Towerlight

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Sports have events in their seasons that everyone works toward.
Football has its Superbowl. Baseball has the World Series.
NASCAR has the Daytona 500 and IndyCar has the Indy 500 that happen early in their respective seasons which is weird, if you ask me.

For the Church, what does our "season" work toward?
We have Advent which culminates in the celebration of Christmas.
We have Lent that culminates in the celebration of Holy Week and Easter… and Pentecost.
But how do we evaluate whether or not we had a "winning season"?

Just like all of the teams striving for the win in those sports competitions, we prepare and train all year for these big events.
We remember the story.
We practice hospitality.
We worship.
We sing
We pray.
We celebrate resurrection.

Here, remembering the last week of Jesus' life, we are living out a "winning season." The purpose is continuing the story. Telling it again.
Continuing the story.
I hope to see you as we celebrate the resurrection this year.

Shalom,

Rev. Kurt

Church Meetings

Finance Committee will not meet in April.

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

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

Martha Circle will meet Tues., April 18th at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

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

Trustees Committee will not meet in April.

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

Worship Planning will meet Tues., April 4th at 7:30pm via Zoom.

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

A Prayer for Spring

Father, thank you for carrying us through life's winter seasons and for bringing us into new springtime seasons of hope.

Thank you for the lessons you teach us in the winter seasons: lessons like endurance, rest, perseverance, and trust.

Thank you for the blessings you have prepared for the season ahead. Most of all, thank you that your character and love never change. Amen

EDGELEA Feed the Kids

For the month of **April** we will be collecting **Canned Peas, Canned Chicken, Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Canned Fruit.** 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

April…….the 4th month in the Gregorian Calendar but it was the second month in the early Roman calendar until the ancient Romans started using January as the 1st month, around 450 BC. The word originally came from "Aprilis" which means "to open". April is associated with Springtime, new beginnings and a time to bloom! How many of us feel like "blooming" ????

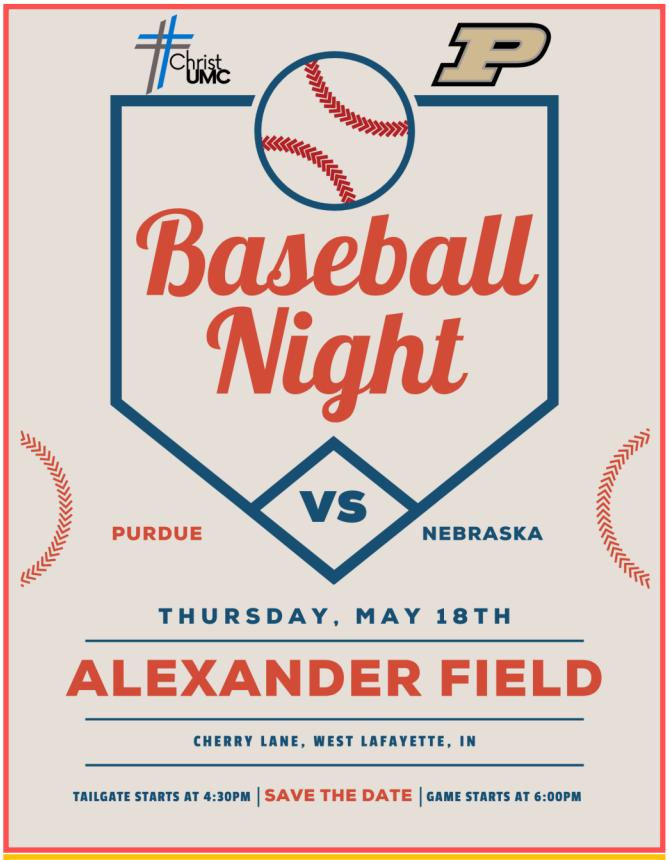
It follows then, that in living the Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life, we are surrounded with ample and good motivations to keep on seeking, keep on learning and keep on growing in the Spirit! Do you remember our conversations regarding the word/term "indwell"? It means that the Holy Spirit is in each of us and to briefly review, we know that *the Holy Spirit* is spiritually "in" each believer! In 1st John 4:13 it says, "By this, we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit". In my reading and studying, I have learned that this happened at our baptism. **WOW**!

Now,……. back to "blooming" as indeed, it IS Spring and blooming is a timely subject matter! In Galatians 5:16-18, Paul talks about walking with the *Holy Spirit* and being led by him. We should feel comfortable and secure with that, as the *Holy Spirit* will not lead us astray and he will lead us in the correct direction and help us do the right things.

One of my life-long favorite songs is written by Henry John Deutschendorf Jr. 12/31/1943 – 10/12/1997, (John Denver), entitled "Follow me". While it is a popular/laity-written offering, for me it seems to fit so nicely here, in our discussion of and about the *Holy Spirit*. The part I reference is, "Follow me where I go, what I do and who I know, make it part of you to be a part of me"…….. Most will agree that it seems much better to be "led" than to be "directed" and that is what the *Holy Spirit* does for and with us, when we walk with him. He experiences what we see and do. At least, that is where my thoughts take me.

A leader goes a little bit ahead and breaks the trail for us. A director sits on the swivel chair an tells us where to go and how to do it. It seems to me there is a big difference. If our leader is the *Holy Spirit* he will help us get to where we want to go and in good shape when we arrive! (With thanks to John Denver for a little more understanding!)

Hebrews 12:1



College & Military Care Ministry

In late April, the College & Military Care Ministry will be sending a mailing of encouragement to students and military service members. Do you have someone who is currently in college or serving in the military that you would like included in this mailing? To have them included in this mailing, by April 15th we need you to provide the College & Military Care Ministry team with their name, address, school (if college student). This is needed, even if your loved one has been on our mailing list in the past. If you are able to provide their cell number, the team will also text them when the mailing takes place, so they are watching for it. Any cell numbers provided will be kept strictly confidential.

To sign up your student or military service member find the link under the quick links section on the home page of our website www.christumchurch.org or simply click here if you are viewing this online. If you need assistance call Terra in the church office at 474-4313. Of course, anyone on the ministry team would be happy to help as well.

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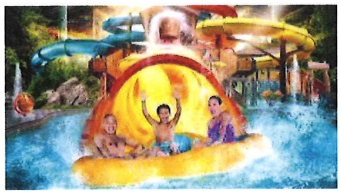
Thursday May 4

2:35pm - 6:00pm

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Donate and enter for a chance to win $1000 in gift cards to Great Wolf Lodge!



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When you give blood, you give another chance.

Blood is an essential medicine that cannot be manufactured. Whether you are looking for a way to give back to our community or support a friend who is fighting an illness, blood donation is a generous and vital gift.

Schedule your donation by scanning the QR Code with your phone's camera!

Contact Carol to schedule your appointment.
carol@christumchurch.org or call 765-474-4313

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Blood Centers

April 2 Phyllis Bell, Kim Pulley, Wanda Winstead **April 3** Cheryl Servies **April 4** Nicole Gilmore, Cathy Walgamuth **April 8** Katelyn Helms, Cathy Hillyer, Cindy Pulley **April 9** Joan Banning **April 11** Joan Kirkpatrick **April 12** Karmin Crank, Max Walker **April 14** Allie Shondell **April 15** Marie Stalker **April 16** Julie Bushman, Bruce McCormick, Bristol Ziegler **April 17** Jeff Brewer, John Studer **April 18** Greg Helms, Megan Melton, Donald Stichter **April 21** Anna Hall **April 22** Linda Yoki **April 23** Kira Willenborg **April 25** Erica Blanchard **April 28** Lillian Helms, Tina Storm, Sean Trosper **April 29** Karen Wiggins **April 30** Grace Hildenbrand, Brandy Stephenson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jerry & Patricia Snyder	04/02/1967
Jim & Connie Henderson	04/03/2010
Kevin & Rhonda Pendleton	04/08/1989
Vernon & Elizabeth Wooden	04/09/1983
Larry & Cathy Clark	04/12/1958
Scott & Carla Whiteman	04/14/2007
Mike & Deb Linville	04/23/2016
Bill & Debbie Stieneker	04/23/1988
Carrie & Thomas McCool	04/27/1991
Jill & John Studer	04/30/2016

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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 Kenzie Jennings, Sandy Lyerly, and Nikki Sliger

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JoAnn Watson would like to extend her thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers while she was in the Hospital in January. Thank you so much.

Carol and Christ UMC volunteers,
I'd like to take a moment to thank the team from CUMC for your ongoing monthly service at our Fresh Market and with Senior Box Packing. I recognize that there are dozens of worthy causes where you could donate your time and I'm truly thankful that you selected our mission. More so, thank you for dedicating a ***monthly*** volunteer spot for us - that is truly helpful for our team to be able to count on a group monthly and especially a returning group that "knows the ropes".

It is my hope that you have enjoyed your service experience with us and left with an appreciation for the vast and complex issues around hunger relief, a sense of pride for your part in our efforts and a compassionate understanding for neighbors in our community who struggle with hunger among many other challenges.

Thank you for standing with us in our work to alleviate hunger and its root causes.

Warmly,

Kier Crites Muller, President/CEO
Food Finders Food Bank

To access the links to our social media platforms, website, zoom bible studies, worship guide, and giving page.

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