

Towerlight

THE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Aug. 2022**



The heat. That has been the story of July. I wonder what August's story will be? I am betting something to do with schools getting back in session. And that is part of our story. We are partnering with Amelia Earhart school. So I am asking you to do some things with me. Pray for the staff and teachers— this includes lunch and bus and custodial and all the all the staff. Pray for the parents and students. Pray for our church that we will be able to be a point of light for the kids and families at Amelia Earhart. School is getting back in session. What can we learn in this season? Anyone need to learn to pray? Prayer class is coming up Sept. 19th. Need to learn to listen to God better? A class on A Life Obeying Jesus is coming up, stay tuned for more information on that class. Want to start in the middle of the Bible reading and finish it up? Join me on zoom Sunday nights at 5pm. The link is [HERE](#). Or join a Sunday School Class or existing Bible Study group. Or join the All In Class beginning August 7 on the first and third Sundays of the month. Or, if you have a kid in 6th grade or older, we will be starting Confirmation in September. Come between services August 21st for an informational and "what you need to be ready" meeting at 9:47 in the Fellowship Hall. Or start a group. I will help you. School is coming to session. Let's join. Let's pray. Let's be the light of God today.

Shalom,
Rev. Kurt

Church Events/ Meetings

Church Council will meet Mon., Aug. 8th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

Finance Committee will meet Mon., Aug. 8th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Foster Friends will meet Aug. 8th & 22nd at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Martha Circle will meet Aug. 16th at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

Staff Parish will meet Mon., Aug. 22nd at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

Trustees Committee will meet on Mon., Aug. 1st at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

Women of Faith Bible Study will meet every Tuesday at 10am in the Pastors' Study. Contact Carol@christumchurch.org if you need information.

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

**Christ United Methodist Church Picnic
And
Founder's Day Celebration!**
Sunday, August 21st | 12:30 - 3:00pm
Hosted by Aaron and MarLen Slagel
1336 E. 510 S. | Lafayette

Bring your swimsuits, fishing poles, and lawn chairs and join us for a fun afternoon of great food and fellowship!

Please let us know if you are able to attend.

**[Click here to RSVP](#)
by 8/15!**

Or www.christumchurch.org



There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven.

Summer is a time for ice cream cones, driveway basketball games, neighborhood swimming, and lazy afternoons.

May the joyous season of summer reflect God's loving care for our children.

Let us enjoy our times of sun, relaxation and leisure with our friends and family.



For the month of Aug. we will be collecting **Canned SPAGHETTI SAUCE (NO GLASS), CANNED SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP (10 OZ), GRANOLA BARS, CANNED CHICKEN, AND KNORR SIDES.** 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.

Spirit Corner

Submitted by Don Uglow

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word *corner*, as “a position from which retreat or escape is impossible”. In our prior looks at the Holy Spirit, we have learned that as believers, the Holy Spirit is *already* in us, as a part of our very being. If you do not know Him, then He is waiting to be invited to help you get to know him and to gain the wonder and productivity of The Spirit Filled Life. Thus, He is far from being “cornered”. He is waiting for our (your) invitation to help you get to know him and let Him help you “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. It is an exciting time for Believers!!!!

In the sermon delivered by Pastor Kurt on June 6, 2022 he asked if any of us thought that “things needed to be changed” (in our lives, church, & country) and there were many in both the first and second services that nodded a “yes” or raised their hands or both. Obviously, we are ALL involved in a time of many changes going on in our lives, Church and Country! As a double-whammy there are the on-going changes taking place in the denomination of the United Methodist Church, at high levels.

On that Sunday, there was a reaction from many, regarding the mass-shootings that had taken place the previous week. If we ever needed the help of the Holy Spirit, to guide us through the uncharted waters that surround us, this summer and right now is definitely the time! We not only need to ask for His help and guidance but then we need to **follow through** by taking action on the suggestions and nudges that the Holy Spirit is sending us. As Believers, we have the power to engage in bringing that change but we must engage,not sit on the sidelines and watch!!!

“For John baptized with water but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” and “you will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes to you!”Acts 5 & 8. Jesus said this to his disciples just before he ascended to Heaven. He says it now, to us. It is up to us to ask the Holy Spirit for his help!! He is in us and ready. It’s time to ask!



At CUMC we see membership as a critical part of the Path to Discipleship and opportunities to faithfully serve.

Our mission is to:
“**Make New and Maturing Disciples for the Transformation of the World**”.

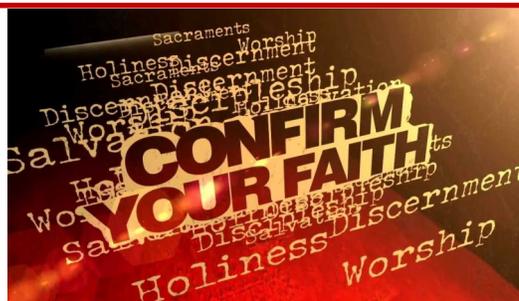
Pastor Kurt and Pastor Bruce will walk with this class in a new and exciting journey of living out our faith... are you ready to be “ALL IN”?

We will talk about relational connections, how do we connect with others, share our story of faith and our connection story with CUMC.

This session of classes will be on
Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 am
the **first and third Sundays** in
August, September, and October.

August 7th & 21st
September 4th & 18th
October 2nd & 16th

Contact: Carol Yarian with any questions or to join the class. carol@christumchurch.org



CONFIRMATION

Mark your calendars for August 21st. Between services there will be a meeting to discuss the details of our next confirmation class. Confirmation is for any child entering 6th grade or older who wants to explore their faith and consider joining the church.

Coffee and donuts



Are you dreaming of the days when we had donuts and coffee available on Sunday mornings? Then we need YOUR help to make this happen! We'd love to open Aroma on Sunday mornings but we need volunteers to set up before 1st service and to clean up after 2nd service. Contact Carol Yarian or email carol@christumchurch.org for details on how you can join this team. Please contact us by Sept. 1st if you would like to volunteer.

CUMC Organ Fundraiser

Our 55 year old organ needs replaced...it's beyond repairs and finding parts has been nearly impossible.

The organ is a beautiful part of our first service worship experience and we'd love for you to support us in purchasing a much newer organ.

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by September 15th. Please mark any donations "organ fund" Contact Carol Yarian with any questions | carol@christumchurch.org



Edgelea Feed the Kids

We need your support to fill a hungry child's backpack with food for an entire weekend.

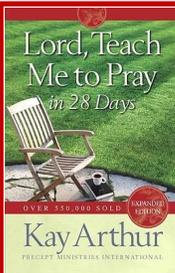


It's August and that means BACK TO SCHOOL!

Edgelea Feed the Kids has been an Outreach ministry at CUMC for 12 YEARS and we couldn't have done it without the generous support of our congregation! Join us again this year as we provide food for 24 children to take home on the weekends during the school year.

As we all know prices have increased and it has doubled the cost for CUMC to continue this ministry for the next school year. It now costs \$100/Semester to feed 1 child. You can support this ministry through a monetary donation of any

amount. Just write Edgelea Feed the Kids in the memo line of your check or on your giving envelope. Thank you for continuing to be a part of this amazing ministry to help end food insecurity for our community. Contact Diana Jones for information on how you can join the Feed the Kids Team | dj94ss@aol.com



Prayer Class

Monday's, Sept. 19th - Oct. 24th | 6:30-7:30 pm | Room 3

Join Becky Crabb for this 6 week course and learn the power of prayer that will be yours to put into practice for a lifetime. It's through prayer that we communicate with God and build a relationship with him.

We can be confident that prayer does change things including our own hearts.

Contact Carol Yarian | carol@christumchurch.org for questions or to sign up for the class.

In April, May, and June the CUMC Kids Klostet provided 5,740 items of free clothing, underwear, pj's, and jackets for 574 children! WOW that's a lot and we'd love to have your help!!!

Each Tuesday a team of volunteers opens the Klostet from 1:30-4:00 pm to welcome families to shop. We depend solely on the generous donations of clothing from our congregation and community AND the time and talents of a team of volunteers from our congregation.

Volunteers experience a connection with other church members through working together and enjoy meeting some wonderful people from the community hearing stories of hope, struggles and faith. You can volunteer in the Klostet as much or little as your schedule allows. We sort through the donations and put the clothes on hangers so they are ready for families to shop.



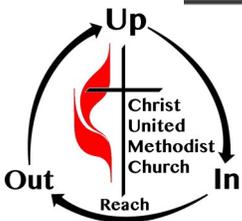
Donations of Children's clothing, sizes 0-youth 18, can be dropped off at the church office Mon. - Thurs. 9am-3pm or Fri. 9-12 pm. Contact Jean Foust with questions or to volunteer: coldcoldbrook64@yahoo.com



Aug. 1 Ed Armstrong, Laura Willenborg **Aug. 3** Makenna Baumgardt, Lynn Richardson **Aug. 5** Gary Dowling, Staci Gray-Allen, Christi Lower, Helen Von Kannon **Aug. 6** Margie Niles **Aug. 7** Susan Robey **Aug. 8** Bryan Miller **Aug. 9** Kathleen Newman **Aug. 11** Gary Boardman **Aug. 12** Vicki Croy **Aug. 13** Twyla Gibson, Amanda Pendleton, Grace Wolf **Aug. 14** Tenley Walker **Aug. 15** Brenda Wallar, Jamie Wolf **Aug. 17** Stanley Burkart **Aug. 21** Connie Hawk, Kathryn Noe, Coy Stelter **Aug. 22** Aubriella Schulze, Herbert Wingard **Aug. 25** Carol Aebi, Isaac Freeman **Aug. 26** Karra Ferger, Jacob Mayer **Aug. 27** Norm Blanchard, Riley Blankenship **Aug. 28** Randy Lower, MarLen Slagel, Oliver Wiggins **Aug. 29** Dennis Babb **Aug. 30** Hudson Allen, Pat Wright **Aug. 31** Rhonda Pendleton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Carol Aebi	08/01/1964
Jocelyn & Sean Trosper	08/09/2010
Mike & Lisa Hilsabeck	08/11/2001
Paula & Mark Thoennes	08/14/1993
James & Inge Maresh	08/15/1971
Dean & Judy Rusk	08/15/1958
Kurt & Elizabeth Freeman	08/16/1997
Michael & Wanda Winstead	08/18/1979
Rob & Kim Outhouse	08/19/1989
Vicki & Ken Croy	08/20/1972
Russell & Beverly Herren	08/24/1968
Frank & Jan O'Shea	08/25/1962
Ed & Ruby Armstrong	08/26/1989
Jim & Kathleen Newman	08/27/1972
Claude & Sharon Sawyer	08/27/1966
Joyce & Anthony Pilotte	08/28/1982
Randy & Cathy Hillyer	08/30/1970
Steven & Doreen Habben	08/31/1985
Charles & Deb Simpson	08/31/1974



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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am - 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am - 10:30 am Sunday School
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 Dwiggin, Carol Yarian,
Jake Mayer

Support Staff Hollie Kessler, Terra Tilley,
Vicki Croy, Lisa Mott

Early Learning Carrie McCool, Lauren McCool

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**FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCY CARE PLEASE
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.

