Towerlight

THE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Christ UMC Lafayette,

We are in the middle of Lent and, in the northern hemisphere, this is a season reminding us that there is life in the midst of death. Last week we celebrated Ash Wednesday and I reminded people to "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return. Repent and believe the gospel."

I am hoping you are spending these days remembering.

There is much for us to remember.

We have lost, but we continue on.
We have suffered but we are strengthened in our resolve.
We have grieved, and we continue to find hope in Christ.

Easter is coming.
We have a bit to get through on the way.
Below you will see the plan for worship and Holy Week. Please continue to pray as we work through these that we are best able to fulfill our purpose of
1) Do No Harm, 2) Do Good, and 3) Stay in Love with God.

My intent is to continue in-person worship as long as we are below a level two in community spread of Covid 19.

Worship will continue in-person and live streamed Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:45. We are developing an online, interactive digital worship service that will be on Thursdays for those who intend to only connect digitally. This is a work in progress. Please be patient.

Daily Office and Meditation will be going through some adjustments over the next few weeks. I am trying to bring a few other people on to help with those.

Holy Week we will have the option for kids to pick up palms and record a piece of the palm parade or come in person to share in the chaos…. I mean, fun during the second service on Sunday March 28.

Thursday and Friday of the week we will have worship services at 7 for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Those will be live streamed.

Easter Sunday we will have our two worship services and a youth online-shared Easter experience.

We look forward to sharing this Holy Season together!

Shalom,
Rev. Kurt

Church Events/ Meetings

Church Council will meet Mon., March 8th at 7:15pm via Zoom.

Finance Committee will meet Mon., March 8th at 6pm via Zoom.

Foster Friends will not meet in March .

Martha Circle will meet Tues., March 16th at 1pm via Zoom.

Miriam Circle will not meet in March

Moving Forward will not meet in March

Ruth Circle will not meet in March

Staff Parish will meet Mon., March 22nd at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Trustees Committee will meet Mon., March 1st at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Worship Planning will meet Mon., March 1st at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Women of Faith Bible Study will meet every Tuesday at 10am via Zoom. Contact Carol@christumchurch.org if you need information.

For a current list of events go to www.christumchurch.org/calendar

EDGELEA Feed the Kids

For the month of **March** we will be collecting **Canned Green Beans, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti (1lb), Canned Peas, Canned Ravioli, Peanut Butter (small size), Jelly (no glass), and Knorr Side Dishes.** Cases of items are appreciated as well as monetary donations. Donations can be left in the shopping carts near the entry to the Gym. Questions: please see Diana Jones or phone her at 765- 474-3528. Indeed, we are "feeding the least of these" and providing an expression of God's love to hungry children in our community. **THANKS** for your loyalty and support.

Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

Carry Out

Order & Pay online Feb. 28th—March 19th

Pickup March 26th

Place your order now for carry out meals including Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Casserole, Green Beans, a Roll, and your choice of Apple Crisp or Peach Cobbler.

Or you can order each item individually. We will have quarts of the Casserole and quarts of Green Beans. Apple Crisp & Peach Cobbler are available in individual servings or an 8x8 pan.

Don't wait - place your order now!

Click Here or go to www.christumchurch.org

The proceeds from this Fundraiser will go to the PM Fundy Account at CUMC which provides funds for up keep and maintenance of the building .

Senior Hunger Poses Unique Challenges

Nearly 5.3 million senior citizens currently face hunger in our country. After a lifetime of hard work, many older adults find themselves facing an impossible choice — to pay for groceries or medical care. And as the baby-boom generation ages, the number of seniors facing hunger is only expected to increase.

Did you know?

There is a critical need for senior hunger initiatives in our community
Indiana has a 7.9% senior food insecurity rate
Indiana seniors ranked **eleventh in the nation** in hunger
And there are more than 19,000

How can YOU help?

Christ United Methodist is partnering with Food Finders to help seniors in our community receive monthly boxes of food delivered to their apartments at 5 Senior Housing Communities in Lafayette: Fairington Apartments, Fowler Apartments, Historic Jeff Center, Friendship House, and the Tippecanoe Senior Center. Twice a month each center will receive 50 boxes of food delivered.

Beginning March 18th a volunteer team from CUMC will pack the boxes of food on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We will meet at Food Finders and pack the boxes from 5pm - 7pm. We need 5 volunteers each month to help pack the boxes with food.

Please contact Carol Yarian at the church or email carol@christumchurch.org to volunteer or for any questions.
Join us as we work together to love and care for our neighbors!
There will be other volunteers working with us and the CDC guidelines of social distancing and mask wearing will be followed.

Click Here to sign up for your Easter Packet

Healthy Living Small Group

Do you struggle to lose or maintain your weight? Do you plan to start eating healthy and then order pizza after stocking up on produce? Me too!

Beginning Thursday, March 4th, we will meet at 3:30 in the Pastors' Study for discussion, sharing of ideas, and accountability. Everyone is welcome to join. If you have any questions call or email Terra in the church office.

765-474-4313 | terra@christumchurch.org

Discipleship Team News:

We encourage you to take the Discipleship survey.
To take the survey, go to Discipleshipsurvey.com/1/
select "use church access code"
The code to access survey is: Indianajoy
Our church is listed as: Lafayette Christ UMC. Do not pick Lafayette Trinity UMC

If you are not using the CUMC Lenten Calendar, it's not too late to start. Click here to access the calendar.

March 1 Heidi Brewer, Abigail Hornor, Linda Kingma **March 2** Delaney Bobzien, Lisa Hilsabeck, Jerry Snyder, John Yarian **March 3** Lexi Shondell **March 4** Phillip Ferger **March 5** Tracy Bobzien, Tara Conley, Jim Newman, Gary Williams **March 9** Sydney Harris, Audra High, Jerry Taylor **March 10** Joe Dano **March 14** Katy Ade, Pete Branson **March 15** Dennis Pearson, Karen Van Horn **March 19** Glenn Pearson, James Powers **March 21** Anthony Burnett, Jennifer Hall, Michael Samudio **March 22** Brad Letson **March 24** Sherry Keith **March 25** Rob Outhouse, Scott Whiteman **March 26** Kathy Huseman **March 27** Brody Fine, Peyton Rohler **March 29** Elizabeth Goble, Marcia Stroup **March 30** Claudia Comus, Marcia Doty, Jessica Ferger **March 31** Judy Roth-Uglow, Alia Storm Justice

Mick & Jean Foust **03/06/1980**
Don Uglow & Judy Roth-Uglow **03/11/2012**
John & Wendy Basden **03/17/2020**
Greg & Michelle Helms **03/20/1999**
Randy & Lynette Keen **03/22**
Ronald & Joyce Schutz **03/22/1959**
Mike & Susan Rohler **03/25/2008**
Joe & Vilma White **03/28/2004**

Charity

Do something today to bring gladness
To someone whose pleasures are few,
Do something to drive off sadness—
Or cause someone's dream to come true.
Find time for a neighborly greeting
And time to delight an old friend;
Remember, - the years are fleeting
And life's latest day will soon end!
Do something today that tomorrow
Will prove to be really worth while;
Help Someone to conquer sorrow
And greet the new dawn with a smile-
For only through kindness and giving
Of service and friendship and cheer,
We learn the pure joy of living
And find heaven's happiness here.

CUMC EARLY LEARNING

Half Day Preschool Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins:

March 1st- Returning CUMC Early Learning Families

March 8th- CUMC Early Learning Alumni and CUMC Church Members

March 15th- Open the Public

CUMC SUMMER DAYCAMP

CUMC Summer Camp Junior Counselor Program

- The Junior Counselor program has been developed to allow youth ages 13-14 the ability to gain valuable leadership skills through involvement in the CUMC Summer Camp program.
- All eligible candidates must turn in the Junior Counselor application by March 31st, 2021.
- As a Junior Counselor, you will be allowed to attend the CUMC Summer Camp at a reduced rate. The cost will be $30/week. This fee covers all snacks, and extra activities for Junior Counselors.
- Junior Counselors will be expected to work Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM however the can come as early as 7am and leave as late at 6pm. Camp will begin on June 1st, and will be going through August 6th. An Attendance requirement of 7 of the 10 weeks.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am - 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am - 10:30 am Spiritual Formation Opportunities (coming back soon)
10:45 am - 11:45 am Informal Worship Service

Clergy Senior Pastor Kurt Freeman,
Visitation Pastor Bruce Mowery, & Pastor Emeritus Herb Wingard
Program Staff Emily Mayer, Jack Dwiggins, Carol Yarian, Jake Mayer
Support Staff Hollie Kessler, Terra Tilley, Paula Watkins,
Vicki Croy, Lisa Mott
Early Learning Carrie McCool, Lauren McCool

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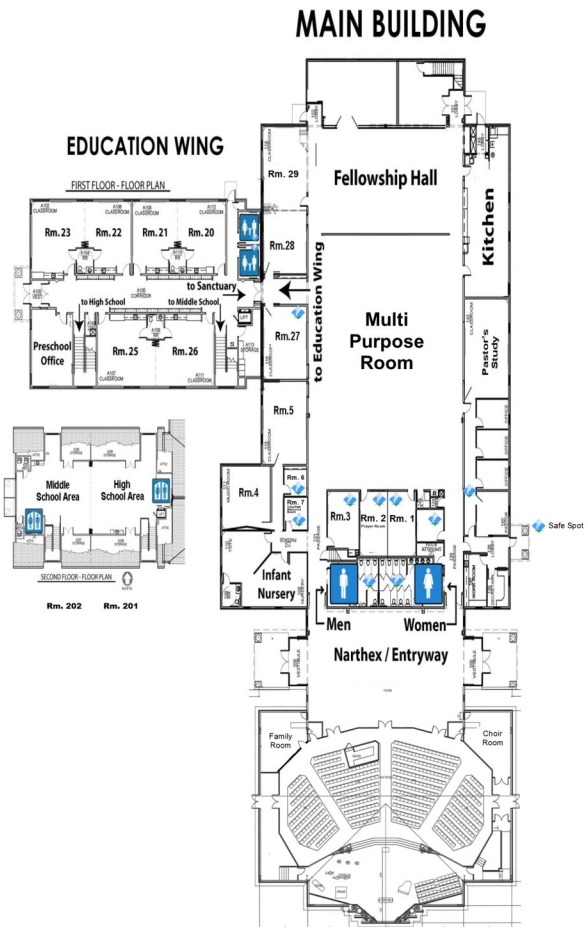

HAVE A PASTORAL **CALL 765-421-6093**

If you or a loved one are experiencing a Spiritual or Medical Emergency this number will reach the Pastor on call.