



# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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*"To know Christ and make Him known"*

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### Sunday Schedule

8:30 am  
Partners in Prayer

9 am  
All Ages

Sunday School  
10 am  
Worship

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday  
8:30 am until 12:30 pm

### PASTOR'S HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 am until Noon  
afternoons by appointment



### ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

We hope that everyone will join us!

Schedule of Events:

6:00 pm Soup Dinner

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

All groups meet after worship - we will be finished at our regular time.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION**  
**Special Offering**  
**this Sunday**



**Coin boxes are in the hallway!**



### **PASTOR'S CLASS** **SCHEDULE**

The baptism class will meet at 4:45 pm in the church library on these dates:

- February 18
- February 25
- March 4
- March 25

### **FCC's Youth** **OLIVE PIT** **Dinner & Show**

Wednesday,  
March 11<sup>th</sup>  
6 p.m. Dinner  
7 p.m. Show

**MENU**  
salad bar,  
breadsticks,  
beverages,  
spaghetti buffet,  
dessert buffet

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
Sunday or during  
the week from the  
office

Ages 12 & over \$15  
Ages 4-11 \$8



### **JOIN OUR FCC FAMILY AT THE** **TOLEDO WALLEYE**

### **FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT**

March 8<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm festivities begin

5:15 pm game begins

\$19 per ticket

**Deadline to sign-up is this**

**Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>**

{sign-up sheet is posted}

## In the Life of our Congregation

**PRAISES:** Paul Rosenbeck is doing better! Ed Barnes' eye surgery went well! The thermometer says 51 degrees!

**CONCERNS:** Fran Lammon. Sherry Sommers-Doepker, Janet Powers' cousin, has a brain tumor. The underground church in Iran. Love and compassion for our church. Sharry Boyers. Evelyn Engel. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Cleveland Reese. Pray for all innocent people caught in the middle of wars. Steve Brannan. That God continues to bless America with freedoms and religious liberties. Larry and Peg Burt. Pray for our troops. Persecuted Christians being hunted and killed in Nigeria and Iran. Peace and unity for our America. The victims of human trafficking and the courageous people who free those they can find. Elaine Sugg. Sharon Gorey. Pray for ministries in Nigeria. Ken Bell. TGRM ministry. Jerry Griffin recovering from a fall. Jim Smith recovering from broken ribs. Linda Thompson is recovering. Deb Gleckler is in ICU at UTMC. Gloria Quinones, Jesse's mom, is at UTMC recovering from a second major surgery; she will be there for awhile. Cecelia Nartker.

**AYDEN:** Paul and Susan Rosenbeck; Lee Zimmerman  
**BROWNING MASONIC ASSISTED LIVING:** Resa Frey  
**ELIZABETH SCOTT COMM:** Vivienne Boyers; Sally Lutz  
**FAIRLAWN HAVEN:** Heath Smith  
**FOUNTAIN PARK:** LaDonna Smith  
**KINGSBURY PLACE:** Diann Roth

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVERS

Elders	Jayne Ferreira and Vanessa Bradner
Worship Leader	Joyce Oyer
Diaconate	Ed Barnes, captain Debbie and Kevin Nelson
Communion Prep	Ed Barnes
Video	Janet Powers
Audio	Bob Krumm



**FCC IS SPONSORING  
 CUMC Community Meal  
 February 19<sup>th</sup> 5 to 6pm  
Salads & volunteers are  
 still needed!**

**To help, meet at Christ United  
 Methodist at 4 pm OR show up at  
 6 pm to help with cleaning up.**

God directs us in II Timothy 2:15 to study His word so we know what it says and what it means. This week's Bible verses are:

Deuteronomy 1:1-3:20  
 Deuteronomy 3:21-5:33  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9:29  
 Deuteronomy 10:1-12:32



### FCC'S FINANCIAL STATISTICS

budgeted income needed for 2026	\$227,970.00
monthly income needed	\$18,997.50
weekly income needed	\$4,384.04
offering for 02.15.2026	\$2,080.97
January's operating expenses	\$14,773.11
January's operating income	\$9,043.97
Difference of	- \$5,729.14
<b>OUTREACH GIVING:</b>	
*Chi Rho—Adriel Angel tree project	\$457.70
Local Outreach—rent assistance and Christmas Cheer tree tags	\$448.17
*Disciple Mission Fund	\$297.70
*Mission Grp Christmas Cheer tree tags	\$198.71
*CWF for Christmas Cheer tree tags	\$198.11
*Christmas Offering—CCIO	\$30.00
* <i>January's designated offering gifts</i>	

2026 YTD Budget: 1.85% under budget

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:30 am to 2 pm LifeWise in education wing  
4:45 pm Pastor's Class  
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday soup supper  
6:30 pm worship and then youth groups meet  
deadline for Toledo hockey game tickets

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:30 am to 1:30 pm LifeWise in education wing  
4:00 pm meet at CUMC to help with community meal  
5 to 6 pm community meal

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:30 am to 2 pm LifeWise in education wing

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship ~ Week of Compassion offering

### LOOKING AHEAD...

March 7 Men's breakfast  
March 11 Save the date! Olive Pit  
March 16 Easter lily orders due  
April 10 thru 12 Youth Heritage trip  
April 29 Thrift Sale begins

Wednesday

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

We appreciate  
everyone who  
sponsors a  
meal!

Ash Wednesday  
soup supper

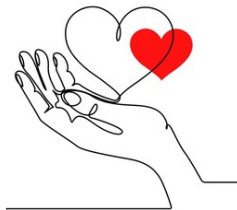
- 6 pm supper for our church family
  - 6:30 pm Youth Groups  
CCF  
Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4

Chi Rho

Middle School

CYF

High school



**HELP US KEEP A SECRET!** Kelly Baumgartner is an invaluable part of our team every Tuesday and Thursday and also helps on Sunday mornings. This is the final week to give your love offering for Kelly's gift to shower her with appreciation!

**WHAT IS LENT'S MEANING AND PURPOSE, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?** Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord. Beginning Sunday, we will have Lenten devotionals in the hall. We encourage you to take one and use it to help you grow deeper with Him.

Save The Date and Come see Camp!

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Camp Christian Open-House  
and Pool Groundbreaking Ceremony!!!!

More details coming soon.

1pm - 4pm: Camp Open House with Tours,

Hayrides, Scavenger Hunt,

Games, Singing, and more!

4pm: Groundbreaking Ceremony

5:30-7:30pm: Dinner and Talent Show emceed

by Pastor Mark Harris

Join for parts or all of the day!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** an Ohio Regional Evangelism Workshop on March 12-13 (3 p.m. Thursday to 11:30 a.m. Friday) at Camp Christian for a "Post Covid" theological and practical strategies to implement Christ's call to be Fishers of Men & Women God has called us to be.




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**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

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*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.*  
PSALM 51:1-4 (NRSV)

Lent begins tomorrow, with Ash Wednesday. We begin a 40 day journey (plus six Sundays) to Jerusalem, the cross, and the resurrection. Taking stock of the condition of our hearts and our faith is part of the observance of Lent. Back in the day, David sat in the consequences of his own brokenness, his own wrongdoing, the murder he arranged so that he could

marry the victim's wife. He begged God for mercy.

We may not have the same level of wrongdoing in our lives, and yet--have you ever found yourself in a place where you begged God to show you mercy? Have you realized just how far off track your life has gone? Can you, in that place, recognize that the character of God is to answer yes to our pleas for mercy?

God loves. God forgives. God renews. God transforms. God saves. Thanks be to God. Let this be our prayer as we enter Lent together:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.*

PSALM 51:10-13

In Christ, Pastor Michael