

Towerlight

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What is your favorite aspect of Autumn?

Is it the crisp mornings or the changing of the leaves?

Perhaps you delight in the gathering of harvest or warmed apple cider.

Are you one of those unique individuals who giggle while you rake leaves or mark the calendar awaiting the reintroduction of Pumpkin Spice in all things?

Every fall, we in the church place more focus on stewardship than we do in other seasons. This arises from the time of agrarian dominance in our economy. Farmers would bring in the harvest and place a portion of their proceeds to the work of God through their congregation. Most businesses continue to set budgets in the fall for the following calendar year though some have transitioned to a different fiscal year.

We will celebrate our commitment Sunday October 9th with an invitation for everyone to participate in the work of God in and through Christ UMC. There will be food to assist the celebration— because we are United Methodist. Everyone is invited to wear your favorite team gear to celebrate the teamwork we have and the partnerships we have to transform the world.

Whatever you celebrate, I celebrate this congregation being faithful to the deposit of faith placed in you when intrepid souls embraced the mission to make new and maturing disciples of Jesus who would transform Lafayette and all the lands.

Shalom,

Rev. Kurt

Church Events/ Meetings

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

Foster Friends will meet Oct. 10th & 24th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Lay Leadership will meet Tues., Oct. 11th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

Martha Circle will meet Oct. 18th at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

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

Trustees Committee will meet on Tues., Oct. 4th 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

Chicken Noodle Dinner October 28th 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Adults	\$12
Children 4-12	\$6
Children 3 and under	Free

Quarts of Chicken and Noodles will be pre sold online only.
Pre Order you Dinner Ticket online at www.christumchurch.com or [click here](#) to order now.
Carry Out will also be available!



For the month of Oct. we will be collecting **Canned SPAGHETTI SAUCE (NO GLASS), CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP (10 oz), CANNED CHICKEN, INSTANT MASHED, AU GRATIN, OR SCALLOPED POTATOES, HOT CHOCOLATE PACKETS, AND SMALL CHOCOLATE HALLOWEEN CANDY.** 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

“O suns and skies and clouds of June,.....And flowers of June, together,.....Ye cannot rival for one hour,..... October’s bright blue weather”....(*Helen Hunt Jackson*; Amherst, Mass.).....Yes, the poet has captured the Spirit of one of God’s better blessings, that being the month of October, and all the thoughts it brings to mind.....we really are truly blessed and to prove it, all we need do, is look around!

October is a transition month.....To be sure, there are still some really warm days as summer is making sure that it is not yet committed to the “past” & there is also a tinge of “cooling” in the air. Mornings are “crisp”, a some-times “nip” in the air, suggesting that fall is here and is taking its turn at the wheel. Random leaves are dropping without having experienced a killing frost, the trees are showing their colors, the harvesting is winding down and we know we are moving into autumn’s radiant beauty. It is a blessed time of year!

Thus we arrive at the obvious question, that being, “How well are you getting to know the Holy Spirit, in this time of Transition?” The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines transition as, “passage from one state, place, stage or subject, to another; change”..... It is well known that there is a lot of transition / change going on in the United Methodist Church right now. Are you asking the Holy Spirit for some help in understanding all of it? What about COVID questions? (and on & on)...

We have chatted about how the Holy Spirit likes to be asked to help; he is patient and he is kind and he is resourceful, but he wants to be asked! When we attempt to “take on all things by ourselves”, we leave him out of the action. One of his names is “The Helper”.....but he cannot help if we do not ask. Then the next question is, “Do we listen and follow up on his nudging?”

The apostle John wrote to Christians everywhere, “By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit.” – 1 John 4:13. The New testament authors specifically state that all believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.....WOW!!! Until I started researching for the writing of this part of the Tower Light, I did not know that!!!! What it means to me, is that I have all the help I need, once I start asking The Helper what he advises! Answers seem to become easier to find! He (The Helper) is easy to work with.....He is as close as your prayers!

Have a wonderfully *transitional* October!

"God's Been Good To Me"

I'm mindful of the blessings
That come my way each day.
My heart is overflowing
Each time I kneel to pray.

I'm thankful for the seasons;
Each one's a masterpiece.
I'm allowed to work the land,
But God still holds the lease.

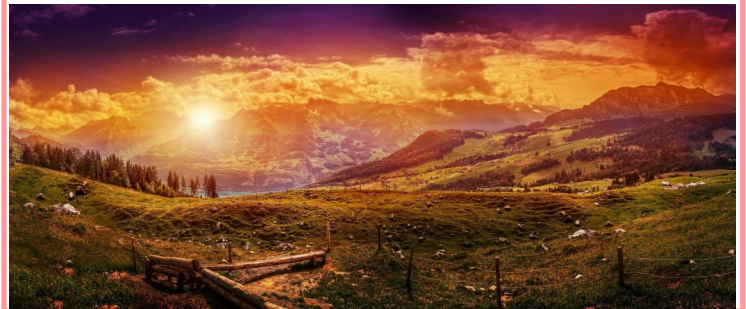
I'm grateful for the friendships
That brighten sorrow's way,
Because my cup of happiness
Sustains me everyday.

I love the children and the flowers
That decorate my life
And the quiet, gentle hours
Free from worry and strife.

I'm grateful for eyes that see
The beauty of it all
Because God's been good to me
And blessed me through it all.

I'm thankful for the little things
That fill my life with love.
The best things in life are free;
They come from God above!

- Clay Harrison



Join us December 3rd
from 9am-noon for
Christmas City! At
Christmas City kids will
travel to different
countries and learn
about their Christmas
traditions. This event
allows parents time to
get some Christmas

shopping done while the kids have a blast!
Registration will be open October 16-November
16th for ages 3 and up. Children MUST be potty
trained.



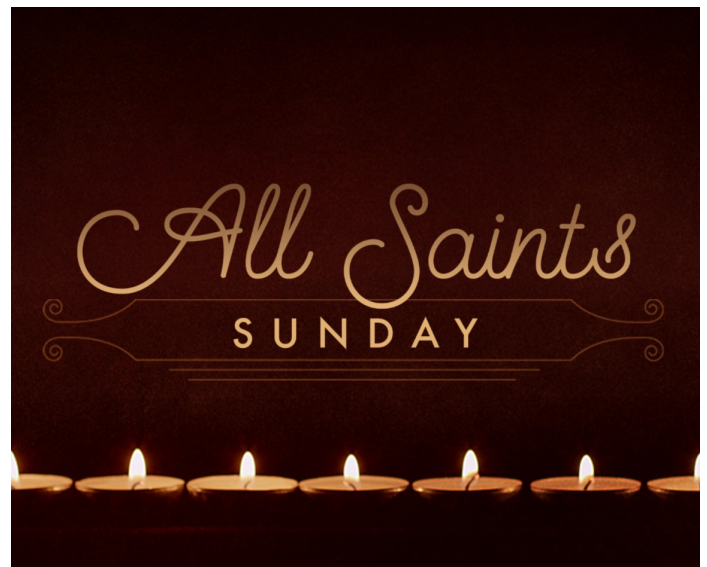
Join Christ UMC
for
TRUNK OR TREAT
October 29th 4-6PM
FOOD, GAMES, AND FUN!

Come out dressed in your best Halloween costume to Christ UMC's Trunk or Treat! This event provides a safe environment for your children to enjoy some Halloween fun. Food will be provided.

Spirit of Commitment Sunday, October 9th

Wear your favorite team jersey, shirt, hat, etc. as you join us to make your financial commitment for 2023.

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



Throughout October, we will be compiling a list of family members who have passed away in the last year who you would like to have named on **All Saints Sunday, November 6th.**

Please call/email the church office at 474-4313 | info@christumchurch.org with the name of the loved one you would like acknowledged.

[Or Click Here](#)



Turkey Time

Join us as we work together to provide a Thanksgiving meal to those in our CUMC family and community that are struggling. You can support this ministry through a monetary donation or by purchasing the food items listed below and returning by Friday, November 12th, 2021. You can drop off your non-perishable food items at the Outreach Center in the Narthex. Please put frozen turkeys or pies in the kitchen freezer that is marked for Turkey Time. Stop by the Outreach Center in the Narthex for information on how to help. Contact Ruby Armstrong at 765-446-0843 or Sue Branson, 765-447-2250 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Grocery Items Needed

Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes	Packets of Gravy
Boxed Stuffing	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Canned Fruit & Vegetables	French Fried Onions
Frozen Pies	Frozen Turkeys

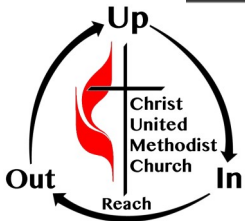




Oct. 1 James Atkins, Scott Gillespie, Eleanor Kilmer, Bridget Scott, Vernon Wooden **Oct. 2** Wendy Basden, Ethan Dwiggins, Marayah Trosper **Oct. 3** Phil Ferger IV, Doreen Habben, Stephanie Schulze, Joshua Stieneker **Oct. 4** Donna Brothers, Stephanie Miller **Oct. 5** Betty Benjamin, Jaedin Ibarra **Oct. 6** Marty Haywood **Oct. 7** Laura Ehlers, Baxter High, Kevin Noe, Addison Simons **Oct. 8** Vicky Pearson, Jean Ann Simler **Oct. 9** Josiah Freeman, Angie Johnson, Hollie Kessler, Debbie Reagan **Oct. 10** Adam Allen, LeKeersh Storm Justice **Oct. 12** Kyros Carr, Anthony Pilotte **Oct. 13** Beverly Herren, Kevin Pendleton **Oct. 14** Jean Foust, Greg Morris, Dean Rusk, Drew Thoennes, Carol Yarian **Oct. 15** Ava Farrer, Bethany Swisher **Oct. 16** Jack Dwiggins, Carole Haynes, Leslie Hornor **Oct. 18** Johanna Kicherer **Oct. 19** Jeff Mark **Oct. 20** Melvin Wilson **Oct. 22** Jan O'Shea, Kyle Pendleton **Oct. 23** Peggy Drews **Oct. 24** Emmerson Blankenship, Ron Gilbert, Chloe Trosper **Oct. 26** Bryan Blanchard, Christopher Leffert **Oct. 28** Nancy Beeler, John Shondell **Oct. 29** Debbie Brown, Ruth Habben, Leslie Winn **Oct. 31** Megan Solomon



Adam Allen & Staci Gray-Allen	10/02/2004
Herbert & Bertel Wingard	10/03/1981
Aaron & April Headdy	10/04/1997
Jeff & Heidi Brewer	10/05/2002
Scott & Holley Robinson	10/05/2013
Carson & Danielle Lay	10/10/2021
Hope & Craig Wooldridge	10/11/2003
Mike & Laura Willenborg	10/13/2007
Leslie & Crystal Hornor	10/15/1995
Michael & Kim DeWilde	10/20/1975
Stanley & Carol Burkart	10/21/2000
Cy Holladay & Pat Wright	10/30/2011



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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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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.

