

## The Mission of Christ the King

To Shine the light of Jesus, Reflect his unconditional love, and Mirror his kindness to all people.



[www.CtKTwinsburg.com](http://www.CtKTwinsburg.com)

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### DON'T MISS JULY 9TH BRUNCH!

Join us at 10:30 AM Sunday, July 9th, for another Second Sunday Brunch! The men will again prepare pancakes and sausages; there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of supplies. Hot coffee & tea will be provided. Other brunch foods & beverages are welcome. Sign up on the bulletin board if you have a favorite food you'd like to share and also to help estimate the number of diners. Pictures of the June 11th brunch are on the 2017 Photo Albums page of [www.ctktwinsburg.com](http://www.ctktwinsburg.com) and on Ctk's Facebook page.



### FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR AT CTK JULY 22ND!!!

On Saturday, July 22nd, the National Youth Gathering (NYG) youth are sponsoring a flea market and craft fair on the grounds of CtK. You are invited to set up a 10X10 booth on the grass (no electric available) to sell household items and craft projects. Please, no guns, alcohol, drugs, or porn. Suggested donation for a booth space is \$20, which will help fund the trip to the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston. The youth will sell food and beverages during the sale.

The market will be open 9 AM until 4 PM, rain or shine, and all unsold items must be removed from the premises by 5 PM. You can set up your selling space at 8 AM.

Register for a selling space using the form on the CTK website or from Patti Jabre or the bulletin board. Return form to Patti with \$20 donation.

BONUS! Want to support the youth but don't have time to sell your items? If you would like to donate items (but no clothing), there will be a booth at the market from which all sales proceeds will be donated to the NYG youth. Items (BUT NO CLOTHING!) may be dropped off at CtK on Friday, July 21st, from 4 PM to 7 PM or 8 AM to noon July 22nd. Donations for the sale WILL NOT be accepted at any other time. Unsold items will be taken to Goodwill.

**PLEASE SUPPORT CTK'S ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING TEAM!!!** Questions? See Patti Jabre, Karen Reid, or Katie Bach.

### HEALING SERVICES THE WEEKEND OF JULY 29TH & 30TH

Worship services at 5:30 PM Saturday, July 29th, and 9:30 AM Sunday, July 30th, will include a brief Rite of Healing. Please invite anyone you know who could benefit from special prayers, the laying on of hands, and anointing with oil to help them cope with physical, spiritual, or emotional challenges.

### SING WITH THE DROP-IN CHOIR!

ALL singers are invited to drop-in and sing during the Sunday morning offering during the summer. Just come to the choir room (Room 100) at 9:20 AM on Sundays, and Kevin Basom will select a familiar hymn to prepare for special music. If you have a special solo piece, vocal or instrumental, see Kevin about presenting it one weekend.



Christ the King is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. See website for information.

## BLOOD DRIVE AT CtK TUESDAY, JULY 18TH

On Tuesday, July 18th, CtK will host a Red Cross blood drive from 2 PM to 7 PM. Please sign up if you can help at the registration desk or in the canteen for at least an hour. Blood donors, please remember that summer is usually a time of low blood supplies, so register at [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) that day to save time.



## LAFF TO DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND IN JULY

On Saturday, July 8th, LAFF will drive to downtown Cleveland for lunch at the new, **unique Heinen's (900 Euclid Avenue)**, then travel a short distance north to tour the U.S.S. *Cod*, the WW II submarine memorial in Cleveland's harbor. Carpools will leave CtK at 11:30 AM, so please be at the church



heinen's



by 11:15 AM. We will hunker together for downtown parking.

First we will go to **Heinen's for lunch and browsing**, and then we will proceed to the *Cod*.

July 8th has been designated Dutch Friendship Day at the U.S.S. *Cod* Memorial. At 2 PM there will be a reenactment of the *Cod's* rescue of 55 men from a Dutch submarine that was grounded on a reef in enemy territory during WW II. Following the reenactment, the *Cod* can be toured for \$10 for seniors. On-street parking in Cleveland is free on Saturdays, and the *Cod* has free parking.

LAFF is Life After Fifty Fellowship, but all ages are welcome to participate! Please sign up on the LAFF kiosk before July 8th to plan carpooling. Questions go to Karen Scarpelli.

## NAME TAG WEEKENDS THIS SUMMER

On weekends when CtK has had supply pastors in **Pastor Matthew's absence**, Congregational Care has encouraged everyone to wear a name tag to worship. Pastor Jim Lewis from Advent Lutheran, Solon, will preach Saturday, July 1st. Please wear your name tag the weekends of July 8th & 9th and August 12th & 13th so that everyone at the Second Sunday Brunches knows who you are. Talk to Wendy Gibbons if you cannot find your printed name tag.



## NO SOFTBALL LEAGUE IN 2017

Because several churches failed to respond to the softball commissioner, there is no local church softball league this summer, according to Bob Bortak, CtK's softball coach. Just wait 'til next year!

## UNDIES SUNDAYS (&amp; SATURDAYS)

CtK's annual Undies Saturdays & Sundays collection will take place in July & August. Put new cotton briefs for women, new boxers or briefs for **men, and children's underwear** in the Giving Center Bin will be given to those served by Haven of Rest in Akron. Women's & men's sizes needed are medium up to XXL. All sizes are needed for children. If you prefer to donate cash or a check (*made out to Lynne Bailey*), I will shop for you. I can get great deals at the Aurora Outlets Hanes store. If you have any questions, please call me at 330-562-0738.



Submitted by Lynne Bailey

## JULY 29TH HAVEN OF REST SUPPER SERVERS NEEDED



Five or six volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Haven of Rest in Akron

on the evening of Saturday, July 29th. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to serve food. Younger volunteers are given other tasks like helping with set-up and clean-up. The group often carpools from CtK around 5 PM and returns around 8:30 PM.

Sue Simmons set up this ongoing outreach opportunity several years ago for every month with a fifth Saturday. Sign up on the bulletin board to participate; see Sue for details.

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2017 FILL-A-BAG, FEED-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Please help us stop the food shortage in the greater Twinsburg area! There are 3 volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ Sunday July 9th: Bag Distribution 1:30-4:30pm. Meet at Ss. Cosmas & Damian at 1:30pm. We will drive around and drop bags off to houses in a designated area.
- ◆ Saturday July 15th: Food Pick Up 9:30am-12:30pm. Meet at Ss. Cosmas & Damian at 9:30am. We will drive around and pick up the filled bags from houses in a designated area.
- ◆ Saturday July 15th: Warehouse Help 10am-5pm. Meet at Darko Warehouse at 1400 Enterprise Pkwy, Twinsburg. We will sort and package food that has been collected.

Sign up on the bulletin board to help. The collected food will all be distributed to Twinsburg area families through The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC). See Pastor Matthew for more information.



The National Youth Gathering Team, currently at seven members, will be holding the following events:

- July 4 - Aurora Shores - the Schiopota family is running a face painting booth. Parade at 10am, and the booths will open at the Marina around noon.
- July 15 - NYG Financial Assistance will open at national headquarters. See me.
- July 15 - Fill A Bag, Feed a Family in association with the Twinsburg Ministerium. Meet at Ss Cosmas & Damian Multi-purpose Room at 9:30.
- July 22 - Flea Market - Will need help Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. WE NEED EVERYONE TO BE INVOLVED. Vendors will arrive at 8am to set up, and hopefully they will have taken down their stall by 5:30 worship..
- August 13 - Sports Day - CtK will be having a brunch following the service and the sports program will follow.
- August 27 - Photo Scavenger Hunt.
- September 9 - 5K Run.
- September 10 - **God's Work, Our Hands.** Servant Project.
- September 15 - First day of NYG registration.

Look for more information about these projects and help us get the word out. We need your prayers & participation, help in setting up these programs and your financial assistance.

Talk to our NYG members - Allison Bach, Gabrielle Doty, Adam Groenke, Elijah Groenke, Justin Hartland, Claire Schiopota, Lydia Schiopota - to find out more about these events.

Min. of Discipleship and Youth



**MARTIN LUTHER'S CORNER**

Martin Luther would be considered today as "rough around the edges." Here are some quotes and sayings attributed to Martin Luther.

1. When a young man wrote to Luther complaining of despair at the prospect of going to hell, Luther wrote back that he should go and get drunk....that was what he would do when he felt despair.
2. Luther not only approved of sex, but advised that if a man could not satisfy his wife sexually, she had every right to go find a lover who could.
3. Luther objected to all the holy relics he saw when he visited Rome. But the Castle Church at Wittenberg had over 1500 relics that were spread all over the grass at that church on All Saints Day .
4. He said of one of his critics "You are admirable, fine, pious sows and asses." To another critic "You are a brothel-keeper and the devil's daughter in hell."

*This monthly blurb about Martin Luther is compiled by John Humrichouser for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.*

**CONFIRMATION CORNER...**

Have a great summer! See you at church and all the special summer events. Minister of discipleship & Youth



# From the Minister of Discipleship and Youth

**JULY 2017**

The following was posted on Facebook on May 14, 2017 by Rich Melheim, a respected Christian Educator.

## Why We Welcome Little Children To Worship



At the time of baptism, parents, sponsors and the whole congregation promise to bring children to worship. To not do so would be like sitting down to the family evening meal but excluding the kids. Sure, their manners might be far from elegant, but we welcome them because they are part of the family. Being with family is how we learn to be family. Worship is no different.

Young people giggle, they poke, they ask questions, and they swing their legs because they are young children. Children learn about worship and how to participate by experience, by how they are welcomed into the community, and by what they see big people doing.

## How do Young Children Learn to Worship?

- ◆ Children learn to worship by being taught they have a place in the community of the church.
- ◆ Children learn to worship by seeing, hearing feeling, even smelling the sanctuary as a place of welcome and worship.
- ◆ Children learn to worship by being around other children in the worship space.
- ◆ Children learn to worship by watching how their significant adults sing, pray, participate, and give offerings.



Bringing a child to church can be frustrating. Their behavior can make it hard for parents and others to worship. Then again, many facets of parenting can be challenging. It's the rewards which make it all worthwhile. While we do not want our children to be disruptive or hamper the worship of others, all of us together need to be reminded that children are not the church of the future.

**Children are the church of the present and are to be treasured as such.**

In His Service,



Patricia Jabre, Deacon



**Children are the Church  
of the Present!**

# July 2017

For the most up-to-date event schedule for Christ the King, go to [www.ctktwinsburg.com/?page\\_id=72](http://www.ctktwinsburg.com/?page_id=72)

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Please contact Wendy in the office to volunteer for any openings shown below.

SHINING THE LIGHT AT SATURDAY & SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JULY 2017						
	Worship time	JULY 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	JULY 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	JULY 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	JULY 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	JULY 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>
Acolytes	5:30 pm	Dotti Root	Sign up to volunteer.	Lydia Schiopota	Sign up to volunteer.	Sign up to volunteer.
	9:30 am	Sign up to volunteer.	Sign up to volunteer.	Crystal Stokes	Sign up to volunteer.	Sign up to volunteer.
Worship Assistants, Lectors (L), Communion Assistants (C)	5:30 pm	Dave Denes	Katie Bach	Patti Jabre	Dave Denes	Patti Jabre
	9:30 am	Mike Coss (L, C)	Sue Simmons (L), John Humrichouser (C)	Wendy Jones (L), Sally Morris (C)	Diane Procop (L), Kristin W. Goss (C)	John McBride (L), Mike Coss (C)
Lay Prayer Leaders	9:30 am	Kristin Wedemeyer Goss	Mike Coss	Karen Reid	Crystal Stokes	Jenn Lue
Ushers	5:30 pm	Bill & Dotti Root	Ron Miller	Dave Denes	Lynne Bailey	Bill & Dotti Root
	9:30 am	Kate Hartland, Kristin Wedemeyer Goss	Mike & Rita Mitch	Chuck Goodnight, Carlton Spitz	Doty family	Linda Bendler, Denise Hall
Greeters	9:30 am	Sue Brunst	Denise Tearney	Bob & Sonja Roe	Chris Spitz	Jean & Mike Coss
	5:30 pm	Claire Schiopota	Charlotte Miller	Claire Schiopota	Wendy Gibbons	Wendy Gibbons
Sound Booth	9:30 am	Wendy Gibbons	Denise Hall	Wendy Gibbons	Karen Reid	Olivia Doty
	9:30 am	Kristin Bedford, Sue Simmons	Amy Bates, Marge Bowman, Karen Scarpelli	Gabrielle Doty, Jane Zaremba	Lisa Doty	Joanne Ciarniello, Kate Hartland
No Summer Punch						
Coffee Clean-up	After 10:30am	Office Staff	Ginger & Tom Pituch	Sandy Molnar	Office Staff	Office Staff
August Messenger Assembly Team: Lynne Bailey, Sandy Molnar, Mary Ellen Robinette, D. Urban - Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 1 pm in Room 103				August Messenger Deadline: Thursday, July 20, 2017		
Thanks to Mike & Rita Mitch, Sue Simmons, Jane Zaremba for assembling the July Messenger!						



# Stewardship REPORT

**BEING RELEVANT:**

- In Twinsburg
- Is visibly living out Christ's presence in our neighborhood
- Is vital to determining the future of Christ the King
- Is figuring out our current identity and gifts
- Is matching our gifts with the needs of Twinsburg and surrounding communities

Becoming relevant may lead us to revival with a new church energy, new members, and greater significance in our ministries and outreach.

What is Christ calling us to do in ways we never could imagine possible?

"Being Relevant" sounds like a win-win situation and enlivened Stewards.

*Sandy Molnar, Financial Secretary*

**THRIVENT CHOICE  
DOLLARS DIRECTED  
TO CTk**



Christ the King received a gift in the amount of \$176 in June from Thrivent. The following members of Thrivent requested we receive this gift:

Lisa Doty, Rob Doty, Pam Garrud, Patricia Jabre, Robert Mandau

Thank you for your support!

**HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE TO CtK**

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you may direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to the charity of your choosing.

- <http://www.Thrivent.com>
- Log in or set up account
- Go to My Thrivent
- Select *Thrivent Choice*
- Option to Direct Choice Dollars

Or Direct to a new organization (find charity of your choice)

Talk to Rob Doty, CtK's Thrivent liaison, if you would like more information about Thrivent.



**ELECTRONIC SIGN FUND**

At press time, \$3,070 had been contributed to the fund for the electronic sign, meaning we are 30% of the way to our goal of raising \$10,000. Remember that all donations will be matched 2:1 by Endowment Funds.

Please make contributions to the sign over and above your regular giving; do not divert your giving from the Unified Fund.

MAY 2017 FINANCE REPORT	
<i>Complete financial information is posted on the kiosk outside the office.</i>	
Operating Income	\$22,432
Other designated income	\$4,070
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$26,502</b>
Operating Expenses	\$22,920
Other payments	\$2,982
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25,902</b>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$600
Monthly Budget	\$22,805

**WITH GRATITUDE FROM THE SHORE-KIRCHENS FAMILY**

I want to thank everyone for their donations to the Zoe Shore-Kirchens Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner & Basket Raffle which was held at CtK on May 13. It was a big success! Thrivent Action Team donated \$250 seed money which was used to defer some of the food cost. The total from the dinner, raffle & donations was \$1,668.00, plus we were granted matching funds from the Christ the King Lutheran Endowment Fund - Lestor Trust.



Zoe's parents, Sean & Emily are overwhelmed by your generosity.

*Blessings,  
Denise Tiearney*

Special thanks to the 2018 National Youth Gathering Group for their help in serving the dinner.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Novotny	7/1
Benjamin Stayanchi	7/1
James Wells	7/1
David Schiopota	7/2
Kristin Goss	7/4
Jay Moellering	7/4
Amy Bates	7/6
Rita Mitch	7/7
Pat Wilhelms	7/10
Shirley Duffy	7/11
Mackenzie Harrison	7/11
Steven Anderson	7/12
Julia Noble	7/12
Jean Coss	7/13
Sue Brunst	7/14
Wendy Gibbons	7/17
Charlotte Miller	7/17
Eric Spaeth	7/19
MJ Neel	7/21
Chanon Bortak	7/23
Ruth Gauer	7/24
Betsy Thompson	7/25
Rich Ciarniello	7/26
Mary Ellen Robinette	7/31

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Cara & David Jablonski	7/1
Danielle & Chris Smith	7/1
Jay & Kate Hartland	7/2
Matthew Oravetz & Jessica Foster-Oravetz	7/7
Sally & Tom Morris	7/11
Jim & Louise Susnik	7/16
Mike & Rita Mitch	7/20
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**Serving the Neighbor in Charged Times**

By Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

These are politically charged times. This very sentence in the presiding bishop's column is likely to raise eyebrows.

Across this church I've heard stories of parishioners disturbed by the Gospel read on Sundays, believing the pastor chose the passage as a critique of the current administration. The Beatitudes seemed to provoke the most attention. In a way this is good—maybe we are all hearing Jesus' words with fresh ears. But really, the Beatitudes have been the appointed Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Epiphany for as long as we have been using the lectionary.

In these charged times it's helpful to consider two things: the relationship between church and state, and how Lutherans participate in civil society. Often we speak about the "separation of church and state." This principle is usually raised when parishioners feel the pastor (or the synod, churchwide organization or bishop) is being "political." There is the assumption that the church should only deal with the spiritual and that it should have nothing to do with civil and political life. The First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The separation of church and state is intended to protect religious liberty and keep the government from interfering in the church.

We Lutherans also cite Martin Luther's doctrine of the two kingdoms—the temporal and the spiritual. This has been misinterpreted to mean that the temporal realm is inferior to the spiritual realm—or that God, and therefore the faithful, should not be as concerned with the temporal, should not allow the temporal into the church, and really need not be too engaged in the public square.

But our understanding as Lutherans is that the church and the state, the spiritual and the temporal, are *both* established by God and are *both* part of God's twofold rule. When we pray, "Give us today our daily bread," we are also praying that God send us the gift of good government (Luther's Small Catechism).

Both church and state are good gifts from God and have been established for specific purposes. The proper work of the church is to "preach the gospel in its purity and administer the sacraments according to the gospel" (Augsburg Confession VII). The proper work of the state is to keep peace and order and to support and nourish the lives of its citizens. And since we confess that God entered human life through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, who took our flesh upon him, we do not have a hierarchy of value that places the spiritual above the temporal.

Active participation in public life and the duty of government to care for its people, especially the most vulnerable, have been part of the Lutheran movement from its beginning. In his explanation of the petition "Give us today our daily bread," Luther said: "It would be therefore fitting if the coat of arms of every upright prince were emblazoned with a loaf of bread instead of a lion" (Large Catechism). He also wrote that the "second virtue of a prince is to help the poor, the orphans, and the widows to justice, and to further their cause."

Lutherans don't withdraw from public life. In fact our constitution pledges us to "work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor, maintaining institutional separation of church and state in a relation of functional interaction." Lutherans fulfill our baptismal vocation when we show up.

So why are we so tense? I think we've been influenced by a divisive culture. We forget that we are one people. I think we fail to recognize Christ in others, whether the other is across the pew or across the world. We forget that we all—whatever our politics—stand under the judgment of God and that only God's promise of reconciling love in Jesus can save us. Set free by that promise we can find a way to serve the neighbor.



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# shining the Light of Jesus...



Thanks to these generous CtK members & friends for ordering a total of 126 red geraniums for the chancel for Pentecost weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks also to Janet Nezbeda for delivering and arranging the display and to Lisa Doty for planting the 52 plants that were donated to CtK.

Leatrice Alexander	Shirley Duffy	Kate Hartland
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Thanks to our May 25th Ascension Day worship participants: Patti Jabre - lector, communion assistant, & prayer leader; Sue Simmons - altar care; Wendy Gibbons - usher.

Thanks to Paul Spitz and Tina Coleman for labeling, stamping, and mailing a postcard to new families in the area for the Evangelism ministry.

Thanks to Tom Pituch & Rich Ciarniello for climbing to the rafters to ascertain the model number of the sanctuary projector in case we need a new bulb.

Thanks to all the men helping with June 11<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday Brunch, including Bob Bortak, Rich Ciarniello, Mike Coss, John Humrichouser, John McBride, Tom Pituch, Mike Procop, Paul Spitz, Mark Tiearney, & Wiley Wolfe. Thanks to John H for heading up the meal and to Tom and Rich for shopping, preparing the grills, and cleaning them afterward. Additional food & beverages were supplied by Joanne Ciarniello, Shirley Duffy, Wendy Gibbons, Ginger Pituch, Diane Procop, Mary Ellen Robinette, Karen Scarpelli, Louise Susnik, Betsy Thompson, Denise & Mark Tiearney, Jane Zaremba. Pam Wolfe helped with clean-up.

CtK received \$108.68 from the St. Pauly shed for clothing placed in it during May. The total year-to-date is \$421.82. Since April 2014 CtK has received \$3,297.68 from clothing items placed in the shed! Many thanks to Karen Reid for keeping the shed in order and notifying the office when to call St. Pauly to arrange a pick-up.

For paper put in the big green recycling bin in April, CtK received \$40.40. Continue to put junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phone books, and flattened cardboard boxes in our recycling bin.

About eight pounds of aluminum cans put in the Giving Center bin netted \$3.85 for a total of \$31.31 since January 2015. Every little bit helps! Thanks to John Gibbons taking them to be recycled.

## Ongoing CtK Events

### MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

All men 18 and older are invited to meet for food and fellowship at Bob Evans on Route 82 at 8 AM the first Saturday of the month, July 1st. See Tom Pituch for details.

### TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

During the summer, the CtK Tuesday Women's Bible Study meets once a month. Wendy Gibbons leads the time of Bible study, fellowship, discussion, and prayer. All women are invited to drop in when their schedules permit. The group collects an offering to support the Cleveland YWCA's Nurturing Independence and Aspiration initiative that assists youth aging out of foster care.

The summer study from *Gather* magazine is *All Anew* by Kelly Fryer, echoing the theme of the 2017 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering. July's session, "Standing with the Least of These," will be July 11th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a potluck lunch. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Bibles and copies of the study are provided. To subscribe to *Gather* call 844-409-0576; a year's subscription (10 issues) is \$15. See Wendy for details.

### FAITH WEDNESDAYS

Pastor Matthew's noon Faith Wednesday study resumes in the fellowship hall on July 5th. A new study of the Old Testament prophets begins that day. There is time to eat your brown bag lunch in the class. Everyone is welcome to **attend whenever it's convenient**. See Pastor Matthew if you have any questions.



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Saturday, July 22nd  
9 AM - 4 PM  
Craft Fair & Flea  
Market to benefit



## CtK's 2018 National Youth Gathering Group

Sign up today to reserve your 10' x 10' outdoor sale space for a \$20 donation.

OR

From 4 PM to 7 PM on Friday, July 21st, and from 8 AM until noon on Saturday, July 22nd, you may donate items to be sold to benefit the youth. **NO CLOTHING, PLEASE!**

(After the sale, leftover donated items will be taken to the Goodwill store.)

# Everyone is invited!

## Second Sunday Brunch



July 9th at 10:30 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall

CtK men will prepare pancakes & sausages. Sign up to bring other brunch foods & drinks.

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