

# Towerlight

THE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sept. 2022



Dear Christ UMC family and friends,

September is going to be packed full of opportunities to connect and learn.

We will be celebrating our stewardship process including having a Q & A opportunity about the budget or finances on Sunday, September 25 between worship services in the fellowship hall.

Confirmation will begin (if the schedule works with those interested) on the 3rd Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 3pm.

The big news nationally for the UMC continues to be congregations leaving the United Methodist Church primarily because of issues of LGBTQ+ inclusion.

I have been asked when we will have a vote but, as I have shared, unless there is a large percentage of our congregation wanting to leave the denomination, there is nothing to vote on. To help foster communication, we will have two Town Hall meetings: Sunday, September 18th at 12:15p.m. and Tuesday, September 20th at 7p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Bruce and I will share information about what disaffiliation is, how the cost is calculated, and invite you to participate in an informal poll to help us all get a better picture of where our congregation is on the spectrum of Conservative Non Compatible/ Conservative Compatible/ Progressive Compatible/ Progressive Non Compatible (these will be explained at the Town Halls).

We will live stream the Sunday meeting to our Christ UMC Connect private Facebook Group. A link to the informal poll will be available on that stream and responses will be collected until Noon on September 23rd. Anyone can participate in the informal poll. If an official vote is needed at a later date, that would be for members only.

I am hopeful that we will be able to move through these conversations and help everyone know they are loved and welcome at Christ UMC. As United Methodists we are grounded in a theology of Grace and we want to ensure that all find belonging and community in our church, no matter where you are theologically.

Shalom,  
Rev. Kurt

## Church Events/ Meetings

**Church Office Closed Sept. 5th  
For Labor Day**

**Church Council** will meet Tues., Sept. 13th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Finance Committee** will meet Tues., Sept. 13th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Foster Friends** will meet Sept. 12th & 26th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

**Martha Circle** will meet Sept. 20th at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Staff Parish** will meet Tues., Sept. 27th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Trustees Committee** will meet on Tues., Sept. 6th 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](http://www.christumchurch.org/calendar)**



For the month of **Sept.** 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

With the advent of the Sept. 5 Labor Day, our summer, (for many) is declared unofficially over. Youngsters are back in school, major-league baseball is in its final quarter, football is just getting started, the days are getting shorter and depending on the crop and location, harvesting has started or is just around the corner. It is a time of *endings*..... and also of *beginnings*.

Some will think of “September Song” (Composer: Kurt Weill, 1938), others will be excited about the possibility of a Big 10 (or is it 15?) Championship and I’d like to ask,..... “How are you progressing with your relationship with the Holy Spirit?” Have you asked him for his help as yet (in making disciples for Jesus; i.e. what is he nudging you to do?)? If “yes”, then how is that going and if not, then why not? How is that meshing with CUMC’s Mission of Making Disciples for Jesus?

Pastor Kurt’s sermon on June 12, 2022 spoke to “Good News”. The Good News that can **always** be enjoyed is that the Holy Spirit is with you and he wants to be invited to help you (us). Have you done anything about that? (HINT: It is done with benefit of prayer.) We all like to get good news and it is always available when we incorporate the Holy Spirit into our prayers and ask for his help and Guidance. We soon realize that we are never alone.

At Sunday Worship, at the beginning of the 2022 calendar year, attendees at each CUMC Service were given prayer cards with the following message.....

*Holy Spirit help me discern what is loving.*

*Holy Spirit help me discern what is true.*

*Holy Spirit help me discern what is right.*

*Holy Spirit help me discern what is of Christ.*

When we prayerfully and sincerely ask the Holy Spirit these questions, he will provide the answers and get us moving.



## Stock the Pantry!

In September, CUMC collects items for the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry! Although items like cereal, Spaghettios, and pasta sauce are given out by the Pantry, this month the staff at the Pantry has indicated a particular need for the following:

**Toilet Paper**  
**Canned Fruit & Canned Vegetables**

Your contributions make a HUGE difference for our neighbors in Tippecanoe County. In July, 392 households (representing 1310 individuals) were served on the 2 days each week that the pantry was open.

Please drop off your donations to the west end of the Narthex where items will be collected during September. Thank you for your contributions and support of our community!

## A Prayer for September

God, I want to honor You with all aspects of my life, and that includes my work. Thank You for giving me a unique set of skills and talents that I can use to work for Your kingdom. Please show me how I can use these talents to glorify You in my everyday life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

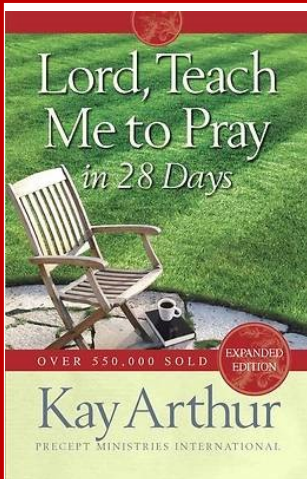


## Christmas Memories



Last year we enjoyed a wonderful “12 Days of Christmas” Devotional. This year our prayer team would like to write the Devotional a little differently and have found a way to involve you! Share one of your **FAVORITE Christmas Memories**. Maybe it was that time you were snowed in at home and while it seemed like Christmas was ruined it was actually the most meaningful and special Christmas you remember. Or maybe it was the time that everyone in your family was able to get together and share a special Christmas dinner made by Grandma.

We are excited to hear your stories and incorporate them into the Advent Devotional for 2022! Please write a short story of your favorite Christmas memory and send it to [info@christumchurch.org](mailto:info@christumchurch.org). We need your stories by Sept. 26th.



### 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. The class will be more than just a class. It will be more of an intimate group with personal sharing as each is willing and journaling. Several prayer styles will be learned.

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

Contact Carol Yarian | [carol@christumchurch.org](mailto:carol@christumchurch.org) for questions or to sign up for the class.

*Thank you!*

Thank you to Aaron and MarLen Slagel for hosting the Founders Day Picnic on Aug. 21st. It was a wonderful day, despite the short downpour. Great food and fellowship was had by all!

## Stewardship CORNER

Your Finance committee has begun work on the 2023 narrative budget, and you will receive a copy in Mid-September. Stewardship Sunday is set for October 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with

### “TEAM SPIRIT DAY”

where everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite team jersey, shirt, hat, etc. as you make your financial commitment for 2023. Since we are a welcoming congregation we will even allow IU and New England Patriot gear to be worn.

We will also be serving coffee, donuts, & bagels between services.

Make plans now to join us for the *Spirit of Commitment on Sunday* October 9<sup>th</sup>.

# CUMC

BASKETBALL & CHEER



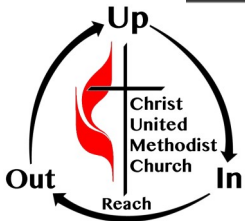
We are looking for church members who would be willing to dedicate time to the CUMC Basketball & Cheer program! This program runs from early January to mid March and games are played on Saturday mornings. Here is how you can help: coaching, concessions, half time devotional leader, score keeper, and referee. If you are interested please reach out to Emily Mayer at [Emily@christumchurch.org](mailto:Emily@christumchurch.org)



**Sept. 1** Carol Martinez **Sept. 2** Cathy Clark **Sept. 3** Rosemary McCool, Trina Stuller **Sept. 4** Donita Patton **Sept. 5** Pam Ferger, Misty Hintz, Carrie McCool **Sept. 6** Jacob Boardman, David Ehlers, April Headdy, James Maresh **Sept. 7** Brian Fine, Kaitlyn Miller, **Sept. 9** Tammy Lester **Sept. 10** Annette Kauffman, Janette Kauffman, Anne McGhee **Sept. 11** Andrea Burnett **Sept. 12** Carol Brewer, Bonnie Horn, Bill Stieneker **Sept. 13** Tony Tudder **Sept. 16** Dominic Letson, Cindy Payne, Sylvia Vaughn **Sept. 17** Zoe Pearson, Jo Ann Watson **Sept. 19** Aaron Headdy, LeRoy Moore, Don Uglow **Sept. 20** Jack Baker, Eric Kessler **Sept. 21** Morgan O'Shea **Sept. 23** Lisa Baker, Phyllis Hildebrand **Sept. 24** Michelle Helms **Sept. 25** Crosby Simpson, Paula Watkins **Sept. 26** Evan Gutierrez, Jonathan Gutierrez, Mason Gutierrez **Sept. 27** Charles Simpson, Christian Tudder **Sept. 28** Jay Thoennes **Sept. 29** Madisen Hilsabeck **Sept. 30** Mark Thoennes

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| James & Judy Auter       | 09/01      |
| Bruce & Melodi Mowery    | 09/04/1976 |
| Glenn & Zoe Pearson      | 09/07/1958 |
| Michael & Juli Meyerrose | 09/08/1973 |
| Norm & Dana Blanchard    | 09/13/1997 |
| John & Elena Shaw        | 09/15/1972 |
| Dan & Karen Wiggins      | 09/25/2010 |
| Michael & Angela Austin  | 09/26      |
| Cathy & Donald Slagle    | 09/28/1985 |
| Pete & Sue Branson       | 09/29      |
| Nick & Judy Fetchina     | 09/30/1972 |



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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 Dwiggins, Carol Yarian,  
Jake Mayer

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

**Early Learning** Carrie McCool, Lauren McCool

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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.

