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IN-PERSON WORSHIP
8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

ONLINE SERVICE
christwheeling.org

Watch live Sundays @ 11 a.m.
or watch recorded services
posted after 12 pm on Sundays

Staff

Rev. Jake Steele
Pastor

Bill Stephens
Choir Director

Stephanie Gates
Children's Choir Director

Judith Allison
Organist

Carla Barris
Office Manager

Chelsea Young
Communications

Jamie Lafferty
Nursery Attendant

Ron Miller
Custodian

The Spire



Cast the Mask

I don't know about yours, but my kids are crazy about costumes, especially when October rolls around. Consistent are the conversations around, "Whad'ya gonna do? What'cha gonna be?"

Princesses or sports players, ghouls or gumball machines, Frankenstein or French fries, we've fiddled with every idea.

Isn't it funny? Something gets into a kid that prompts them to get into something – to *do some thing* or to *be someone* that goes beyond what others typically behold. But if the truth be told, that very pull persists throughout our lifespan from age 8 to 80. There comes a time when all kids grow out of their costumes, but here's the thing:

Our masks mature with us.

I'm not talking about masks of Maybelline or latex, but rather the sophisticated facades we fabricate that hide who we really are. The motives behind our masks are many and some of us have donned them so well (and for so long) that we've not only duped others, but *we don't even know who we are anymore.*

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People aren't always how they appear. Our masks are often what we *go to*, but they're never what we're *meant for*. In a month that sees many put them on, perhaps October is a perfect time to take yours off. Besides, the One we follow is greater than the fronts we hide behind.

It's my prayer that you'll not only tune in, but that you'll take part and allow the power of Christ to help you cast the mask. Who knows? For the first time, you and those around you just may see the real you and like what they see!

<u>Series Schedule:</u>		
Week 1: October 15th:	<i>"Golden Calves"</i> (Pride)	Exodus 32: 1-6
Week 2: October 21st:	<i>"Fig Leaves"</i> (Shame)	Genesis 3: 6-10
Week 3: October 28th:	<i>"Boiling Blood"</i> (Anger)	Genesis 4: 1-12

Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference will take place on Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Nursery News

Nursery care is available during the 11:00 worship service for children birth to 3.

Volunteers Needed

The HOC is seeking **VOLUNTEERS** to serve the community with them on a regular basis. Openings are available for individuals with all kinds of skills and talents. Some examples of opportunities are: **sorting & pricing clothing in their thrift store; assisting with food distribution in the food pantry; entering data in to the computer system; answering phones & taking messages; landscaping**

and basic maintenance; tutoring and education programming; driving for pick-up and deliveries; setting up and clean cleaning up for special events. Contact Rick Talasis at 304-233-4640 or rtalasis@houseofthecarpenter.com, if you would like to serve.

Christmas Donations

CUMC will once again be participating in the HOC Christmas Kids and the Crittenton Angel Tree. Please keep an eye out for those tags to be displayed.

Liturgists & Acolytes

Volunteers for liturgists and acolytes are needed for the remainder of the year. Please check the schedule on the bulletin board at the Chapel entrance and the bulletin board in the Narthex and help if you can.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour for October 22 & 29. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Children's Church "Hands up, Hands on, Hands out"

Children ranging from 4 years through the 3rd grade are invited to attend this program which will follow "Children's Moments" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Stephanie Gates, "Ms. Steph", will offer music at this time to those children in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

We are seeking volunteers to help with this program. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for you to place your name.

October Collections for the HOC

The food pantry at the HOC is **EMPTY!** For the month of October we will be collecting baking mixes (Bisquick); pancake mix; syrup & canned soups.

Because of the increase in new families they serve, they are also in need of the following: **cooking oil, sugar, canned fruit, box meals, and flour.**

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the month of September.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chelsea & Daniel Young on the birth of their first child, Emerson on August 31, 2023. He weighed 8 pounds 11.5 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Undie Sunday

October 22, 2023 will be Undie Sunday. We will be collecting items for the HOC. They are in need of the following: **underwear**

of all genders and sizes (men's undergarments and undershirts size small and medium especially; bras; socks; diapers in all sizes and baby wipes. Please drop your donations in the HOC bins located at the Chapel entrance and in the Narthex.

Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:

Bill & Nancy Deibert and family on the death of her brother, Charles Thomas Davis and her sister-in-law, Pat Davis.

Judy Allison on the death of her aunt.

Appalachian Christmas Project

It's never too early to start buying to fill a shoebox for the Appalachian Christmas Project. Below is a suggested list of items you can include in your box:

**Disposable razors
Calendars
Shaving cream
Bar soap
Shampoo
Toothbrush/toothpaste
Deodorant
Wash cloth
Purse size Kleenex
Comb or brush
Q-tips
Cotton balls**

Notepads/pencils/pens

**Optional items:
Stamps/envelopes
Chapstick/Vaseline
First aid cream
Magnifying glass
Socks
Knee highs
Hand lotion
Hand sanitizer
Nail clippers/ tweezers
Jar grips/pot scratcher
Small puzzle book
Denture cleaner**

Shoebboxes are available in the volunteer office if needed.

Reminder - The Appalachian Christmas project is in need of new or used Christmas cards & wrapping paper. You can drop those donations off to the church office.

Backpack Ministry

The Backpack Ministry will begin again in October. If you would like to help pack bags, they are done every Thursday (during the school year) at 9 a.m.

Soup Sale

The Mission Team will be holding a soup sale on Sunday, October 22. The following soups will be available for purchase: **sausage kale, potato; harvest; chicken tortilla; vegetable beef; ham & bean and tomato.** Cost is \$7.00 per quart.

Dear Family and Friends,

We are now residing in our new home, and we want to be sure you have our new address.

1993 Judy Circle SE, Marietta GA, 30060

Phone numbers and email addresses will not change. Thanks for your prayers during these months of radical transition. We are blessed and doing well. God is gracious.

With love,
Doug and Judy



Church Membership Exploration Cohort:

CUMC Family Room; Sundays, Oct. 29th-Nov. 19th

5:00-6:30pm

Interested?

Sign up in the church narthex, call the church office, or contact us at christwheeling.org



-Wanting a deeper faith connection and a better understanding of discipleship?

-Curious about what it means to be a United Methodist? How are we similar or different than other faith traditions?

-Want to know what being a member of this church is about?

-Do you have more questions about "church" than you have answers?

JOIN US for X-Church X-plore!

You might be more of a G.e.e.k than you thought!

Church Humor

- ☺Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ☺Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- ☺Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- ☺Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.
- ☺Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- ☺Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

William Hofmann	October 1
Joan McClelland	October 1
Dan* Petri	October 1
Michael Frazier	October 2
Gray* McCreary	October 2
Lauren Hutchins	October 3
Carolyn Smith	October 3
Clint Amie	October 4
Eli Kinser	October 5
Payton Storch	October 5
Kara Amie	October 6
So Onishi	October 6
Christina Myer	October 7
Judith Paesani	October 8
Charles* Wilmoth	October 9
Kimberly* Bowman	October 10
Yuko Onishi	October 10
Jane Costanzo	October 11
Naomi Hupp	October 11
Jessica Myer	October 11
Rebecca Kiger	October 12
Terry Depew	October 13
Shirlee Bray	October 14
Jean Bailey	October 15
Chad Broadwater	October 17
Emily Crosten	October 17
Jeanne Hicks	October 17
Darlene Petri	October 17
Jana* Wright	October 17
Gerry Griffith	October 18
Kimberly Loccisano	October 18
Nika Wright	October 18
Judith* Collins	October 19
Andrea Hornyak	October 20
Suzanne Jebbia	October 20
Robert Cunningham	October 21
Brent Fullerton	October 21
Bill Gersting	October 21
Christian J.* Howley	October 21
Zachary* Koish	October 21
Elizabeth Nickell	October 21
Doug Sprague	October 22
Anne Harman	October 23
Elizabeth A. Joseph	October 23
George* Schmalz	October 23
Brenda Straub	October 24

Mimi Weis	October 24
Annette Godown	October 25
Toyoko Onishi	October 25
Amber Smith	October 26
Sandra Huggins	October 27
Jordan* Heyman, III	October 29
Jennifer Jones	October 29
Jeanine Hibbs	October 31
Courtney P. Micker	October 31

Jamie & DueWayne Crow

October 1

Debi & Greg Smith

October 1

Sue & Bill Huggins

October 3

CeCe & Gary Kiedaisch

October 3

Chris & Dave Goodwin

October 4

Jessica & Carl Kondrach

October 8

Jennifer & David Croft

October 9

Meghen* & Brock* Jones

October 13

Cathy & Bob Strasser

October 17

Bruce & Barbara Grover

October 21

CARE FACILITIES

•Good Shepherd

Jack Kerr 320

Mildred Posey

•Peterson

Jane Friebertshauser 520

•Sienna Skilled Nursing &

Rehab (Wintersville)

Donald Bowman

•Wheeling Hospital Cont.

Care

Margaret Strome 166

PRAYER REQUESTS

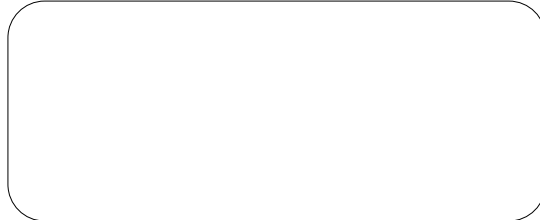
Olivia Kiger-Camilo; Parker Fox; Katie Histing; Kevin Barton; Becky & George Newton; Cynthia Hileman; Judy Hanlon; Frank Gilbert & Family; Richard Gilliam; Logan; Amanda Sampson; Barbara Buckwack; Anna Marie Kloss; Harry; James Gyer; Brittany Yoho; Kim Bowman; Bob & Debbie Becker; Lee; Suzanne; Ruth Wade; Ronald Sampson; Jeff Winslow; Addison Stephans; John Defibaugh; Randy Jones; Bill Stephans; Justin; Lendon; Travis Ellis; Bill; Sony and Gary; Bernie McNulty; Josh Chaplin; Melissa; Breanne; Sara & Wyatt; Fred Koerner; Karen & Jim Bruhn; Sandy Thames; Leslie Heldreth; Glenn Balla; John Witzberger; Freda Blake, Sherry Curry; Barb Wotojwicz; Buddy Bowman; Family of Anya Robertson; Joan McClelland; Joanne Taylor; Debi Smith; Roxie Derheimer; Randy Austin & Family; Miller Family; Bob McCarty; Jason Broadwater; Betty Dent; Bob McDonald; Paul & Kim Weber; Carol Pattim; Pat Staton; Jim Bowman; Donald Bowman; Rosemary Leicet; Terry; Linda & Jack Kerr; Kenny Nickerson; Dawn Walker Schemp; Jessie; Cathy Pavlock; Zach Henry; Harold Tharp; Randy Straub; Scott Morris; Michael Selick; Sara Madison; Sherwood Dobbs; Lauren Robinson; Harriett McCardle; Ted Allen; Gary Haught; Betty Hissom; Brad King; Jim Jones; Jenn; Gail; Jeff; Sara Staley; Cody McAvoy; Kristen Smith; Betty Love; Jonathan Chance; Elizabeth Carson; Connie Macek; Bill Harr; Mr. P.; Linda Moffit.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 US POSTAGE
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CUMC "Candy for Charity"

(formerly King Unit)
 Order now through November 19
 Delivery will be December 2 through December 10

Smoothies - bagged (10 for \$2) _____

Name: _____

Buckeyes - boxed (8 for \$5) _____

Phone Number: _____

Mug - filled with smoothies (\$6 each) _____

Christmas Sampler Box (5 each) _____
 (2 caramel pecan clusters, 2 buckeyes & 4 smoothies)

Total: \$ _____

For information, please call Carolyn at 304-242-8144. Will accept cash or check – **make checks payable to CUMC**. Mark in memo line: Candy for Charity.

