

Christ Church

A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY



November 2021

L♥ve's Notes

I would like, in this article, to quote some lines from Tim Tennent's book, *For the Body*, which we are using in our current WD2 study on Wednesday evenings. One theme in particular has caused me to "sit up and take notice", as they say.

We are now over 1 ½ years into this Covid pandemic. This pandemic has caused us to scramble to "be the church" during some times when physically attending church was difficult or impossible. Hopefully, prayerfully, we are moving out of the worst of the crisis. I think we may all be thankful that we were able to develop a worship service that could be viewed from the safety of your own home. Someone was just telling me how they found it to be really "easy" to sit in their pajamas with a cup of coffee and "go to church". As we slowly move back into coming to worship in person, I wonder if there aren't some who find it difficult to get out of the "easy" way and have just continued to "go to church" in their living rooms... or perhaps not at all.

Here is the passage from Tennent's book that started me thinking about this:

"... the Apostle's Creed declares that Jesus was 'born of the Virgin Mary' and 'suffered under Pontius Pilate,' this creedal affirmation reminds us that the central act of redemption happened bodily and in human history. The Nicene Creed says it even more clearly when it speak of Jesus, 'who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man.' The word 'incarnation', meaning 'in the flesh,' establishes embodiment as the foundation of our redemption. Jesus did not send us an email telling us how much he loved us; he came and lived among us (John 1:14). The incarnation of Jesus affirms that our primary presentation of Christ to the world should be through embodied presence.

Second, the Apostle's Creed also celebrates the 'communion of the saints.' When we gather, we gather as the church, which includes those present today as well as those who have already departed (through death) to join the church triumphant. We physically gather, and our connection to the saints in heaven is mystical, NOT virtual. The importance of physically meeting together is reaffirmed by the writer of Hebrews when he admonishes Christian believers to 'not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing' (Heb. 10:25). This does not mean that the church should avoid digital technology. To be clear, digital technology can assist us in our mission in many ways. However, we should never speak or act as if a digital presentation is equivalent to embodiment."

I realize that I have somewhat taken this passage out of the larger context of Tennent's book, but I believe it also applies to the concern that I have that some of us may have become overly comfortable with not attending in person. I believe that our gathering together builds and grows a Christian fellowship and discipleship which cannot be achieved any other way. If you continue to be frightened of contracting Covid, I certainly understand. But if that is not so much the case, then I hope to see you, physically, in worship again soon!

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 11—Trustees 6pm
- Nov. 13—Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 14—Charge Conference
- Nov. 15—Finance 6pm
- Nov. 15—Council 7pm

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Angie

Children's Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! We are excited to put on an IN PERSON play this year! Children 3 years through 5th grade may participate. Masks will be encouraged during rehearsals. If you haven't received a practice CD from me please ask for one! Practice begins: 6pm Oct 27th (WED)

Nov 3rd (WED)
Nov 10th (WED)
Nov 14th (Sunday during ROCK)
Nov 17th (WED)
Nov 21st (Sunday during ROCK)
Nov 28th (Sunday during ROCK)
Dec 1st (WED)
Dec 5th (Sunday during ROCK)



Youth Ministry



Kelli

The youth group have had several wonderful opportunities to fellowship together in fun and exciting ways in the past couple of months! Thanks to all of the youth and the parents for making youth group a priority.

The youth will have our annual Rake 'n Run on Saturday, November 6th. If you need some yard work done, please call the church office to sign up! Our youth group will be attending Winter Blitz again in January. Students will need to sign up this month to reserve their spot!



RELAY FOR LIFE

Calling all pickle Ballers. Here's your opportunity to support our local American Cancer Society on Nov. 19-21.: <https://tithely-5db1d224027fd-825309.elvanto.net/file/7ee7498e-03c0-4571-92dc-8800d2d1e245/> The CUMC Happy Feet Relay for Life Team would like to thank everyone who has donated to the American Cancer Society. So far this year, our team has raised \$4,430.50. Thank you for being so generous!



RELAY FOR LIFE OF SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY PRESENTS

On Court for a Cure



It's A Big Dill!

Register @ www.pickleballtournaments.com



Discipleship Ministry

We will have our final Wednesday night gathering in 2021 on November 17. We will celebrate the ending of our classes this season with a dinner at 5:30. At 6pm, the children will go to Christmas play practice and the youth will finish their Bible studies. The adults will remain and have time to spend eating and chatting.

The dinner will be soup/chili and grilled cheese, coordinated by Jeana and Preston Withers. Please contact them if you would like to help! I am looking forward to spending some time with each of you!



Melissa

ANGEL TREE PRISON MINISTRY

The Prison Angel Tree Ministry serves as a blessing to children who have an incarcerated parent. Our church has participated for many years. It starts with a gift and prayers for restored relationships between children and their incarcerated parents. Each family is given a Bible. Angels will be available at the church on Nov. 21, 28, and Dec. 5. Please return gifts to church on Dec. 12th. For more information call Juanita Cox, 270-779-5483.



MEALS, Inc.

On October 9th,, our church provided volunteers for the Meals, Inc. food ministry. A huge thank you to the following who so generously gave of their time to serve our community: Linda Tidwell, Juanita Cox. Patsy and Berlie Bow man, David and Linda Bragg, Bruce Allen, Steve and Judi Kavanaugh, Sean and Val Kinder, Pam Coe and Cathy, Becky and Woody Harrell, Emogene Stuart. Marilyn Love, Danyne and Charlie Campbell, Roland and Lynda Mulcahy, Margaret Johnston, Brenda Roberts and Kevin Terry.

Once again this year, Meals, Inc. will provide each family that we serve with a CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX. We do this in order to help these families have a traditional Christmas meal and some extra food products for the holidays. The ministry buys either a ham or turkey and all the churches give one of the foods to go with it. This year CUMC will be providing StoveTop Stuffing. There will be a collection box(with picture of the stovetop stuffing) at the entrance to both the sanctuary and Family Life Center. We need to collect 160 boxes of any brand or flavor of stuffing. These are available for purchase at any grocery or Dollar Store. We appreciate you donating this food product as a part of your holiday giving to help our neighbors be able to enjoy a Christmas meal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call or text Helen Terry at 270-991-9075 or email helenter-ry@twc.com



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 15-22 is National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. Christ Church will serve again as the Warren County Drop-off Location for shoebox gifts.



Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international relief organization, Samaritan's Purse, in which a donor fills a shoebox with small gifts for a child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ in their own language. These simple gifts are shipped internationally to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. The \$9 donation needed for each box covers the cost of shipping and the gospel materials included in each box.

You can be a part of this ministry by packing a shoebox gift or gifts. Visit the display table at our church or the website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> for information and ideas. You can use any shoebox, cardboard or plastic. Pre-printed "GO boxes" are available at no charge here at our church. Pre-printed plastic boxes and larger-sized cardboard boxes can be ordered online.

You can also be a part of this ministry by volunteering to serve during National Collection Week as we receive shoeboxes from all over Warren County. Sign-up sheets will be out in November. Our drop-off hours are:

Monday, Nov. 15, 8am-12pm
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 3pm-5pm
Wed., Nov. 17, 8am-12pm

Thursday, Nov. 18, 3pm-7pm
Friday, Nov. 19, 3pm-7pm
Saturday, Nov. 20, 10am-12pm

Sunday, Nov. 21, 12:30pm-5pm
Monday, Nov. 22, 8am-12pm

Please pray for this ministry. It opens our doors to people from all over Warren County who will be bringing in their shoebox gifts. Please pray for these donors. Many of them have church homes, some may not. Pray God's blessing on each of them. Please pray for each child who will receive a shoebox gift. May they feel God's love through the generosity of the person who sent their box. Please pray for all who are involved in this ministry at Christ Church.



UMW MEETING

The United Methodist Women will meet at 10:00 a.m. on November 3 in the Potpourri Classroom. This is our final meeting before the Bazaar, so plan to attend. A lunch will be served after the meeting. All women of the church are invited.



SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED

The Sunday School Superintendents are in need of a Junior High Sunday School Teacher to rotate every third month. We are also looking for a Sunday School Superintendent to rotate every third month as well. Please contact the church office or Becky Harrell(270 202-6903) or Preston Withers(270 784-2259) if you are interested.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sam Carver	11/1	Connie Pittman	11/15	Nikolai Carver	11/21
Larry Byrd	11/4	Carmen Cogan	11/16	Linda Bragg	11/23
Ray Lemay	11/6	Maria Cann	11/18	Matt Moore	11/23
Bonnie Hanes	11/9	Foley Graham	11/18	Avery Redlin	11/23
Marilyn Miller	11/9	Sandy Hartman	11/18	Phyllis Laflin	11/29
Cheyenne Siebert	11/14	Amanda Reckard	11/18		
Steve Kavanaugh	11/15	Kelley Orr	11/20		



Worship Opportunities

Sanctuary Service at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Online and In Person services in the FLC at 11:00 a.m. at CUMC. To watch Online:

(<https://www.christumcbg.org/online/>)

Listen to the 11:00 a.m. service on your phone by dialing 833-875-6701. Beginning Monday you can watch the service at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMk0w?



Our Deepest Condolences Are Given To:

Joyce Buckman
In the passing of her brother
Bill Hanner

John Potter
In the passing of his wife
Edna Potter

Steve Kavanaugh
In the passing of his mother
Marjorie Kavanaugh



**IN MEMORY OF
EDNA POTTER**

The Dorsey Class
Bonny and Phyllis Laflin

**IN MEMORY OF
JO BYRD'S BROTHER
TOBY FLEMING**

Charles and Danyne Campbell



Stewardship and Attendance

Budget for the Year \$574,802
Needed Per Week \$11,053

Stewardship:

Oct. 3	\$11,722
Oct. 10	\$8,943
Oct. 17	\$8,572
Oct. 24	\$5,412
Oct. 31	\$14,329

Building Fund Received October \$640

Attendance:

Oct. 3	146
Oct. 10	130
Oct. 17	187
Oct. 24	177
Oct. 31	187



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Worship Services: Sanctuary Service 8:45 am / Online and In-Person 11:00am