

The Christian Window
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***FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
 COULD BE FOR YOU IF . . .***

- ~ You come to the end of your money before you come to the end of the month.
- ~ Your credit card is your emergency fund.
- ~ You don't know how to begin to get out of debt.
- ~ You are totally confused by insurance.
- ~ Stock, bonds, and mutual funds are friends you haven't met yet.
- ~ You wish you could give more, but just can't.

We can help. Classes begin at First Christian Sunday, March 4 at 5 o'clock. Free preview Sunday, Feb. 19 at 9:30 and 5:00 in the Parlor. Call Louise at 330-673-3392 for more information.

Ash Wednesday Worship and Communion

February 22nd~ 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday begins our journey through the Lenten Season. It is a time of reflection and repentance. We will gather in the Sanctuary on February 22nd at 7p.m. for Prayers, Litanies, Hymns, some Special Music by our Choir. In humility and penance we will gather at the Lord's Table to share the Bread and Cup of Christ and receive the mark of ashes. Let this be a part of your spiritual journey to the Cross of Christ and a true celebration of the meaning of Easter.




Nursery Care provided and a special children's program provided while parents worship.

**Youth Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, February 19th
 9:15-10:30 am**

Donations will be collected for Week of Compassion. Join us for pancakes, chocolate chip pancakes, sausage links, fruit, coffee, juice and tea in Bethany Hall.



Sunday School classes are invited to reserve a table and eat together. Youth should arrive no later than 9:00 to prepare. See Jodi Stillisano if you have any questions.



Note to ALL:

We are now asking **everyone** who enters the church during the week to please let the office or the minister know that you are in the building upon entrance.

When last to leave, make sure to check to see that the building is empty, all lights off and the doors are locked. *Thank you.*

Acme Cash Back

Bring your ACME Receipts with the Community CASH BACK on the bottom dated February 11th or earlier to the church and deposit them in the box in the Narthex. The church will receive 5% cash back that will go toward Camp Scholarships. ***Please have all slips into the church by February 19th.***



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3rd Annual Children's Art Show

Thank you to our children and parents who made the Art Show a huge success! The children made beautiful paintings, crosses, and "faith, hope and love" wall art. They also sold homemade greeting cards, gift bags, and wrapping paper- items that will surely bring joy to those on the receiving end! Special thanks to all who provided items for our Chocolate Fountain Bar- What a messy, delicious treat! The Art Show raised \$316.00 for the Cleveland Christian Home Partnership Challenge. We are proud to send this gift along with our continued prayers for the children and families of the Cleveland Christian Home.



Girl Scout Sunday

Past and Present Girl Scouts will be recognized on Sunday, March 11th. Current participants please come wearing your uniform.

Remember in our Prayers:



Healing: Members: Pat McKinney, Mona Gates, Jane Baxter, Connie Mellott.

Friends and family: Sandy Vice (friend of Palmers), Jim Horning, (friend of Charlie Redman), Terry (friend of Michelle Lantz), Chery Ayers (Charlie Redman's cousin), Melissa Gilling-Norden (friend of Neris), Sheri Tawney (daughter in law of Janet Farlow), Dee Richards (friend of DeannaTenney), Tish Elkins (co-worker of Dennis Wendling), Rex Corathers (Jim Weiss' father in law), Olivia (great niece of Tom & Sue Geopfert), Ruth Woodyard (friend of Geopfert's), Elka Pafford (wife of Denny Eberhart's friend).

Special Prayers: The Search Committee and the Transition Team.

Sympathy: Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Pat Hoskin as we celebrated her life on Saturday, February 11th. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Carl Sellman who also passed away on February 7th. Memorial services will be February 25th – more details to come. The family of John Dilley (Joan Wilson's brother) and the family of Dorothy Sommers (Mary Tipton's aunt)

Jays: Mitchell Curtis received special recognition as an anti-bullying program at his school. The birth of Kendrick Joseph Redman on Feb. 1st. (first grandchild of Charlie and Debbie Redman).

Week of Compassion (Special Offering February 19-26)



Are you aware that water scarcity affects one in three people on every continent of the globe. Almost one fifth of the world's population (about 1.2 billion people) lives in areas where the water is physically scarce. One quarter of the global population also lives in developing countries that face water shortages due to a lack of infrastructure to fetch water from rivers and aquifers.

Did you also know that the number of children under five years of age who suffer from under-nutrition is estimated to be 178 million, and 40% of those live in Africa and Southeast Asia.

The world is full of people in need because of natural or human circumstances. Convincing people to give some of their money away is always a big challenge. Most people have plans for their money and it's rarely their first choice to give it away to someone else. IRS statistics often show that the more money people make, the smaller the percentage of it they are willing to give away. So the person who is trying to talk others into parting with some of their money is usually facing a rather tall order. That person knows ahead of time to expect resistance.

So, as people are starting or are in the middle of preparing income tax returns, here we are asking for you to give away more from what you have. It's challenge, but even more so, it's a blessing.

Let the Apostle Paul encourage you with these words.

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work," (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Week of Compassion is one of those "Good Works" of Church mission and ministry, reaching out in ways we cannot do on our own. Your gift of sharing will enable joy to be received and extended to those who truly need it. Sharing brings joy to us, to others, to God.

We will be sharing more information about the special offering during Sunday Worship February 19th & 26th.





United Christian Ministries Spring Dinner

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Spring Fundraising Dinner on **Friday, March 9th at 6:00 pm** in Pierson Hall of the Kent United

Methodist Church. Adult tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under eat free. Childcare will be available in the gym after the kids eat. The Italian themed menu includes appetizer, salad, Chicken Parmesan, pasta, vegetables and Andes Mint Chocolate Cake for dessert. Vegetarian meal is available upon request at time of reservation. Reservations are required and can be made on our website at www.myucm.org or see Jodi Stillisano for tickets on March 4th.

Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale



We served 176 dinners at the February Spaghetti dinner, earning \$1224. After deducting \$184.50 for expenses next month, we deposited \$1039.50 to the capital account. In addition, we collected \$248.75 through the bake sale and sale of flowers for the benefit of "Late Night" a student Christian group on campus. Many thanks to Bonnie Bailey Zuchniak for her very generous donation of the flowers and the vases. The tables looked beautiful and many took them home to enjoy further. Thanks also to all who helped and all who came to eat.

There are still opportunities to help with the March Dinner. Sign up on the board in the Narthex or contact Rev. Ralph. The Bake Sale proceeds will be for United Christian Ministries.

CROP WALK

While Vicki Lynn was collecting information for the Annual Disciples Yearbook, Marty Viets received interesting facts about the **CROP WALK** held last October. In 2011, the area Crop Walk received \$8959.47. The top three churches were Grace Baptist (\$3332.10), Kent First Christian (\$1254) and UU church (\$1010). Since 1986 the total money raised was \$264,888.39 in the Kent Area and when it was the Kent Ravenna Combined Crop Walk the total amount raised was \$326,552.37.

Congratulations for this wonderful accomplishment and *Thanks to all* who walked or gave support for the walkers to help Church World Service. It does make a difference around the world in fighting hunger, water and poverty locally and globally. Twenty five percent of the money collected goes to our local agencies in the area.

Old Member Update

We received this month's *Youth Dynamics* newsletter from Sarah Ristow and noted that she has a wonderful article along with pictures with her new name. Sarah is now Mrs. Brian Strickland. Her new address is Sarah Strickland, 5111 Sunset Ave., Anacortes, WA 98211. Check out the newsletter on the bulletin board outside the office.



Congratulations to Sarah and her new family.

Lord's Pantry

On February 5th we collected \$190.25 and 8 bags of food items for Kent Social Services. Our next collection date is March 4th.



President's Day

Presidents' Day observes the birthday of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and George Washington (February 22). The Monday Holiday Law was adopted in 1971, which moved the observance of George Washington's birthday from February 22 each year to the third Monday in February. Present usage often regards Presidents' Day as a day to honor all former presidents of the United States.

Do you have your church name tag at home or in your car? Please return it to the church. We will be needing them when we get a new minister and need to know who does and doesn't have one.



February and March Serving Schedule								
	Elders	Deacons Prep/Serve/ Clean	Worship Leader	Deacons- Serve	Record CD	Greeters	Door Welcomers	Attendance
February 19 8:30am 10:45am	Chuck Tipton Jean Sossa, Diana Secaur	Rose Miller Ruthie Freeman Nancy Berlan	8:30 Jim Dunlap 10:45 Aireane Curtis	Nancy Berlan, Theresa Bennett, Michelle Boring, Joan Wilson	Tom Bordonaro	Theresa Bennett & Maya Gregory	Chuck and Mary Tipton	Erica Bordonaro
February 26 8:30am 10:45am	Marty Viets Chuck Tipton, Jean Sossa	Rose Miller Ruthie Freeman Marilyn Holloway	8:30 Matt Colpo 10:45 Dan Wilt	Marilyn Holloway, Iris Palmer, Bob Palmer, Elaine Alexander	Bob Palmer	Marilyn Hardesty		Iris Palmer
March 4 8:30am 10:45am	Michael Viets Marty Viets, Chuck Tipton	Tim and Jan Vicars Sarah Neri	8:30 10:45 Diana Secaur	Tom and Erica Bordonaro, Jodi Stillisano, Carie Wright	Tom Bordonaro	Tom & Erica Bordonaro	Need volun- teers* Please call the Office	Erica Bordonaro
March 11 8:30am 10:45am <i>Daylight Savings Time Change</i>	Dan Wilt Michael Viets, Marty Viets	Tim and Jan Vicars Bonnie Mozingo	8:30 10:45 Ed Mozingo	Bonnie Mozingo, Sarah & Andrew Neri, Theresa Bennett	Andrew Neri	Elaine and Tony Alexander	330- 673- 6634.	Sarah Neri

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 15 Carol Dunlap,
Dominick Wilson
17 Tim & Jan Vicars (1973)
19 Osie Conard, Paul Pennock
21 Ken & Suzanne Colpo (1987)
22 Jean Nagy
24 Tom & Sue Geopfert (1951)
25 Sue Collier, Ben Viets
26 Katie Smith
28 Tom Geopfert
March 2 Rebecca Putt, Randall Lennox
March 5 Sarah Neri
March 9 Mike Sossa



Lent begins

On **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22**, Lent begins. During this 40-day period, Christians reevaluate their spiritual lives. It's a time for us to have a spiritual checkup and to strive to live the Christian life more faithfully and more intentionally.

One might go on a spiritual retreat, for example, spending time with a prayer warrior. Bible experts or theologian. During Lent, attending the various church services and study opportunities can help people grow spiritually and become more informed about the Christian faith.

Our pilgrimage through Lent should inspire us to serve God more faithfully in our daily lives. (article from Newsletternewsletter)

Do we have your birthday and/or anniversary dates on the calendar? Contact the office if we don't have them. (330-673-6634)



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Christian Men's Fellowship 6:00pm~dinner 7:00pm ~meeting	2 2:00pm set up Deadline Newsletter	3 Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:00pm	4 10am Exercise Group * CSLA Bd Mt. 10:00am *Broom Ball KSU 6:30pm
5 Lord's Pantry Deadline Lenten Books	6 Bible Study 9:30am Trustees Mt. 7pm	7	8 Stewardship & Finance Mt. 7:00pm	9	10	11
12 Kids Art Show *	13 Bible Study 9:30am Elders Mt. 7pm	14 	15 Board Meeting 7:00pm	16 Deadline: Articles for the Newsletter	17	18
19 Week of Compassion Special Offering Special Finance Program 9:30am & 5:00pm 9:30a.m. Youth Serve Pancakes *	20 Bible Study 9:30am PRESIDENT'S DAY Outreach Committee Mt. 7:00pm	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7:00pm Asenath Circle after worship	23	24	25
26 1st Sunday of Lent Week of Compassion Special Offering	27 Bible Study 9:30am	28	29 Leap Year Day	Weekly Meetings: Tuesday ~ AA 7-8:30pm (Room 2)  Thursday ~ Quilters 10:00am—2:00pm AA 7:00-8:00pm (Room 2) Handbell Choir Practice 7-8:00pm Choir Practice 8-9:15pm Friday ~ AA 8:00pm (Bethany Hall) Sat. ~ Exercise Group 10am (Bethany Hall) * See articles		



March 2012



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Weekly Meetings:

Sunday ~ Financial Peace University Mts. 5:00pm *

Tuesday ~ AA 7-8:30pm (Room 2)

Thursday ~ Quilters 10:00am—2:00pm

AA 7:00-8:00pm (Room 2)

Handbell Choir Practice 7-8:00pm


Choir Practice 8-9:15pm

Friday ~ AA 8:00pm (Bethany Hall)

Saturday ~ Exercise Group 10am (Bethany Hall) * See article



1 Set up for Dinner	2 Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale	3
Deadline Newsletter		

4 2nd Sunday of Lent Lord's Pantry Worship Mt. noon	5 9:30am Bible Study Trustees 7:00pm	6 ELECTION DAY Book Discussion 7pm	7 Men's Dinner 6p.m.	8 Kent Social Services help 1 & 3:45pm	9 AA Anniversary *UCM Spring Dinner 6pm	10
11 3rd Sunday of Lent Girl Scout Sunday Daylight	12 Bible Study 9:30am Elders 7pm	13	14 Stewardship & Finance Mt -7pm	15	16 Deadline Newsletter Euchre Night 7:00pm	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18 4th Sunday of Lent Coffee Sunday	19 9:30am Bible Study Outreach Mt 7pm	20	21 Board Meeting 7:00pm	22	23	24
25 5th Sunday of Lent	26 9:30am Bible Study	27	28 Asenath Circle 7pm @ church	29	30	31

2 Cents - A- Meal

A Spiritual Discipline and Shared Ministry
for Reducing Hunger



“Just as you cared for one of the least of these who
are members of my family, you cared for me”

During Lent, many here at First Christian Church in Kent will be on a spiritual journey of prayer for the hungry and putting aside 2 cents for each meal they eat during Lent. We will collect the coins each Sunday beginning February 26th and ending the Sunday after Easter. The money will be divided equally between Kent Social Services where they provide immediate service for hungry people, and The Hunger Network in Ohio where people throughout Ohio are advocates for the hungry—writing letters to federal, state, and local lawmakers encouraging them to support programs to alleviate hunger at its roots.

Yes, 2 cents can make a difference, especially when accompanied by prayer. Be sure to pray for the hungry people and for our lawmakers as they set priorities for our society.

Go to <http://www.hungernetohio.org> for more information.

CYF MID WINTER RETREAT (for grades 9-12) March 9 - 11

Franklin Circle Christian Church, Cleveland

Our youth are inundated with media everyday---video games, TV, movies, You Tube, texting, Facebook, iPods. In fact, studies show that the average teenager consumes more than 7 hours of media a day. With so many media options out there, it's critical for teenagers to be equipped with tools that help them make wise choices. Our Mid Winter Retreat this year will focus on giving our youth those tools which will help them to filter their media choices. Counselors will guide our Retreat participants through an interesting and motivating process of *discovering, discerning and finally deciding* if their media choices have legitimate, healthy entertainment value. Please contact Jodi Stillisano if you are interested in attending. Scholarships available. Consider taking a friend...

Become a Robinson Hospice Volunteer

Volunteer Education Series March 13 to March 29
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am to 12:30pm

Robinson Memorial Hospital, 6847 N. Chestnut Street, Ravenna, OH 44266

To register or for more information, please call Bernadette Thomas, 330-297-8865

Join the next Volunteer Education Series and learn more about being a Robinson Hospice Volunteer. Hospice is a special way of caring for the dying, their families and their caregivers. We seek to relieve pain and suffering in the physical, mental, social and spiritual realms using all the skills, kindness and wisdom available to us.

Hospice Volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team. Write a life story, sit vigil, run errands, provide hair care, support a care giver, play an instrument, bake or sew.

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CHURCH STAFF:

Interim Minister	Rev. Ralph S. Wearstler
Director of Christian Education	Jodi Stillisano
Church Secretary	Vicki Lynn Phillips
Organist	Cathy Steele
Chancel Choir Director	Patricia Wiley
Nursery Attendant	Sarah Redman
Early Accompanist	Donna Oberlin

Worship Times/Office Hours

*Worship Times: 8:30am and 10:45am with Sunday School at 9:30am for adults and children.
Office Hours 8:30am to 1:30pm Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays*

Wiggle Worship

Feb. 19: Jodi Stillisano
Feb. 26: Carie Wright & Barb Gregory
March 4: Aireane Curtis
March 11: Portia Gregory & Laura Adolphson

Acolytes:

February 19: Zach Stillisano
February 26: Will Stillisano
March 4: Robbie Eberhart
March 11: Josh Bordonaro

Sermons and Scriptures

February 19: “We Need More God-Dreaming”
Luke 6:17-26
February 26: “The Power Of Scripture”
Matthew 4:1-11