



Crossbeams

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A Cheviot United Methodist Church Newsletter

Perspective

Noun: A particular attitude toward an issue or a way of seeing something; a point of view.

Reprinted, in part, from Pastor Carrie's July 5 sermon "How Faith Grows Us". You can watch the sermon on YouTube by searching "Carrie Jena".

The other morning, I woke up early and as I usually do, I grabbed my phone to see what the news feed said. It wasn't good. Even before I got out of bed, I felt fear, defeat, and a growing uneasiness. In a moment of clarity, I realized that everything that I was feeling in that moment had come from looking at a 3X5 inch screen on my Smartphone. What a limited vision! I realized that my perspective about what was happening in the world, what it meant, what I should do about it was being shaped by what someone else wanted me to see on my social media feed. It had nothing to do with God's perspective. I thought about all of the ways that I allow my perspective of a situation to be shaped for me. How often, I wondered, am I allowing God's perspective to shape me?

Recently, I have been experimenting with something that has allowed me to break the habit of letting screens determine my perspective. It's called **HWFW**.

HWFW stands for "His Word First Word" and is an idea that came out of Saddleback Church. It starts by setting an open Bible on the desk or night stand before you go to bed. Then, when you wake up in the morning, before you turn on the TV, look at your phone or do anything else, you decide to reach for your Bible and read a passage of scripture. You let "His Word" be the "First Word" that you read.

This habit does not take the place of morning devotions or quiet time with God. It simply helps us start the day with the God's perspective. For example, when you are wondering who to believe in these days of fake news and network rating wars, you might read John Chapter 1 that says "In the beginning was the Word and the Word became flesh." Another word for "Word" is "Wisdom".

Should we seek the wisdom of the world, or the wisdom of the Word?"

If **HWFW** starts changing your perspective, giving you peace, improving your mood and helping you cope, you might want to try **HWLW**. That stands for "His Word Last Word."

Remember that open Bible on your nightstand? Before you nod off to sleep, reach for it again and allow His Word to be your Last Word. Use **HWFW** and **HWLW** as bookends to your day and watch your perspective change.

If our faith is going to grow, we have a choice to make: Will we let our screens determine the limits of our vision? Will we form our perspective based on a screen or based on God's Spirit? Because the screens that we watch gives us a limited vision—one that keeps us earth bound, fearful and anxious. But God's Spirit gives us an eternal perspective—one that is based on truth—the hope that we have in Christ. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world." John 16:33. God said "This is my Son whom I have chosen. Listen to Him!" Luke 9:35.

See you in church or online!

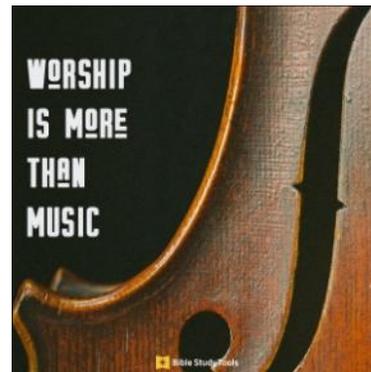
Pastor Carrie



Worshipping Without Singing

Dear CUMC Family and Friends,

I wanted to remind you that because singing is one of the easiest ways to spread the Coronavirus, we have suspended congregational singing in the sanctuary until further notice. That leaves us with an important question: How do we worship God without singing in church? Worshiping without singing is not a problem because the Bible says that true worship is not just about singing, but about the heart of the worshiper. Music is only one of the ways that we express our worship. True worship is a leading of the heart because of all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Worship is a response in every area of our life to the many gifts that God has given us. We can worship God without singing in practically every area of our life. Colossians 3:23-24 says, *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human matters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."* So, this Sunday, we thank you for helping to keep us all safe when we return to worship by listening with your ears and worshipping with your whole hearts, but not your voices.



God is near.
Pastor Carrie

August

Birthdays to Celebrate

- 01-Aug Vicki Groh
- 02-Aug David Beiderbeck , Barb Boesherz,
& Jeff Parker
- 05-Aug Don Francis & Tom Struckman
- 06-Aug Shirley Durbin
- 07-Aug Chip Cummings
- 11-Aug Sarah Brice
- 12-Aug Norma Barkalow, Bud Hoffman
- 13-Aug Marge Kugele
- 14-Aug Karen Ebel
- 16-Aug Charlotte Bruestle, Bill Jenkins,
Alexander Thomas & Ruth Warner
- 18-Aug Miles Jena, Annette McGinnis,
Charlie Sparenberg & Debbie Wade
- 19-Aug Jeff Becker
- 20-Aug Diane Arnold, Janice Barr,
Shirley Pemberton & JoAnn Reber
- 24-Aug Kyoko Howard & Jim Mazza
- 26-Aug Linda Hinds
- 28-Aug Linda Benken & Jonda Byrd
- 29-Aug Taylor Chaille
- 31-Aug Vicki Mazza

August

Anniversaries to Celebrate

- 13-Aug Janice & Jim Barr
- 23-Aug Doug & Kathleen Grosse
- 23-Aug Claude & Brenda Zerby
- 28-Aug Rick & Linda Hinds
- 30-Aug Jerry & Jonda Byrd

New Sermon Series **Getting Through This Together** *A Study in the book of James*

Dear CUMC Family and Friends,

Years ago, Max Lucado wrote a best-selling book called "You're Going to Get Through This."

It was a simple statement based on the unyielding promises of God. But when we are facing uncertain times like a pandemic or division and upheaval, it is so easy to forget that God has a plan to get us through. Today, we need to be reminded of how God wants His people to respond in times like these. July 19th, Pastor Carrie is started a new sermon series called, "Getting Through this Together: A study in the book of James.

This series will be full of practical wisdom from the book of James that will guide us through what to do when we are facing injustice, conflict, uncertainty, stress, and fear in life. No one knows how long this pandemic will last. No one knows how long the problem of racism and political unrest will last. The future is uncertain. But God's Word is trustworthy. That's why you shouldn't miss any part of this great series. Tune in on Youtube by searching "Carrie Jena" or join us in person in worship services.

And remember,
"We are going to get through this...together!"

God is near.
Pastor Carrie

Using GPS, God's Positioning System, During this Tough Time

by Lois Schalk-Hartley

It happened again! I got the directions right to the home where I was to have the meeting, but I could not seem to reverse the directions correctly and got lost on my way home. I was so upset with myself. Why couldn't I get it right? I had not heard of a GPS (Global Positioning System) back then, but if I had one it sure would have saved me a lot of agony. We type in our destination and the GPS plots our course, giving us detailed directions. And if we go the wrong way, it gets us back on the right road. If we go too far the wrong way the soft voice says, "Recalculating." We may have to go another way than the original plan, but the GPS will get us back on track so we can reach our intended destination. Wow, what an instrument!

This leads me to another GPS that is even much greater than the one we humans have invented. It is called--

"God's Positioning System."

All of us make decisions every day of what to do, where to go, and the right way to accomplish what is important to us in our lives. We face choices. We face challenges. And we don't know which way to turn. Is it possible that there is such a thing as "God's Positioning System" that works even better than the GPS in our cars?

In God's Word, the Bible, He tells us that He is there for us and desires to lead and guide us. Psalm 32:8 says, "I will guide you and teach you the way you should go. I will give you good counsel and watch over you."

My life verse, Proverbs 3:5 and 6, says, "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and do not lean to your own understanding. In all of your ways, acknowledge God and He will direct your paths."

II Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for Teaching, Rebuking, Correcting and Training so that the person of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The human invention of GPS works by using satellite systems in our atmosphere. God's GPS works by using "God's Personal Spirit." This GPS system is never obsolete.

It will never run out of batteries, never have interference, will never lead us in the wrong direction. The God of this system always knows where we are and where we need to head, and what to do in order to reach our destination. This is not a satellite system, but a "spiritual" system and "God's Personal Spirit" is always with us once we invite Jesus Christ to come and live in our lives.

On a trip to Virginia, I got lost and ended up going 75 miles the wrong way—which meant I had to turn around and go back that 75 miles to get on the right track! That, my friends was 150 miles out of my way. Today, a GPS system can "recalculate," and instead of having to go back to where one got lost, it can find another way to get to the intended destination.

Wow, that would that have come in handy.

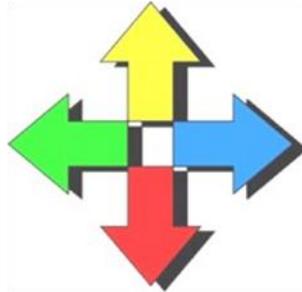
So, it is with "God's Personal Spirit" system. Too often we think we have life all figured out and go our own way only to find out that we are "lost". Right now, it seems our Nation is lost and many do not know where to turn!

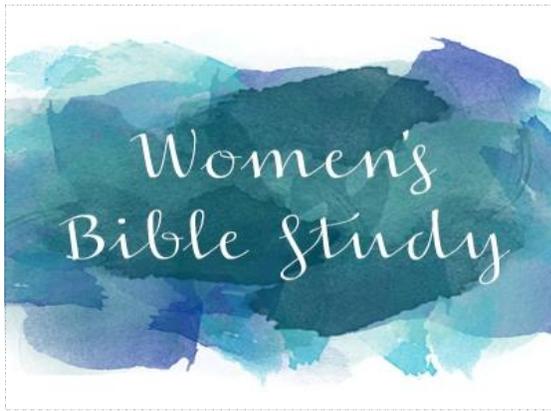
We as Christians who have God's Personal Spirit living in us are not out there trying to find our way on our own. God is right with us, all the time, in every situation. He wants to lead us and give us His peace in the midst of this storm. Hebrews 6:19 says that "We have this Hope in God as an anchor of the soul, firm and secure". It does not get any better than that. God and His Word is our anchor. He has given us His Personal Spirit to live in us and He will lead us in the right direction.

What's the best GPS?

"God's Positioning System"

"God's Personal Spirit"!





Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

The Bible Study, open to all women, is
Entitled
**Here We Go Again...Reading the Bible in
a Year...or Two.**

We currently meet every 1st and 4th
Thursday, 7pm to 8:30pm via ZOOM.
*Should this change, an all church e-mail will be sent out
with revised meeting location and other information*

We are using the book *A Women's Guide to
Reading the Bible in a Year* by Diane Stortz.
We will not finish in one year (more like two
years), but the wonderful thing about the
Bible is that you can always join in at any
time. *New members are always welcome to
join us.*

Here are the readings for August:

August 6
Week 10: Numbers 10-30

August 27
Week 11: Numbers 31-33; John 1-15

*"The Bible is the only book whose Author is
always present when one reads it". --Anonymous*



Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study

- ◆ All woman are welcome to join the Saturday Morning Woman's Bible Study.
Invite friends & relatives, too !!
- ◆ We continue to meet every Saturday via ZOOM.
Should this change, an all church e-mail will be sent out with revised meeting location and other information
- ◆ We begin at 8am and finish around 9:15am

Our Next Readings from

The Joshua Code: 52 Scripture Verses Every Believer Should Know

by O. S. Hawkins are:

August 1	Week 17: John 11:35
August 8	Week 18: John 11:25
August 15	Week 19: 2 Chronicles 7:14
August 22	Week 20: Galatians 2:20
August 29	Week 21: Mark 1:17

Questions? Contact
Vicki Groh: vgroh@zoomtown.com

Or
Pam Outt: peoutt@cinci.rr.com

Feel free to begin joining us at any time.

The GOOD Book Club of the Month!

Join us as we go on a journey into
several faith traditions as we read
The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby. Written
after the September 11 attacks, the book
chronicles the discoveries made by 3
women, one Jewish, one Muslim and one
Christian as they begin to openly talk about
their own faith and how it had affected their
view of others.

The book is available on Amazon.
Join us August 26 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Watch the all church email for the link.

Feel free to bring a friend with you!

Questions?

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Dear CUMC Church Family and Friends,

One of the wonderful things that we've learned during this Pandemic is how easy it is to stay connected by using Zoom and Microsoft Teams when we can't be there in person. One of my favorite ways to use this technology has been our monthly "**Coffee With Pastor Carrie**" events. These have been a wonderful opportunity for me to chat with 2-6 people by Zoom and just enjoy fellowship time together. If you would like to join the conversation on Mondays at 10am, please contact Paula Long: **communication@cheviotumc.com** to let her know. We will send you a Zoom link through your e-mail so that all you have to do is click on the link and it will take you to the meeting.



I look forward to seeing you soon.
Pastor Carrie

A Message from MATTHEW 25 Ministries

We are currently scheduling individuals (16 years & older) and families (of all ages) for volunteer shifts Monday through Friday from 9am to 11am or from 1pm to 3pm under the following guidelines:

- ◆ All volunteers must pre-schedule. We will not be re-opening walk-in opportunities at this time.
- ◆ Volunteers may only schedule as individuals or with members of their immediate household, in order to maintain social distancing.

We will continue to expand these opportunities over the coming months. We are intentionally re-opening very slowly and in phases, so that we can be sure to protect the well-being of everyone in our building. We appreciate your patience during this process.

We are scheduling about a week out at this point on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you are 16 or 17 years old & coming in by yourself please print off, fill out (with a parents signature) & bring with you our waiver. The link is below:

https://m25m.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Volunteer-Waiver_2020_COVID-19.pdf



Thanks,

Shelly Clos, Matthew 25: Ministries
11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242
513.793.6256
www.m25m.org

It's Festival Of Sharing Time!

School and health kits are distributed by Church World Service in the U.S. and around the world to impoverished communities, refugee camps, and areas affected by natural disasters. Last year, CWS distributed 27,723 kits in this country. Hygiene kits are in short supply with shipments going to San Diego, New York City, Houston, and several international locations.

Cloth and Ziplock bags for FOS will not be distributed to the congregation this year. Instead, we ask you to purchase supplies from the following lists and leave them in the Werner Lounge by the fireplace or bring them to the church parking lot on Saturday, August 22 between 10am and Noon. A small team will sort items and pack bags for delivery to the local pickup site at our church. If you wish to make a donation in lieu of shopping, please put cash/checks made out to **CUMC** in an envelope marked FOS. Envelopes may be put in Sunday's offering, mailed to the church, or brought to the collection on August 22.



School kits:

three 70-count notebooks, blunt scissors (round tip only), 12" ruler, hand-held pencil sharpener, large eraser, 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers, box of 24 crayons,

\$2 donation to help with shipping costs

Health kits:

hand towel (approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32") - no microfiber, please
Washcloth, wide-tooth comb (available at discount suppliers such as Sally Beauty), fingernail or toenail clipper, bath-size bar of soap (in original package), toothbrush (in original package), 10 standard size bandaids

\$2 donation to help with shipping costs

Please purchase items in the specified sizes to meet Customs requirements. Partial kits/extra supplies are welcome. We will assemble as many complete kits as our funds allow.

Thank you for supporting this international mission organization.



Celebrate Birthdays with our Shut-ins

There are 2 birthdays in the month of August from our shut-in list:

Don Francis - August 5

3602 Homelawn Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45211

Ruth Warner - August 16

Alois Alzheimers Center Commons Unit Room 118B
70 Damon Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218

Bring a little joy to our shut-ins celebrating birthdays each month!
They would appreciate receiving cards from friends like you.

Sunday Evening Prayers and Praises

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

I learned from an early age about the power of prayer. When I was growing up a big part of my life was going to church on Wednesday evenings for prayer meetings. As an adult, prayer has always been part of my faith journey. To ask God for guidance or help and then see an answer to that prayer is a blessing. The answer is not always the way I imagined it, but it is an answer and I accept His grace.



If ever there was a time that talking to our Lord Jesus Christ was needed it is now! During the current times there is much concern about many issues, e.g., the virus, schools reopening, unrest in our country over equal rights for all, loss of loved ones, personal matters, etc. The GROW team of CUMC started a 7pm ZOOM all-church and community prayer meetings in April, held on the first Sunday of each month. These meetings are now being called "Sunday Evening Prayers and Praises".

Based on the great response we had on our last three prayer and praise sessions, we are expecting God to do great things as we meet together.

Along with asking for His guidance we want to offer "Thank You"s and praises for how we have seen him working in our and other's lives.

If there are specific prayer requests or praises that you would like to share before each Sunday, feel free to send them to the church office: office@cheviotumc.com

We will collect them and bring them on Sunday. Otherwise, please join us live and bring your request/praises then or just join us!

To access the meeting use this link. It is very easy to join!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6522330844?pwd=dzcwZHVxMGd1c0JvSFJIS3JZWGUQT09>

If needed, the password is: 923490

God has said in Matthew 18:18-20, "For where two or more of you are gathered in my name, there I am among you." Come join us this Sunday for the next scheduled time to talk to Jesus. We are looking forward to spending time with you and Jesus on-screen!

Yours in Christ,
Linda Benken and the GROW Team

Invite Team: Much Has Happened in 2 years!

Two years ago the church approved and Ad Council adopted a strategic plan to move the church forward in a variety of areas. This plan was developed with the input of staff and many members of the congregation. One of the groups tasked with a number of projects was INVITE. So looking backwards (with an eye to the future) what has INVITE completed and what lies ahead?

Werner Lounge: The team was tasked with refurbishing and updating Werner lounge. The goal was to make it not only a more inviting area but also a multifunction one. Thank you to the Memorial committee for their contribution to the cost of this project. If you haven't been back to Werner Lounge during Fellowship time you are missing a wonderful time of conversation, fellowship and much laughter

The Upper Room (formerly the Chapel): The team was tasked with repurposing this area to move it from a place of "storage" to an inviting place to be used for groups and meetings. Have you wandered back there? You will be amazed at the difference!

The Courtyard: As an addition to the plan, this area has been completely redone to not only provide a space of meditation, but also of Fellowship. Join us for Fellowship time and visit with your church friends (and hopefully some new ones) and enjoy your cup of coffee! This was funded by a member who wanted to make this space inviting and comfortable. We hope you enjoy the beautiful flowers and warm atmosphere.

Decluttering: Sounds like home doesn't it? Churches seem to be a major place of items for "someday we will use this...." And the stuff tends to accumulate. We were tasked with decluttering which has been accomplished in many areas!

Electronic Sign and Outside/Inside Signage: Let's shout it out! We have a lot going on at CUMC!! The electronic sign has provided more visibility not only to our church but our programs and worship services! Not sure where you are going? Well the new directional signs will help you and our visitors get to the right place.

Sanctuary Technology: This was a major task given to the team. The importance was amplified when we were faced with the COVID-19 restrictions regarding the use of paper and print material. This technology, considered the norm in churches now, enables us to not only provide a more vibrant worship experience but to highlight our church in the community. This technology upgrade was funded by the donations of several

members who stepped up on their own to say this needs to be done! We were also successful in obtaining grant funds from the Cambridge Charitable Foundation which also helped to fund this installation. No church funds were used! We are blessed with members who not only understand the technology but were able to do an amazing amount of due diligence to get the best installation for the church.

And so what is to be completed going forward?

Fellowship Hall: We now have new chairs thanks to the Memorial Committee who funded that project.

An extension of the Sanctuary technology will be our next step into Fellowship hall. This will allow for the ability to film, broadcast and provide overflow for large events in addition to a more vibrant experience for worship and events. Our goal is to not only make the Fellowship Hall more inviting but more functional for both small and large groups and events.

Narthex: we will be working on making the Narthex more inviting and a better utilization of the space.

So how did this all get accomplished? It was done by a great group of energetic, dedicated and inspired members who want CUMC to be the best for our members but also inviting to the community and visitors.

A special thanks to Pastor Carrie for all of her support and to Tom Kindervater for his help in navigating the finances of these projects!

So what part can you play? Invite your friends, your neighbors, your relatives to an event or worship. Introduce them to CUMC! Share events on Facebook, you don't know who might be looking for a church. You often don't know until you ask. Everyone likes an invitation. While we are the Invite Team, we are ALL called to Invite those we know to experience the Love of Christ and the amazing experience of being in ministry together. Together we can continue to make His Church a welcoming, inviting and life changing place! Can you feel the energy? It is the energy of Christ at work in us from which only good things can be in our future! **Join us!!**

Thank you!!

The INVITE Team

Mary Ann Jacobs, Chair
Becky Grosse, Sue Duebber, Dick Becker, Ken Boesherz
Debby Hauser, Charlie Sparenberg, Lynn Krebs
Gary Krebs, Missy Wittich, Megan Wittich
Katie Golek, Phil Brice, Ann Schummer

New Landscaping Team

A new Landscaping Team has been formed as part of the Trustees to maintain any garden and landscaped area not adopted by individuals, *e.g.* to trim bushes and weed these areas around the church and parsonage. The team is looking for volunteers who have a passion for gardening as well as a desire to enhance the beauty of our property and would work throughout the growing seasons – whenever cooler temperatures return and whenever your time permits – *no meetings involved!*

If interested, please contact Sue Duebber: duebbsk4@gmail.com

August Mission Offering

The mission offering for August will be going toward designated giving for the annual West Ohio Conference. It will benefit the COVID-19 response efforts through the conference and UMCOR.

Please write checks to Cheviot United Methodist Church and mark "August mission offering" or "WOC offering" on the memo line.

If you will not be attending church in person, please send your offering to the church:
3820 Westwood Northern Boulevard
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211-2597



West Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church



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Worship with Us...

9:10am
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

Bible Studies
In-person Sunday school for adults and children on Sunday mornings has been suspended due to COVID-19. See our website or call the office for information and to learn how to join our online studies during the week.

11:15am
Contemporary Worship
in the Fellowship Hall

...this August

Church Office
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Our vision is to connect and serve all people so that lives are transformed and empowered through the love of Christ.

Sharing Our Blessings

Sharing our blessings with others is one form of expressing praise and thanksgiving to God for all that He provides us. I am writing this article after our first "Safe Comeback" in-person worship service. Being able to worship at church is certainly a blessing for those of us comfortable with being with others in public. Hopefully, conditions will improve so that more of our church family will feel comfortable joining us on Sunday morning in the weeks and months ahead.

In the midst of a COVID-19 driven changing lifestyle and expressions of civil unrest, Cheviot United Methodist Church continues to provide a message of faith in God, love for our neighbors, and hope for the future.



In June, the Women of Hope conducted another very successful food drive, delivering two pickup trucks filled with much needed food supplies to the Westfed Food Pantry. Women's Ministries sponsored a sandwich making event for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Social Center, exceeding their goal of 200 sandwiches by around 20%. And a neighborhood prayer walk was held with members of Immanuel Lakewood Baptist church.

Our church has successfully reached out to our members and the community through weekly YouTube sermon videos, which will continue as we move forward. Through June, these messages have been watched by an estimated average of 220+ individuals who are looking for good news in a time of great uncertainty. The Children's Ministry team continues to send packets of do-at-home activities to stay in engaged with the children participating in JAM and Sunday school.

The steadfast commitment of our church family to supporting the ministry and mission of Cheviot United Methodist Church during the COVID-19 pandemic has enabled our church to continue to provide ministries and retain staff. We give thanks to you and praise to God for your support. Our financial support and expenses through June are summarized below:

Monthly Tithes & Offerings goal: \$30,100.00
Average per month: \$28,216.00
Total monthly mission offerings: \$2,983.75
Total designated giving for all Missions: \$6,189.75
Average expenses per month: \$28,016.00

We will be continuing our ministry and missions within the boundaries established by our need to be socially responsible. This includes maintaining and supporting our staff so that we are able to continue ministering to our congregation and are prepared to serve others when opportunities arise. It is through faith that we believe those who are able will continue to provide financial support for Cheviot United Methodist Church in this uncertain time.

Church Service Reservations are Requested

To adhere to the current COVID-19 safety precautions, weekly reservations for the 9:10am Traditional Service as well as the 11:15am Contemporary Service are needed.

Please call the church office: 513.662.2048 or send an e-mail: office@cheviotumc.com to let us know which service you will be attending.



See you in church!

Change Court Update

To date we have been fortunate to assist 5 graduates/members of the Hamilton County Change Court:

- ◆ Two of the participants continue to be employed and doing well.
- ◆ One of the participants is now in the process of getting employed and also are doing well.
- ◆ One participant has had challenges and communication with her through the church and through the Court Liaison has been very limited.
- ◆ We are now in the process of working to assist another participant move into an apartment and start her life on a better path.

All have been so appreciative and grateful for the assistance the Cheviot United Methodist Church has provided them.

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This is truly ministry in *real-time*. It is our opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to each of these women. In many respects our help could be considered small or providing items that are so "a given" to us. Small is in the eyes of the recipient. What we have provided to each of these women is not only needed tangible items but knowing that they are considered worthy and loved.

Those are not "small", they are priceless.

We ask that you continue to hold in prayer Jackie, Erika, Christina, Jackie and Kristina and the entire Change Court program and all participants.

We are looking at other ways to work with them this Fall. *Stay tuned!!*

The Women's Ministry Team



Food Drive for Westfed Food Pantry

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive response to the past couple food drives. Your support has been instrumental in allowing the Westfed Food Pantry to continue to operate during this time of great need. Women of Hope plan to continue this monthly. The August collection date will be Saturday, August 22 in conjunction with the Festival of Sharing drop off.

Non-perishable items requested:

cereal, peanut butter, jelly (plastic jars please), spaghetti, spaghetti sauce (plastic jars or cans preferred), canned fruits, vegetables and meat, toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning products. There has been a special request for canned peas, if anyone can find them. They seem to be scarce right now. An added bonus would be asking the items to be placed into paper bags. The food pantry uses paper bags to distribute to families.

