

# Cridersville Chronicle

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## *From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger*

It's a whole new year and the possibilities are endless. Is this going to be the year you make that change in your life that you've been delaying but you know you need to make happen? Have you made any new year's resolutions? If you look at the statistics about half of us make resolutions and only about 10% are successful in accomplishing them. The number one resolution, you guessed it, losing weight and number two is getting organized. I think one of my problems with New Year's resolutions is that they come at the wrong time of the year. It's winter and everything is cold and dormant, at least in Ohio. I think it would make more sense to have New Year's resolutions in the spring when everything is coming back to life.

I am always conflicted with the beginning of another year. I have a tendency to be somewhat depressed after the rush of the Christmas holidays, celebrations and church activities. So we move into the New Year and I seemed so drained of energy that I can't concentrate on new challenges or even the same old tasks. But being renewed and rising to the challenge of change is throughout the Bible.

The Old Testament prophets spoke to the ancient Hebrews frequently about their need to change so that their lives and their ethics and their values would line up with God whom they had promised to serve. The Prophets not only spoke to them in times of disobedience to change to something better but also in times of trouble with the promise that God is a God of change and new life.

One of my favorite verses with regards to change comes from Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." This was spoken by God to a people in captivity and who were beginning to question whether God even existed. It points to a redeeming God who wants what is best for His people and all creation. God was pointing to a future when they would be restored and they would be released from their time of captivity.

There are times and questions of our faith in which we ought to be able to deliberate, find meaning and offer theological answers. We will have a four part sermon series beginning on January 13 titled: **Deep Questions**. We look to those questions of our faith that challenge us and even those who don't attend church. *What's God's will for my life, Why is there Suffering, Why are my Prayers Unanswered* and *We are more than Conquerors*. These are all challenges to our faith to which we ought to be able to offer answers and to which we can give our own testimonies.

I hope and pray that 2019 will be another remarkable year of knowing and serving Christ through the ministry opportunities at Cridersville United Methodist Church.

### **Liturgist**

- 6) Rachel Hewlett
- 13) Frank Oen
- 20) Connie Rees
- 27) Youth

### **Nursery**

- 6) Susie Dailey & Youth
- 13) Jim & Debbie Schroeder
- 20) Jeff & Mel Reichelderfer
- 27) Ryan & Dane Bailey

### **Power Express**

- 6) No Youth
- Communion
- 13) Youth
- 20) Youth
- 27) Youth

### **Ushers**

- Gene & Neita Border
- Gary & Judy Eversole

**Greeters**

6) Ernie & Jenny  
Numbers  
Jean Fox  
Jane Bowersock

13) Jane Gray  
Sue Hinegardner  
Jean Arnold  
Heather McKenzie

20) Gene & Neita  
Border  
George & Kathy  
Krites

27) Mel & Sue  
Numbers  
Kathy Hollinger  
Judy Maloney



**CRAVE**

Jan 06 5-7 pm Crave  
Jan 13 5-7 pm Crave  
Jan 20 5-7 pm Crave  
Jan 27 5-7 pm Crave

*Sew Blessed Quilters*

The Sew Blessed Quilters would like to welcome you to join them in fellowship and service on the following dates.

Meetings for 2019 at Cridersville UMC

105 Shawnee Rd., 9 am - 4 pm

Jan. 26	Feb. 16	March 16	April 20
May 18	Sept. 21	Retreat: Oct 4-6	Oct. 19
Nov. 16			

Dec. 1, 12-6 pm Christmas Gathering

Contact Grace Bailey for more information.

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# Book Notes

Now is the time to read all those books you didn't have time for in December. One of those is Debbie Macomber's "THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS". It's about Cassie Beaumont's experience with a professional matchmaker.

JOY BREAKS, is a devotional to celebrate, simplify, and add laughter to your life! Written by Patsy Clairmont, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Meberg, and Luci Swindoll, so you know this is a fun book.

Maya Angelou's "LETTER TO MY DAUGHTER" looks to be a good one. I haven't read it yet, but the reviews sound great. One review: "Written in Angelou's beautiful, poetic style, the essays feel like warm advice from a beloved aunt or grandmother, whose wisdom you know was earned." This is not a new book, but as I said it looks like a good one.

*Have a Happy New Year everyone!!*

## January Birthdays

- 2) Jack Clay
- 3) Natalie Houser  
Bodey Dalrymple
- 6) Sharon McCaslin  
Brandon Drexler  
Rayna Blackburn
- 8) Carlos Womble  
Carole Womble  
Sydney Drexler
- 9) Jan Frantz  
Anise Swartz
- 13) Rory Smith
- 20) John Bayliff  
Abigail Morton
- 21) Jane Gray  
Nicolette Martin
- 26) Olivia Tregoning
- 28) Brennan Bailey

## January Anniversaries

- 13) Jason & Megan Rumbaugh

# Bell Choir

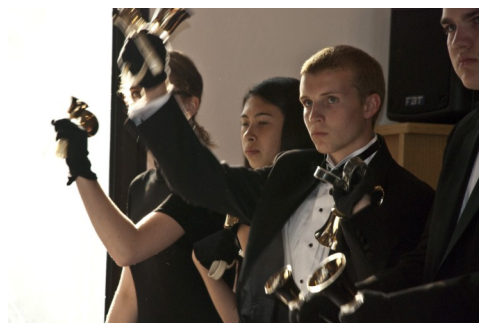


*Brothers and sisters in Christ*

*How exciting it is as we prepare for our first bell choir rehearsal. Our first hand bell choir rehearsal will be Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm We will then plan to meet every Tuesday following at 6:00 pm*

*God Bless*

*Pastor Mark*



## *Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry*



December saw continued activity buzzing around CH-KI-LO Food Pantry. At the Christmas basket distribution on December 20th, 68 households were served, with a total of 206 people receiving food for their holiday meal. Many grateful clients also received warm hats, gloves and socks to add to their Christmas cheer. The Angel Tree presents and stuffed animals provided big smiles to the youngest clients. Many, many thanks to all who provided the resources for these efforts, and of course, a big thank you to all our hard workers, including Santa's helper and elf. The Missions and Food Pantry staff work hard all year, but especially around the holidays, to make sure people in our community feel God's love through their caring and concern.

The next big event will be the Souper Bowl of Caring in January, sponsored by the youth and the Missions committee, which will benefit the Food Pantry. Look for more information about how you can be involved in the fun for a great cause.



## Peanut Brittle

Gary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support of the Peanut Brittle sale. With your help it was another successful year. I wanted to let you know that we made 2,200 pounds of candy. As of the end of December, we made \$10,850.00. Gary and I would like to wish everyone of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Gary and I would like to thank you for the generosity of you all. Thank you to the dedicated people who work for eight weeks to make this project happen. Without each and everyone of you we would not be able to do what we do in service to our church and to our Lord. We would also like to thank those people who sold the peanut brittle. Thank you all again.

God's Blessing to you all,

Gary and Judy Eversole



## December Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
November 25	107	43	\$2443.00	\$0.00
December 2	121	37	\$3785.00	\$70.00
December 9	153	32	\$7210.00	\$90.00
December 16	110	42	\$1934.00	\$52.00
December 23	119	38	\$3560.00	\$30.00

### Lessons from a snowman



- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
  - We're all made mostly of water.
- know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
  - So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
    - Don't get too much sun.
  - Sweating too much can be disastrous!

## Outreach

Thank you, Church Family, for your generosity towards our Adopt-A-Family efforts. We were able to supply four families with gifts ranging from M & M's to socks!

A mother who had a little girl in 2nd grade and boy in 4th grade .

A mother who had a little boy in 1st grade .

A mother and who had a little girl in 4th grade.

A mother and who had a boy in 6th grade and boy in Senior High.

One of the families was living in a shelter. We also had available two meat products and a bag of potatoes for the families. Thanks to the assistance from Chi-Ki Lo. Three families accepted the items this holiday season.

Outreach Commission (Mary Kay Smith)



## 2019 Church Leadership

Included in this edition of the Cridersville Chronicle is the 2019 Leadership. On behalf of the Nominations Committee we want to express appreciation for all those who have served and for those who have agreed to serve in the coming year. The words of Paul from the letter to the Philippians might speak to us as our new year begins: "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6). As the new year begins, we can be thankful to the many who are helping us move forward as a community of faith. Please look through the 2019 Church Leadership page and let us know if any corrections are needed. And let's pray for each other and for our church!

### Cridersville United Methodist 2019 Leadership Team

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:**

**2019**

Missions: Kaye Seese

**2020**

Chair: Dave Reichelderfer

Family Life: Meg Rumbaugh

Treasurer: Judy Eversole

Outreach: Frank Oen

**2021**

Vice-Chair: Deb Drexler

Finance Chari: Ora Seese

Hospitality Chair: Janet Pack

At Large Members:

**2019**

Sharon Koenig

**2020**

Josh Houser

**2021**

LeeAnn McCaslin

Lay Delegate—TBD

Youth Delegate - TBD

Positions to be filled: Secretary, Lay Delegate, Youth Delegate, Lay Leader

**Memorials:**

**2019**

Margie Humes Chair

**2020**

TBD

**2021**

TBD

**Children's Ministry Team**

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Rachel Hewlett	Karen Feigh	
Brian Tomsett		
Staff: Power Xpress Leader		

**FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Finance Chairperson: Ora Seese	Treasurer	Lay Leader
Admin Board Chair	Staff Parish Chairperson	Annual Conference Delegate
Trustee Chair	Staff: Pastor, Office Administrator	

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Jason Rumbaugh	Josh Houser	Deb Drexler

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Ora Seese	Frank Oen	Keith Paul
Heather Gowanlock	Jim Schroeder	Kyle Wagner
Jill Wierwille	Jeff McKenzie	Julie Smith

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS:**

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Jane Bowersock	Susan Bay	Neita Border
Tom Mulcahy	Sue Hinegardner	George Krites
Susie Dailey		Terry Bailey
Lay Leader, Annual Conference Delegate		

**NOMINATIONS:**

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Judy Eversole	Betsy Wagner	Cindy West
Jerry Johnson	Jill Wierwille	Deb Schroeder
Deb Drexler	Donna Paul	

# Thank you

Thank you for sharing the food from your luncheon. Right before your phone call our cook told me that we were out of vegetables.

Praise God! He and you were right on time. An then to show us it was Him. We had 14 cases by the end of the day that people brought in.

Thank you and God Bless

Our Daily Bread

*Many times we pass through each day not realizing whose life we touch. When I came to work for the church I thought that I would be helping others and to my surprise. Everyone has been helping me.*

*Thank you all for making this year amazing. I know that I am still learning and I appreciate the patience you have shown me.*

*You have made a huge impact on my life and I can't wait to see what next year will bring.*

Nichole



Ash  
Wednesday

Save the date for Ash  
Wednesday service on  
March 6th  
at 7:00 pm



The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

—C. Neil Strait