

# CROSSBEAMS

*A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church*

November 2010



## PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

### “I LOVE TO SING!”

I love to sing! There, I've finally admitted it! I love to sing hymns and choruses. But most of all, I love to sing to praise God! He has blessed me in so many ways! Therefore, one of the ways in which I can thank Him, is to offer my praise through prayers and through singing.

In Psalm 92:1 it says, *“It is good to give thanks to the Lord.”* The psalmist is saying to us that expressing gratitude to God is beneficial. But you may be asking, *“Beneficial for whom?”* Praise and thanksgiving are beneficial for God and for us! God is pleased when we give Him thanks! And giving thanks benefits us spiritually in seven ways:

- **Praise and thanksgiving readjust our focus.** It's easy in our society to get our focus on the wrongs things. Praise and thanksgiving bring us back to God, our Source of all that is good, and for all of His blessings!
- **Thanking God reminds us of our dependence upon Him.** We humans think we can make it on our own. Thanking and praising God for all He has done in our lives, reminds us just how much we really do need Him!
- **Offering praise causes release from anxiety.** We all get anxious from time to time. Worry has a way of creeping into our lives. When we begin to thank God, there is a physiological effect on our bodies – the mind changes, and our emotions begin to calm down. No matter how you feel, express gratitude to God. Simply begin to thank Him for who He is and what He had done – and is doing for you.
- **Expressing gratitude refreshes our relationship with the Lord.** When we praise the Lord – in prayer – or in song – it has the effect of deepening

our intimacy with Him.

- **Thanksgiving refines our spiritual perception.** When we thank and praise God it hones our spiritual senses. It makes us more aware of God and all of His blessings.

- **Gratitude reinforces our faith.** As we offer thanks to the Lord, our thoughts turn to how He has answered our prayers, met our needs, protected us, and is working in our lives.

- **Praising God refreshes our spirit.** As we thank the Lord for the blessings He has lavished on us – we will begin to experience a deep sense of joy.

If you don't like to sing, may I encourage you to try it! If you don't think you have a good singing voice – sing in the shower, when you're mowing the grass, or when you're driving your car, solo. Singing has a way of cheering you up! And when you sing hymns and choruses it also directs your attention to God. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

See you at the “singing” place Sunday!

Craig

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## MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

November Monthly Mission Offering will go to Church World Service to provide blankets for needy people around the world. Specifically it will “provide blankets, emergency supplies and tools for long-term recovery and development.” We will receive this special offering on Sunday, November 28. May God bless our giving to this worthy ministry!

# DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

## “IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING”

Psalm 100

To worship means to awaken the conscience to the holiness of God. We know the Lord calls us to adore Him with our heart, soul, and mind. (Matthew 22:37) So when we open our hearts to His love, feed our mind on His truth, and devote our will to His purpose, then we achieve true worship.

We can worship differently, and no one can tell us a single right way to honor the Lord. One person may sense a need to lift hands while another who is just as worshipful will sit quietly with head bowed. No matter what form of worship we exercise, it must come from a sincere heart or else it amounts to hypocrisy before God. It is necessary that we approach the Lord with a spirit of humility and recognition of our absolute dependence upon Him.

Worship is all about God and not at all about ourselves. In corporate worship, we join with other believers to joyfully praise the Lord together. When we cheerfully adore Him, we sense God's Spirit in such a way that our negative circumstances lose their heavy weight. By fixing our focus on the Lord, we can see our burdens through His eyes.

Keeping our attention on the awesomeness of God can also have the result of silencing us in worship. This often occurs during times of personal adoration, when we are praying on our knees before Him. Whether we sing or keep silent, whether we dance or lay prostrate, our praise and worship will be acceptable to God if He has guided us in doing so.

*In Touch*, Dr. Charles Stanley, November 2004

## “GIVING THANKS IN EVERYTHING”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We can all agree some verses are easier to memorize than to practice. Certainly that is true of the admonitions to “*rejoice always.*” We gladly follow this command when things are going well, but when the bottom drops out of life, we suddenly begin to question the truth of “*in everything give thanks.*”

To understand the importance of being grateful in every circumstance, we must know the answers to two questions: *Why are we to give thanks in everything? And how are we to do so?* We say our thanks to God not necessarily because we feel grateful, but because it is a command. And the Lord gave the decree because He knew that expressing gratitude keeps us continually aware of His presence. God allows painful situations into our life for a reason, and our gratitude motivates us to look for that purpose. In addition, a grateful attitude makes us aware of our dependence upon God and consequently builds our trust in Him.

No matter how compelling the reasons, giving thanks in everything is impossible for unbelievers. The Holy Spirit gives Christians the strength for impossible tasks. He enables each of us to become the person the Lord wants us to be and to do the work He wants done. Even if we do not have one single logical reason to say thank you, the Spirit of God empowers us to express gratitude. When we understand the why and the how, God provides the means for us to declare thanks in everything. That is a victory worth the battle.

*In Touch*, Dr. Charles Stanley, November 2004

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

## Cheviot Christmas Celebration to debut on Saturday, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>



Picture the church building full of smiles, laughter and Christmas joy as the sights and sounds of Christmas spill out into the community we serve. This is the vision that we have for the first Cheviot Christmas Celebration hosted by Cheviot United Methodist and friends. From 5 to 8 PM everyone of every age will be welcomed to enjoy the following activities:

- Christmas caroling around a roaring bonfire (while roasting hot dogs and sipping cocoa)
- Christmas performances by acclaimed theater group – **Friends of the Groom**
- Live music by CUMC musicians
- Hayride thru Cheviot to enjoy the lights
- Christmas movies for young and old
- Story time with the Cheviot librarians
- Photos with Santa
- Christmas crafts for kids
- Advent “wreaths” to make and take home
- Christmas missions opportunity
- Yummy Christmas treats

Sound like a busy 3 hours? Of that you can be certain. Community groups that will be participating are the 4H Hamilton Livestock group, the Cheviot Police and Fire Associations and many local businesses. **Now all that is needed is your support in the following ways**

- ◆ volunteer your time to staff the event and help with preparation needs
- ◆ make an offering of financial support to cover expenses for this event that is our FREE gift to the community
- ◆ spread the word to everyone you meet that CUMC is the place to be on 12/4 from 5 to 8 PM

Signup on the CMI to volunteer or contact the church office at 662.2048. Be a part of the fun of providing this gift to our community.

PRAY FOR OUR



**MILITARY**

**Charles New**

**Ryan Long**

**Jocelyn Padilla**

**Dustin Struckman**



## WESTFED UPDATE

Once again, Westfed Pantry served a record number of families. Over one hundred households received two large bags of groceries & basic hygiene items in September. Resources were stretched this fall as the number of families continued to increase and one church withdrew support in order to concentrate on their in-house food/clothes pantry.

Thursday, November 18, is Westfed's Thanksgiving distribution day. Additional volunteers are needed that afternoon to ensure a smooth operation. An extra bag of holiday foods (cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, etc.) is given that day. Please check the weekly bulletin for updates on CUMC's assigned items. Basic needs through mid-Nov.: **cereal, crackers.** Needed through mid-Dec.: **toilet paper, canned fruit.**

If you wish to volunteer, call Sue Kindervater (353-1629) for details. Your generous support continues to feed His sheep in our neighborhood.

## FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for Church World Service kits. With your monetary donations, we completed 22 health kits and 35 school kits which will be sent to needy communities in the US and around the world.

- Outreach Committee

## Two new books for the CUMC

### Library:

*When Your Aging Parent Needs Care*

Practical Help for this Season of Life by Candy Arrington & Kim Atchley

*Raising Respectful Children in a Disrespectful World* by Jill Rigby

Please feel free to stop by & check them out along with many other new titles. The Church library is located in the hall across from Pastor Craig's office. If you have suggestions of books or videos please contact Becky Grosse 574-8760 or [grosse5@fuse.net](mailto:grosse5@fuse.net)



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## SHOEBOX COLLECTION – NOV. 14TH

Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be collected on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> so start your shopping today. As a reminder see the list below:

### **DON'T PACK:** -shampoo, body lotion, **ANY GEL OR LIQUID**

-food of any kind – especially chocolate  
-breakable items – glass, hard plastic, ceramic  
-used items – even gently used

**DO PACK:** -\$7 donation to OCC to cover shipping costs\*\*

*Place this in an envelope, lay in box, on top – cash or check payable to Samaritan's Purse -*

-hard candy, mints, gum-good assortment of fun and practical items.

### **Something that will make the child smile when they open the box**

*See the shoebox flyer for many suggestions*

**\*\*make your donation online and you can track your box to its destination - see EZ Pay on the OCC brochure**

**PLEASE DO** pack your box full enough that items don't slide around because of unused space. **PLEASE DO NOT** pack your box so full that all contents spring out when opened and no one else can figure out how to get everything back in. All the boxes are opened at the processing center. We want your box to go as you sent it because God has a very special plan for each and every box. By properly filling your box all that is needed at the processing center is to check it and then send it on its way.

Thank you for joining in this worldwide ministry to share the joy of Christmas.

## **Tee shirts available again soon**

Cheviot United Methodist tee shirts will be ordered again soon. If you missed out on the first order or need an additional shirt please watch the weekly bulletin and the website for purchase information. In order to be readily identifiable, tees will be recommended for those who are working at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Cheviot Christmas Celebration.



## Senior Adult Ministries (S.A.M. ages 55+)

**Tuesday, December 7**

We will board an ACP (American Christian Pride) bus and head up to Bear Creek, Indiana. There we will:

- \*Eat a delicious buffet meal together
- \*Enjoy their Christmas gift shop
- \*Go to their theater and enjoy the play and musical, *A Homespun Christmas*, featuring life in the 1950's.
- \*The cost of this trip is \$55 which includes everything. Money for the trip is due by **November 21, 2010.**
- \*We will leave from CUMC at 8:30 AM & return around 5:30 PM.

## **CUMC IS A BLESSING**

This is an excerpt from Dean, head of the *Mercy Group* that meets in our facility on Monday nights.

"Just wanted to say thanks to the group that asked if they could pray for our group. I told her prayer was always welcomed!"

"I say a prayer of thanks for the community at CUMC! We are blessed to have your place to hold our meetings on Monday!"

## CUMC Preschool Holiday Market

Please join us for our 1st Holiday Market presented by CUMC Preschool. Shop with over 20 vendors and enjoy light concessions.

**Date:** Saturday November 27, 2010. **Time:** 10-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Cheviot United Methodist Church. Free admission. Bring your holiday shopping list and a friend!



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## THANKS

We would like to thank everybody in our Sunday School class for the wonderful lunch and gift you gave us in celebration of our recent marriage. It was so nice of all of you to do that for us.

Thanks again! Love, Anita and Phil Beason



We would like to thank our church family for the cards and prayers received when my father passed away in September. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this time of loss. Also, a special thank you to those who attended the visitation. That meant a great deal to us and we are grateful for your friendship. God is indeed good.

- Janice Henshaw & Family



### How To Make An Old Lady Happy!!

Thank you so much to all who took part in the birthday card shower for me on October 11th. It was fun receiving all the cards for my 90th birthday. I think there were 91 cards in all. The handmded ones are so precious because so much time and thought were put into it. Thank you once again for remembering me on my special birthday.

Love, Betty Young



### All my Friends at CUMC,

I do not have the words to express my gratitude for the contributions all of you made when you came to Matthew 25 to help me celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Of course, the celebration was not just about my birthday, but the fantastic contribution made to mankind by all of you who came out to "make a difference." This may have been an execution of one of the many teachings of Jesus Christ while He was here on Earth. I cannot think of any better way to celebrate one's birthday. As I have been known to say before, "Practicing the teachings of Jesus Christ is living the Bible, which is making a positive difference in the lives all around us." What a blessing it is to serve among my fellow Christians.

Thank you!  
Chuck Cummings

P.S. We can all be thankful when we can apply God's word with zest.



Working at Matthew 25

The following persons have been lifted in prayer. Please continue to pray for them.

- † Dotty Meyer
- † Del Meckstroth
- † Estelle Reisinger
- † Doug Caudill
- † Winnie Baldock
- † Charlie Edmisten
- † A.J. Moser
- † Shirley Chestnut
- † Carl & Kathryn Gruening
- † Gavin Gabbard
- † Gary-Theresa Black's brother

☞ Please notify the church office when you know of someone is ill or in the hospital. The Pastors would like to minister to them. Thank you.

## Card Ministry

Do you know someone who could benefit from a card or note? Please contact **Carolyn St. John at 451-0535** or via email at [cjstjohn@msn.com](mailto:cjstjohn@msn.com) if you would like a card or note mailed on behalf of CUMC and our church

### Contact Information for Crossbeams

Juanita Woodburn

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Please be sure to state "Crossbeams" in the subject line of your email.



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

11/1 *Marc Phillips*

11/4 *Paula Gaub*

11/5 *Shirley Neff*  
*Katharina Reber*

11/7 *Regan Chaille*

11/9 *Heather Roush*

11/10 *Phyllis Bolia*  
*Jeanne Long*  
*Macie Woodward*

11/12 *Doug Johnston*  
*Zachary Halusek*

11/13 *Art Lemmon*  
*Steve Fitzgerald*

11/14 *Joe Grasse*

11/16 *Jenny Wessel*

11/18 *Wilma Craig*  
*Jim Maurmeier*

11/19 *Nick Miller*

11/20 *Jen Maurmeier*

11/22 *Jackie Halusek*  
*Ashley St. John*

11/23 *Martha Brice*  
*Kim Weeden*

11/24 *Bob loudin*

11/27 *Kathy Reeme*

11/29 *Ellie Blackburn*

11/30 *Noah Maurmeier*



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

11/01 *Jeff & Danielle Wilde*

11/05 *Gary & Theresa Black*

11/06 *Omer & Norma Barkalow*  
*Joe & Linda Hoff*

11/07 *Gary & Nancy Mohr*

11/08 *Ken & Trudy Meyers*

11/09 *Garry & Kelly Kremer*

11/10 *Brian & Tami Clark*  
*Chris & Carrie McCoy*

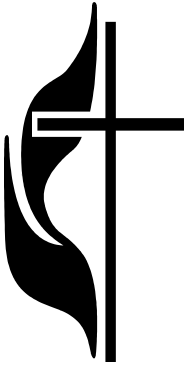
11/12 *Jason & Jenny Wessel*

11/15 *Jim & Vicki Mazza*

11/27 *Mike & Tara Augustin*  
*Ed & Phyllis Bolia*  
*Don & Annette McGinnis*

11/30 *Henry & Diane Arnold*  
*Joe & Becky Grosse*

NOVEMBER 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:10 AM Adult Bella 11:20 AM Contemporary Wor. Svc.	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM N&MC Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Education Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mercy Group	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Preschool Board Mtg.	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Westwood Women's Club 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choirs 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM CUMC Youth Fundraiser-F.H.
<b>7</b> Day Light Savings Time Ends 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:10 AM Adult Bella 11:20 AM Contemporary Wor. Svc. 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM CUNYF Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM VIM Comm Mtg.	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Regency Ridge Condo Mtg. 7:00 PM Walk Thru the Bible Sm. Study	<b>10</b> 5:45 AM - 7:00 PM CUMC Family Thanksgiving Dinner 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choirs	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Daley Troup 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:20 A.M.  
Traditional Worship

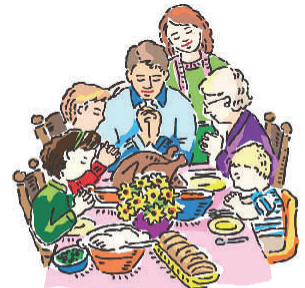
10:20 A.M.  
Sunday School (All Ages)

11:20 A.M.  
Contemporary Worship

**Worship with us!**



Pray for Peace



*"Blessing and glory and  
wisdom and thanksgiving and  
honor and power and might  
be to our God,  
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

**"The mission of Cheviot United Methodist  
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