

# Christ United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## My Friends in Christ

As you know, we will soon be departing to begin a new ministry in the Oak Ridge District. We want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life. I thank God for each of you in my daily prayers. Continue to grow in the love of Christ guided by the Holy Scriptures. It is my prayer that you will experience the healing grace of God through Jesus Christ. Remember that you belong to God. He will complete the work He has begun. It is our prayer that Christ UMC experiences a renewal in prayer, worship, word and service. I truly believe that Christ UMC can make a difference in this community. God wants to use YOU in a great way. Always remember it is not about you. It is all about JESUS.

God loves each of you and desires the very best for Christ UMC. He does have a future plan for Christ UMC.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 28:2*

Do not be afraid to dream the impossible. In reality, it is only when we move into the realm of the impossible that God works. It is then we know that it is only through the power and strength of God that the impossible was accomplished. **I encourage you to dream and plan big. Be a people of faith by walking in faith.**

I am excited that Ginger Isom is coming to be your pastor. She and husband, Greg, have many gifts and graces that will enable you to move forward in the ministry of Christ. It is my prayer that you will encourage them with your prayers and support. Surround them with words that build them up. Ginger will be your pastor and will be there for you in your times of need. Stand by her in the joys and struggles of ministry. Honor Ginger by allowing her to minister with and to you. She is God's gift to you. Give thanks to her.

Know that we love you. Remember us in your prayers during this time of transition. We are moving June 18. My last Sunday to preach at Christ UMC is June 8. We will then be at Annual Conference and then take a few days vacation before we move. You are invited to visit with us at the parsonage June 16 & 17 anytime during the day, just drop by for a farewell hug and prayer.

## Pastor Lewis Weaver and Mrs. Marcia Weaver

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### Memorials

#### Ann Bowen

Joyce Blount, Christ United Methodist Church,  
Gene & Jean King, Bobby & Margaret Kirk, The Action Group

#### Charles Gene Bowman

Christ United Methodist Church, Bobby & Margaret Kirk

#### Fred Ellenburg

Ray & Jean Adams

#### Tessie McCorkle

Ray & Jean Adams, Joyce Blount, Bob & Pat Bradford,  
Christ United Methodist Church, Gene & Jean King,  
Bobby & Margaret Kirk, Jim & Bettie Joe Mays,  
John & Anna Mays, Anita & Mike Newsom  
and Cynthia & Stephen Clark,  
Blanche Sauls, The Action Group

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### Christian Sympathies are extended to:

to John Bowman in the death of his father, Charles Gene Bowman.

to the family of Tessie McCorkle. Tessie was a member of our church.

to Tommy Miles in the death of his sister, Ann Bowen.

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### Hope for the Children of Sudan

Holston Conference is asking each local church to take a special offering for the work of The United Methodist Church in south Sudan. **We will receive this offering on Sunday, May 18.** This will be taken to Annual Conference.

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### Fellowship Meal

There will be a *Fellowship Meal* on Sunday, May 18, directly after morning worship.

*Hosts:* Walter & Rhonda Johnson

*Helpers:* Gene & Jean King, Phyllis Jordan, Jennifer Buckner

### Meetings

#### The Action Group

Tuesday, May 20 - 9:00 a.m. (Please meet at the church.)

#### Scrapbook Ministry - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 & Tuesday, June 3 (in fellowship hall)

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### J.O.Y. Group (55 & over)

May's get-together will be on a FRIDAY --- May 23. We will be taking a scenic drive to Cocke County to check out Papadops restaurant in Briar Thicket (N.E. of Bybee, if that helps you any); hope to be there by 5:30, via the church van (or you can follow the van). It will leave the back church parking lot around 4:30/40. If you drive there on your own, there are 2 ways you can go: 1) Take Warrensburg Rd. off the Newport Hwy. Follow to the town of Warrensburg (approx. 15 mi.) Turn onto Fish Hatchery Rd. and go another 2 miles to Knob Creek Rd. Turn left onto it and follow for almost 2 miles, to where it intersects with Briar Thicket Rd. Turn right and Papadops is a short ways down, on the left side of the road. 2) If you prefer the non-scenic, take the interstate (81) to the Fish Hatchery Rd. Exit (#15) and turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Fish Hatchery Rd. for about 7.7 mi. Turn right onto Knob Creek Rd. and continue with instructions above from there. **Please call Joan (638-5599) with your R.S.V.P. NLT Wednesday, May 21.** I also have sample menus, if you'd like one.

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**The Church Office will be closed May 23 & 26 in observance of Memorial Day.**

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**Reminder:** During the month of May, please pray from 12:00 -12:05 p.m. for Local, State & Federal Government.

There will not be anymore Wednesday Family Night Meals until August. His Kids will not meet anymore until

sometime in August.

**Morristown District Mission Kits  
School Kits (Zimbabwe - Marie Humbane)**

The deadline to return your School Kits is May 25. A \$5 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit. Do not put money in bag!

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**40 Days of Preparation for Annual Conference**

Reflection Group meets May 18 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Broken Wings:** Broken Wings will meet every Wednesday throughout the year at 6:30 p.m. at Christ UMC. See Chris Lamb if you have any questions.

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**VBS Sign-up Sheets**

If you have any questions, please contact Bada.

**These are the positions I need filled as of May 6:**

1. **Van Duty Rider:** only 1 person - Take home for Sunday - Wednesday (June 1-4)
2. **Tent Parent - helper (K-1st Grade)**
3. **Nursery:** Sunday - Wednesday
4. **Kitchen Help:** Sunday - Wednesday (Need 2 more people)
5. **Tent Set Up:** 2 or 3 more helpers to set up tents on Friday, May 30 & take down tents on Wednesday after VBS
6. **Market Place:** 2 more

**Thursday - Cookout**

- Potato Chips: 2 people    Slaw: 2 people
- Potato or Macaroni Salad: 1 person
- 2 liter Coke: 1 person        Ice Tea: 2 people
- Desserts: 3 people    Cooks: 2 people
- Grills: I need 2 or 3 gas grills
- Kitchen Helpers: 6 people

**I need Kool-Aid: Lots of Kool-Aid (any kind)  
Please drop it off in the Kitchen for VBS.**

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**Prayer Ushers & Cover Prayer**

**Prayer Ushers**

**May**  
18 - Haden & Debbie Scott    25 - Rhonda Johnson & Kim Abelson

**June**  
1 - Charlie & Betsy Keller  
8- Haden & Debbie Scott  
15- Tom Paxton & Vickie Kirk  
22 - Rohnda Johnson & Kim Abelson  
29 - Cindy Paxton & Brooke Rhea

**Cover Prayer**

**May**  
18 - Kim Abelson        25 - Betsy Keller

**June**  
1 - Brooke Rhea        8 - Charlie Keller  
15 - Haden Scott        22 - Brooke Rhea  
29 - Debbie Scott

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**Father's Day Listing**

For the cost of \$1, you may list your father's name (in honor or in memory). The UMW will receive names June 1 & 8.

**Birthdays**

- May**
1. Arne Lue Hartman
  4. Debbie Carrier, Tyler Renner
  7. Samantha Grissom

9. Barry Jordan, Marcia Weaver
12. Mikel Dixon
13. Madeline Wood
14. Allison Chudina
15. April Leonard
17. Tim Leonard, Pauline Gray
19. Mark Giuliani
22. Amber Mathes
25. Velda Ruth Moore, Charles Ray Hawk, Jr.
26. Tommy Miles
28. Brandon McHan
31. Bada Elliott

**June**

2. Lisa Boswell, Adrian Owens
3. Dr. George E. Scott, Brooke Rhea
4. Abigail Metcalfe
6. Todd King, Debra Scott
7. Maliyah Orr, Debbie Miller, Louise Brooks
8. Glenda Raney, Thom Wood, Phil Gentry
9. Ann Gosnell, Michael Collins
12. Leah Collins
13. Kelly Pickering
16. Jane Shipe
17. Mary Hayes, Stacy Salyer
18. Helen Sager
20. Parker Burns
21. Jody Walker, Rebekah Ray
22. Dr. Fred Ricker, David Jeffers
23. David Gosnell
24. Matthew Malone
25. Phillip Hoyt, Caroline Hamilton, Nicholas Scott
26. Flo Mitchell, Sylvia Taylor, Madelin McGinnis
27. Martha Waddell
29. Terry Miles

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**June Ushers:** Joann Stanton, Jean King, Hope Ball, Joyce Blount, Pauline Gray

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*This month's needs for:*

**FOOD BANK** - soup, crackers, dry or canned soup beans, peanut butter, canned fruit and Stage 1 baby food.

**HOLSTON HOME SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - 3-ring loose-leaf notebook paper and 'Reward' treats (single individually-wrapped cookies or cakes, snack crackers with cheese, potato chips, etc.)

Any food or school items are always welcome. But, those listed above are the items of emphasis or need this month. You may place your donated items in the appropriate basket on the floor, across from the church office.

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**Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska (June 8-11)**

Please be in prayer for Annual Conference. Pastor Lewis Weaver and Lay Delegate, Haden Scott will be attending.

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**Asbury UMC Presents the Hope for Africa Children's Choir Date: June 28 Time:**

7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Niswonger Performing Arts Center  
General Admission Tickets are on sale at Asbury UMC for \$5.00 or online at [www.asburyumconline.com](http://www.asburyumconline.com). For more information, contact Rev. Jeannie Higgins (798-1050 ext. 24).

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**Baileyton UMC - Cookbook Fundraiser**

Baileyton UMC is selling Cookbooks as a fundraiser to help raise money for the rebuilding of the church. The cookbooks are

\$18 each, and there are 1200 recipes in the book. For more information, contact Cathy Fowler at Baileyton UMC

## Stewardship & Offering Reports (April 6 - May 11)

### STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 6, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	8
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	74
Sunday School	45
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,314.35</b>
By Mail & Other	50.00
Sunday School	36.82
Morning Worship	2,227.53
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>445.05</b>
Memorial Fund	20.00
Conference Askings	100.00
Africa Hunger	100.00
His Kids	50.05
Prepare a Place	25.00
Elevator	25.00
Holston Home	50.00
Rebekah Simmerman	75.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,759.40</b>

### STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 13, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	9
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	88
Sunday School	39
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,719.08</b>
By Mail & Other	465.00
Sunday School	31.00
Morning Worship	2,223.08
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,320.05</b>
Conference Askings	1,145.05
Africa Hunger	50.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
Rebekah Simmerman	50.00
Elevator	25.00
Evelyn Murphy Class	25.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 4,039.13</b>

### STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 20, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	13
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	67
Sunday School	47
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,983.30</b>
By Mail & Other	.00
Sunday School	38.00
Morning Worship	2,945.30
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>225.00</b>
Memorial Fund	25.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
Elevator	25.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
Holston Home	50.00
Rebekah Simmerman	50.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 3,208.30</b>

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### Thank You!

Thank you for your visits, phone calls, cards and memorial gifts in memory of my brother, Fred Ellenburg and my sister, Louise Mason. I miss seeing each of you, but I am still connected by listening to the radio broadcasts. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and prayers. **Blanche Sauls**

Thank you all for the love and support shown to us at this special time. We truly have been blest by your thoughtfulness. We truly are grateful for the wonderful Baby Shower. **Josh, Abby & Baby Keller**

Thanks so much for all the flowers, cards and gifts that I received for Administrative Professional's Day (April 23). What a surprise it was to come in that morning to an office filled with flowers, balloons, gifts and cards! The surprises and kind gestures continued throughout the day. Your love and support were

### STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 27, 2008

10:30 a.m. Worship Service	52
Sunday School	43
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 3,846.00</b>
By Mail & Other	.00
Sunday School	45.00
Morning Worship	3,801.00
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 656.52</b>
Memorial Fund	25.00
District Askings	451.52
Africa Hunger	50.00
VBS	100.00
Easter Lilies	30.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 4,502.52</b>

### STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY 4, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	9
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	73
Sunday School	46
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 4,281.33</b>
By Mail & Other	.00
Sunday School	50.00
Morning Worship	4,231.33
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 369.05</b>
Memorial Fund	90.00
Memorial - Action Group	50.00
District Askings	100.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
Easter Lilies	24.00
His Kids	55.05
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 4,650.38</b>

### STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY 11, 2008

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	7
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	75
Sunday School	35
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,591.27</b>
By Mail & Other	1,150.00
Sunday School	37.00
Morning Worship	1,404.27
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.00</b>
Memorial Fund	145.00
Conference Askings	675.00
Africa Hunger	100.00
Youth Rock-a-thon	105.00
Evelyn Murphy Class	25.00
Rebekah Simmerman	25.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 3,666.27</b>

overwhelming. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks for caring!

**Susan Seaton**

