

Columbus Cum Christo

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Ultreya

Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
WWJD
Wednesdays With Jesus Downtown

Dates & Rectors of Future Weekends

Men's 157th: Cancelled

Rector: Jack Frost

Women's 152nd: April 16-19, 2015

Rector: Stacey Bergmann

Men's 157th: October 1-4, 2015

Rector: Greg Bergmann

Women's 153rd: Nov 12-15, 2015

Rector: Kathy Hodges

Men's 158th: March 30-April 3, 2016

Rector: Steve Stroh

Women's 154th: Apr 28-May 1, 2016

Rector: Margaret DeWitt

Men's 159th: September 15-18, 2016

Rector: Randy Smith

Women's 155th: October 13-16, 2016

Rector: Rita Kearns

Mission Statement

The mission of Cum Christo is to bring Christians together in an ecumenical environment that renews their relationship with Jesus Christ and motivates them to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches, their everyday life and other places where God leads them

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From the Lay Director

Julie Glowacki W79

Roundtable of Joyful Hope

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Submerged as we are in the depths of snow and bitter cold, it seems as if Spring will never come, but Cum Christo has several events planned that we feel will warm us all in the embrace of Christian fellowship and sharing.

First on the agenda is our annual Seder Meal Celebration, to take place on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1st, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Reservations IN ADVANCE are absolutely necessary to allow for planning for food, and space is limited, so don't wait! The charge is \$20 per person, which includes not only the celebration of the ceremonial Seder, but also a delicious full (lamb) dinner with all the trimmings! Please see the flyer and reservation form in this issue. (There will be no Ultreya on this Wednesday, but please don't forget the warmth, love, and Christian inspiration and fellowship that awaits you at our regular Wednesday Ultreyas.)

On April 29th, we will have one of our very popular Satellite Ultreyas at St. Cecilia Church. And then, on May 1st and 2nd we will again be offering our Weekend Orientation. This is a chance to meet some of the leaders in our movement and also to become prepared to serve in a leadership position (lots of fun and not at all difficult!) or, be qualified to work on a weekend team.

And of course, the coming of spring also means that our Spring Weekends are drawing near. The Men's weekend starts on March 12th and the Women's on April 16th. These weekends are coming up quickly!!

We ask for your prayers, palanca, and sponsorship of candidates for these upcoming Weekends. Both teams are braving this frigid Arctic Blast to meet in formation to prepare for welcoming the candidates that **YOU** provide. Please be diligent in prayerfully discerning them. As Christians and Cursillistas, we are called to evangelize and bring ever more souls into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior! A Cum Christo weekend is such a precious gift to give to another.

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From the Lay Director (cont'd):

Just a reminder, as this has been published several times: our weekend fee has been increased to \$150, as our weekends were simply not paying for themselves – as we all know, food and utility costs continue to rise. The application processing fee of \$25 remains the same and is included in the \$150 total fee. We request that the total fee of \$150 be paid in advance of the weekend. Also, please remember that through the generosity of several Cursillistas we now have the Peggy Bryant Memorial Scholarship Fund in place for those who cannot afford the full cost of attending a weekend.

Many people have found faith in Jesus Christ and their vocation to a deeper life in Him through friendship with dedicated Christians such as ourselves. Our Lord makes frequent use of our friendliness to others as a means of making Himself known to them. Those very first disciples of Jesus made the Good News known to those they loved – their friends and families. Do we love others – friends, family, or acquaintances at church or work – enough to want to share with them the joy of a closer relationship with Jesus through Cum Christo? Can our friendship, our caring, be a channel for others to come closer to Christ? During this holy season of Lent, perhaps a good Lenten practice could be to give of our time and love by taking that Action of sponsorship.

I pray for a blessed Easter for all our dear Cursillistas! And may we all look forward to soon warming ourselves in the glow of God's spring sunshine, and finding joy in the emergence of colorful spring flowers, butterflies and soft green grass.

De Colores – the fields love to dress in all during the springtime, the birds have their clothing that comes every season, the rainbow is vested across the blue sky – and so must all love be of every bright color to make my heart cry.

Julie

Leaders School

Jerry Abraham M138

Roundtable of Shining Disciples

Our Cum Christo weekend was special to many of us.....so special because it was a life changing experience! As the Men's and Women's Teams prepare for the Spring weekends, we in the Cum Christo family should be praying for the Team members AND discerning which leaders of our Church community are ready for their special weekend experience where they encounter Jesus in a personal way and where they leave their weekend challenged to carry out Jesus' mission in their environments. Discerning candidates for a Cum Christo weekend should be based on the love you have for those candidates and your wish for the best for them in their walk with Jesus after their weekend. What an awesome call to each of us...helping someone encounter Christ in ways that change their lives.

Pre-Cum Christo

Phil Roblee M110

Roundtable of Spiritual Calling

A list of current church contacts has been posted to the Cum Christo Website (www.cumchristo.org, select the “Church Contact Program” button on the left side of the main page). As you can see, we have 35 Catholic churches represented, and nine Protestant churches. We need more. Please check to see if your church is represented and if it isn’t, please contact me at philroblee@gmail.com to volunteer as your church’s Cum Christo contact. If you are listed on the sheet, please make sure your contact information is correct, and please keep me updated if there are any changes.

It is important to maintain a list of church contacts for several reasons. We sometimes have a potential candidate who attends a certain church but doesn’t know any Cursillistas who also attend that church. The contact people at that church can assist in finding a sponsor for the candidate out of their membership list. Contact people can help recruit members to assist at a closing, Satellite Ultreya, or other Cum Christo events that may take place at their church. Church contacts also have a wonderful opportunity to promote Cum Christo and possibly identify potential weekend candidates from among their church members. Being a church contact is a job presenting many opportunities, but yet is not at all time consuming. Please consider being a part of this important ministry.

Weekend Section

Susan Willeke W106

Roundtable of The Apple of His Eye

The Lord was so good to our beloved Cum Christo community – four successful weekends with wonderful new Babe Chicks now influencing their environments for Christ!

Our Spring weekend teams are diligently at work preparing and praying for the upcoming weekends. Of course, we rely on the Holy Spirit and all of you to send candidates who are ready for this life-changing experience.

The Men’s 157th will take place March 12 – 15 with the Closing at St. Elizabeth Church in Columbus while the Women’s 152nd will be April 16 – 19 with the Closing at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Powell. Regardless of whether or not you are a sponsor, mark those dates on your calendar to come welcome the newest Babe Chicks!

In addition to sponsoring candidates, here are other ways to be a blessing for the weekends:

- Attend Guardian Angel nights at Ultreya on March 11 and April 15. Deliver general and personal palanca for the candidates to the Cum Christo Center ;
- Bring special snacks and treats to be delivered throughout the weekend;
- Attend Serenade at 6 a.m. on Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, April 19; and
- Pray for the candidates, the team, and for the Cum Christo movement.

De Colores!

Post Cum Christo

John Hodges M137

Roundtable of The Seekers

I have spent my first month as the Post-Cum Christo Section Leader recruiting new Permanent Ultreya Team (PUT) members, as well as re-recruiting our current members. The PUT plans and directs the weekly Ultreyas with each member being the Monthly Ultreya Team coordinator once per year. We would like to have at least 12 members on the PUT and we could use a few more volunteers to reach that number. I encourage anyone interested in joining the PUT to contact me directly at jphodges@aol.com.

Two other ways of participating more fully in Ultreyas are to volunteer for a Monthly Ultreya Team or to be a Witness Speaker. Being on a monthly Ultreya team includes attending formation meetings the prior month and then, serving in one of four (4) team roles during each of the Ultreyas in your designated month. Those roles include Rector, Palanca Reader, Greeter and Steward. Monthly Ultreya teams typically have at least 8 members, which provides some flexibility if members cannot attend all the meetings. Being a Witness Speaker allows you to share a recent moment from your walk with Christ in a short (3-10 minutes) talk during an Ultreya. We are always looking for monthly Ultreya team members and witness speakers, so please contact me if you are interested in either of these opportunities.

This past year taught us that our Cum Christo community enjoys attending Satellite Ultreyas at the various churches of our members. All four (4) Satellite Ultreyas last year and our first this year were very well attended. We have three (3) more scheduled for this year, so mark your calendars for the following dates: April 29th at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Columbus, July 29th at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church at Mill Run in Hilliard, and September 30th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville. Please plan on joining us for these very special Ultreyas. We'll need a big turnout for Guardian Angel Ultreya on March 11th. Also, don't forget about our Seder Meal on April 1st.

DeColores

Service Section

Ann Finn W126, Service Associate

Roundtable of Rainbow's Promises

The first half of 2014 brought all of us a few challenges and the second half of the year, esp. the last few months, I and others have been making additional repairs and upgrades to the Center as well as fine-tuning some areas. On the first floor, the Palanca and Pantry rooms and the full bathroom have had their ceilings repaired, entire rooms repainted and thoroughly cleaned, as well as staining of the Pantry room floor. Though the jobs were tedious and painstaking at times, it was the LOVE for this "old building" that made it all happen. Please come to our weekly Ultreyas and other Cum Christo events and see the changes that have been made to our **lovely old building**. As always, we are continually making updates and improvements to enhance the beauty, the operations, and to make the facility more user friendly.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Sponsors and additional helpers who assisted with pre and post-cleaning nights during 2014; some nights we had good turnouts and we were out of the building in an hour or so. I was very appreciative as were the Teams, new Babe Chicks and the Cum Christo community. **Reminder:** Sponsors, we start pre and post-cleaning the CC Center on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. before and after the weekends.

Again, I'm encouraging all Cum Christo groups to do their part in keeping the Center cleaned and maintained; leave it in the same condition, or better, when you depart the Center as you found it upon your arrival including returning and putting things back where they belong so others can enjoy and have the same pleasurable experience you had when they come to the Center. We all love this "old building" and the great memories we have of it so let us all help maintain our lovely CC Center. I hope and pray, as good stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ, we can all keep on enjoying this wonderful, beautiful building and continue to feel its love, grace and gifts. De Colores!

Upcoming Events

Satellite Ultreyas

- April 29** **St. Cecilia Catholic Church**
434 Norton Road, Columbus
- July 29** **Upper Arlington Lutheran Church – Mill Run Campus**
3500 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard
- Sept 30** **St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**
313 N. State Street, Westerville

Weekend Orientation

*Learn about the Weekend, meet new people, enjoy fellowship
Attendance qualifies you for future team and other leadership positions*

May 1 & 2

Seder Meal Celebration

April 1
6:00 p.m. start
(no Ultreya)

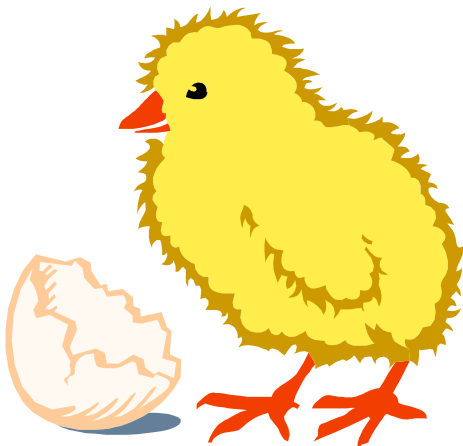
*A celebration commemorating Passover; a symbolic meal intertwined
with a prayer service and followed by a substantial meal.*

First Congregational United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street, Columbus

Reservations required by March 27

Call Bob & Lisa Hess – 614-876-6995

Or email at hess1780@gmail.com



Welcome to the Babe Chicks of the
Women's 151st

Risa Berlin, Shanna Clark, Kathy Cunningham,
Laura Djoice, Betsy Dorrian, Catherine Duerr,
Michelle Eckels, Debra Foster, Candace Hines,
Mary Jones, Barb McMullen, Wendy Newland,
Stacey Lee Pina, Sharon Reinhard and Monica Shaner

Cum Christo Seder Meal

A celebration commemorating Passover;
A symbolic meal intertwined with a prayer service.
To be followed by a substantial dinner.



**WEDNESDAY – April 1, 2015
(No Ultreya)**

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street, Columbus
(East of Cleveland Avenue & West of the Art Museum)**

Doors open at 6:00 PM, Service begins at 6:30 PM

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
(Attendance limited to 150)**

(A TABLE CAN BE RESERVED for 6 OR MORE - TABLES SEAT 8)

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: March 27, 2015

**Please remember that your reservation is a commitment to attend and share in
the cost of preparing this very special Passover Meal.**

The cost of preparing each meal is \$20

A donation to cover meal cost may be paid
in advance by mailing your check by March 17 to
Cum Christo at P.O. Box 163712, Columbus 43216

OR

You may pay at Registration

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Bob or Lisa Hess 614- 876-6995 or hess1780@gmail.com

**(Send or leave your name, [phone number](#)
and number of people you are bringing please.)**

or go to <http://www.cumchristo.org/> to Register online

Cursillistas and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The service and meal are not recommended for children

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We lift our prayers in Thanksgiving

For new beginnings - For answered prayers - For health and wellness - For family and friends
For the blessing of close moments - For the freedom to worship as we choose –
For opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We Lift UP

A prayer for peace in our world - All those in positions of leadership
Those who have died and their loved ones,
Those suffering from illness or accidents - Those in the military, and their families –
The unemployed and under-employed - Those with no-one to pray for them
The unborn - Our children
Those discerning a religious life - For our priests, pastors and all religious.