



# Crossbeams

January 2021

## A Cheviot United Methodist Church Newsletter

***"I will wait at the fords in the wilderness  
until word comes from you to inform me."***

2 Samuel 15:28

If there is one thing that I have learned during this season of Covid-19, it is the art and gift of waiting. When Covid-19 hit our home in early December, Jeff and I were both forced into waiting whether we wanted to or not. Suddenly, our evenings were filled with sitting on the couch, playing Backgammon, watching re-runs of Turner Classic movies—and waiting to feel better. I pulled out my old music, discovered that my fingers still worked, and spent some time learning new jazz chords with Miles as we sat on the piano bench late into the night. As difficult as quarantining was for me, I know that some of my fondest memories will be of the times that I was "waiting in the wilderness" for God to teach me what he wanted me to know.

Every time that God had a life-changing encounter in Scripture, it was because someone was willing to slow down and wait for God. Moses had his burning bush, Samuel had his call in the night, Paul was knocked to the ground and blinded, Jesus waited with sleepy disciples in the garden of Gethsemane.

The spiritual life is always defined by slowing down and waiting-- going deep—into our relationships with God, with others and with ourselves. In fact, when we are always full speed ahead, we can miss a great deal of what God would have us learn. God knows that it is much easier for us to speed up than it is to slow down. That's why waiting is so hard. A wise person once told me, "Sometimes life feels like we are skipping a stone across the surface of the water. We think, 'As long as we keep moving, we won't sink.'" But slowing down always takes us deeper in our spiritual life. Waiting time is never wasted time.

It is quite common in the life of the church to just keep going from one Sunday to the next, one Bible study to the next, one small group to the next. If we aren't careful, we can be looking for the next thing even before the "deeper" lessons of the present moment have taken root in our heart and soul.

That's why in 2021, the Grow team, rather than jumping into something new, has decided to re-visit a practice that we started in 2020. It is called "Living the 3-D Life 2.0—Daily, Devotional, and Dedicated. Because these important practices—reading God's Word, reflecting on its meaning for us, and waiting for God's direction as we meet with him daily is foundational to a life of spiritual growth.

May we all find time in 2021 to do the hard thing: to wait in the wilderness and listen carefully as God speaks to us. And to remember that with Christ in our life, we never wait alone. Be watching for new ways for our church to begin the 3-D Life together this month and beyond.

See you in church or on-line soon!

*Pastor Carne*



Dear Cheviot UMC,

Every night, hundreds of Cincinnati families have no safe place to turn. They stay temporarily on the couches of friends and family, sleep in their cars, or turn to the streets. Homelessness can happen to anyone. Two out of three people that Interfaith Hospitality Network Of Greater Cincinnati serves are children who become homeless with their families.

Cheviot United Methodist Church has donated over \$1400 that has brought hope to parents and children in need. Your in-kind donations freed up vital operating dollars to go to our programs and services. Thanks to you, IHNGC is able to work with families to develop a detailed plan and get things back on track. Within a month, 95% are in safe homes, with resources and support to keep them stable over the long run.

Thank you so much for joining with us.

With Gratitude,  
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**Interfaith Hospitality Network  
of Greater Cincinnati**  
*The Community's Interfaith  
Response to Family Homelessness*

**HAPPY**  
*Birthday*

### January

#### Birthdays to Celebrate

<b>2-Jan</b>	Milt McCamey
<b>6-Jan</b>	Jan Mode
<b>8-Jan</b>	Shirley Grisham
<b>9-Jan</b>	Tanner Hinds
<b>12-Jan</b>	Lucas Krebs & Pete Wade
<b>21-Jan</b>	Jim Wilde
<b>24-Jan</b>	Linda Specker & Juanita Woodburn
<b>25-Jan</b>	Zach Maurmeier & Linda Schumacher
<b>26-Jan</b>	Jan Cummings
<b>28-Jan</b>	Ken Meiners
<b>30-Jan</b>	Missy Wittich
<b>31-Jan</b>	Pam Outt

**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*

### January

#### Anniversaries to Celebrate

<b>6-Jan</b>	Jason & Grace Miller
<b>26-Jan</b>	Gerald & Ruth Simmons

### Giving Tree Update

The Giving Tree was a very successful project again this year, with more than 190 items collected for Wesley Chapel Mission Center's Santa Shop.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

*Thank  
you!*

### OUR CHEVIOT SCHOOL MINISTRY CONTINUES TO GROW!

Thank you to all who have volunteered, and now are "enjoying" freezing temps and snow to distribute food at Cheviot School. As an added treat this month, thanks to Sue Duebber, each child is receiving a new Beanie Baby as a Christmas gift from Cheviot United Methodist Church!

Thank you to Mark Phair for a great "welcome" sign as the people come to our area. The sign reads: WE LOVE CHEVIOT SCHOOL....CHEVIOT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

We continue to add on days to distribute food as Cincinnati Public Schools continues to be remote. We would love to have more people to be on a "email list" of volunteers. We are grateful for this new ministry opportunity this past year and pray that our involvement will only grow "higher"!!

Contact Vicki Groh or Mary Ann Jacobs if you would like to volunteer to plan/participate in activities this coming year:

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or

Mary Ann Jacobs  
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Cheviot School will now be a subgroup of INVITE/CONNECT and we would love to have you join us!

What a journey this had been. This time around has been 18 years of sharing with my Cheviot church family and being able to use the gifts and talents the Lord has given to me along the way. Great memories abound.

I remember early on working with the youth. Family camp at Potter's Ranch was awesome. Those times around the campfire were great. I remember those years of Confirmation and the students and mentors. How I pray those youth are growing in Jesus. I remember family dinners and the fun we had after we ate, the singing, the games and getting to know each other in new ways.

Small groups have always been a highlight to me. The Mitford ladies have met for many years and it has been great. We have shared hard times and good times together. The Beth Moore studies and studies by several other women have been awesome. What a joy it has been to study together and share our praises to the Lord and our tough times. We have grown together, and those times will long be remembered.

S.A.M. -- I will never forget you. What a joy it has been to be in ministry with you. Seniors, of which I am now one, are great people. I remember the trips we have taken all over the Tri-State and the fun on the bus. We sang, we laughed, and we sure did eat a lot of candy. Our monthly luncheons and programs have been awesome. Thanks to all of you who have pitched in and set up tables, decorated them, gone to get the food from R&R and served the food.

I hesitate using names in this article as I do not want to leave someone out and miss someone. You all know who you are!!

Not only have we had good times and fellowship together, but we have also been together as some of our beloved seniors have passed away and we have put them in the loving hands of Jesus. It has been my privilege to share in many of their funerals and their eulogies as we have celebrated and remembered them.

What an opportunity I was given some years ago to write a monthly article in the Crossbeams. Over seventy articles later and with so many different topics I know it has been the Lord Who has given the gift to me and I have had the privilege of sharing that gift with you.

Pastor Carrie said I can continue to share these articles with you so we will see where the Lord leads.

I know I have not shared everything we have shared together in ministry but hopefully have shared several highlights.

It has been good to be here. I never dreamed after leaving Cheviot United Methodist Church the first time that I would ever be back. When I got the call to consider coming for an interview, I was not sure it was the right thing to do. But I came and the rest is history.

If you will look at the title of this article and read it carefully, I will appreciate it.  
**JUST JESUS—GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS!**

After all is said and done, it is all about Jesus! To the extent that He has been lifted up and we have grown together in Him, to that extent all has been worth while. All else will fade in time and life will throw its hard blows, but Jesus will still be with us and He will be forever faithful.

I continue to sing to John our signature song, "Gentle Shepherd". I love the line in the song that says, "There's no other we can turn to, Who can helps us face another day". If we choose to follow Jesus and seek His face we will always be on the right track!

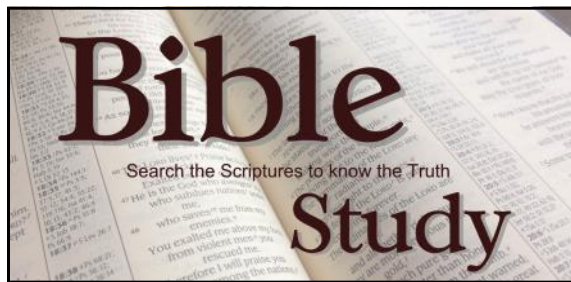
Thank you, dear church family, for allowing me to be in ministry with you all these years. It has been quite a journey! Lord willing, I will be around and may even have the opportunity to volunteer at some point.

At this point the Lord has given me the ministry of caring for John.  
We will appreciate your prayers.

*Thank you for loving us and caring.*

May Jesus be with us all as we enter 2021.





## 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.*

Questions? Contact --  
Pam Outt: peoutt@cinci.rr.com

**January 7** Romans 10-16 & Judges 1-16  
**January 28** Judges 17-21, Ruth 1-4 &  
1 Corinthians 1-9

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

Discipleship:  
Becoming More Like  
**CHRIST**  
EPHESIANS 2:10

## Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study

- ♦ All women are welcome to join the Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study.  
*Invite friends & relatives, too !!*
- ♦ **We have resumed meeting every other Saturday, using the ZOOM app.**
- ♦ We begin at 8am and finish around 9:15am

Our January readings from  
**The Joshua Code:  
52 Scripture Verses  
Every Believer Should Know**  
by O. S. Hawkins are:

**January 2** Romans 6:23 & Psalm 23:4  
**January 16** James 2:26 & Romans 5:8  
**January 30** Matthew 27:46 & 2 Corinthians 5:20

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*Feel free to begin joining us at any time.*

## The GOOD Book Club of the Month!

In January, our reading selection is *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister. How do we look at and use our gifts as the years click by? God's gifts to each of us never cease or fade, but how we use them may be a new adventure as we ponder them with a different insight. A refreshing book on aging in the "second-half of life".

Join us **January 13**, 7pm, for what is always  
a lively discussion!

We will announce each month whether we will  
be together via Zoom or in person.

### Questions?

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## Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study is currently meeting via  
ZOOM Saturday's at 8am.

E-mail Mark Woodward:  
markwoodward082@gmail.com  
for the link.

## January Mission Offering

The mission offering for January will be going to benefit BLOC Ministries. As you may remember, the coordinator of BLOC ministries came to Cheviot United Methodist Church last January to speak in our services. The work of BLOC is diverse – working with women, youth, communities and families. They work to shape, form and transcend lives, one-at-a-time, as a mentor and as a neighbor, sharing life together to encourage and nurture positive life choices and goals.

The values of BLOC Ministries are:

- B:** Believing in the power of hope (*in Christ to save*)
- L:** Living where we serve (*by being consistently present in our community*)
- O:** One-to-one (*relationships and discipleship*)
- C:** Christ in us (*in all that we do*)

I encourage you to visit the website: [www.onebloc.org](http://www.onebloc.org) , to learn more about the amazing missional work of this group in our city.

You can donate at church services January 24

or

send your donation to Cheviot United Methodist Church:  
3820 Westwood Northern Boulevard, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Please indicate January mission offering on your check or envelope. Thanks!



# Our Daily Bread®

## Sandwiches for Our Daily Bread

Again, **thank you** to the dedicated volunteers who have been providing sandwiches to Our Daily Bread for the last several months.

For the month of November, 21 Cheviot United Methodist Church members donated over 550 sandwiches! You are so appreciated by the hundreds who receive the sandwiches you make each month.

Our January "Sandwich Day" will be Thursday, January 21. We will be making all sandwiches at home, and will deliver them to church between 9:30am and 10:30am.

If you plan to make sandwiches this January, please contact Barb Scheibling [ [jwscheibling@fuse.net](mailto:jwscheibling@fuse.net) ] by Sunday, January 17, to let her know if you will make PB&J, or meat and cheese (no meat that contains pork). A reminder will be sent via church e-mail as we get closer to the 21st with more specific details for any newcomers.

*Blessings! Women's Ministry*





More than 1 in 5  
young people have  
a current mental,  
emotional, or  
behavioral disorder.

**FEWER THAN  
1 IN 6  
GET TREATMENT**

We work every day  
to change that.

## GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT!

On December 10, a text was received from Mark Phair, Jr. who works at St. Al's. His text read that there was a family at their school who had "dropped thru the crack" and were in need of an angel this Christmas Season. He wondered if it was possible Cheviot United Methodist Church could help a bit. The Women's Ministry immediately took on the role of "angels" for this family. At that time, we didn't know how many children we were supporting! A Friday afternoon church e-mail was sent out and by Saturday noon, we were simply overwhelmed by the support of the congregation! So much so that by Saturday afternoon, we had adopted another family!

So a bit of background. The first family was a single mother with six children. They had endured a lot of personal tragedy this past year including the death of a child she was fostering. The second family was a mother with two children, 6 years & 4 years old, who fled from their home on Friday evening after a life-threatening domestic abuse situation. They had only the clothes they were wearing. Thanks to the absolutely amazing generosity of Cheviot United Methodist Church members, all children received clothes and Christmas gifts (including a new bike!).

St Al's is the former St. Aloysius Orphanage. It is no longer affiliated with the Catholic Church and provides an amazing array of services to children with mental health issues, especially related to trauma. The largest group of children they serve are in Cincinnati Public Schools. 95% of the children they serve are at or below the Federal Poverty line. Women's Ministry will be scheduling an evening soon via Zoom for Mark Phair Jr. to talk to us about the vital mission of this organization. This will be open to all church members to "tune into".

In addition, Women of Hope provided Christmas gift bags to nine Change Court ladies and one child as we continue to grow this ministry.

We are not only growing HIGHER but seeing the Love of Christ in action is causing all of us to grow DEEPER. We pray that those who YOU are helping us bless, will grow DEEPER in their faith also.

*Thank You!!!!!!  
Staff Parish Relations Committee*



Nearly 50% of youth  
aged 8-15 did not  
receive the mental  
health services they  
needed in the  
previous year.



St. Al's serves over  
3,000 clients  
each year  
through evidenced-  
based, trauma-  
responsive services.



Last year 85% of our  
clients served  
showed a decrease  
in the severity of  
symptoms within the  
first 120 days of  
continual treatment.

## Westfed Food Pantry Update



Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhood pantry.

All unexpired, non-perishable foods, cleaning products, and toiletries are welcome.

***We particularly need toilet paper & paper towels.***

Non-perishable items requested are cereal, jelly (plastic jars please), canned fruits, vegetables and cleaning products. Pork and beans, toothpaste, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce (plastic or metal cans) are always needed.

An added bonus would be having the items placed into paper bags.

The food pantry uses paper bags to distribute to families.

If you have extra 2021 calendars, we'll gladly distribute them in January.

Items may be left in the Westfed baskets outside Werner Lounge or brought to neighborhood food drives listed on our Facebook page:

**<https://www.facebook.com/Westfed-Food-Pantry-683028575069765>**

Monetary donations may be made through the church.

[ checks made out to CUMC with memo: *Westfed* ]

## GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare Support Group will be hosted by Cheviot United Methodist Church January 17 and facilitated by Reverend Jill Croswell, Licensed Professional Counselor.

If you are grieving a loss of a family member or friend, this is an opportunity to find support and understanding. Whether your loss is recent or in the past, finding support to help guide you through the healing process is key to emotional healing.

Come for the first session January 17, at 2pm. The frequency of the sessions will be discussed at the first gathering. There will also be Zoom capability in addition to in-person discussion.



Registration is encouraged.

Please call the church office: 513.662.2048

or

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**by January 10**

to register.

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### ***Worship with Us...***

9:10am  
**Traditional Worship**  
in the Sanctuary

**Bible Studies**  
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 January***

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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.*