

## *Cheviot United Methodist Church*

*Connecting and serving all people so that lives are transformed and empowered through the love of Christ*

Start the Year with Prayer “...Is there no one who can do anything for me?” Romans 7:24

The New Year always brings with it the possibility of new starts. Over the years, I have started a lot of new things in January: new diets, new time management strategies, new budgets, new workout routines, new classes, projects, and self-improvement plans. And let's not forget those new Year's resolutions made before the midnight hour on New Year's Eve! Each new resolution represents genuine hope for improvement in some area of our life. But over the years, you may have discovered something discouraging about resolutions: They rarely last. According to data from Nielsen statistics, only 64% of our New year's resolutions last longer than the first month of the new year and only 46% last longer than six months. Even more discouraging is the fact that only 14 percent of people over 50 actually achieve their resolution at all! Why are the results from our heartfelt resolutions so low and how do we defy the odds?

It may be surprising to know, but the explanation for why resolutions fail is actually found in the Bible! In the seventh chapter of Romans, Paul lays out the problem for all of us. He says, “The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Part of me is a rebel and just when I least expect it, that part of me takes charge. I've tried everything and nothing

helps. I'm at the end of my rope! Is there no one who can do anything for me? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does! He can set things right in this life of contradictions.” Romans 7:21-25 Msg.

Maybe just like Paul, you have become tired of failed resolutions and dashed hopes. If so, I want to suggest an alternative plan this year. Instead of starting a new resolution that is bound to fail, start a new prayer life that is bound to succeed. Because prayer always works. Prayer has the power to change everything about your life, your relationships, and most importantly, your relationship with Jesus. Many people say that they need help in deepening their prayer life so we are here to help. Beginning January 13<sup>th</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>, I am inviting you to join me for a new series called “40 Days of Prayer”. In that series we will learn the purpose of prayer, how to pray with confidence, the pattern for prayer, and how to pray for a breakthrough in your life. Won't you join me this month for 40 Days of Prayer? Better yet, invite a friend who may need an extra dose of hope this year.

See you in church!

*Pastor Carne*



## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who supported the Giving Tree this year! A whole truck load of gifts was delivered to Wesley Chapel Mission Center on November 29. The staff there were excited to receive the items you donated, and was looking forward to setting up the Santa Shop for their students. Giving these kids the opportunity to earn gifts for their families goes a long way to build character and self-esteem, and lets them know the joy of giving. Thanks for your constant generosity!



## Westfed Food Pantry

Jelly, bars of soap, large paper grocery bags  
Check the Sunday bulletin for additional needs that may occur throughout the month. Donation baskets are outside Werner Lounge. Donation envelopes are available on the Welcome Centers. Please make checks out to CUMC with memo: **Westfed**.

Thank you for supporting our neighborhood mission.



Dear members and friends,  
Glen and I would like to thank you for all your love, cards, flowers, balloons, calls, texts and most importantly your prayers. As we continue on this journey to getting some answers, we have no doubt that our loving and comforting Heavenly Father is walking right alongside us.

Love,  
Jayne and Glen



**The January missions offering** will be collected on Sunday, January 27 to benefit Redbird Mission in Kentucky. CUMC work teams have spent a week in the fall at Redbird for several years, doing construction/renovation projects in this impoverished Appalachian community.

## News from our Moscow missionaries

The fall semester has flown by and we are preparing students for their first language exam of the year. We now have 105 students, nine teachers, a new part-time academic administrator, and two university students we're training as classroom helpers. These two are old friends from Sue's "Slobs on a Bus" drama group. It's wonderful to continue to build long-term relationships with them. Every day, ALL of our classrooms are occupied with classes, which is a first for us. Three years ago, the seminary building was used mainly as a seminary for training pastors. Now, we have over one hundred families from the community coming into the building every week. Our hope and prayer is that the school will help the seminary financially as well as be an outreach ministry to connect families to the churches here.

Christmas is celebrated on January 7, according to the Orthodox calendar, so December is a normal working month. New Years is celebrated like our Christmas, but it's a public national holiday. Everyone celebrates with Christmas trees, presents, and family gatherings. It is by far the biggest holiday of the year. Our students are from a wide range of ethnic and religious backgrounds (Orthodox Christians, Jews, Muslims, agnostic, etc). During this season, we have the opportunity to share aspects of religious traditions including our Christmas narrative. Last year, we had a food and clothing drive to help poor families and invalids in our neighborhood. We want our students to know that they can do something to be of help to others less fortunate. We hope to expand this year to also give to a women's shelter for single moms. Please pray for a good response from the students.

Thank you for all you do to partner with us and help reach people here for Christ. We keep you in our prayers!

Chris & Sue Champion



# 2019—A New Year

by Lois Schalk-Hartley

## A Different Kind of New Year

We have shared this Advent Season about a different kind of Christmas and what that looked like. What would it take to have a different kind of New Year? What would that look like to each of us? I wonder.

The world that we live in is different, that's for sure. Putting our hope and trust in anything on this earth has now lost its ability to give us my sense of security. So where do we go from here and in what or in whom can we put true confidence, hope, trust, and faith that it or they will not let us down?

During the Advent/Christmas season we had a Bible Study entitled, "The Journey to Christmas". Five people were searching for the truth about Christmas. In the DVD, one gentleman said that Jesus came to destroy religion.

What does that mean? We talked about that in our group. We defined "religion" as man's attempt to find ways to reach out to God. There are certainly many different religions and many different ways that we try to find our way to God.

If that is a definition for "religion" then how does Christianity differ from religion? We defined Christianity as God reaching down to man, down into the world that He created. John 3:16 confirms that act of God as it says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him (Jesus) shall not perish but have Everlasting Life"

Jesus Himself had the audacity to say, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life". John 14:6 He did not say I am a way, or a truth or a life. No, with the utmost authority, He said He was the Way to God.

How so? Because the Great Creator became our Savior and ALL God's fullness dwelt in Jesus, The Wise Men sought a person. We find that Person in Jesus as we open our lives up to Him. Then instead of "religion" we find ourselves in a growing "personal relationship" with Jesus, God the Son. He came to be our Savior and now we are on this journey with Him the rest of our days here on this earth.

So how can that make this New Year different? Well, the greatest security we can have comes from God.

He alone can say, "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you. (Hebrews 13: 5) "I will be with you until the end of the age". (Matthew 28:20)

For Jesus to say those words and know He plans to keep them is the greatest sense of security one can have. That goes way beyond "religion" to a personal relationship with Someone much more powerful than we are!

I ask you to do something "different" as you begin the New Year. Write the alphabet letters from A to Z. Then find as many characteristics, attributes for each letter that you can about Jesus. C for Counselor, R for Rock, U for unchanging, S for

Savior and on you go. Use your Bible, use a Hymnal and Praise Songs to find more. Then try to find scripture verses in the Old or New Testaments that go with that attribute or characteristic. Check out that characteristic / word-in a concordance. After that, take one a day and meditate on that one letter and what you found. Ask some questions. What does it say about God / Jesus? What does it say to

me? What difference will believing this make in my life? What is God saying to me today as I listen to Him?

God says in His Word that if we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. That, my friends, talks about relationship!

It's 2019, and we do not know what lies ahead. But we know Someone Who does know what lies ahead. That's for the letter A by the way: all-knowing!

May this be a different kind of New Year as you open your heart to the Great Creator Who came to be our Savior. May this be the greatest year for you as you begin this awesome adventure with Jesus!



## Mission Calendar

January

13 – Prince of Peace breakfast – meet @ 5:40 AM  
CUMC parking lot

27 – Mission offering: Redbird Mission

February

3 & 10 – Annual Westfed Food Frenzy bag distribution

4 - Mission meeting @ 6:30 PM in the chapel

10 – Prince of Peace breakfast – meet @ 5:40 AM

CUMC parking lot

24 – Mission offering: City Gospel Mission

We want to thank everyone for the love, prayers, cards, and memorials for our niece, Beth Wittich. We are so thankful for all of you. Please keep A.J. and his four daughters in your prayers.

Thank you, Missy & Jeff Wittich and Family



## Grab a Christian Fiction Book and Relax!

In the bookcase located beside my office is where you will find lots of books. They are for your enjoyment and inspiration. Just check one out, read it and bring it back. In the New Year I will be changing and adding new books for you to enjoy. This is a ministry where I enjoy sharing the books I have read. Over the years I have been blessed, challenged and inspired by these Christian authors.

May you be blessed as you read.

Pastor Lois Schalk-Hartley

## Sarah Circle

All women are invited to attend CUMC's Sarah Circle. Our next meeting will be January 7th, 2019. We will begin planning our activities for the coming year. Please join us!!!

*Sarah Circle* is part of the United Methodist Women, whose purpose statement is: United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Sarah Circle's first contribution to the UMW was the World Thank Offering (which involved the collection of 25 cents for each pair of shoes you owned). We collected \$416.00 (that is 1664 pairs of shoes....oh how we are blessed!!). This money will go to a general mission fund that will be used in the United States and around the World. Thank you to all who contributed & we look forward to seeing you.

## News for Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study! Reading the Bible in a Year (or Two)!!

All woman are welcome to join the Saturday Morning Woman's Bible Study (invite friends and relatives too).

We meet every other Saturday in Werner Lounge at 8:00 AM and finish around 9:15 AM

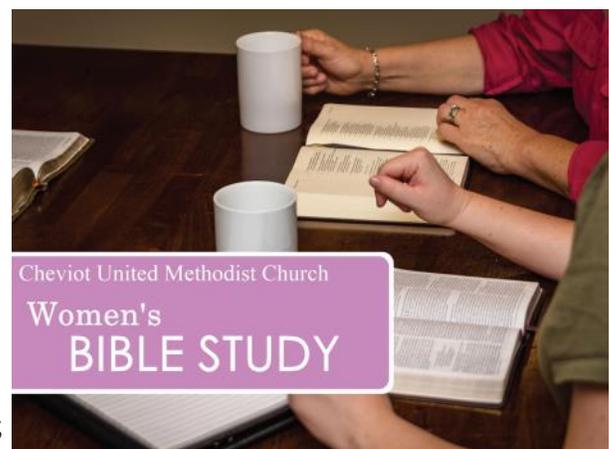
Here are the future dates and readings we will be discussing (please feel free to begin joining us ANYTIME!!!)

January 12 2 Chronicles 7-27

January 26 2 Chronicles 28-36; 1 Thessalonians 1-5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3; Ezra 1-6

February 9 Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah 1-13; Esther 1-6

February 23 Esther 7-10; 1 Timothy 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4; Job 1-12



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

Dear Generous Church Family,

There were nine from our congregation who returned to the RedBird Mission in the Appalachian area in Kentucky at the end of November.

Our original mission trip in October was to hook up well water for a home, install flooring, paint, place a metal skirt around the outside of the home and, generally make the home more livable.

Our hearts were deeply touched by a grandmother, Elsie, raising her 3 grandchildren, Harley-age 5, Tucker-age 9, and Madison-age 10. They had been living with NO water in the home and the children were sleeping on the floor.

Thanks to the support of CUMC and the volunteers from our congregation, Elsie and the children now have running water, appliances, clothing, beds and bedding, carpets, heaters, towels and kitchen items. Elsie even has a box of toys which were donated which the children will receive Christmas morning.

It is with grateful hearts that the mission team would like to thank each of you for your donations to fill the 15 foot uhaul, as well as the monetary donations to purchase beds and appliances.

Because of the amount of donations received, many, many other families were blessed in the RedBird area.

A group from CUMC will be returning to RedBird in October, 2019. ALL are welcome! Please call Cathy or Kevin Davis at 513/574-3358 with any questions.

With deep gratitude,  
The RedBird Mission Team



Check out more photos from the RedBird Mission Team on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/CheviotUMC](http://www.facebook.com/CheviotUMC)



1/06 *Jan Mode*

1/08 *Shirley Grisham*

1/09 *Tanner Hinds*

1/12 *Pete Wade*

*Lucas Krebs*

1/17 *Ken Durbin*

1/18 *Robert Siemer*

1/21 *Jim Wilde*

1/24 *Linda Specker*

*Juanita Woodburn*

1/25 *Zach Maurmeier*

*Helen Perry*

*Linda Schumacher*

1/26 *Jan Cummings*

1/28 *Ken Meiners*

1/30 *Missy Wittich*

1/31 *Pam Outt*



1/06 *Raymond & Linda Gonzales*

*Jason & Grace Miller*

1/26 *Gerald and Ruth Simmons*

### 2019 Leadership at Cheviot UMC

The CUMC leadership list/committee members for 2019 are on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office.



### What a wonderful Christmas cantata!

Thanks to Carol and all the musicians for their time and talents in presenting this “gift” to those in attendance. We were all blessed by the time you spent preparing and presenting this music.



### NEW MINISTRY TEAMS ON THE MOVE!

By Pastor Carrie

Our four new ministry teams of Invite, Connect, Grow, and Send have been busy these last two months working on recommendations and planning some exciting events for 2019. Some of the updates from their work together include:

#### INVITE

Invite team has completed their initial concept drawings for the proposed upgrade to Werner Lounge. Bids are being received and plans finalized so that work can begin in the new year. For questions or to get involved, contact Invite Leader, Katie Golek at [golekk1@gmail.com](mailto:golekk1@gmail.com)

#### CONNECT

The Connect team has created a new Connect Card that can be found in the pews. Take a moment to look at the new features of this card that will help us discover the interests and needs of our congregation and visitors and will help us to plan fun events and educational experiences in 2019. Won't you take time to fill one out and place it in the offering plate at your earliest convenience?

The Communication team is working on a comprehensive plan to improve promotion and communication for all church events in 2019. Beginning with our “40 Days of Prayer” Sermon series in January, look for regular updates in the weekly bulletins, on our website at [www.cheviotumc.com](http://www.cheviotumc.com), on our Facebook page @CheviotUMC, in the monthly Crossbeam, on our outside sign, Invitation cards, fliers, and more. We are no more the “Best Kept Secret on the Westside!” Keep in mind that the best and cheapest form of communication is word of mouth. Thank you for helping promote Cheviot UMC to your friends and acquaintances. For more information or to get involved, contact Amy Morand at [awmorand@zoomtown.com](mailto:awmorand@zoomtown.com)

#### GROW

The Grow team is meeting in early January to plan a church-wide spiritual growth survey in order to create an intentional discipleship pathway in 2019. Keep watching for updates during the season of Lent for ways that you can deepen your walk with Jesus this year. For more information or to get involved, contact Mark Phair at [mphair22@gmail.com](mailto:mphair22@gmail.com)

#### SEND

After a very well-attended seminar on Narcan distribution in late November, the Send team is building on that momentum and is continuing its planning for partnering with the Cheviot community to find ways to be a beacon of hope for those who struggle with addiction.

The Send team has also been meeting with the Cheviot Fire Department and identifying willing servants in our congregation who can assist with minor house repairs for the people in the Cheviot community. Keep watching for updates and for ways that you can become involved in serving and in prayer for this great community initiative. For more information or to get involved, contact [marthabrice@hotmail.com](mailto:marthabrice@hotmail.com)



# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Offices Closed	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>6</b> 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Celebration Bells 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship 4:00 PM Youth Group	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM Trustee Com- mittee Mtg.	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CUMC Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 PM Traditional Worship Comm. Mtg.	<b>9</b> 6:40 PM Choristers 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study
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**9:10 a.m.  
 Traditional Worship—Sanctuary**

**10:20 a.m.  
 Sunday School (All Ages)**

**11:15 a.m.  
 Contemporary Worship—Fellowship  
 Hall**

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