

Cridersville Chronicle

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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

It's been a year since Kathy and I arrived to serve in ministry alongside all of you at Cridersville and it has proved a blessing to all of us. We had no sooner arrived and we celebrated the Volunteer Fireman's Jamboree event and the blessing of the badges and then our Vacation Bible School. We have been blessed to get to know one another and that all started with a set of cottage meetings out at the parsonage. Shortly after our arrival I got to know our connection with Otterbein and the Cridersville elementary school and it has been a blessing to continue those partnerships. I currently serve on the Otterbein governing board and I now that we will continue to be in conversation with Jason Wolke, Cridersville elementary principle, as we look to ways to strengthen those partnerships.

As we travelled on through the year Kathy worked on the peanut brittle brigade (we've got the best peanut brittle on the planet) and then trick or treat down on main street. We had a blessed stewardship campaign that resulted in an increase in pledges and giving as well as ministry commitment sheets that blessed us with the launch of the bell choir.

As we moved into Christmas Kathy and I were blessed to be a part of Christmas on main, the live nativity and decorating the church for Christmas. (Kathy and I have served in four churches and we really do believe that the Christmas setting of our Cridersville church has been the most striking and moving) Of course throughout the year we have had 52 wonderful Sunday morning worship celebrations (including one with space heaters when the boiler gave out) and other special worship celebrations with Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. I have so appreciated Nola and Mark who bless us always with inspiring music and energetic worship leadership.

As with all my previous church settings I have been blessed with a staff who are passionate about sharing Christ. We meet regularly and I know that at any given time I can reach out and discuss matters with Jeff and Mel about our youth programming and events and to Courtney for our children's ministry. We have experienced the addition of Trish Wilson as our new office administrator and she also has proved a blessing to us. Our laity leadership has been a boon to our ministry endeavors and I thank affirm all of you who serve on our varied committees and teams. It is in partnership with all of you that we have celebrated two baptisms, received twelve new members and a spring confirmation class.

Our missions committee and food pantry committee continues to be active and Kathy and I have been blessed to be a part of those ministries. I look forward to the blessing of their leadership and ministry out into our community and the world. ChKiLo food pantry and our partnership with the girl scouts, boy scouts and cub scouts are all blessings into our community and further our connections in the Cridersville community.

As we prepare for another year of ministry together I think of Paul's words in his opening of his letter to the church in Philippi. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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 1:3-6

Yours in Christ

Pastor Mark and Kathy



PLEASE
TAKE NOTE...



7/7 Ernie & Jenny Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

7/14 Sue Hinegardner

Jane Bowersock

7/21 Gene & Neita Border

George & Kathy Krites

7/28 Mel and Sue Numbers

Liturgist

7/7 LeeAnn McCaslin

7/14 Betsy Wagner

7/21 MaryKay Smith

7/28 Youth

Power Express

7/7 No Power Xpress

7/14 Youth

7/21 Youth

7/28 Youth

Ushers

Gene Border

Neita Border

George Krites

Kathy Krites

Nursery

7/7 The Rumbaugh's

7/14 Heather McKenzie and Youth

7/21 Rachel Hewlett and Youth

7/28 Hannah and Julie Smith



July Birthdays

- 7/3 Ethan Plummer
- 7/7 Lisa Lowry
- 7/8 Victoria Sharp
- 7/9 Isabella Burklo
- 7/13 George Krites
Carlie Schroeder
- 7/15 Samantha Hewlet
Rylan Reichelderfer
- 7/18 Susie Dailey
- 7/19 Jenny Ricker
Betsy Wagner
- 7/20 Jean Fox
- 7/23 Alex Wiles
- 7/25 Mark Chambers

July Anniversaries

- 7/3 Jeff & Hazel Lambert
- 7/16 Dave & Anita Burris
- 7/18 Christopher Ryan & Dana Bailey
- 7/31 Billy & Janet Pack

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Blessing of the Backpacks
And
Donate to Cridersville School

August 18th

BACK TO SCHOOL

It's time to start thinking about assisting with school supplies for students at Cridersville Elementary. Lots of things are needed and it can be a financial burden that some families struggle to meet. Cridersville UMC has always been generous in

giving supplies to get students off to a good start and it's time to start gathering items.

This year we will designate certain Sundays for specific items – although we will accept and items at any time!! There will be a shopping cart in the welcome center in front of the board that will have school supply lists. Please join in the fun and give generously.

- July 7 - #2 pencils and boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, erasable colored pencils
- July 14 - glue sticks and Elmer's glue bottle, 10 pack and 8 pack Crayola CLASSIC markers
- July 21 - EXPO dry erase markers and highlighters
- July 28 - 5" pointed scissors and Fiskars for kids scissors, pink erasers and pencil erasers
- August 4 - 1 subject spiral notebook, composition notebook, one inch 3 ring binder, pocket folder (3 hole punched)
- August 11 - ruler with inches and cm, protractor (clear), plastic pencil boxes (6"x9" and 5"x 8")
- August 18 - boxes of Kleenex, Sandwich zip lock bags, quart zip lock bags, gallon zip lock bags, Clorox wipes, baby wipes
- Other items requested: book bags, small and regular paper plates, 4 pack play dough, paper towels, napkins, 3x5 index cards, zippered pencil pouch for 3 ring binder, Red pens, 3"x3" post it notes (5 pack or greater), old shirts for art class, change of clothes (long pants, shirt, socks, underwear in large zip bag for Pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners, socks (for erasers).



Back to School Supplies Drive



Book Notes

LOW COUNTRY, by Anne Rivers Siddons. A really good story. Starts out a bit slow, but once you get started, you won't want to put it down. Location is near Charleston, South Carolina, in the old South. Lots of ups and downs, and many surprises!

Those of you who were looking for Charles Martin books we have 4 of his books and thought some were lost, as we couldn't find them. Well, they had fallen behind other books on the shelf. They are now in their right place - Fiction shelf in the "m" section.

New Amish book! THE BLESSING, by Wanda Brunstetter. You'll like this one.

Remember: "With God All Things Are Possible"



June Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
May 26	113	30	\$1,889.25	\$30.00
June 2	90	24	\$2,835.00	\$30.00
June 9	112	43	\$3,645.60	\$123.70
June 16	114	44	\$3,161.00	\$32.00

Greeter and Usher Volunteers Needed

We're looking for smiling faces to help out on Sunday mornings. Please let us know where you can help out. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Scrip Cards

Please stop by the Ministry Center after Service or in the Church office Monday thru Friday 8 am - 12 pm to purchase your Scrip Gift Cards. This is a great fundraiser for the church . We have many cards in stock including Apple-bee's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Meijer, Wal-Mart, JCPenny, Kohl's, Lowes, Menard's and Regal Cinemas and many more.

*Thank
You*

Thank you for all your prayers, telephone calls and cards the last few months.

Thank you also to Pastor Mark and Mrs. Kathy for the smiling faces and visits while I was in the hospital and nursing home.

May God Bless you always.

Ruth Thompson

West Central Ohio Quilt Guild Quilt Show

The West Central Ohio Quilt Guild will be holding their quilt show on Friday, July 12, from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00p.m. and Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall in conjunction with the Cridersville Jamboree. The quilt show is open to the public with free admission. Any donations are appreciated.

Quilt Show



Cridersville Fireman's Jamboree Parade

July 13- decorate, ride, or cheer us on!

If anyone is interested in helping with decorating the float meet at the church at 10:45 am that morning. If you are just walking in the parade with us meet at the church by 12:15 pm.

The Parade starts at 1 pm.

We will be passing out VBS flyers and candy.

Parade



Cridersville UMC church directories are available at the welcome center. All of the members who had their pictures taken will receive a directory and we should have enough extra directories for everyone else.

You can download the directory to your Smartphone, tablet and desktop and instructions and your own private password to access the directory from your downloaded app are available at the welcome center.

Mark Your Calendars

Allen County Fair Gates is August 23-24. Two days of Volunteering earns \$3200 towards our church's mission and ministries. Help us reach out to the Allen County area and raise funds for the work of God's kingdom. Sign up for your time slot with Gary Eversole or contact the church office for details



Join Us For

“Splash Canyon” VBS

When: August 7 & 8

Where: Cridersville UMC

Time: 6-8pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

Who: Children ages preschool-4th grade

What: Join us for an evening of music, games, interactive Bible story, crafts, and a snack (Please bring a towel and clothes you can get wet)

*Register online by going to our Facebook page
@PowerXpresscumc and
clicking the link*

*For more info please email
courtneyannie88@gmail.com*



By George! Campaign

Just a reminder that this Campaign is still going on. This is an opportunity for mission giving through the Northwest Plains District of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

This spring there is a special campaign to be part of an effort to help **Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti**. This hospital that has served countless numbers of children and their families over the years has been devastated by the earthquakes and hurricanes and is desperate need of help. If every one of the congregations in Northwest Plains District would give \$1 per week per member, the district could rally to give not only a dramatic amount of financial help but also give hope to those in need. The money will be collected at the District office and sent to Haiti.

The Missions Committee is not adopting this challenge for the church but did want to inform the congregation of the great need and the **opportunity** to give. There will be a jar in the welcome center for anyone who wishes to contribute to this challenge or you can designate gifts on you offering envelopes. There will be more information coming!

To view videos please visit <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/umtv-haiti-childrens-hospital> .

Announcements

VBS is scheduled for August 7 & 8th

Jamboree days - July 12 & 13th

West Central Ohio Quilt Guild Quilt Show - July 11 - 13th

Backpack Blessing - August 18th

The Church will NO LONGER be collecting Coupons.