

# The Spire



## **Sunday Worship**

### ***Kettering Campus***

Traditional **9 & 11:15 a.m.**

Contemporary **10 a.m.**

### ***South Campus***

Contemporary **10 a.m.**

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## **Life's Better Together**

**Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.**

**Live in harmony with one another. – Romans 12:15-16**

We're making a big deal about connecting people through small groups because we're a big church and it's hard to get to know people if you just come on Sundays. We were created to live in community and that means having people around that will not only support you through the ups and downs of life, but help you grow in faith and reliance on God.

Our United Methodist heritage was born out of John Wesley's vision of Christians meeting together in intentional small groups for study and accountability. Fellowship with other believers is part of God's plan for discipleship. (Acts 2:41-42) and God knows that we need each other because life is tough. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Small groups are a place where you can:

- find out you're not alone
- struggle with questions of faith
- develop a deeper understanding of the Bible
- seek support for whatever challenges you're facing
- be cared for and prayed with
- find encouragement for making life changes
- share your story

Because when I hear...

- how the Gospel has changed your life
- the junk you've had to deal with, and that God's grace has brought you through it
- the pain you've been through, yet hear how the hope of the Gospel has sustained you
- about how the Gospel has changed your desires
- how the Gospel has transformed your marriage and your family

Your story gives me hope.

When I hear your story, I begin to unravel my own. And I see that the Gospel is strong enough and big enough to transform my story, too.

Are you ready to find out more about how being part of a small group can really transform your life? See page two (2) for some of the current small group options or contact Ann Loper (937-293-3151 ext 102 or [ann@christumc](mailto:ann@christumc)). She can help connect you to one of the many groups meeting in homes or talk to you about hosting a group.

## Births

**Congratulations on the birth of:** *Natalie Ellyce Manzewitsch*, born December 24 to Tim and Christy (Pearson) Manzewitsch and grandparents are Don and Jane Pearson; *Crosby Miles Schmall*, born December 21 to Jason and Kelly Schmall and grandparents George and Suzanne Schmall

## Bereavements

**Our sympathy and prayers are extended to:** friends and family of *Suzanne Hotchkiss*; Larry and Arleen Porter on the death of Arleen's mother, *Helen Boyda*; Ron and Ginny Baker on the death of Ron's father, *Walter "Cliff" Baker*; Bonnie Ervin on the death of her brother, *Dan Ervin*; friends and family of *Marilyn Simms*; Ivy Schuerholz on the death of her son, *Bill Schuerholz, Jr.*; Mary Shultheis on the death of her husband, *Clarence Shultheis*; friends and family of *Lorena Murray*; Kevin and Mary McDonald on the death of Mary's mother, *Katie Makarius*; Pam Elliot on the death of her mother, *Joan Crawford*.

## Thank You Notes

"Martha Mote and family would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers and cards received while recuperating at Bethany rehab." ~ Martha Mote

"Thank you to my Christ Church family for the visits from the pastors, prayers and many cards during my hospitalization and rehab at Bethany. I've missed the services, activities and caring friendships made. I'm looking forward to returning soon. God's blessing to all." ~ Mary M. Greene

"Thank you for the many cards I received while in the hospital and when I returned home. Also thanks for the delicious food brought to my home after I returned from the hospital. I was diagnosed with Gillian-Barre, Encephalitis and Meningitis. Needless to say, it's a long recuperation period. I'm blessed to have had so many prayers on my behalf. Where might I be without them? I was recently released from therapy at KMC and except for a few 'hang ups' I'm doing pretty well. I also want to thank our ministerial staff for their many visits. They were uplifting and left 'warm fuzzies' every time. We're fortunate to have them. Again, thank you." ~ Betty Stuckey

"The Schuerholz family sincerely thanks everyone for their caring, prayers and cards after the death of son and brother, Bill Jr. We appreciate all of you!" ~ Ivy, Jan, Keith, Jeff, Pete, Charley and Judy

"I want to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and especially for your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery time. It is nice to know that there are people who care and want to help. I am glad I am part of Christ Church." ~ Ruth Suttles

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## LIFE'S BETTER TOGETHER Small Group Opportunities

**Why (Adam Hamilton Small Group Study):** In his short book *Why* Hamilton attempts to reconcile belief in a loving and powerful God with the suffering in our world. Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life?

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Mar 4 – 25

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mar 7 – Mar 28

**James – Mercy Triumphs:** Calling all Beth Moore groupies! Here's your chance to be part of this just-released 8-week study on James, Jesus' brother. James started out as a huge Jesus skeptic, but you will see how just one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a fully-devoted disciple.

Thursdays 10 am – noon

Feb 2 – Mar 22

## 2011-2012 Music Series

The Central State University Chorus, under the direction of William Caldwell, will be performing at Christ Church in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 26** at 3 p.m. The Music Series continues with a series of four Noonday Recitals on Wednesdays **February 29, March 7, 14 and 21** at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. The recitals are followed by an optional luncheon for \$8. Call the church office (937-293-3151) to make reservations for lunch. Music Series concerts are free and open to the public.

## Valentine's Dinner Turns 5K Race

Out with the old and in with the new. Instead of holding the annual Valentine's Dinner and Auction fundraiser, we will be holding a 5K race sometime in April (exact date TBD). More details will be coming soon about the race and how teens/parents can get involved. If you're too excited to wait, please contact Kate Smith (937-293-3151 ext 104 or [kate@christumc.org](mailto:kate@christumc.org)).

## United Methodist Women Sweet Sale

Missional giving is central to the vision of the United Methodist Women. Our traditional fundraisers are focused on making money for needs at home and around the world. The 2012 calendar year of fundraising begins **Sunday, March 25** from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Cafe with a Sweet Sale. Get ready for Easter with some delicious candy and sweet treats.

## Memorial Gifts

Contributions were made to Christ Church in memory of Edna Hutchinson; Richard Beck; Clarence Shultheis; and, Virginia Pottenger; by:

Howard Keyton; Marilyn Frye; Dave & Janice Welty; Mel & Alice Roquemore; Larry & Laura Budich; Sue Avey; June Fellows; Paul & Jan Atkinson; Wilson & Helen Miller; Florence Evanoff; Joan Cramblit; William & Cathy Clark; Tyler & Rhonda Kaltenbach; Bob & Sharon Heintz; Glenn & Margaret Barnhart; Helen Heitz; Bernice Klenk; Bill & Chris Smith; John & Joyce Spoor; Utrecht family; Bob & Margie Neff; Mark & Kathy Roggenkamp and family; and, Katherine Brown

## Kettering Giving Tree

50 Kettering kids had a great Christmas thanks to you. Gifts included clothes, toys, games, jewelry, crafts, sports gear, gift cards and more...



\$2,200 donated to purchase:

- 1 cow
- 3 goats
- 13 flocks of chicks
- 2 sheep
- 4 hives of honeybees
- 5 shares of goats
- 3 shares of pigs
- 1 share of a camel



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## United Methodist Committee on Relief

Total UMCOR donations = \$540



\$250 to **Wings of the Morning**  
Flying Medical Missions in  
the Democratic Republic of Congo

## Adopt-A-Family

**Wesley Center**  
14 Families



**City of Kettering**  
15 Families

**Christ Church**  
20 Families

### Other Stories of Generosity:

- South Campus donated the more than \$1300 collected from their Christmas Candlelight offering to the Christ Church Emergency Fund and the Springboro Community Assistance Center
- Hundreds of mittens/hats/scarves collected by students at Harmon Elementary School. Distributed to: Wesley Center, St. Paul, East Dayton Food Pantry, YWCA, & Kettering Schools
- Over 100 sets of children's socks and underwear collected by UMW's WOW Fellowship. Distributed to the community centers and included in some Adopt-a-family packages
- Numerous knitted hats, purses, and vests made by a friend of Sue Ernst. Sue's friend was moving and knew these items would make great gifts for our adopted families
- Close to 100 toys and \$355 collected for St. Paul Christmas Shoppe. Bob Brown was amazed and wondered how he would get them all delivered. But he did – after 2 trips
- Dozens of new skate shoes, little girl glamour kits, and learning toys purchased by a local business man. Distributed to children adopted in Kettering and through Wesley Center

## Community Partnerships

Christ Church is known in the community as a church with a big heart for those in need and several area businesses approached us this year about partnering to make some Christmas dreams come true.



### Family Video

The Family Video Store on Dorothy Lane wanted to share with the community through a gift of 20 turkeys. Through word of mouth Carla Waid heard of the idea and worked to connect with the Adopt-a-family program. Within 24 hours of receiving the turkeys, all had been distributed to families of Wesley Center and Christ Church. Tearful thank you's and hugs came from all 20 families.



**DONATOS**  
PIZZA SUBS SALADS

### Donato's

Donato's Pizza @ Far Hills and Stroop has a tradition of sharing with the community, but never directly at Christmas. The employees and management decided that for 2011, they wanted to adopt a Kettering family. Knowing of that 'big church' on Shroyer near the Frazee, one of the employees dropped by the week of Christmas wondering if we might have a family for them. Only a few days earlier we had learned of a young mother of 3 who had been battling a relapse of a chronic medical condition that had forced her to quit her job. With only her husband's income, they were just managing to keep up payments of rent and utilities. A young family in Kettering and a Kettering business wanting to share. It was a perfect fit. After connecting with the family, the employees of Donato's moved into hyper drive. Last week one of the employees dropped in to share the incredible experience the entire store had - lives were impacted and changed at many levels with this Christmas encounter.



### National College

'We'd like to have a special Christmas food collection and heard your church might be able to use the food items.' That was the call I received from National College: Kettering Campus. The "Home for the Holidays" event fulfilled a vision of offering opportunities for both information sharing and giving that could be valuable for both students and faculty. Thanks to the insights of a couple of members, Christ Church collected multiple bins of food at the event and shared with Community Centers and adopted families. Thank you to Martha Chatfield and Linda Clemons.

## How Christmas gifts made people feel:

"Thank you for all you and the church have done for me. We would not have made it, we would have been hungry, cold or in the dark and with no way to get to the doctor or legal appointments. Even without these things, it is always nice to just talk to someone who really cares and understands. So for that and everything else you do for everyone, God bless you."

"To Christ U.M. Church, I really appreciate the gifts you gave me for my grandkids. I just wanted to thank you. God really is there!!"

"I want to thank you and all of Christ Church for the generosity shown to me. I pray that I will be able to repay this kindness to someone in need very soon. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

"Thank you so very much for the gifts for our family. We are so excited to try out the new cookware!"

## Thoughts from those who give:

"I make this contribution in honor of my coworkers."

"Our son said, 'Instead of getting me a Christmas present, I'd like for you to give a donation to the Adopt-a-family program at the church.'"

"We buy a cow each year from the Heifer Project in honor of our family"

"My wife and I were talking and decided this year to make a contribution to Adopt-a-family rather than purchase a gift for each other"

"I remember last year when you shared the stories of people coming in the last week of Christmas with dire needs. Hopefully you can use these Kroger gift cards to share this year."

"Last year I called the church and found a family to adopt for Christmas. I learned so much about Wesley Center from your church's connection...I'd like to adopt a couple of families this year...and the larger the better!"

"Last year you helped me connect to a family from the local Speedway who really needed some help. My daughter and I were so touched by the opportunity, is there any way you could find out if that family is still in need? I'd like for my daughter and I to again help them this year...or if not this family, another one from Kettering." NOTE: We checked with the store manager and learned this single mom was still in need...the connection was made.

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9 a.m. UMW Strategic Planning Retreat 9:15 a.m. Preschool Spirit Day 12:30 p.m. Preschool Spirit Day 7 p.m. Faith & Doubt	<b>2</b> 9:15 a.m. Preschool Spirit Day 10 a.m. Women's Small Group 6:30 p.m. Building Committee 7 p.m. DivorceCare, Five Lies That Ruin Relationships	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 p.m. Student Ministry Movie Night
<b>5</b> 10 a.m. Serendipity Small Group, Intergenerational Choir 11 a.m. Prime Time Choir 11:15 a.m. Middle School Class, Youth Group 12:15 p.m. Ignite Singers	<b>6</b> 7 p.m. Support Ministries, DARN, Co-ed Volleyball	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Staff Parish, Church & Society, World Outreach Committee, Men's 30+ Open Basketball	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Lydia Fellowship 10 a.m. Spirit Seekers 7 p.m. Faith & Doubt	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Ruth Fellowship 10 a.m. Women's Small Group 7 p.m. DivorceCare, Five Lies That Ruin Relationships, Finance Committee	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 a.m. Second Saturday Set-to-Serve
<b>12</b> 9 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings 10 a.m. Serendipity Small Group 11:15 a.m. Middle School Class, Confirmation, High School Small Groups 12:15 p.m. Ignite Singers 2 p.m. Wings of the Morning	<b>13</b> 7 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball	<b>14</b> 10 a.m. Shawl Ministry 7 p.m., Green Team, BEST Club, Men's 30+ Open Basketball	<b>15</b> 10 a.m. Priscilla Fellowship 7 p.m. Faith & Doubt	<b>16</b> 10 a.m. Women's Small Group 6:30 p.m. Building Committee 7 p.m. Church Board, DivorceCare, Five Lies That Ruin Relationships	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8 a.m. Guys Chrysalis Retreat
<b>19</b> 4:45 a.m. St. Vincent's 10 a.m. Serendipity Small Group, Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal 11 a.m. Prime Time Choir 11:15 a.m. Middle School Class, Confirmation, High School Small Groups 12:15 p.m. Ignite Singers	<b>20</b> <b>President's Day</b> Church Closed Preschool-Childcare Closed	<b>21</b> 4 p.m. Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Team 7 p.m. The Eden Diet, Men's 30+ Open Basketball	<b>22</b> 10 a.m. Spirit Seekers 7 p.m. Faith & Doubt	<b>23</b> 10 a.m. Women's Small Group 7 p.m. DivorceCare, Five Lies That Ruin Relationships 7:15 p.m. Prayer Service and Order of St. Luke	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 4:45 a.m. St. Vincent's 8:30 a.m. Day of Caring Pancake Brunch 10 a.m. Serendipity Small Group 11 a.m. Prime Time Choir 11:15 a.m. Middle School Class, Confirmation, High School Small Groups 12:15 p.m. Ignite Singers 3 p.m. Music Series Concert	<b>27</b> 7 p.m. UMW C.C.I. Fellowship, Co-ed Volleyball	<b>28</b> 10 a.m. Shawl Ministry 7 p.m. Men's 30+ Open Basketball	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. UMW Executive Board 9:15 a.m. Preschool Spirit Day 12:05 p.m. Noonday Recital 12:30 p.m. Preschool Spirit Day, Noonday Recital Luncheon 7 p.m. Faith & Doubt			
<b>Every Sunday</b> <b>9 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Traditional Services</b> Kettering Campus <b>10 a.m. Contemporary Services</b> Kettering and South Campus  7 p.m. AA	<b>Every Monday</b> 11:30 a.m. Godly Play 2:30 p.m. Godly Play 3:45 p.m. Middle School After School Program 7 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels, NAMU Connections, AA 7:30 p.m. ACA	<b>Every Tuesday</b> 11:30 a.m. Godly Play 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 236 7:30 p.m. Men's Small Group	<b>Every Wednesday</b> 9 a.m. Model Airplane Flyers 10 a.m. Companions in Christ, ACA 11:30 a.m. Godly Play 12 p.m. Businesspeople Between Jobs 2:30/3:45 p.m. Godly Play 3:45 p.m. Middle School After School 7 p.m. Disciple I, Disciple III PRISM/Praise Band	<b>Every Thursday</b> 11:30 a.m. Godly Play 6:30 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. AA/Alanon 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Journey into the Light	<b>Every Friday</b> 7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon	

## Children's Ministry



**February 2012**

**The Word Is:** TOLERANCE

**Message:** "Differences are good"

**Bible Story:** Luke 15: 8-10

Each one of us is a treasure to God

## Family Bible Sunday

Bibles will be presented to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and 3-year-olds at the 11:15 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, February 12**. We'll also be inviting our Preschool families to worship with us and receive Bibles for their preschoolers. The Children's Choirs will be singing that morning.

Parents, please contact Deb Egloff (937-293-3151 ext 118 or deb@christumc.org) if you would like your child to receive a Bible during the service.

## Second Saturday "Set-to-Serve"

All families are invited to come and help prepare meals for St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter and pack bags for the Kettering Backpack Project on **Saturday, February 11** from 10 a.m. – noon. in Foster Hall. For more information, contact Linda Cotrone (937-293-3151 ext 182 or linda@christumc.org).

## Preschool-Childcare News

During February, the children will share experiences and participate in activities that are related to love and kindness, eating healthy, and caring for their bodies. Thank you to the parents in the health care profession who will be visiting the preschool classrooms, especially Mrs. Jane Key.

As we talk about Valentine's Day and the people we love, let us not forget about the One who loves us no matter what. God's love is unconditional. Children experience God's love through the love and care of others and we'll help the children recognize those who love them.

The key word of the month introduced during spirit day is Tolerance which they will learn means "differences are good".

The preschool will be joining with Children's Ministry for "Family Sunday" on February 12. Please watch the broadcast news for more information.

Christ Church Preschool is hosting a panel from Kettering City Schools KESSC (Kettering Early School Success Collaborative) Parents in our community who have children eligible to enter kindergarten this upcoming school year are encouraged to attend this very informative evening March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Robyn Lightcap, Director of Ready, Set, Soar, an early childhood collaborative in Montgomery County working to ensure every child is ready for Kindergarten, along with Kettering City Schools kindergarten teachers and Administrative Staff, will discuss their views and answer questions.

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. If you know of a family with preschoolers, we would love to share information about our program.

## United Methodist Women 2011 Distributions

The UMW works hard all year to raise money for a variety of local and global outreach projects. You may have participated in the Garage Sale, Bazaar, Cookie Walk or one of the many other projects and they appreciate your support. Following is a report of how the funds were distributed in 2011.

Abigail's Journey	\$900
Boy Scout Troop #236	\$220
Building Bridges	\$700
Christ Church Emergency Fund	\$3860
Christ Church Youth Fund	\$1000
Christ Church Missions Fund	\$1000
Dayton Urban Ministries	\$500
Kettering Backpack Program	\$2690
Mary Scott Nursing Center	\$600
St. Paul UMC	\$1000
The Castle	\$200
UMW - Shawl Ministry	\$1800
UMW - Volunteer Service Group	\$3310
UMW - District Community Care	\$5860
Wesley Community Center	\$1000
Widows' Home Foundation	\$200
Wings of the Morning	\$5860
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,700</b>

## Eco-film Series

Do you have questions about the safety and environmental impact of fracking or hydraulic fracturing, as it is more properly known? Join other concerned citizens for a showing of the film *Gasland* from 10 am to noon on **Saturday, February 11** at the Dayton International Peace Museum Holbrooke Annex located at 208 West Monument Avenue in Dayton (daytonpeacemuseum.org). Free off-street parking is available.

## Church Giving Options

Did you recently receive your offering envelopes and realize you wanted 3 monthly instead of 13 weekly? Or vice versa? Or maybe you did not receive any but would like the convenience of the envelopes. Christ Church provides a service that delivers offering envelopes to your home quarterly. You can choose between a set of 13 weekly envelopes or 3 monthly envelopes. Or you can go to the church's website and click on the Giving tab and make donations on-line. You can choose a direct debit to your checking/savings account for an amount and at a frequency determined by you. If you have questions or would like to make changes to your giving, please contact Debi Smith (937-293-3151 ext 107 or debi@christumc.org).

## Student Ministry T3 Recap

Student Ministry kicked off 2012 with a bang when 35 teens and adults gathered to enjoy Christian camaraderie and three deep-fried turkeys (courtesy of Tim Murphy). The students brought all the side dishes and desserts and a feast was had by everyone.

After stuffing themselves, the group took off for the slopes of Perfect North (in Indiana, just west of Cincinnati) for an exciting evening of snow tubing. With as many as six "tubers" going down at once, everyone was able to fly down the slopes.

To cap off the evening, the gang traveled to Steak 'n Shake in Kettering. Several of the teens even invited friends from the community and everyone had a blast.

The trip was such a success that the area's first snow followed us back from Indiana :)

## Need Help Around the House?

Did you know that Christ Church youth are available for hire? Through the Superfund project, members of Christ Church and the community can "hire" a teen for anything from yard work to pet sitting. The donation they earn will be deposited into an account they can use toward any Student Ministry event or trip. If you're interested in hiring one of our hardworking teens, please contact Adam Williamson (937-293-3151 ext 124 or adam@christumc.org).

## Day of Caring Pancake Brunch

Come join us for pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee on **Sunday, February 26** in Foster Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children. All proceeds go directly to the Montgomery County Foodbank and the Emergency Housing Coalition to aid our local communities in need of food, clothing and shelter. Please come help our neighbors and enjoy sharing brunch with your friends and family.

Last year, more than \$40,000 was raised at the 45 participating sites including more than \$1,050 from Christ Church.

## Special Community Needs

During the month of February, we are asking you to focus on donating toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and toilet paper. There is currently a great need for these items at the centers we support.

All contributions of non-perishable food items are always appreciated. This month, we would especially welcome donations of canned fruit.

Donations may be placed in the wooden bins by the stairwells or the blue containers by the other entrances.

## Special Event: Guys Chrysalis Retreat

The Chrysalis "Flight" on **February 18 - 20** is a three-day retreat for 10th - 12th graders. It's a time of spiritual renewal and provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support and to make new faith commitments. The goal is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school and community. To find out more, contact Kate Smith (937-293-3151 ext 104 or kate@christumc.org).

## Student Ministry February Calendar

### 6th/7th grade

Middle School Pre-Confirmation class (11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)  
Sundays Feb 5, 12, 19 and 26 in Room 273/275

- Explore the New Testament to prepare for Confirmation

### 8th grade (9th graders who haven't been confirmed)

Confirmation (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)  
Sundays Feb 12, 19 and 26 in Room 202 (Feb 5 is youth group)

- Faith exploration that fully engages students in the life of the church through worship, service, and small groups.

### Confirmation and High School Students

High School Youth Group (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)  
Sunday Feb 5 in The Deep End

- Helping teens examine passages and events in the gospel of John that help us see major obstacles to faith.

### High School

High School Small Groups (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)  
Sundays Feb 12, 19 and 26 in The Deep End

- The Christian faith is built upon community. Teens have the option to join a same gender group or one that is mixed for Bible Study and fellowship.

### 6th, 7th, & 8th grade

Middle School After School Program (3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)  
Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27 and 29  
in the Deep End and Gym

- A safe place for Middle School students to be after school. (Feb 6 is early dismissal, program begins at 2:45 p.m.)

### Movie Night for 6th -12th grade

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 4 in the Deep End

- Join us for monthly movie night. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

### 8th -12th grade

St. Vincent's Breakfast (4:45 a.m. - 8 a.m.)  
Sundays Feb 19 and 26

- Every 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month, students prepare, serve and eat breakfast with the women and families at the St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter. Meet at the north end of the church.

## In The Little Gallery

A Miami Valley resident for more than 25 years, Linda Hart has studied drawing and watercolor on scholarship at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and as an adult at the Dayton Art Institute and Riverbend Art Center. She has had many solo shows, been in many juried shows and won several awards for her work. She is a member of the Dayton Visual Arts Center.

As a life long and award-winning gardener, she grows much of her subject matter. Moonflowers, bright yellow sunflowers and pastel colored water lilies grown in her own yard are just some of the inspiration for her subject matter. This show embodies her life experiences as a gardener and an artist.

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## Holy Land Trip

I know you should never “should” on people, but allow your pastor this one exception to the rule. If it is at all possible, every Christian should see the Holy Land. This year you have that chance – the chance to make the fuzzy, two-dimensional life of the Bible become high definition 3-D!

On November 5, Linda and I will lead a group of Christ Church members, friends and family on a 10-day journey of a lifetime to Israel. We will literally walk where Jesus walked in beautiful Galilee and the bustling streets of the Old City of Jerusalem. We will visit Megiddo, the site of many ancient battles and the site prophesied by John as the last great battle. We will see where the Dead Sea scrolls were written and kept and travel to the traditional spots where it is said Jesus was born and where he died. And, all of this will be done while staying in first class hotels, dining on first rate food, and riding in Mercedes Benz tour buses.

If you are interested in going with us, you can find a trip brochure in the church office or simply contact Linda or me. We would love to fill a bus with folks from our church (share this with your friends - you don't need to be a member of Christ Church to go!)

~ Barry

**The March Spire Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 15.**  
Please place information in Debi DeBanto's mailbox in the church office or email her at [debi.debanto@christumc.org](mailto:debi.debanto@christumc.org).

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