

Cridersville Chronicle

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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger November 2018

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for Kathy and my reception and cooperation since we've arrived at Cridersville UMC. There is such a cooperative spirit and a vision and focus of being a community church as well as a vibrant worship center where God is glorified and people can become affirmed and grow in the way of Christ our Lord.

In order to maintain and further the ministries and fellowship of Cridersville UMC several events are about to be celebrated during our upcoming worship services. On Sunday, October 28th you will have received a Cridersville UMC Ministry Handbook with brief descriptions of the "grow and serve" ministry opportunities in the church. These include everything from being a part of Funeral Dinner Ministry, Ch-Ki-Lo, Sunday school and Worship duties (think Usher, Greeter, etc...). You have been invited to take these home and prayerfully consider and then fill out a commitment sheet for these ministries in the coming year of 2019. The commitment sheets will be collected on November 4th during worship and will be collected and available in the Sundays following at the Welcome Center.

The apostle Paul in his letters to the early churches he established instructs them as to the understanding that we are a body in Christ. Romans 12:4-6 *For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.* Paul then further describes that each of us are called to serve the church with our differing gifts and passions. We are called to be Christians who have an active faith that is seen and known in the ministries of Cridersville UMC. These ministries offer us not only the opportunity to live out our call but to fully realize the blessings received in serving others and one another. Kathy and I look forward to committing our time and talent to the ministries of Cridersville UMC on November 4th.

And then on Sunday, November 18th we will have the opportunity to commit financially to the church for 2019. You will receive faith investment cards in the mail with the opportunity to either mail or bring them into the church or bring them forward as an act of worship and celebration on November 18 during our worship service. Throughout the Bible we are commanded to give back to the Lord a portion which we have received from the Lord. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving back to God through your financial commitments to the church and to increase your financial commitment from last year. If you are absent on this Sunday you will have the opportunity to register your financial commitments on the following Sundays at the Welcome center or at the church office.

In order to celebrate all of your commitments and faith investments into the 2019 ministries of Cridersville UMC we will have a catered meal on November 18th immediately following the worship service. On that Sunday, November 18th we will have Sunday school an hour earlier from 9:30 am to 10:15 am and then worship will begin at 10:30am with the meal following in the fellowship hall.

In both the Old and New Testaments we are instructed to give a tenth (10% of our total net income) of our earnings and/or gifts. It is my hope that we could all be moving toward that goal by annually increasing our giving to that goal, as we are able. This is a commitment and command that Kathy and I take very seriously and we look forward to making that financial commitment with you on November 18th.

Liturgist

- 4) Mel Reichelderfer
- 11) Susie Dailey
- 18) Jane Bowersock
- 25) Youth

Nursery

- 4) June Reichelderfer/ Jerry Johnson
- 11) Josh Conley/ Heather McKenzie
- 18) Julie Smith/ Youth
- 25) Hannah Smith/ Youth

Power Express

- 4) Communion— No Power Xpress
- 11) Youth
- 18) Youth
- 25) Youth

Ushers

- Josh Houser
- Kari Houser
- Glen Richardson
- Eunice Richardson

Greeters

4) Ernie & Jenny
Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

11) Jane Gray

June Reichelderfer

Sue Hinegardner

Jane Plummer

18) Gene & Neita
Border

George & Kathy
Krites

25) Mel & Sue
Numbers

Billy & Janet Pack



CAVE

Oct 28 5-7 pm

Nov 04 5-7 pm

Nov 11 5-7 pm Youth/ Retired & Widowed
Groups

Nov 16 Holy Buckets & Muppets Performing at
Cridersville Elementary School

Nov 25 5-7 pm Deck The Halls



Is invited to the Youth Board Game night?

All retirees and widows that's who. Join the youth on Sunday, November 11th at 5 pm at the Calvary Campus for a fun night of playing board games. You won't be that you cleared your calendar for this fun night.



If it's not too much



bring a snack to share

with all the other



We'll try not to



Or  your



too much.

Hope you join us for a great night of



Book Notes

Lori Wick fans -----if you haven't read "Cassidy", you should! The story is set in Montana Territory in the year 1880, in the little town of Token Creek. Cassidy makes her living as a seamstress, has some very good friends, falls in love with a really good guy . . . however she also has some serious family secrets to deal with. All in all a good book!

THE BROKEN ROAD, by Richard Paul Evans is the first book in a new trilogy. Broken Road is loosely based on a real life, a story of redemption. We all liked his "The Walk" series so much, so please let me know what you think of this book.

The CHRISTMAS HOPE" by Donna VanLiere is a Christmas book, but the story line is not just for Christmas. Patricia Addison is a social worker and as such is not supposed to take any of the children she is responsible for into her own home. For various reasons one snowy night, a few days just before Christmas, Patricia bends the rules and takes in a 5-year old little girl and she and her husband fall in love with her. Can she keep the little girl? Will Patricia be fired?

It's a great story!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding Proverbs 3:5

Youth Collecting Dimes

The youth will be collecting dimes this year as a fundraiser for Lakeside. A collection container can be found in the Ministry Center. Just drop off your dimes and help the youth raise money for next year's Lakeside Camp.



November Birthdays

- 1) Colten Drexler
- 3) Priscilla Simons
- 4) Mel Reichelderfer
Megan Rumbaugh
- 6) Amanda Lucas
Navy Drexler
- 11) Austin Greer
- 12) Stephanie
Stombaugh
- 14) Greg Lowry
Justin Behr
- 15) Mackenzie Bailey
Alexandra Burklo
- 16) McKenzie Wagner
- 18) Dorance Thompson
- 19) Gary Eversole
Beth Bush
- 21) Gordon Lowry
- 23) Angelina Burklo
- 24) Kyle West
- 27) Carolyn Lucas
- 28) Jeff Reichelderfer

November Anniversaries

- 27) Carl & Anise
Swartz

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry



The pantry serves over 200 every month, providing food and health care items, to help those who are struggling to make it with what life hands them.

For the month of September, Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry served 26 households with minor children and 48 households without minor children. For a total number served of 74 households. Total people served with minor children was 150 and total people served without minor children was 56, for a total of 206 people served.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Basket Distribution will be Monday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. We usually offer hats and gloves to those who need them at this time. So if you would like to contribute to this ministry, please place them in the Ministry Center. Last year we distributed 200 hats and gloves to our clients. It is really appreciated by our clients for our concern for their outer warmth. As well as giving them a nice Holiday meal.

If you would like to come to help, or just see what goes on, you are most welcome to join in the fun!

Tutoring

Cridersville Elementary has a tutoring program for students grades 3 and 4 which usually meets for an hour (3:00-4:00 PM) on Wednesdays.

If you'd like to assist with this or have questions, ask Mary Kay Smith (419-234-7540) or Tom Mulcahy (419-236-8528). The school will advise when they're ready to start. so sign up to give a child an hour of your time which could make all the difference in his/her world and school studies--you'll gain from it, too!

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, November 24

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Cridersville UMC Fellowship Hall

This is a free event sponsored by the

Cridersville Lions Club

Join Santa for a meal of pancakes, sausage and juice. Be sure to get your picture taken with Santa too.



October Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
September 30	122	41	\$2042.00	\$30.00
October 7	103	30	\$4372.50	\$250.00
October 14	120	52	\$3645.00	\$90.00
October 21	111	51	\$2330.00	\$30.00

All Saints Day

November 4th is All Saints Sunday, a time in which Cridersville UMC has traditionally read and recognized the members from the church who have passed away and become a part of the communion of the saints in the last year. We will read and recognize these dear members on Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, 2019. Please let Pastor Mark or the church office know whom we ought to communicate this new setting personally.

Church Directory

The church will be generating a new pictorial church directory. Universal Church Directories will be here on November 27 and 28 from 2:00 to 8:30 pm to take our pictures. They will be top quality pictures and you receive a free 8 x 10 photo of your household. Please see further information and sign up at the welcome center. You can also register online at www.ucdir.com and click the "photography appointment scheduling" and then enter OH2187 in the church code field and "photo" as the church password. We will be registering photo sessions at the welcome center and online for the next five weeks.

Operation Christmas Child Rally Week

If you are interested in helping out with the Operation Christmas Box collection at Cridersville Nazarene during the week of Nov. 12-19th. You can sign up in the Ministry Center. Shifts are 9 am to Noon or 4-6 pm each day.



- November 11-Game night with Youth/ Widowed & Retired
- November 18-Thankfulness Luncheon following worship
- November 24– Santa Breakfast sponsored by Lion’s Club
- November 25 - Hanging of the Greens
- December 8- Cookie Walk sale to support mission ministries
- December 8- Cridersville Christmas on Main- Church open with Nativity sets
- December 9- Youth Group Special Ministries for Sunday Worship
- December 9 - Children’s Program during Sunday worship
- December 9 – Living Nativity 6-8 pm
- December 24- Christmas Eve Worship at 7 PM

As we celebrate gratitude and thanksgiving in November, take inventory of the gifts God has first shared with you. How can these gifts define your life? How do your blessings overflow as you give thanks to God?

Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

On November 18, join us for worship celebration at 10:30, as we remember and rejoice in all God is doing through our congregation. We’ll share from our different ministries, sing hymns and songs of praise, and bless the 2018 Estimate of Giving cards. Whether you are giving regularly or just starting to attend, everyone is welcome to worship and give thanks to God with us.

Our schedule is switched that morning: Sunday School at 9:30 - 10:15, Worship at 10:30
Then stay and eat with us as we give thanks and fellowship with one another. Our Gratitude Luncheon is provided at no cost to you, so use this opportunity to bring along someone you’re thankful for.

Genius of Generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

A Prayer of Remembrance

**Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ
we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and
thanksgivings for all whom we
remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of
your love; and bring us all,
with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The soldier above all others
prays for peace, for it is the sol-
dier who must suffer and bear
the deepest wounds and scars
of war.

Douglas MacArthur



**Honoring All
Veterans on
Veterans Day**

*We thank you for
your service and
sacrifices. We are
forever grateful!*



Operation Christmas Child

We have official Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes

No need to supply your own shoe box

Boxes are available in the Ministry Center

Cridersville UMC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. This program is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse and is a way to reach children around the world with a shoe box of goodies for Christmas. Bless a child this season by taking these 5 easy steps.

1. Use an official Operation Christmas Child shoebox available in the ministry center.
2. Determine if your box will be for boy or girl and choose an age category:
2-4, 5-9, 10-14 yrs. We will have labels available to mark your box on the outside.
3. Fill with box with a variety of gifts that will bring joy to a child. Brochures are available in the Ministry Center to help you with gift ideas.
4. Donate **\$9** per box to help cover cost of shipping. If you cannot afford this, you can still pack a box.
5. Place a rubber band around your shoe box and bring to church by **Nov. 11**

New in 2018

No **toothpaste** or **candy** (fruit rolls, or other fruit snacks) is allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations.

No **war related items** or toys. (guns, knives, or military figures)

No **snow globes** or breakable items.