

JUNE 2019



Columbia City
United Methodist Church

Connection

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Sunday Worship Services
Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
Modern Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday Church School
9:45 am to 10:45 am
All Ages

Mission Statement
Be one. Make one.

Vision Statement
Preparing a place where
the One matters.

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WORSHIP ARTS
Camp
June 3rd - June 7th

Theme:
All In

Online Registration found at
columbiacityumc.org or any
CCUMC social media site

June 3rd ONLY- 5:00-7:30 PM
All other days - 8:30 AM-Noon
12:30 PM-2:00 PM

\$30 PER PERSON

OPEN TO AGES 5-14

Contact Karen Hedrick (260)437-2491 or
karen.hedrick@columbiacityumc.org with any
registration questions



605 N Forest Pwky

Pastor Fred Stayton



Dear Columbia City Family,

What an honor it has been to be your pastor for the last two years. I will be honest-- these years seem way too short. I have been doing a lot of soul searching, and more importantly God searching, about why this particular stay has been so short. In many ways I feel really badly about it. But, in preparation for this last newsletter article I ran across these incredibly helpful verses.

"For two whole years Paul stayed there in his house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!"

Those words end the entire book of Acts. Paul preached boldly and without hindrance and the kingdom of God continued to be built. What a comfort those words have been to me. I believe I can say the exact same thing about my time here in Columbia City. For the last two years I have boldly proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. And I fully expect God to continue to build His kingdom right here in Columbia City.

Now our roles change a bit. I will no longer be your pastor, but I will remain your friend and biggest cheerleader. Our family will remain in Columbia City for awhile and together we will continue to build the kingdom of God. We ask for your continued prayer support (and an occasional pie).

I look forward to seeing you around town and asking how I can pray for you today. We are still working together to build God's kingdom.

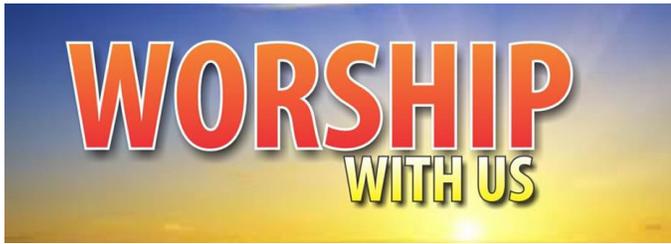
But, I ask you also to jump in quickly and embrace Pastor Rob and Tammy. They will open their hearts and their home to you. Be sure to take advantage of that! When they invite you over to eat, enthusiastically go and get ready to laugh. Pray for them as you have prayed for us. Jump right on in! Work hard, pray hard, and don't miss this great opportunity ahead of you.

There will be lots of changes taking place this summer. Understand with every change comes some stress, but also some opportunities. So, stay focused on Jesus and keep building the kingdom of God.

I love you much and have been so privileged to be your friend and pastor.

Pastor Fred





June Messages:

- June 2 - Graduation Sunday & Communion Sunday
- June 9 - Worship Arts Camp Sunday
- June 16 - Father's Day - Pastor Fred
- June 23 - Pastor Fred's last Sunday at CCUMC
- June 30 - Message by Phil

During June we will focus on the amazing power of the Holy Spirit available to each one of us. This power is the same power that enabled Jesus to rise from the dead. Greater than that, this power LIVES IN US!

Record of Our Worship Service Attendances

<u>April 18 - Maundy Thursday</u>			
6:00 pm	110		
<u>April 19 - Good Friday</u>			
6:00 pm	99		
<u>April 21 - Easter</u>			
8:30 am	275	11:00 am	266
<u>April 28 - Easter Cantata</u>			
8:30 am	203	11:00 am	179
<u>May 5</u>			
8:30 am	187	11:00 am	156
<u>May 12 - Mother's Day</u>			
8:30 am	245	11:00 am	189
<u>May 19</u>			
8:30 am	196	11:00 am	127



For prayer needs during the week, please contact Karen Bucher (244-6603) or Linda Sevier (244-6583).

****If you or a family member is hospitalized or having a medical procedure performed, please let the church office (244-7671) know.**

Deanna J. Grigsby & family, Deanna's sister, Dani Nahrwold passed away on April 22.

Congratulations to:

Racheal Clark & Nickolas Paulus, who were married on April 27.

Jenny Stetzel & Dustin Anderson, who were married on May 11.

Continued Prayers for.....

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| <i>Mary Myers</i> | <i>Bette Reed</i> |
| <i>Helen Snapp</i> | <i>Tom & Marilyn Drew</i> |
| <i>Julie McQueen</i> | <i>Rev. Harold Oechsle</i> |
| <i>Pauline Fisher</i> | <i>Betty Bell</i> |
| <i>Elaine Beard</i> | <i>Bill Jones</i> |
| <i>Dale Pence</i> | <i>Carol Kyler</i> |
| <i>Mary Jane Peeler</i> | <i>Shirley Henderson</i> |



June

- 2 Linda Hyndman
Lisa Schmoll
Gary Willson
- 3 Bayley Borries
Zeke Snyder
- 4 Carrie Gates
Brayden Mills
Katie Waterfall
- 6 Trevor Hanford
- 7 Aubrey Wright
- 8 Ruthie Busick
- 9 Hayden Baker
Teagen Baldwin
June Rogers
Donna Targgart
- 10 Brent Cox
- 11 Sarah Buchanan
Todd Darley
Mollie McCoy
- 12 Nathan Baker
James Huntine
- 13 Neil Snyder
- 14 Dan Puckett
Peggy Weeks
- 16 Julie Harrold
- 17 Susan McClish
Roxanne Thomas
- 18 Melanie Harrold
Natasha Krider
Ron Romanowski
- 19 Erin Fudge
Josh Waterfall
- 21 Mary Cotter
Jeanne Cox
- 22 Kylee Ousley
- 23 Rebecca Yoder
- 24 Judy Moeller
Marica Porter
- 25 Nora Garau
Linda Gerig
Elisa Martin
Derick Rice
- 26 Norma Ramsey
Lori Wappes
Matthew Webber

- 27 Linda Green
Kassandra Mosher
Cadence Reed
Mark Roach
- 29 Ryan Devito
Jared English
Alivia Trier
- 30 Jodi Parnell

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO EACH OF YOU!**

If your name is not listed or is incorrect, please call the church office with the correct information.

**Alzheimer's
Caregiver
Support Group**

Location: 605 N. Forest Parkway,
Columbia City, IN

Meeting: 2nd Monday
of each month,
6:30 PM in Room 211

For additional info please
contact Jon Gotz (260.503.9459)
or Alzheimer's Association
1.800.292.3900



Weekly Grief Support Group
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
May 1 - July 1
at Columbia City UMC, Room 200
Workbook: \$15.00
Leaders: Debby Minier
(260-609-3317)
and Jan Boggs (260-249-8429)



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of caring support we have received over the past couple of months. Thank you Pastor Fred, Cheryl, and Karen Hedrick for the hospital visits and encouragement. Thank you to Food 4 Friends for the meals and to United Methodist Women for the funeral dinner. Thank you everyone for the many prayers, cards, texts, memorials, hugs, and kind words. During the visitation and Matt's funeral, we were overwhelmed, but felt a sense of comfort in the presence of so many family and friends. Losing a child seems unbearable, but we trust that God's hand, prayers, and caring support will help carry us through. We have also been blessed with our first grandchild. Only God can plan something so wonderful to ease this most difficult time.

John & Brenda Marty

Dear Church Family,

Many sincere thanks for your prayers and cards and the food delivered during Lynn's recent stay in the hospital and recovery at home. Thank you to Pastor Fred and Jerilyn Geiger for their visits at the hospital.

Lynn & Kathy Johnson





Recap of Mother, Daughter & Friends Banquet May 7



On May 7, 160 ladies attended the Mother, Daughter & Friend Banquet. They enjoyed a delicious meal and listened to the Joy Singers and the little girls who joined them to sing.



Several girls accessories for Royal Family Kids Tea Party were donated by the ladies who attended.



June 11 will be the Royal Family Kids Tea Party. If you are interested in assisting our team with the tea party or financially donate, please contact Karen Hedrick (260-437-2491).



Lemonade Day

Each spring, students across Whitley County take part in Lemonade Day--an entrepreneur simulation that supports the stand's favorite nonprofit. This year, three City Kids chose Royal Family Kids as their profit recipient. Royal Family Kids is a summer camp that invites children in the foster care system to a week of over-the-top experiences. Brenna Meyer, 4th grade student, said, "I think it was really a blessing that the church needed \$700 to host the tea party and we donated \$700." Matthew & Ella Pepler, 3rd and 4th grade students said, "We love camp and wanted other kids to have the same opportunity. We wanted to help make the tea party extra special for the girls."



Royal Family Kids Tea Party

On June 11th, a group of women and teenage girls will be traveling north to host our second annual tea party for Royal Family Kids. Along with tea party amenities fit for a princess, the girls will get to keep a beautiful dress and accessories. If you are interested in attending with our team or financially donating, please see Karen Hedrick



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WORSHIP ARTS CAMP 2019



June 3rd-7th

All incoming
Kindergarten through
8th grade students
are invited!

Monday, June 3:
5:00-7:30 PM



Tues-Fri, June 4-7:
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

(K-8th grades)
12:30 PM -2:00 PM for
(4th-8th grade ONLY)



\$30 per camper

Online registrations
can be found on our
website, app, or
social media pages.



April 8, 2019

Chairperson, Mick McOmber called the meeting to order after the end of the 6:30 pm Charge Conference, and Pastor Fred Stayton offered the opening prayer. John Snyder moved that minutes of the February meeting be accepted as written and Carl Siler seconded the motion, which was approved without dissent.

Kay Fleck distributed a revised agenda on the back of which were printed three main functions of the Church Council: 1) to govern resources needed so the church can be in fruitful ministry; 2) to coordinate communication and make sure ministry teams are in line with mission/vision; and 3) to support ministries.

Ministry Teams: Kay then opened a discussion of team reports for the Jail Ministry, Mid-Week Meal, Funeral Dinners, Wednesday Evening Meals, Membership Nurture, and the Bus Ministry (added after the agenda was completed). Speaking for the vision team, John Snyder expressed concern that the persons who completed the reports only “kind of get” the vision expected to guide their activity. He asked permission for the vision team to meet with members of each ministry to go over their responses to make them deeper and more purposeful. John also asked the Church Council members whether we are comfortable talking about the vision, mission and values and suggested a training session for Council members.

Kay Fleck observed that everyone on a ministry team should be involved in the response. Judith Hays noted that information about each ministry’s use of non-monetary church resources is useful to the Council and suggested the Council defer additional reports for a time.

At a mention of small groups, Phil Harman, head of the task force dedicated to developing a clear purposeful process for intentional faith development, reported on the work of his group, which will include the creation of small groups. The task force will develop a plan for transforming the new Christian from “being one” to “making one.” Phil described his vision for this process as creating a path for a new baby Christian to grow.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Fred told the Council he was proud of us for how quickly we went from our shock that he would be leaving us to describing for the District Superintendent the kind of pastor we need to keep us on track. He warned us to “be ready and buckle up” for the arrival of Rev. Rob Neel, as he is a mover. Pastor Fred suggested the Council focus on doing a really good job with the transition. He said also that he is “scared to death” of going to Sunrise, but that he was also scared of coming here. Mick McOmber expressed the feeling of others on the Council that the coming transition is a “God Thing.”

Financial Statement: Robin Wright provided handouts showing general fund and building receipts for January and February of 2019. Reports show a general fund deficit of \$21,057, and while it has not decreased since September 2018, it has not increased. Income has kept up with expenditures. The balance on the mortgage has been reduced to \$122,944.88. Phil Harman reported that Pushpay has increased income. There are now 28 or 29 recurring gifts on Pushpay (online giving).

Facility Report: Carl Siler reported that he is finally getting more accurate dollar estimates for cost of planned facility improvements. He also reported that costs for deferred maintenance have been growing. The cost of proper roof repair would be \$40,000, Carl said, with a temporary repair good for several years costing \$2,000. The roof, said Carl, is a textbook example of how not to put in a roof.

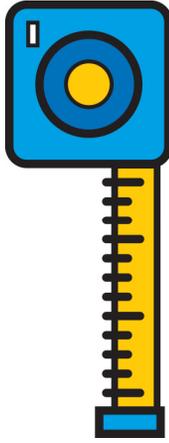
Carl reported that he had encountered some confusion about whether the preschool would be paying for their own updates. There was also discussion of the new phone system and whether employee phones should be cell or dedicated. Asked about a timeline for renovations, Carl thought work would be completed by the middle of August.

What did we learn that other people need to know? Council members agreed that the pie chart and building refresh numbers prepared for the Charge Conference should be published in the church newsletter along with a timeline, when available, and a list each month of projects completed and money spent.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Hays
Recording Secretary
Church Council

Measuring up

While hanging out with her father in his workshop, a preschooler tried to imitate him by using a tape measure. When she couldn't quite reach the distance she wanted to measure between herself and an object, she moved the object closer to her!



No matter how much we try to finagle God's rules, his standard of holiness won't be moved. As sinful beings, we can't reach that standard on our own. We're stuck without Jesus' grace. Thank God that he helps us measure up!

Slow Down



Walk a little slower, Daddy, said a little child so small. I'm following you in your footsteps and I don't want to fall. Sometimes your steps are very fast; sometimes they're hard to see. So walk a little slower, Daddy, for you are leading me. Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want to be. Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me. And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true; So walk a little slower, Daddy, for I must follow you.

- Author unknown

Newsletter Newsletter June 2011



The staff and new pastor are excited for this to happen at CCUMC



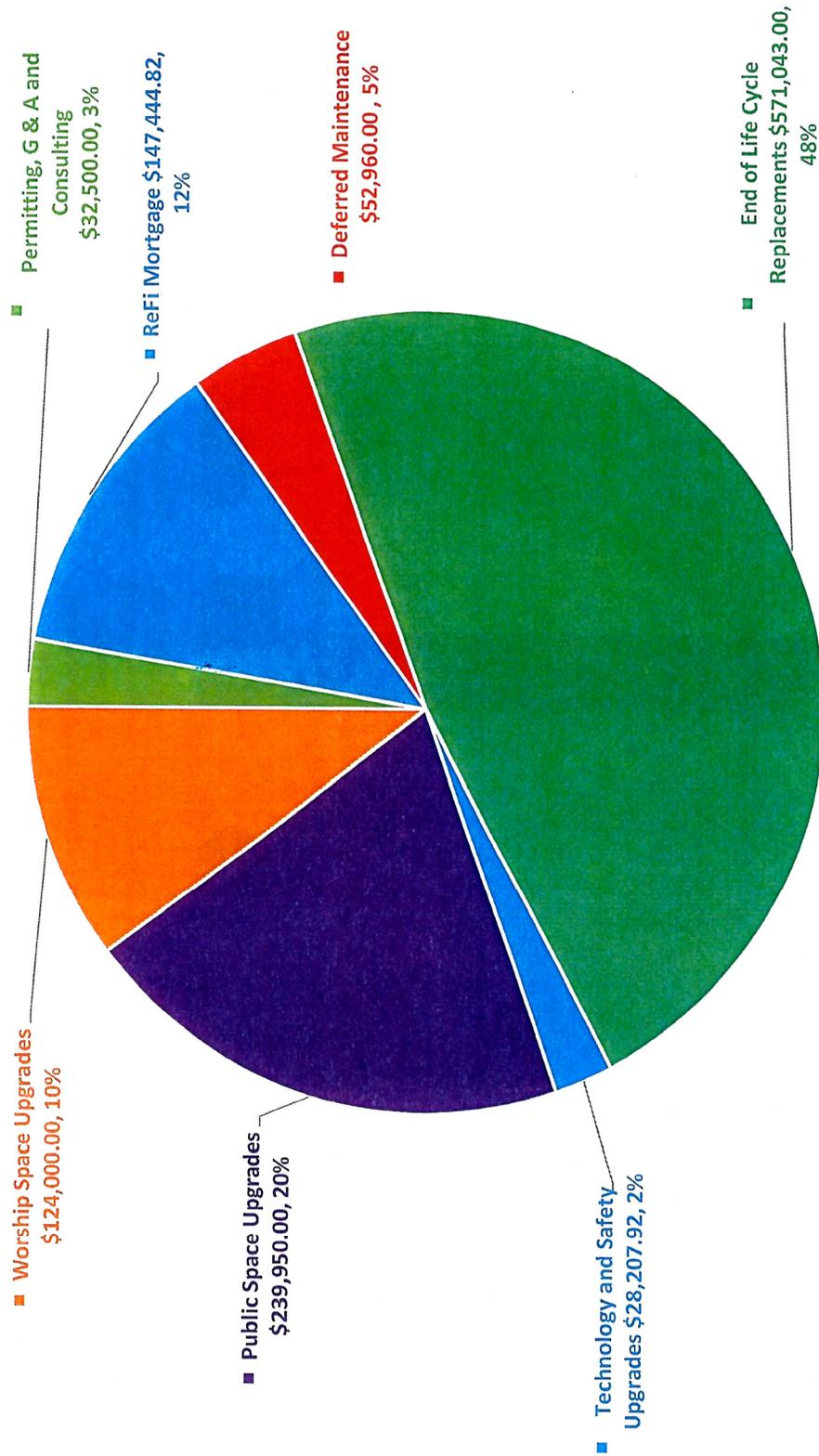
Save the date

to be photographed for the new Columbia City UMC directory

Photography dates
July 31 - August 3

Lifetouch.

CCUMC Building Refresh/Renew 2019 Budgetary Numbers



Report made by Carl Siler.
If you have any questions, contact Carl Siler, Project Manger (244-3407) , Mick McOmber, Church Council Chairperson (691-0111) or Robin Wright , Vice-Church Council Chairperson (248-4909).

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know...

Written by Terry Goodwin



Mothers' Day has come and gone, but I still have lots of mothers on my mind. I have been blessed to know women who have mentored me over all my years, and while I didn't necessarily think of them as 'my mom', their example has stayed with me over time. For example, my mother-in-law, Pearl Goodwin, stands out as an example to me for so many reasons. She was the mother of four who acted as both parents to her brood as they grew up. She was 'street smart' and knew how to stretch a buck! She worked her entire life as a waitress, hired her son to bus dishes and gave him a share of her tips at the end of her shift. She never had a washer or dryer, hauling the laundry of a family of 5 to the Laundromat with a heavy bag of quarters, also saved from her tips. She loaned us money a time or two, making us sign a contract and live up to its terms! She was fiercely protective of her children and their children. I can honestly say that I loved and admired her, even when I didn't see eye to eye with her.

As a child growing up, I lived on a block in my hometown surrounded by the Methodist church and Methodist women! Pretty sure it was key to my early faith journey. Across the alley, lived Mr and Mrs Jenkins. Yes, they had first names, but I never uttered them. I was taught by my good parents to be very respectful of my elders. In fact, my parents also called them 'Mr and Mrs'. One of the things I would ask my mom, if I could, would be what part Mrs Jenkins played in her own life and faith journey. This couple was the 'every time the church doors opened, they went through them' kind of folks. More than once, I heard Mrs Jenkins refer to Mr Jenkins as "the great man". Do you think for one moment that this little phrase didn't impact my mom and dad's marriage? Here I am bringing it up after 65+ years. It had an effect! This beautiful older woman was definitely the lovely woman described by Paul in Titus 2:3-5.

Of course, across the street was Eva Wickes. She included me in many family meals, which were always preceded by prayer. She allowed me to witness family devotions in the evenings. She did every job at church, raised a family of 7, which included 3 Korean children who had been abandoned by their American GI fathers. Her example remains with me to this day.

Janet Mansfield, a woman of tremendous grace and faith, moved into the house next door to us when I was age 12. She and her husband were my MYF leaders (and we were constantly pranking them). She loved me and trusted me to babysit her daughters when I was only 12! Janet, I now realize, was less than 10 years older than me, but she was a giant in my faith journey, a mature Christian at a time when I was taking baby steps.

I had no grandmothers, but did certainly have 2 doting aunts, Vera and Alice, who showed me a great deal about how to do family life. Aunt Vera taught me a lesson about my attitude toward my mom, her baby sister, when I was a smart-mouthed adolescent. She had never spoken to me like that before! Though stunned, I did try to heed her words (for a minute) and recognize that she was 'telling me the truth in love'.

Many women, more mature Christians, have been instrumental in planting seeds of faith within me, and some have watered those seeds over time. While I think it is important to thank those women who have invested in my faith journey, I now know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that it is even more important to pay it forward. It is key, having been made in the image of God, to reflect to others your desire for them to have a growing relationship with Jesus. His will, after all, is that none should perish. None.

Not all of the women I have mentioned were vocal about their faith in God; some just lived their lives before me in kindness and integrity, attributes of God. Even so, it is plain to see, in hindsight, that they were women of faith. They were coaches, role models, mentors. All well and good. There is an urgency, however, to sense the need to intentionally pass this on. Do you feel it? If you do, a holy boldness is required on your part. This business of making relationships on the go, and of asking the daring question: "How may I pray for you today?" and then doing it in a few words will be required of you. You've been hearing this for quite awhile now.

Have you taken this challenge?
Perhaps today is THE day.

June Calendar



Events

- 1 9:00 am UMW District Meeting
- 3 5:00 pm Worship Arts Camp (evening session)
- 4 8:30 am Worship Arts Camp (morning session)
12:30 pm Worship Arts Camp (afternoon session)
- 5 8:30 am Worship Arts Camp (morning session)
12:30 pm Worship Arts Camp (afternoon session)
- 6 8:30 am Worship Arts Camp (morning session)
12:30 pm Worship Arts Camp (afternoon session)
- 7 8:30 am Worship Arts Camp (morning session)
12:30 pm Worship Arts Camp (afternoon session)
- 9 4:00 pm M. Harrold Graduation Party
- 10 6:30 pm Alzheimer's Support Group
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 20 12:00 pm Whitley Co. Retired Teachers Meeting
- 23 8:30 am Pastor Fred's last Sunday at CCUMC
& 11 am
2:00 pm Private Baby Shower

Regular Weekly Events

Sundays:

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)
- 6:30 pm Praise Team & Band Practice

Wednesdays:

- 11:30 am Mid-Week Meal
- 2:00 pm In Stitches
- 6:30 pm GriefShare

Thursdays:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Fridays:

Coming in July

- 6/30 - 7/5 "That Thing" Sr. High Church Camp
- 1 - 5 ChildCare Closed (vacation week)
- 4 Independence Day - *Building & Office Closed*
- 8 - 12 Youth Mission Trip
- 12 - 18 Whitley Co. 4-H Fair
- 7/31 - 8/3 LifeTouch Photography - *Pictorial Directory*

June Mission Project of the Month

Food 4 Friends

Food 4 Friends is a casserole ministry at CCUMC that began in December of 2012. The mission is to deliver a casserole and a loaf of bread to members and families when they have a significant life event: birth, surgery, illness, death of a family member, an accident, etc. Two new casserole ministries have branched off: Take Them A Meal and Serving Our Savior (S.O.S.). The Take Them A Meal ministry provides meals when members have extended health/life situations over a longer period of time. The S.O.S. ministry is an outreach program to support friends, outside our church family, when a need arises, and the church receives a request. Thank you to all who continue to support these nurturing/outreach ministries.

Please support this fund as members of our congregation strive to serve our Lord.

Thanks for your Support!



Publication Deadlines

Articles for **CCUMC CONNECTION** are due no later than 12 noon on the deadline date.

The next **CCUMC CONNECTION** deadline for news will be **June 20, 2019**

Bulletin Information

is due no later than 12 noon on **Wednesday**.

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