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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2
UMAF to Mennonite Dinner
- November 3
Youth Rake & Run
- November 4
All Saint's Day
Daylight Saving Time ends
- November 6
Election Day
- November 7
9am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10a UMW Meeting
11:30a UMW Luncheon
5:30p WD2—Youth Fundraiser
- November 8
Conference Training—
Quadrennial Boundaries FLC
- November 10
8a UMW Christmas Bazaar
- November 11
6p Charge Conference
@ State St
- November 12-19
Operation Christmas Child
Drop offs
- November 12
6p Trustees
- November 18
9:30a Sunday School
10:30a United Service
Noon Potluck
- November 19
6p Finance Committee
7p Church Council
- November 22
Thanksgiving Day

Our Witness for Christ

God has strategically placed us in the lives of certain people to make an eternal difference for him. God calls us to share our faith and to let his light shine brightly. You and I have something to share that is needed by others, and that is the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. We live as "witnesses for Jesus" as God's light is reflected through us. The Gospel says, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

The question we have to ask is, "How clearly and how brightly are we reflecting Christ in our lives?" God wants us to be his light, so others will be drawn not to us, but to Jesus, the "light of the world" (John 8:12). The depth of our own relationship with God matters a lot when it comes to letting his light shine!

We busy ourselves with a lot of activities, things that are important to us, and rightly so. We are going to be investing our time and energy in many things, yet each of us needs to ask, "How much am I investing in the lives of others?" Of all the things we could invest ourselves in, of all the things we could exchange our time or energy for, there is nothing more valuable than investing in people to help them know Jesus Christ. It's an investment that lasts forever. When we reflect God's light to others, we fulfill God's purpose!



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MISSION
Statement

Christ United Methodist Church Exists to:

- Connect Persons to God and to One Another (Worship/Fellowship)
- Help Meet Needs (Service/Every Member a Minister)
- Reach Out to Share Jesus Christ (Evangelism)
- Instruct in Christian Growth (Discipleship)
- Send Persons in Ministry (Missions)
- Transform the Community of Bowling Green

Children's Ministries

Shipwrecked : (Winter break's mini Return to VBS) has been scheduled. We need at least **15** children sign in order to run this program. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the YCC or simply call me and let me know that your children will be attending. This program is for children 3 years of age through 3rd grade. Children must be potty trained.

We will hold this winter break mini VBS on Tuesday, December 18th and Wednesday, December 19th we will go back and revisit **Shipwrecked** where we can enjoy, once again, some of our favorite music, songs and crafts from this past summer's VBS. The program will run for 2 mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please let Patty know how you can help!

Scheduling this event the week PRIOR to Christmas makes it perfect timing for families to finish their last minute Christmas preparations while their children are busy!

Our annual **Advent/Christmas Workshop** for children ages 3 years through 2nd grade has been scheduled for **Friday, November 16th**. We will meet from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. We will learn about the Christian traditions of the season, read Christmas stories and craft some Christmas treasures! Pizza will be served. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the YCC. Parents are welcome, but not required, to stay.

Christmas Hang-Ups (this year's Children's Christmas Play) will be performed on **Sunday, December 9th** @ 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars! Angie Gordon is directing this year's production and is holding Play practices on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. There will be a reception immediately following the play in the YCC

Care Givers Support Group

The last meeting of Care Givers Support Group for 2018 will be November 7 at 6pm in the Garden Classroom.

Kathryn Oliver from Moving Matters will be our guest presenter. Kathryn assists seniors who are downsizing and helps make the transition less overwhelming. Please join us if this would be of interest to you. Care Givers Support Group will resume January 9, 2019.

Operation Christmas Child



Help spread the Good News of God's love to children in need by packing a shoebox full of simple gifts and sending it off with prayer! National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child begins November 12. That's right around the corner! This ministry, a part of Samaritan's Purse, sends shoebox gifts to children outside the United States in countries affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many boys and girls are invited to enroll in "The Greatest Journey", a 12-lesson discipleship program.

Through this program, local ministry partners are able to establish long-term, caring relationships with children and families by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT:

FIND A SHOEBOX. Pre-printed shoeboxes are available here at church. Or use an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

DECIDE whether you will pack a box for a GIRL OR BOY, and the AGE CATEGORY: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.

FILL WITH GIFTS. Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a deflated soccer ball with pump or a stuffed animal. Then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

For gift suggestions see <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>. Do not include liquids or lotions, breakable items or aerosol cans or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures. Also, **DO NOT INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY** due to customs restrictions.

A **DONATION** of \$9 per gift is suggested to cover the cost to collect, process, and ship shoebox gifts to more than 100 countries. It also provides ministry materials such as The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklet and The Greatest Journey 12-week study. These materials are in the child's own language. You may include a \$9 check in your box or donate online and receive a tracking label to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift. For online donation and tracking information go to <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>

PRAY. Most importantly, remember that each gift is destined for one child. Please pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

As a part of our Thanksgiving Sunday service on November 18, we will have a time for receiving shoeboxes prepared by you, members and friends of our church. Thanksgiving is a natural time to give thanks for our own blessings by sharing with others.

National Collection Week is November 12-19. Christ Church is a Drop-off Location for Bowling Green and Warren County. If you prefer you may bring your shoebox gifts during our drop-off hours, which are:

Monday, November 12	2pm-6pm
Tuesday, November 13	3pm-5pm
Wednesday, November 14	8am-noon
Thursday, November 15	3pm-7pm
Friday, November 16	3pm-7pm
Saturday, November 17	10am-noon
Sunday, November 18	noon-5pm
Monday, November 19	8am-noon

WHAT GOES IN IS FUN! WHAT COMES OUT IS ETERNAL! In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**OUR STEWARDSHIP
AND ATTENDANCE
October 2018**

Budget for the Year	\$573,255
Needed per Week	\$11,024
Received	
Sept. 2	\$23,209
Sept 9	10,404
Sept 16	7,549
Sept 23	8,728
Budget to Date	\$463,008
Received to Date	\$444,291
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$102,906
Received October	\$1,320

Stewardship of Attendance
S.S.

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>10:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Oct 7	143	131	79
Oct 14	135	130	90
Oct 21	137	118	93
Oct 28	148	132	71

Servants for November

**8:45 Service
Greeters**

Connie Pittman & Bonnie Hanes

Communion Servers

Kenny & Carolyn Marks
Don & Margaret Johnston

11:00 Service

Greeters & Communion Servers

Matt, Nikki, Will & Sophie Moore

Building Lockup

Matt Moore



If you would like to make donations to the church thru e-giving. Click on the following link to go directly to our e-giving site. You can set up one time or recurring contributions and designate to either the general fund or building fund. <https://giving.ncsservices.org/g3/> Contact Bonnie Hanes, treasurer with questions.

HOTEL INC

Helping Others Through Extending Love In the Name of Christ

Most needed items:

- Sweet Potatoes (canned)
- Chili
- Jelly
- Shampoo/Conditioner



Sharing our bounty with neighbors in need.
Thank You!

**MEMORIAL
CONTRIBUTIONS**

In Memory of Bernice Meador

Sister of Emogene Stuart

Memorial Fund

Henry & Tammy Davis

Choir Fund

Charlie & Diane Bryson

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, October 21, we received 10 new members at Christ Church
Welcome!!



Charlie & Danye Campbell



Jane & Jerry Dobson



Marilynn Love
Evelyn, Sara & Phil Keeley



Mike & Michelle Cassady

UMW



The UMW will meet on November 7st at 10:00 a.m. with Prayer Shawl Ministry beginning at 9:00 a.m. Vicky Meister will provide a delicious lunch. This month is our World Thank Offering meeting and we will be reminded of how Jesus fed his followers and how we can share our food with those less fortunate.

Don't forget that our annual missions fundraiser, the Christmas Bazaar, will be on November 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Men will sell sausage biscuits for breakfast and the Youth will sell soup and sandwiches for lunch. Come do some early Christmas shopping!

We are accepting gifts of baked goods for our bakery and gently used items for Grandma's attic. All proceeds are used for local, regional, and international missions.

Angel Tree Prison Fellowship



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It is that time of year again, when our church becomes a blessing to children who have a parent who is incarcerated. We do this by buying two gifts per child (one toy and one clothing item).

These gifts are bought on behalf of the incarcerated parent with the goal being that each child knows their parent is remembering them at this time of the year.

Paper angels with the child's name and gift idea can be chosen from the Christmas Angel Tree on November 25 and December 2. Gifts are to be wrapped and returned with the angel attached to the gift on December 9. Each gift should cost between \$20-25. If you cannot shop for a gift but would like to donate money, we would be happy to buy a gift on your behalf.

If you would be interested in helping deliver gifts or have any questions, contact Juanita Cox 270-779-5483. Thank you for your love for these children.

November Birthdays



Tammy Davis	11/2
Martha Jackson	11/2
Larry Byrd	11/4
Sandy Hartman	11/8
Bonnie Hanes	11/9
Marilyn Miller	11/9
Steve Kavanaugh	11/15
Connie Pittman	11/15
Carmen Cogan	11/16
Marie Nilda-Cann	11/18
Amanda Reckard	11/18
Linda Bragg	11/23
Matt Moore	11/23
Jim Smith	11/26
Phyllis Laflin	11/29

If you would like your birthday listed in *The Visitor*, please call the church office



*Christian Sympathy to the family of
Hal Rogers
Wife, Cathy
Children, Trey,
Jamie & Jessie*

*To Jeanie Orr on the passing of her sister,
Betty Lynn*

United Service

United Service
Sunday November 18
Stewardship Sunday

We will meet for Sunday School at 9:30 am

Our United Service will be in the
Family Life Center at 10:30 am

Service will be followed by a
Potluck Dinner
in the FLC at noon

M.E.A.L.S., Inc.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...” Matthew 25:35

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated Stove Top Stuffing for the Christmas Dinner box that M.E.A.L.S., Inc. will be delivering to each family who receives a weekly Saturday meal from this ministry. Each box will contain a turkey or ham and other food products, which will enable those we serve to enjoy a traditional Christmas meal. CUMC is responsible for providing 225 boxes of Stove Top Stuffing (or generic brand) for these holiday food boxes. Thus far, we have collected 152 boxes and still need 73 boxes. Collection boxes are located in the Sanctuary vestibule and the Family Life Center welcome area. Your donation is very much appreciated. Saturday, December 1st is the next date our church is responsible to provide volunteers for M.E.A.L.S., Inc. A sign-up sheet is available in the Connection Area. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning volunteering with us on Saturday, December 1st or the Christmas Dinner boxes, please call Helen Terry @ (270) 991-9075 or (270) 745-0943.

2018 M.E.A.L.S., Inc. Date_ December 1st

The Visitor

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Worship Services

Sunday Worship ~ 8:45
a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School ~ 10:00
a.m.
Nursery provided for all
Sunday Services
Youth Activities ~ Sunday
at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Todd Love Pastor
Melissa Bull Minister of Music and Discipleship
Patty Wintuska Children's Director
Kelli Truelove Youth Pastor
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Angie Gordon Minister of Visitation &
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