



# The Messenger

February 17, 2012

## Christ United Methodist Church A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation



### Directory Update



Thank you to everyone who took time to be photographed for our new pictorial directory! **Our new directories are scheduled to arrive between March 8 and 15.** Those who are pictured in the directory are guaranteed to receive a copy. Those who are not pictured may still pick up a directory, as we will have extra copies. However, these will be distributed on a first-come basis. There is no charge to receive a directory, regardless of whether or not your household is pictured. We will let you know when the directories arrive, so that you may stop in the office and pick up your copy.

We also have access to our church directory online, through Olan Mills. There is a link on our website to access this listing. You can also visit it directly at <http://om120325.onlineolanmills.com>. This is a password-protected area. The password to access this area has been emailed to those who receive this newsletter by email. If you would like access to view our membership information online and did not receive the password, please call or email Amanda. This site will allow us to provide the most up-to-date information we have about our members, as we can change addresses and phone numbers as needed. If you need help using the site, please call the church office.

### Pathways Survey Reminder

In the last newsletter, Pastor Jim explained the process Christ United Methodist Church is participating in with the Conference office in completing the "Pathways to the Six Signs" surveys. The more people that we have participate, the better our results will help us understand where we are as a church and help shape our future efforts. Please take approximately 10 minutes to fill out the online survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P26> or pick up a written copy from the office. Surveys need to be completed and submitted by Sunday, February 26. Thank you for your help!

### Nebraska Brass Concert

This is the last week to purchase your tickets in advance for The Nebraska Brass and Friends concert at CUMC on Sunday, February 26, at 3:00 p.m. The program will feature the brass group along with percussionist Joe Holmquist in an entertaining potpourri of traditional and contemporary selections. Tickets are available in the church office. Adults are \$15, seniors are \$12, and students are free. CUMC gets to keep \$2 for each ticket purchased, so please plan to attend! Tickets will be available at the door as well, and CUMC's Hospitality Team will be serving a reception during the concert.

- Sunday, February 19**  
8:30 & 11:00 Worship  
9:40 Sunday School/Coffee  
12:00 Baby shower for Amanda and family, FLC  
3:00 Brass Ensemble
- Monday, February 20**  
9:15 Naomi Circle, Room A  
9:30 Staff Meeting  
7:00 Administrative Council, Rooms A and B
- Tuesday, February 21**  
6:30 Thread Angels, Education Room  
7:00 Miriam Circle, Room B
- Wednesday, February 22**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
5:00 Wednesday Nite Bites  
*Helen McPherran, Jerrie Michaelson, and Bev Noble serving*  
5:30 Glory Ringers  
5:45 Children's Choir  
6:00 Youth Group Parent Meeting  
6:30 Chancel Choir  
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship
- Thursday, February 23**  
9:30 Women's Bible Study, Room B
- Friday, February 24**  
7:00 Family Movie Night, Elm Park Hall  
Youth Group Lock-in
- Sunday, February 26**  
8:30 & 11:00 Worship  
9:40 Sunday School/Coffee  
3:00 Nebraska Brass Concert, Sanctuary
- Monday, February 27**  
9:15 Naomi Circle, Room A  
9:30 Staff Meeting  
6:45 Serenity Singers  
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- Senior Pastor**  
Reverend Jim Miller  
(402) 984-9358
- Office Administrator/**  
**Children's Choir**  
Amanda Kenney
- Education and**  
**Children's Ministries**  
Kim Garrison
- Youth Director**  
Michelle Chesnut
- Music Director**  
Jenny Vanderholm
- Organist/Pianist**  
Stephanie Schmidt
- Building**  
**Superintendent**  
Randy Cary
- CUMC Brass**  
Mark Eldred
- Serenity Singers**  
Connie Adams
- Accompanist**  
Adam Philley
- Christ Academy**  
**Director**  
Cindy Laughter
- Additional Teachers**  
Diana Clark  
Ashley Dodd  
Erika Flowers  
Megan Gugenhan  
Lauren Hertzell  
Ann Hilton  
Mary Logan  
Briana Marino  
Elizabeth Milhouse  
Jolene Pflanz  
Amanda Roby  
Stacy Taylor
- Cook**  
Emily Kennedy



## What's Happening?

(Please help us keep up-to-date with hospital stays/births/deaths etc. by calling the church office at 489-9618. The information will be listed in the newsletter and bulletin if we have the individual's permission to do so.)

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### Tuesday, February 28

Messenger Deadline  
7:00 40th & A Neighborhood  
Association Meeting, Room B

### Wednesday, February 29

5:00 Wednesday Nite Bites  
*Christ Academy serving  
baked chicken, mashed  
potatoes, corn and dessert*  
5:30 Glory Ringers

5:30 Children's Choir (K-2)

6:00 Children's Choir (3-5)

6:00 Middle School Youth  
Group

6:30 Chancel Choir

7:00 High School Youth  
Group

### Thursday, March 1

9:30 Women's Bible Study,  
Room B

### Friday, March 2

1:00 Messenger Assembly,  
Room A

6:30 Scrapbooking

### Sunday, March 4

8:30 & 11:00 Worship

9:40 Sunday School/Coffee

3:00 Brass Ensemble



**Cheryl Pope** at Lori Flader's home.

\*Cathy Hiemer is organizing meals to be taken to Cheryl and her family for the next several weeks. Please contact her at (402) 483-7089 if you would like to help. Gift certificates to the grocery store or a restaurant and items that can be frozen for later use are also appreciated. Thank you!

**Dean Faubel** on the February 14 death of his aunt, Alice Lowry, of Thedford.

**Pat Cerveny** at St. Elizabeth's.

**Gwen Kuenning and Wanda Thorn** at Southlake Rehabilitation.

**Dick Hickey** at Milder Manor.

**Alice Hickey, Norman Maca, Blanche Myers, Gordon Pejsar, and Bette Phillips** at Tabitha.

### Summer Camp 2012

**Sending a kid to camp...priceless!** It's that time again to start thinking of summer activities. We have been so blessed at Christ United Methodist Church with generous donors that we have been able to offer full scholarships to those who are first time campers and partial scholarships to those who are returning campers. If you are interested in donating to this fund to help send our kids to summer camp, please let Amanda or Kim know. Thank you for your support!

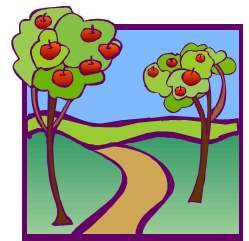


### New Look in Christ Academy Rooms

Our Christ Academy Preschool and Childcare program continues to grow. To help update the look of our facilities, Christ Academy has provided the main level classrooms with new blinds and flooring in the tiled areas. Please feel free stop in and take a look!

### Next Steps for Community Orchard

Our second round of trees are ordered and will be arriving in time for planting on Saturday, April 21. We have ordered 32 additional fruit trees. We will also be putting up trellises for the new trees on Saturday, May 5. **If you are able to help with either of these activities, please sign up at the Hospitality Desk.** If you have questions regarding the orchard, please contact Gina Egenberger at (402) 476-6483.



### Thank You!

Thank you for your warm hospitality and for allowing us to host the 2012 Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day at Christ United Methodist Church. All of your staff have been so helpful as we planned and prepared for this big event. Special thanks to Randy for working with us to have the rooms and equipment ready; and for opening the church for us on a very cold Saturday morning. Your partnership and support are very much appreciated.

- Marilyn Mecham, *Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska Executive*

Thank you to everyone that joined in prayer for me when I had surgery. It's a wonderful comfort to know you are surrounded by prayer. Thank you also for your cards and calls. I appreciate all of you. God Bless.

- Jane Judds

Thank you to all the CUMC members. The food and flowers are lovely and I'm enjoying them all. Thanks again!

- Cheryl Pope

### Welcome New Members!

**Roger and Glee Warnke** joined on February 12, transferring from Havelock UMC in Lincoln. They originally attended Christ UMC for their grandson’s baptism in June of 2010. Roger and Glee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December of 2011, and have three children—a son in Arizona, a daughter in Grand Island, and a daughter here in Lincoln. They have 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Roger retired from NPPD and from work as a handyman, and currently delivers parts for DuTeau Chevrolet. Glee is a 50 year-plus member of the United Methodist Church, and we are glad to **welcome Roger and Glee** as part of CUMC!

**Megan Berlin** moved to Lincoln in May 2011 to start her job with the Girl Scouts, where she works as a Program and Outreach Specialist, organizing learning experiences for girls, directing a summer camp in Nebraska City, and working with underserved populations on leadership development, goal setting, and community service projects. Megan graduated from Simpson College in May 2011 with degrees in Sports Administration and Religion. She enjoys running marathons, working with youth, and teaching ESL classes. **Welcome Megan!**

### Bowls for Backpacks

Nebraska Wesleyan University is hosting their annual *Empty Bowls* event on Sunday, February 26, from 12:00-2:30 p.m. at the campus student center. For \$15 you can purchase a handmade bowl, and enjoy soup, bread, and a drink. All proceeds from the event benefit the Lincoln Food Bank’s Backpack Program, which provides food-filled backpacks for area children to take home to feed their family over the weekend. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by visiting [nebrwesleyan.edu/emptybowls](http://nebrwesleyan.edu/emptybowls). For more information, please call (402) 465-2387.

### Family Movie Night

Our next family movie night will be held Friday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the basement. All ages are invited to join us. Please check our Facebook page to find out what we will be watching! Snacks will be provided.



### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH    4530 A STREET    LINCOLN, NE 68510    (402) 489-9618**



To help beautify our Sanctuary for Easter worship, we will once again be taking orders for lilies. The lilies are florist quality plants with 4-6 blooms per pot and they will be cleaned of any pollen. The cost is **\$9.25 each**. You are invited to order one or more In Memory or In Honor of someone. You may take the plants home following the 11:00 service Easter Sunday. **Order forms must be received in the church office by Monday, March 26.**

**Please make checks payable to Christ UMC—Easter Lily.**

Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lily (or lilies) **In Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lily (or lilies) **In Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_ times \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (amount included)

**Giver’s Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

\*You may also order Easter lilies online at [christumclinc.org](http://christumclinc.org)!

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 am

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday, 9:40 am

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### ***Mission Minute***

Thank you to all who continue to help with the various mission activities in our church. Here is an update of our current projects:

**The Warming Hut—Can we make it to 500?** We continue to collect items for the People's City Mission and Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. So far we have collected 460 warm items for those in need. Please continue to bring your new or gently used clothes to the hut in the Great Hall.

**Ditty Bag Items**—shampoo, conditioner, soaps, deodorants, lotions, and razors are needed. Any small (hotel/travel size) or regular size bottles can be placed in the basket along the north wall in the Great Hall. Wash clothes, hand towels, toothbrushes, and toothpaste will also be collected. We would also like to add **small children's toys** (such as the toys that come in restaurant kid's meals) that are in working order to put in our children's ditty bags. Thanks to all who have filled the basket recently! We will continue to collect these

throughout the year.

**Habitat for Humanity**—Have you ever wanted to help out with Habitat, but couldn't? The mission committee is providing lunch for the Habitat volunteers (about 15 people) on the fourth Thursday of each month. It is a very rewarding and fun activity. If you would like to provide the meal, someone from CUMC can help deliver it. You may also give monetary gifts if you cannot provide a meal, but would like to donate so that someone else could cook the meal. Please contact Teena Faubel at (402) 423-7329 or Pastor Jim.

#### **Acolytes**

|             |       |                     |
|-------------|-------|---------------------|
| February 19 | 8:30  | Kaylee Loehr-Orosco |
|             | 11:00 | Kaitlyn Michaelson  |
| February 26 | 8:30  | Brian Smith         |
|             | 11:00 | Adam Deutsch        |
| March 4     | 8:30  | Gabriella Soriente  |
|             | 11:00 | Eli Sommerich       |

#### **Greeters**

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|-------------|-------|--|
| February 19 | 8:30  | Dave and Lona Dearmont                                       |
|             | 11:00 | Galen and Maurine Johnson,<br>Dorothy Parks and Chuck Cromer |
| February 26 | 8:30  | Nancy and Bob Brandt, Gerri Monahan                          |
|             | 11:00 | Evelyn and Jerry Rauch,<br>Les Williams and Phyllis Maurer   |
| March 4     | 8:30  | <b>Volunteers Needed!</b>                                    |
|             | 11:00 | <b>Volunteers Needed!</b>                                    |

#### **Fellowship Servers**

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|-------------|--|---|
| February 19 |  | Burnita Den Hartog and Lois Schulenberg |
| February 26 |  | Val and Darlene Bohaty                  |
| March 4     |  | Rick and Karen Wilson                   |

#### **Communion Helpers**

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| March 4 | 8:30  | Gina and Bob Egenberger, Marilyn Ankrom |
|         | 11:00 | Dan and Kim Lynn, Pearl Myers-Bence     |

#### ***Office Volunteers***

Just a reminder: During Amanda's upcoming maternity leave, volunteers will be in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Thank you to everyone who is going to be helping out!

#### ***Messenger Schedule***

Submit by **February 28** for mailing **March 2**  
Submit by **March 13** for mailing **March 16**