
- 23) Jena Blanchong
- 24) Mallory Johnson
- 25) Dennis Simons
- 27) Sandy Spillman
- 28) K. B. Irwin
- 31) Kevin Bailey
- Phyllis Leiberick

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry



A very successful Easter Basket food distribution was held at CH-KI-LO Food Pantry. Around 20 volunteers distributed food to 67 family units. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project such a success! The food pantry offers a valuable service to the area and is able to provide food and encouragement through the generosity of so many who give of their time and talents. Recently Cridersville Lions Club donated \$400 from the profits of their Spaghetti Dinner to the food pantry! CH-KI-LO is grateful for such generosity.

The Postal Drive for Hunger will be Saturday, May 13.

1227 medicine bottles have been collected in the past few months and \$19.57 was donated to help with the cost of sending the bottles to areas where they can help others. Before you bring your pill bottles to the ministry center, put some of your change in one of the bottles to further support this ministry.

A small, but mighty, group of volunteers reports to the West Ohio Food Bank on the 2nd Monday of each month to pack boxes that are distributed to Senior Citizens. Their dedication and giving is appreciated!!

If you would like to help with any of these ministries, just call the church office or anyone on the Missions Committee!!

Knee-Mail is Back

Our email prayer chain is back! Contact the church office to sign-up, or follow the link on our website (www.cridersvilleumc.org). Go to the resources tab on the header of the website and choose Knee mail. Prayer partners will receive a weekly update of our prayer list, as well as urgent prayer requests shared throughout the week.

The list is managed through the program "Mailchimp", but all email addresses are only made available to the church office. We hope you take this opportunity to pray with us regularly as we bear one another's burdens and offer our needs to God.



Thank you for all the 90th birthday cards and the get well cards I have received. Thanks also for all the prayers and thoughts for my ongoing medical problems. It is truly appreciated.

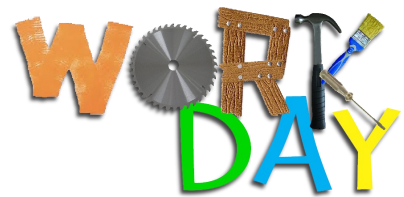
-Boyd Arnold

March Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
March 26	110	34	\$2,460.0	\$45.00
April 2	110	32	\$3,541.00	\$65.00
April 9	140	36	\$2,856.00	\$150.00
April 16	197	10	\$2,301.00	\$45.00
April 23	113	37	\$2,171.00	\$25.00

Church Work Day– May 20, 9-12

The Trustees ask 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

June 4th 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 sheets will be made available later this month.

2017
The Class Of

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 21 we will be honoring our high school and college graduates during the morning worship service. If you are graduating winter/spring 2017 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.

Help Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry meet the emergency food needs of our community by participating in the National Association of Letter Carrier's National Food Drive on Saturday, May 13, 2017. 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



During Sunday dinner, a mother asked her son what he'd learned in Sunday school that day.

"Well," he said, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge, and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, is that *really* what your teacher said?" the boy's mother asked.

"Well, no," he admitted. "But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

VBS Updates from Children's Ministry Committee

Due to a low attendance and lack of director availability, the children's ministry committee is choosing not to host a VBS week in 2017. Though we are saddened to lose the tradition, the committee is intentionally connecting our children and families to other fellowship and bible-teaching events throughout the summer and fall. We will also be introducing an opportunity to serve all summer with children in our local community.

Please be in prayer for the new direction God is leading us, and stay tuned for a schedule of summer connections.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our children's ministry is recruiting again! We're looking for loving, playful people of any age to look after our youngest congregants and offer both play and lesson in the nursery. Livefeed of the worship service is available on Sundays. Contact the church office, or Courtney courtneyannie88@gmail.com to serve in any of the following ways:

Nursery during worship- once every 6-8 weeks

Nursery during Sunday School- once per month

Toy sanitizing- regularly

Nursery during special services or Bible Studies- varies

Cridersville Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 13th starting at 9 AM



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.

Mothers & Others - "Home Under Construction"

What does it take to build a home pleasing to God? Every wise woman builds her house: but the foolish plucks it down with her hands (Proverbs 14:1). You're invited to join Pastor Casey at the community of Westminster UMC for a pasta dinner and interactive program on spiritual life at home. How can your relationships and your parenting be built around Jesus Christ and the ways of God?

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians [3:11](#)

Thursday, May 11 at 6 PM

6650 Faulkner Rd, Harrod, OH

Please RSVP with our Cridersville church office if you plan to attend the meal. Walk-ins are welcome for the program.

Technology Upgrade

Thank you for your patience with our technology as we price and plan for some upgrades. We have a final total, and should see the equipment installed in May. While most of the cost has been supported through designated gifts and Memorials, additional contributions are welcomed to offset capital expenses. Please contact our office or designate your extra gift to "worship technology". Thank you for your investment in our weekly ministries.

Pastor Casey, the Trustees, and the Technology Team

Pool Party

Family Pool Party Wapak Water Park

Saturday, June 25

6-8 pm

Feel free to bring snacks to share

