

# Christ United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## REKINDLING OUR FIRES

*I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. --- 2 Timothy 1:6-7*

Among the ancient Indian cultures of central and South America, there was usually a highly developed sense of community. Various rituals and routines were used to demonstrate identity and interdependence. Typical of these was a ritual of re-lighting fires.

The people lived in homes as we do, about the city and country. At the center stood the temple, and in the temple burned a perpetual fire that never went out. In the homes of the people, fires also burned -- each home had its own. In an emergency, if a home fire was extinguished, a rekindling flame could be brought from a neighbor's house or from the temple itself.

However, once every seven years, at a certain appointed time, in all homes throughout the land all fires were permitted to go out. For a little while each home was left dark and cold. Then began a procession to the temple; all came, took fire from the temple altar, carried it to their homes and re-lit their fires, each family on their own hearth. Everyone was impressed anew with the importance of the fire and was reminded where it came from.

From time to time we of the Christian faith need a renewal of our fires; we need to get back to the source and rekindle our flames. Paul reminded Timothy to, "fan into flame the gift of God." In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he commands, "be filled with the Holy Spirit." (5:18) The implication is a daily or continual "filling of the Holy Spirit."

Worship, fellowship, prayer, Bible Study and acts of piety are means of experiencing the all-sufficient grace and power of God. We are utterly dependent upon God. Pray that Christ UMC will once again experience the rekindling of our fire; the holy, all-consuming and passionate fire of the Holy Spirit. Seek with diligence the Giver, ask the Father, to give us the Holy Spirit that the love of Christ might shine ever so brightly in each home. Let's keep the fire burning.

### Pastor Lewis E. Weaver

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#### STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY 22, 2007

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	10
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	88
Sunday School	57
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 3,253.50</b>
By Mail & Other	.00
Sunday School	45.00
Morning Worship	3,208.50
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 443.89</b>
Memorial Fund	50.00
Conference Askings	150.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
His Kids	107.55
Opportunity House	86.34
Rebekah Simmerman	25.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 3,697.39</b>

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#### STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY 29, 2007

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	11
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	107
Sunday School	56
<b>OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 2,577.00</b>
By Mail & Other	200.00
Sunday School	34.50
Morning Worship	2,342.50
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,848.99</b>
Memorial Fund	30.00
Holston Home	376.00
Rebekah Simmerman	50.00
His Kids	66.78
Mission Trip	3,326.21
<b>TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 6,425.99</b>

The Stewardship & Offering Report for August 5, will be listed in the next Newsletter.

#### Memorials

##### Tony Campbell

Joyce Blount  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Bobby & Margaret Kirk  
The Action Group

##### Florence Disney

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#### Trustees' Meeting

The Trustees will meet Sunday, August 12, directly after morning worship. Please meet in the parlor.

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#### 70th Birthday Reception for Gene King

There will be a 70th Birthday Reception for Gene King on Sunday, August 12, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It is given by his family. Your presence is the desired gift.

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**Prayer Ministry Team Meeting:** There will be a Prayer Ministry Team Meeting on Thursday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. Please meet at the church.

**His Kids Meets Every Wednesday**

**Schedule:** Van Pickup 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Meal 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Music 6:30 p.m.  
Story Time 6:45 p.m. Bible Lessons 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Bus leaves church to take children home 7:30 p.m.  
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**Needs For His Kids**

lap blankets, Kool-Aid, cookies, pudding cups, fruit cups, ice-cream cups, mentoring (trips to farm, garden, etc.), sending out cards, t-shirts, prayer partner, monitoring, bean-bag chairs  
If you could help out with just one of these needs, it would be very much appreciated!  
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**Church Picnic - Sunday, August 19**

Kinser Park (Pavilion #5)

Join us for fellowship, recreation and fun! John Powers will be our guest singer. Please bring a covered dish. Our meal will begin at 5:00 p.m.  
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**Bridal Tea**

There will be a Bridal Tea for Glenna Ruth Ottinger and Matt Russell on Sunday, August 19, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.  
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**Action Group**

Tuesday, August 21 - 9:00 a.m. (Please meet at the church.)  
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**Thank You**

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and memorials that we received during the death of our mother, Genevieve Venerable. We love and appreciate everyone.

**The Family of Genevieve Venerable**

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**District Revival August 19-22**

Our new District Superintendent, Mickey Rainwater, will be the preacher for all four services under the theme "There's A Fire In My Bones!" Worship will be at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

**Host churches this year are:**

Sunday, August 19 - Trinity UMC Morristown  
Monday, August 20 - First UMC White Pine  
Tuesday, August 21 - Parrottsville UMC  
**Wednesday, August 22 - Christ UMC Greeneville**  
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**J.O.Y. Group (55 & over)**

The sunny month of August will find us enjoying the great food of Mexico at the Cancun restaurant on Saturday the 25th at 6:00. It is located on the by-pass, next to the Days Inn and Dr. Cole's office.  
**Please note:** we are starting a new **R.S.V.P.** policy for all future get-togethers. Usually only 1 day in advance or sooner. So, please tell or call Joan (638-5599) NLT Friday, August 24.

**Sunday Night Mission Programs (5:30 p.m.)**

August 5 - Speaker: Cindy Paxton (Russia)  
August 12 - Speaker: Elizabeth Scott  
September 23 - Speaker: Alaska Mission Team  
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**THIS MONTH'S NEEDS FOR:**

**FOOD BANK** - canned fruit, peanut butter, soup, canned meats and either powdered or evaporated milk

**HOLSTON HOME SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

ball point pens (black ink), colored markers and colored pencils.  
\*\*You may place these or any other donated items for these organizations in the appropriate basket on the floor, across from the church office.  
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**Sunday Morning Breakfast Providers**

**August**

- 12 - Linda Kilday
- 19 - Vicki Kirk
- 26 - Tom & Cindy Paxton

**September**

- 2 - Betsy Keller
- 9 - Kim Abelson
- 16 - Sue Perettie & Ann Stoebe

Your assistance with the Sunday Morning Breakfast fellowship meals is requested. If you can assist with or prepare a light breakfast meal once a quarter, please contact Amy Thomas at 257-5232 (home) or 470-6050 (mobile).  
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**Child Advocacy Center Benefit Concert**

Locally and nationally known Award Winning Vocal Entertainer, Russ Crum, brings to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center his 2nd bi-annual benefit concert for the Child Advocacy Center on Sunday, August 26, at 3:00 p.m. This year Russ brings with him Sean McDermott, who has just returned to the United States from performing with Barbara Streisand on her European Summer Tour. Sean & Russ played opposite each other in *Jekyll & Hyde*. Russ's benefit concert is titled, "Home Again". Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the NPAC at 638-1328.  
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**Special Offering for Katrina Church Recovery**

The Bishops' Katrina Church Recovery Appeal was initiated to address ongoing recovery needs of The United Methodist Church in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama-West Florida annual conferences. We will receive this "special offering" on Sunday, August 26.  
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**UMW Annual Meeting & Officer Training**

September 15-16 (Lake Junaluska, North Carolina)  
Ask Amy for registration form. Deadline is August 27

