

## Other Opportunities

**Pastor's Study of "24 Hours That Changed the World":** Drop-in anytime and join our pastoral staff on **Wednesday evenings** at 7 p.m. in Foster Hall for a seven-week DVD study led by Adam Hamilton. You will experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you never have before. Whether you are a longtime Christian or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, you are invited to join us on this inspiring journey. Childcare will be available. This study is also available on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Room 201.

**Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast:** The Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville invites you to their annual Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction/Bake Sale on **Saturday, March 27** from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Foster Hall. Tickets are available from any Kiwanis member and are \$5/person in advance or \$6/person at the door. Tickets will be available in the Upstairs Cafe on Sunday, March 14 and 21. For more information, contact Bill Pees.

**In the Little Gallery:** The artist for this month is Najmeh Shirazi. She loves to grow and paint flowers, landscapes and draws inspiration from the environment around her. Najmeh is a member of the Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors and is a Gold Signature recipient. She has exhibited all around the Miami Valley and in Karachi, Pakistan. Please stop by the Little Gallery this month to see her work.

**Hungry and Homeless Need Your Help:** Our support for our urban neighbors is ongoing. Our centers are barely keeping the food pantry shelves stocked and are always in need of personal items such as shampoo, deodorant, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream and toilet paper to distribute to the families they help. Make it part of your weekly routine to pick up some extra items when you grocery shop. You may place your donations in the blue bins located near the main entrance and the preschool entrance.

**Join the Café Team!:** Want to join folks who love coffee and love to serve others who love it, too? We have a couple of vacancies on our Upstairs Café team, and this might be just the place for you! Contact Ann Loper if you have 40 minutes one Sunday a month to set up, serve or clean up in our Upstairs Café! You don't need experience, just a desire to be a smiling face to our Café guests and know the difference between "regular" and "decaf". Contact Ann ([ann@christumc.org](mailto:ann@christumc.org) or 293-3151, ext. 102) to learn more!

## Lent and Easter

### Chocolate for Lent Retreat

Saturday, March 20 @ 1 p.m.

### Holy Thursday Service

April 1 @ 7 p.m.

### Good Friday Services

April 2 @ 12 and 12:30 p.m.

### Passion of the Christ Film Night

Friday, April 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

### Easter at Kettering Campus

9 & 11:15 a.m. Traditional Service  
10 a.m. Contemporary Service

### South Campus Community Easter Celebration

Meeting at Springboro High School  
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.  
Egg Hunt @ 11:30 a.m.  
Brunch @ 12:15 p.m.

## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, March 7

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

Traditional Worship

Kettering Campus

10 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

Kettering and South Campus

9 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening

10 a.m. 24 Hours That Changed the World, Serendipity:

Seeing Gray: Faith and Politics

11 a.m. Elementary Choir

11:15 a.m. Confirmation, Next Step

6:30 p.m. Youth Night

7 p.m. AA

### Monday, March 8

7:30 a.m./Noon Gym Walkers

11:30 a.m. Godly Play

3:45 p.m. Middle School After School

5:30 p.m. APT Safety Training

6 p.m. APT Safety Training, Blue Star Mothers

6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball

7 p.m. Disciple III, NAMI Connections, AA

### Tuesday, March 9

7:30 a.m./Noon Gym Walkers

10 a.m. Shawl Ministry

11:30 a.m. Godly Play

6:30 p.m. Discipleship Commission

7 p.m. Staff Parish, Green Team, Your Whole

Life, NAMI Connections, Men's Open

Basketball Fellowship, Troop 236

### Wednesday, March 10

7:30 a.m./Noon Gym Walkers

9 a.m. UMW Executive Board, Model Airplane

Flyers

9:30 a.m. Lydia Fellowship

11:30 a.m. Godly Play

12 p.m. BusinessPeople Between Jobs

12:05 p.m. Noonday Recital

12:30 p.m. Noonday Luncheon

3:45 p.m. Middle School After School

6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Readiness Panel

7 p.m. Disciple I, 24 Hours That Changed the

World, Companions in Christ, PRISM

### Thursday, March 11

7:30 a.m./Noon Gym Walkers

10 a.m. Women of Faith

11:30 a.m. Godly Play

3 p.m. Kids' Mission Zone

3:30 p.m. Celebration Brass

6:30 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir

7 p.m. DivorceCare, Safe People, AA/Alanon

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Journey Into The Light

### Friday, March 12

7:30 a.m./Noon Gym Walkers

11:30 a.m. Godly Play

12:05 a.m. Godly Play

7 p.m. Youth Reserved Retreat

7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon

## Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.

**The flowers on the sanctuary altar this morning are given by:** Howard Keyton in memory of Myra Jean Keyton who went to Jesus on March 3, 2009; a beautiful and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who is sadly missed by her family.

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are extended to:** Bill and Cathy Clark on the death of their son-in-law, *Stuart Bell*, who died on February 24.

**Please remember with cards and prayers:** Jen Schaid Bollheimer, Jacob Nelson and Gar Hill.

## Christ United Methodist Church

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## Christ Church United Methodist March 7, 2010



## Homecoming

March 7, 2010 ~ **Sunday Worship** ~ 9 & 11:15 a.m.

✦Indicates to stand if able

PRELUDE "Dialogue sur la Voix humaine" F. Couperin  
✦HYMN "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" No. 122

✦THE CALL TO WORSHIP Ann Loper/Dominique Alban

Pastor: All you searching for something that lasts,  
**People: All you who are hungry for meaning,**  
Pastor: All you thirsty for knowledge,  
**People: All you seeking a blessing,**  
Pastor: Come home to God.  
**People: Here, find forgiveness and healing,**  
Pastor: Here, find a community of care,  
**People: Here, find truth that is solid,**  
Pastor: Here, sing with angels and pray with saints.  
**People: Here, find a home.**

✦GREETING OF THE FAMILY and FRIENDSHIP PADS

Sharing of Christ Church's Ministries

**Children are dismissed from the services during the following music.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC 9:00 "What a Fellowship" A. J. Showalter  
11:15 Nancy Byrd, soprano  
"In the Singing" C. R. Young

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Deb Egloff

**Guide our feet, holy God, on your path, for we are tempted to stray. We turn toward the cheap success, the fleeting fame, the passing fad. We are always looking to someone, or some purchase, or some experience to fill our souls. But nothing lasts except the constant pull of your love. Holy God, tune our hearts to your commands, fill our minds with your counsels, and keep our eyes on Jesus, our companion and guide, so that we might find our way home to you. Amen.**

Silent Prayer  
The Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (In unison using "trespasses") No. 895

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15, verses 1-3, 11b-32 New Testament pg.78  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Homecoming" Alan Carroll

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory 9:00 "Offertoire sur les grand jeux" F. Couperin  
11:15 "My Lord, What a Mornin'" arr. H.T. Burleigh

✦The Doxology (No. 94)  
✦Offertory Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION No. 12 and 17

**Confession and Pardon: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

✦HYMN OF DEDICATION "Help Us Accept Each Other" No. 560

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Mode of E" J. Langlais

The Connection ~ 10 a.m.

Celebration ~ PRISM  
"You Are Good"  
"Salvation is Here"

Connection Moment ~ Debi DeBanto

Connection Thru Song  
"The Lord is My Light"

Scripture  
The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15, verses 1-3, 11b-32

Message ~ Alan Carroll  
"Homecoming"

Connection Thru Giving  
"Can't Get Away"

Connection Thru Communion

Blessing and Closing  
"Salvation is Here" Reprise

Children's Worship Today

**The Zone Word:** PERSEVERANCE: "Stay determined"

**The Bible Story in the Zone:** "Jesus prays" Matthew 26:36-46

**The Zone Message:** "Never Give Up!"

**Zone Challenge:** Prayer Olympics - prayers of thanks.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church celebrates an open table for Communion. All who profess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord may receive the Sacrament. Come forward by the center aisle. You may **knelt or stand** as soon as a place becomes available at the rail. Dip the bread in the cup. You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." After your prayer return by the side aisle. Children are welcome to accompany their parents. Those wishing anointing or prayer for healing after receiving Communion, go to the kneeler at the left front of the sanctuary. **If you are not able to come forward notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.**

Hymn No. 628 *Eat This Bread*  
Hymn No. 623 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*  
Hymn No. 620 *One Bread, One Body*  
Hymn No. 162 *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Happening Today

**In the Upstairs Café:** (take the main lobby elevator or stairs to the 3rd floor)

- Boston Stoker Coffee (always fair trade), Donut Holes and Friendly Conversation
- The Book Nook 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate for sale

**Welcome Guests:** If you are a first-time or returning guest this morning, we invite you to fill out the friendship pad so that we may send you a note of welcome. Also, please stop by our Welcome Table following the service this morning - we would love to greet you personally and share a bag of homemade cookies with you.

**South Campus 1st Birthday:** Let's all wish South Campus a happy birthday and celebrate the one year anniversary of their first public worship service. South Campus meets at the Dayton Christian School (9391 Washington Church Rd., Miamisburg) less than 20 minutes from the Kettering Campus). Choose a Sunday to visit - you'll be amazed!

**Youth Night for 7th - 12th Graders:** Teens, be here **TODAY** from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in The Deep End! Connect with other teens through fun, games and other "don't miss" moments! We'll recap our awesome Box City weekend and get pumped about other upcoming events. This is a great opportunity to get involved and learn more about what our youth program has to offer!

**Faith and Politics?:** Join us **TODAY** at 10 a.m. in Room 202 for a 5-week discussion of *Seeing Gray: Where Faith and Politics Meet*, by Adam Hamilton. This DVD study will be led by Rev. John Parent and Don Pearson and covers topics such as: Where Faith and Politics Meet; Christ, Christians, and Culture Wars; How Should We Live? The Ethics of Jesus; and What Would Jesus Say to America?

Upcoming Events

**APT Volunteer Safety Training:** If you volunteer with children or teens, Christ Church requires that you attend a session of our APT (All Protecting Together) safety training at the start of your ministry and then attend a refresher class once every 3 years thereafter. The next APT training will be held on Monday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. in Room 272. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please contact Linda Cotrone (937-293-3151 ext. 182 or linda@christumc.org).

**Noonday Recitals:** our Noonday recitals continue on **Wednesday, March 10 and 17** at 12:05 p.m. followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The performers for the March 10 recital will be Nancy Bick Clark, celtic harp, and Frank Clark. For luncheon reservations, please call the church office at 937-293-3151 by the Monday before the concert. Cost for the luncheon is \$8 and may be paid when you arrive at the luncheon. All Music Series events are free and open to the public.

**Kindergarten Readiness Panel:** You are invited to a panel discussion on Kindergarten Readiness on **Wednesday, March 10** at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Dr. Jim Uphoff, a nationally recognized authority on kindergarten readiness, along with kindergarten teachers, representing both private and public schools, will make presentations and answer questions. For more information, please call the Preschool office at (937) 293-1617.

**Student Ministry Reserved Retreat:** Interested in finding answers to the tough questions? Real life, real answers. Come to the all new Reserved Retreat on **March 12 and 13**. This is for all 7th -12th graders. The cost for the retreat is \$60 dollars and registration forms are available on the Student Ministry bulletin board or on the Student Ministry webpage at www.christumc.org.