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Church of the Cross - United Methodist

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We are so trained to notice what's wrong in any given relationship, work situation or experience, that we overlook what's right. Not surprising because our entire education system trains us to notice flaws and mistakes. In school the wrong answers are marked, not the right ones. In relationships we spend a lot of time, energy and money and even therapy working on fixing what's wrong. At work we study our failures and mistakes for hidden clues so that we don't repeat the mistakes.

But what if we have it backwards? What if we got all the answers correct on every test. What if we spent as much time and energy in relationships noticing and appreciating the

other person's gifts, talents and strengths and the beauty of the relationship. What if we spent time looking at what works as we do analyzing what's wrong.

Un "asset focus", noticing and appreciating what doesn't need healing is an incredibly powerful tool for creating connection, fostering creative thinking and overcoming obstacles. Work from your strengths. Look at your assets. Look for the best in others.

For God so loved— the world.

See you in church,
Rev. Kris

Financial Update

Our 2019 end-of-year report shows a \$6,730 loss in the General fund with an ending balance of \$34,217. Our Capital fund balance has increased by \$4,720 for an ending balance of \$34,817. Please continue to channel your Capital fund tithes and offerings to the General fund to help balance our funding needs. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Bonnie Circle— Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

Beginning February 13th Bonnie Circle will be studying *Acts to Revelation— The World of the First Christians*.

It's a series of *Drive Thru History* investigating what happened after the Gospel accounts of Jesus. All ladies are welcome to join us as we follow the lives of the apostles and experience an amazing adventure through the world of the first Christians.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

for the March 2020 edition is Feb. 15.
ALL submissions need to be emailed to
office@cotcwooster.org

Please assist the editor by e-mailing your information (or ask a friend/spouse to assist you.)

Thank You



Thank you for the kind monetary gifts to the staff this past Christmas. It's a blessing to serve with you.

Kris, Charline, Janet, Tom and CJ



Saturday February 22 from 3:00-6:00

Come One, Come All!!

Take a winter break with your COTC friends

for a pool party at Days Inn Wooster. Pizza and drink will be provided.

Akron Zoo Comes to Church of the Cross

On January 15th the Akron Zoomobile Program visited us during the Wednesday night activities ministry. Some 28 children attended with their parents and all enjoyed the presentation. It was an exciting time for everyone. The presenter brought in three covered containers. First, she brought out a box turtle. She told us all about the turtle's habitat and what they eat and where they sleep. Everyone got to touch the turtle. Next the presenter took out an animal known especially for its perfume. Yeh, a skunk! The skunk's tail was tucked under the presenter's arm and she held it while she talked about it. Then she brought it all around the group so everyone could see it up close. There were several cameras clicking. That was pretty good! Lastly, the presenter brought out a screech owl. That brought out the "oo's" and "wow's". Everyone was asked to be quiet because the owl was nervous. But it attempted to fly and the presenter had to catch it when reached the end of its tether. No harm done! More pictures!! The owl was carried around so everyone could get up close and personal. That was really neat! The program ended on a good note and everyone enjoyed the presentation. One new family asked about attending future meetings. The Zoomobile will be returning in May.

It's important to remember that all these creatures are part of God's magnificent creation. He created all this for our enjoyment, management and preservation. Praise the Lord!

In addition to this program, the Bible Study "Ephesians" was being presented to adults who preferred it. Wednesday evening is a good time to come to church. First, there is a light supper for \$3.00 and programs for both children and adults. The meal is served at 5:45 PM and the classes begin at 6:15PM. They end at 7:15PM. It's time well spent. Why don't you plan to come next Wednesday!!

East Ohio Summer Camp – 2020

Winter is still here and cabin fever is setting in. If you are still in Wooster you are probably thinking about getting away, somewhere soon. But spring is around the corner and summer can't be far away. The same can be said about your children and grandchildren, and maybe this is a good time to plant the seed about them going to summer camp.

East Ohio Camps have been making and maturing disciples for more than 50 years. The early visionaries saw the need for sites and programs where people could gather to experience spiritual birth, growth and renewal. There are thousands of people scattered around the world who would call East Ohio Camps their spiritual birthplace or home. Why can't you and your family become part of this rich history by participating in the 2020 Summer Camp program?

There are three camps in the conference: Aldersgate, Asbury and Wanake. The closest one is Camp Wanake which is located just down the road in Beach City. It is located on 250 acres. This camp is a modern facility with good leadership and counselors. Programs have been set up for youth from 1st through 12th grade and run in June and July. There are day camps, 3 day and week -long camps. Themes include survival groups, artist groups, pool, rock climbing, sports, fishing, farm, go karts, horse lover and video games. There is something for everyone.

Also there is a Wanake Camp Preview and Tour planned for Saturday, April 4th with a Resurrection Egg Hunt. Plan to be there between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. Take the drive and look around before you decide.

Let's think about our children or grand-children. The experience at a good Christian camp can be life changing. If required, there is special pricing and financial help available from several sources. Brochures are available in the Narthex. Check it out!!



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Appreciation Dinner 5PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Scout Sunday	10	11	12	13 Ruth Circle 1PM	14 Valentines Day 	15
16	17 Presidents' Day Office Closed	18 Board mtg. 6PM	19	20	21	22 Swim Party 3-6PM
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday 7PM	27	28	29

February Birthdays

2 Rod Johnson
3 Linda Branham
5 Joyce Kreider
6 Cheryl Pamer
8 Jason Dye
Rebekkah Jolliff
11 Jackie Lawson
13 Virginia Brethauer
16 Jim Baisden
18 Shawn Schartiger
22 Judy Crites
Virginia Schubert
25 Marilyn Munn
26 Kris Patt

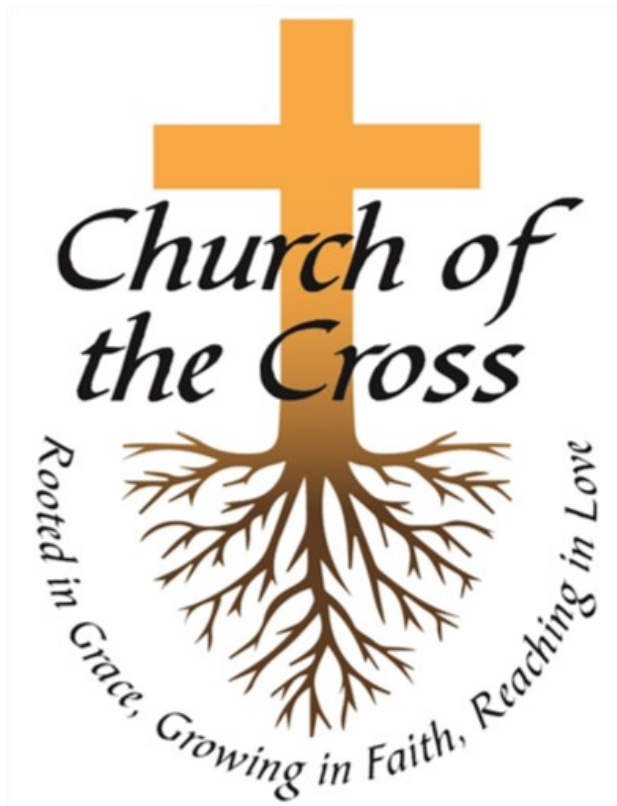


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Sunday, February 2
Sermon: "Special Club— Be Attitude"

Sunday, February 9 Scout Sunday
Sermon: "Unintended Consequences"

Sunday, February 16
Guest Speaker: Larry Ouwerkerk

Sunday, February 23
Sermon: "Reaching Last Chapter First"

Wednesday, February 26
Ash Wednesday
Guest Speaker: Rev. Carol Berry



Sunday Evenings 7 PM

March 1: Oak Chapel 4203 W Old Lincoln Way, Wooster
Preacher: Rev. Kris Patt

March 8: Church of the Cross 5100 Cleveland Rd., Wooster
Preacher: Rev. Steve Smith

March 15: Apple Creek UMC 269 W Main, Apple Creek
Preacher: Rev. John Finn

March 22: New Pittsburg 9670 Ashland Rd., Wooster
Preacher: Rev. Jim Cooper

March 29: Moreland UMC 138 Moreland Rd., Wooster
Preacher: Rev. Ken Curren

April 5: Wooster UMC 243 N Market St., Wooster
Preacher: Rev. Jon Heavilin