

Towerlight

THE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH July 2022



We are day one down on VBS as I write this.
Wow. The kids brought the energy.
The team brought the stories, food, songs, science— the whole VBS experience.
Why do we do VBS?
Because we believe children matter.
We believe passing down a heritage of faith is vital.
We believe kids are important to God.
Caring for children is one of our values as a Church.

I have recently worked a bit at identifying those values out loud for our congregation to help define who we are as a people.
What's next?
What are we gonna do about who we are? How are we going to live those values out?
That is what's next.
I am beginning to assemble a vision team to help our congregation set down some goals to meet over the next 3-5 years.
Given

- Our congregational realities
- Our community demographics
- Our values (caring for those who are struggling, caring for children, welcoming all)
- Our mission (to make new and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world)

What will our church look like if we make new disciples who welcome everyone and care for children and those who struggle?
What are the things we need to do to make that happen?

Are you interested in being a part of that team? I have a list I will be calling as soon as I get back from vacation but I am wondering if God's Spirit has anyone else in mind. Maybe you.

I am praying. Will you join me so we can make some plans together to make Lafayette look more like God dreams it could?

Shalom,

Rev. Kurt

Church Events/ Meetings

Church Office Closed
Monday, July 4th

Church Council will meet Mon., July 11th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

Finance Committee will meet Mon., July 11th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Foster Friends will meet July 11th & 25th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Martha Circle will not meet in July.

Staff Parish will meet Mon., July 25th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

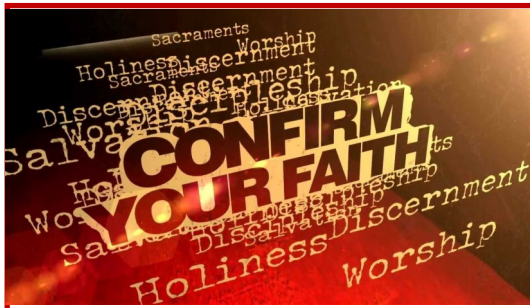
Trustees Committee will meet on a date TBD.

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



For the month of July, we will be collecting **Canned SPAGHETTI SAUCE (NO GLASS), CANNED PEAS, CANNED PEACHES, PEARS, OR FRUIT COCKTAIL, CANNED SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, MACARONI & CHEESE, 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.



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.

Chalk the Lot July 16th @ 3pm



Join us as we decorate our parking lot and sidewalks! We will have some sidewalk chalk, but feel free to bring some from home!

Spirit Corner Submitted by Don Uglow

Last month we reviewed that John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed". John (the founder of the Methodist Church) was attending the meeting of a society on Aldersgate Street, London, England in May of 1738. He was describing the change which God works in the heart, through faith in Christ and he stated, "I felt my heart strangely warmed."

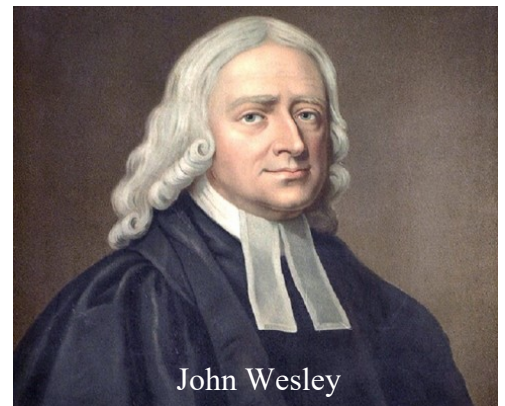
Today, there are several available books written about that experience and Mr. Wesley credits "the Holy Spirit at work" in creating that event.....suffice it here, to say that it was a supernatural experience for the believers. After it happened, John Wesley was spurred on to preach all over England and subsequently the new colonies in America. The "Helper" (Holy Spirit), motivated him to save souls and multiply the numbers of Christians. His movement became known as "The Methodist Church".

Note the above reference to "**The Helper**". This is one of the descriptive terms that Jesus uses for The Holy Spirit, just prior to his Ascension.....(John 14: 25, 26, "*I have told you while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.*") Jesus directs the Disciples toward the Holy Spirit who has come to help **US**.

The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit arrived on the day of Pentecost. He had come to *indwell*, in the believers but every one of the believers was not indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the same time. It started with those in the Upper Room and shortly afterward, other believers became filled with the Holy Spirit and in stages, it slowly swept over the (then) Christian community.

So it follows, that as Disciples, **WE** need to begin to focus on the Helper. He is here, in each of us as believing Christians and he is waiting for us to submit to him, asking for his help. He is patient and also powerful but he does not take action until he is invited to do so. As Disciples, we need him to help us carry out the Mission of Christ United Methodist Church, here in Lafayette, Indiana! We cannot do it by ourselves and we need to get to know the Helper, just as we need to get to know anyone, prior to asking them to help us get something done!!!!

When we combine these steps and then take action,.....all things are possible. The Helper will get involved!



John Wesley



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

Stewardship CORNER

Our monthly budget for expenses is \$51,858 per month or through May 31st it is \$259,290. Below is a listing of each month's expenses through May. Need more information contact our Finance Chair, Nick Fetchina at NFetchina@comcast.net

Monthly Expenses	
January	\$46,531
February	\$53,604
March	\$45,083
April	\$50,905
May	\$48,000
Total	\$244,123

Our church has been fortunate to be under budget for expenses through May. However, June has brought some maintenance issues that are now being addressed.

Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Congratulations and thanks to the congregation for their generosity in supporting the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry with 117 pounds of food collected during May! A big thank you to Glenn and Zoe Pearson who made delivery of the food. Also, many thanks to the following persons who assisted clients at the Pantry in May: Bruce and Melodi Mowery, Diana Jones and Joan Banning. More volunteers are always welcome and needed as some former loyal workers have not been able to continue helping. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry (thank you!) please contact the Church office or Joan Banning at 463-7258 for information.

Christmas in July

It's only July, but our Jubilee team is already planning for Jubilee Christmas!!
Saturday, December 10th, 2022 CUMC will be hosting 20 families. We are excited to have this in person again, so we will need lots of volunteers this year. Below are a few items we would like you to consider donating during the month of July.

Please leave the items in the Outreach area in the Narthex/ Sanctuary entryway.

Toothbrush and tooth paste

Body Wash

Shampoo and conditioner

Hand soap

Dryer sheets

Paper towels 2 pack



Stocking stuffer ideas:

girls headbands, hair ties, barrettes

Girls bracelets

Uno or other card games

Pull back cars

Small boxes of legos, ages 4-12 years old

Small bounce balls

**Contact Carol Yarian or email
carol@christumchurch.org to
volunteer or if you have questions.**

Coffee and donuts



On Sundays

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.



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

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AUGUST 5TH

**YOUTH
LOCK-IN**

Mark your calendars!
We are looking forward to a great night of fun and craziness. If you know our Youth Director, Jake, you know what I'm talking about. This event is for any and all kids going into 6th grade through 12th grade. Email jake@christumchurch.org if you are interested in joining the fun! He will be sharing more details soon.



Thank God for Little Things

*Thank you, God, for little things
that often come our way-
The things we take for granted
but don't mention when we pray-
The unexpected courtesy
the thoughtful, kindly deed-
A hand reached out to help us
in the time of sudden need-
Oh, make me more aware,
dear God of little daily graces
That come to us with
"sweet surprise" from
never-dreamed-of places.
~Helen Steiner Rice*

Mama Kins Sroft



**Christ United Methodist Church Picnic
and
Founder's Day Celebration!**
Sunday, August 21, 2022
12:30-3:00 pm

Hosted by Aaron and Marlen Slagel
1336 E. 510 S. Lafayette, IN 47909

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

Church is Providing:
**Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
Mac & Cheese, Chips, Salad, Dessert,
Water, Iced Tea and Lemonade**



June 13, 2022

Christ United Methodist Church of Lafayette
 Carol Yarian Director of Outreach
 3610 South 18th Street
 Lafayette, IN 47909

Hello,

School has let out and summer has arrived. Although summer is usually a cause for celebration, many children in our community will face uncertainty as to where their next meal might come from.

Child food insecurity continues to be an issue across north central Indiana. Over 20,000 individuals under the age of 18 are considered food insecure. Without proper nutrition, kids simply cannot learn and grow at their highest potential.

On behalf of all of us at Food Finders Food Bank, thank you for supporting the Backpack children in your community. Over 90% of survey respondents tell us the Backpack program has made a positive difference in their families.

We couldn't serve over 5,000 families across north central Indiana without your help. Christ United Methodist Church of Lafayette makes such a difference in the lives of the next generation. Thank you for all that you do in the fight against hunger.

Warm regards,

Katy O'Malley Bunder

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 President/CEO

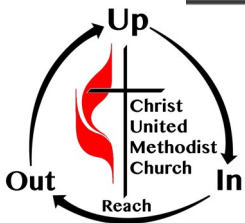




July 1 Jeremy Frerichs, Roger Horn **July 3** Carla Whiteman **July 4** Laura Mark **July 8** Bonnie Bandy, Maggie Bushman **July 9** Ruby Armstrong, Kevin Biery **July 10** Dave Evans, Dalton Holmes, Taylor Mark, Margo Oliver **July 11** Pam Arnold, Bob Miessler **July 12** Jenny Cahoon, Maria Gutierrez **July 14** Mike Linville, Landon Miller, Zoe Miller **July 15** Leighann Davis **July 16** Phyllis Lane, Amber Vanaman, Hope Wooldridge **July 17** Paizley Hilton **July 18** Ed Crabb **July 20** Suzanne Starkey **July 21** James Auter, Katie McCool **July 22** Kelly Babb, Drew Emig **July 23** Denis Horn **July 24** Bryan Bixler, Kim Loveless **July 25** Abigail Frerichs **July 26** Theresa Bell **July 29** Jacenda Gilman **July 31** Greg Morris Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Linda & Sam Yoki	07/01/1986
Carter & Becky Sims	07/02/
Gary & Phyllis Williams	07/03/1969
Dennis & Rita Bulington	07/04/1987
Aaron & MarLen Slagel	07/12/1986
Justin & Brandy Stephenson	07/12/2003
Scott & Jessica Gillespie	07/14/2007
Eric & Amber Simons	07/15/2000
Kim & Cindy Pulley	07/16/1977
Brian & Jennifer Hall	07/17/2004
Andy & Maria Gutierrez	07/18/
Jim & Vivian Plassard	07/18/1969
Jenny & Jeffrey Cahoon	07/19/1997
Bruce & Donna McCormick	07/22/1972



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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.

