

# Christ Church

A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY



February 2022

## Love's Notes



Remember the song “Henry the 8th” by Herman’s Hermits? After the first verse, lead singer Peter Noone says, “Second verse, same as the first!” I wonder if we could say the same thing moving into February 2022. While we all hold out hope for a change in this new year, 2022 is already beginning to feel like 2021 warmed over. I don’t know about you, but I’ve stopped wondering when this will ever end and started figuring out how to live with Covid as a part of our cultural landscape.

What I didn’t anticipate a year ago were more Covid variants, and the continued state of concern that grips our country. And yet...God is still present and active. That’s what we believe, right? Even in the midst of the most challenging circumstances, God is at work. It’s the promise of Romans 8:28: “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” As I interpret this verse, our job is to continue loving God and living out our calling, and God will continue working for good. We see that at Christ Church all the time. While 2022 is already presenting its challenges, I also believe this new year holds new opportunities for us to fulfill our vision to connect people to God and each other. Christ Church is a healthy, active congregation, and we are blessed beyond measure. While there is much we cannot do, let us celebrate the things we still CAN do as a church family.

For example, we can still worship together every Sunday. It’s not the same as it used to be, because now we have three worshipping communities – our 8:45 AM worshippers, our 11:00 AM worshippers, and our online worshippers. While some might see that as division, I choose to see it as multiplication. We are able to sustain our commitment to community while welcoming into worship people who are either physically unable to join us in person or who are worshipping with us from other geographic locations. Fairly often I hear from someone who is so grateful that we offer an online option for worship. In addition, we can still gather together to learn and grow in our faith. Our Sunday school classes continue to meet each Sunday, and we offer multiple opportunities throughout the week for you to connect with each other and get closer to God. Bible studies, women’s groups, lunch gatherings – almost every day provides another way for us to nurture our faith and our community. And, of course, our commitment to outreach has never slowed down. With the destruction caused by the tornados here, I’ve never seen more people involved in providing gifts, food, and money in response to need. The needs will not go away in 2022 and neither will Christ Church’s commitment to outreach. So, while there are challenges heading into the rest of this year, our church is poised to meet them and turn them into opportunities to shine God’s light in this world. I hope you are as excited as I am about what God has planned for us in 2022. As always, I’m honored and humbled to serve this amazing congregation!

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### Upcoming Events

- February 17—Trustees 6pm
- February 21—Finance 6pm
- February 21—Council 7pm

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## Children's Ministry

If your family does not attend Sunday school we would love to start off the new year by finding a class that is perfect for you! We have several adult classes that are sure to fit well with whatever phase of life you are in right now. We also offer Sunday school classes for children 3 years of age and up. Our Nursery is always available for our little ones during service and class times. If you have any questions about what class might fit you best please email [angiecgordon@gmail.com](mailto:angiecgordon@gmail.com)



Angie



We would also like to invite you to our Wednesday night programming (WD2). We have classes for adults, youth and children from 6pm-7pm. Currently, our children are diving in and learning about bold, courageous everyday men and women who never lost their faith and changed the world!

## Youth Ministry



Ten of our youth traveled to Louisville January 21-23 for Winter Blitz.

The youth group will have an exciting month this month! We will offer free babysitting services to our church children on Friday, February 11 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. You can contact Kelli to sign up by Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at [kelliRtruelove@gmail.com](mailto:kelliRtruelove@gmail.com). Also this month, we will have our annual Youth Sunday on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The youth group will continue using Wednesday night meetings to prepare.

Kelli



# Discipleship Ministry

When you're not ok—

Sometimes there is a sense among Christians that our lives need to be extra put together. If we know Jesus, then it is well with my soul. If we walk with God, then we walk in joy and love and holiness. We know that this is deeply true. But sometimes life gets dark and you can't feel the truth anymore. Recently I was leading worship at a community event. One of the other leaders out of the blue asked for a show of hands of people who were currently experiencing depression or anxiety—90% of people raised their hands. Nearly the whole room. It was at once beautiful in its vulnerability, devastating in its loneliness, and clear that we as a people are suffering, and mostly suffering alone. Why are we not okay? Well... sometimes a pandemic happens and everything you knew about the world turns upside down. Sometimes a loved one dies and you feel completely lost. Maybe you lose your job, again. Or you feel left out. Neglected. Excluded. Perhaps you find yourself drowning in sin and you don't even know how to ask for rescue. Maybe you spend months feeling drained. Void. Empty. Completely out of inspiration and creativity. And sometimes, you don't even know why you're not okay.

O Soul, are you weary and troubled? Do you feel completely surrounded in darkness, with no sign of light anywhere? There is light if you look at the Savior. And he will give you beautiful life, abundant life, free life. Weary soul, turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Let these troublesome things of earth grow dim as we lift our heads to Jesus. Maybe you can't even lift your head right now. So just lift your gaze. Maybe that's even too much for you today. Lift your heart. Even a little. He will come the rest of the way. He sees you where you are. He knows you are not okay. He loves you. Truly. Deeply. Sincerely.



*Melissa*



## Relay For Life

If you're interested in joining our Happy Feet Relay for Life team to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, please contact Carol Douglas at 270-535-4023. The Relay for Life itself will be Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at BG Ballpark. More to follow in the coming months! For more info contact Carol at 270-535-4023 or email at [douglas\\_353@msn.com](mailto:douglas_353@msn.com).

Also, It's a new year and a new season for baseball and fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Our Relay for life team is partnering with the Bowling Green Hot Rods to sell fan packs for \$50.00 each. Each fan pack has 8 ticket vouchers you may use for home games(excluding opening day, July 4th or playoffs), discounts on merchandise, and some freebies you can enjoy at the games. It was an exciting season last year with them winning the High A East championship. If you're interested, I can take cash or check. Checks should be made out to the BG Hot Rods. Thanks, Carol Douglas



## UMW Meeting



To All Women of the Church:

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. We have a speaker each month at the beginning followed by a short business meeting. Lunch is provided by two members each month, and we have some really good cooks in our group so you will not be disappointed. It is a time for making new friendships and renewing old ones while supporting local and worldwide missions. Please give us a try on Wednesday, February 2 at 10:00 in the Pot-pourri Classroom. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 270-535-6883. Your Sister in Christ, Betsy Kullman

Please also note—The women of the Christ UMW voted to disassociate with the National UMW organization at our January meeting. This decision was made after several decisions and statements made by the national group clearly involved political issues. Our group does not think that is the purpose or mission of UMW to be involved in political issues. A Moving Forward team of Officers and volunteers was formed and met on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> to create a new name, mission and purpose and revise our budget for the coming year. We will take our proposals to the February membership meeting for discussion and approval.

## Meals, Inc.



Thank you to our congregation for supporting the Meals, Inc. Christmas Dinner Box ministry. We collected 183 boxes of Stove Top Stuffing. Your donation allowed the families we serve to have a traditional Christmas dinner and some extra food during the holiday season. When our families received their hot meal on Christmas morning, they also received a Christmas card from our church. Betsy Kullman has prepared a Christmas card for each family we serve with a hand-written message of hope and love to them from CUMC. For many of these recipients, it is the only Christmas card they will receive and is very meaningful to them. Thank you Betsy for undertaking this special ministry and sharing the love of Christmas on behalf of our church. You are truly a blessing to all of us. And thank you to those all those at CUMC who served with Meals, Inc. during 2021. Your participation has allowed many of our neighbors to have a hot meal and other food products, who would otherwise have had nothing to eat. You have been a blessing to those in need.

As our ministry continues in 2022 we send a huge thank you to all the awesome volunteers from CUMC who so lovingly gave of their time to work with MEALS, Inc. on Saturday, January 29th. Together we were able to cook, pack and deliver a hot meal and other food products to 191 of our neighbors in need of food. A special thanks to Sean and Val Kinder who have graciously taken on a larger role in service for this food ministry. The next opportunity for our congregation to serve in this ministry is Saturday, May 7th. We hope you can join with us then as we once again help those who are in need of food. Serving the Lord as we serve others.....

## In Christian Sympathy

IN MEMORY OF  
JOHN POTTER

Tim and Linda Tidwell

IN MEMORY OF  
TOM BALDWIN

Tim and Linda Tidwell





# February BIRTHDAYS

Nora Janes	2/1	Joe Curry Hood	2/5	Dee Terry	2/20
Kayla Harmon	2/2	Adam Janes	2/6	Judi Kavanaugh	2/22
Lynda Mulcahy	2/2	Doris Whitmer	2/8	Nick Winquist	2/23
Michael Cassady	2/4	Wilma Hall	2/10	Pat Burnette	2/24
Kathryn Harmon	2/4	Larry Wells	2/10	Sue Gulley	2/26
Kevin Terry	2/4	Angie Gordon	2/15	Phyllis O'Keefe	2/27
Daniel Berry	2/5	John Kullman	2/18		

## 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 watch the service at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA\\_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMk0w?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMk0w?)



## Stewardship and Attendance

Budget for the Year \$586,034  
 Needed Per Week \$11,270

Building Fund Received January \$840

### Stewardship:

Jan. 2	\$10,221
Jan. 9	\$9,943
Jan. 16	\$11,466
Jan. 23	\$7,042
Jan. 30	\$4,558

### Attendance:

Jan. 2	136
Jan. 9	180
Jan. 16	115
Jan. 23	150
Jan. 30	149



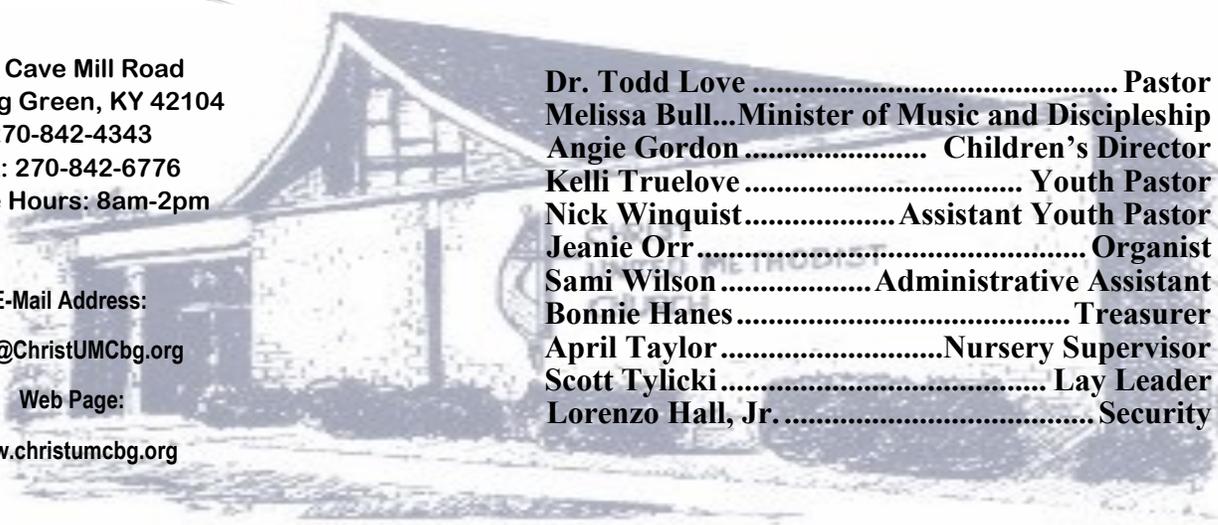
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**Worship Services: Sanctuary Service 8:45 am / Online and In-Person 11:00am**