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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1

M.E.A.L.S deliveries

December 2

Hanging of the Greens
Youth to Opryland

December 5

11:30a UMAF Luncheon

December 8

9am-noon UMW Brunch

December 9

4:30p Children's Play

December 13

7:00p A Taste of Christmas

December 16

8:45a Choir Concert
11:00a Worship Concert

December 18-19

9:30a VBS Revisited

December 24

7p & 11p
Candlelight Communion
Services

December 25

Christmas Day

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We live in a fast paced, somewhat instant world. We turn on our TVs and watch the movies we want – ondemand. We expect service and want what we want, when we want it. Waiting, especially patient waiting, is not something we do well. In this fast paced, somewhat instant world, Advent is extremely radical and different. These four weeks call us to focus on waiting – patiently– for the Lord. Instead of instant results and rapid fulfillment, we are called to yearn and have a poignant expectation for the Lord.

We need Advent, and we need the Lord. How can you use these days to strengthen your patience and develop a real sense of expectation? How can you mark out these four weeks by seeking what is most important in our lives – the Christ?

Enter into these radical days that call us to a better, holier way – patience – peace – expectation – yearning for the Lord. Our church has wonderful opportunities to help each of us use these days well in prayer and service to the Lord. Our prayer and focus this season is simple – Lord, we WAIT for You.

God bless you and your loved ones in these holy days.



P.S. The church office will be closed Dec. 25 – Jan. 1, However, my phone will always be on for anyone who needs me. Pastor Todd



MISSION
Statement

Christ United Methodist Church Exists to:

- C**onnect Persons to God and to One Another (Worship/Fellowship)
- H**elp Meet Needs (Service/Every Member a Minister)
- R**each Out to Share Jesus Christ (Evangelism)
- I**nstruct in Christian Growth (Discipleship)
- S**end Persons in Ministry (Missions)
- T**ransform the Community of Bowling Green

Children's Ministries

Christmas Thoughts:

Christmas is the most enchanting time of the year as we pause and listen, once again, to the message of God's love. May we all share God's love with others in the weeks ahead.

I am particularly grateful to all of you who are a part of our Children's Ministry: Sunday School Teachers, Nursery & Learning Tree Workers, Program Volunteers, Children's Coffee Time volunteers and the Youth who help out in so many ways.

Thank you for loving our children and being willing to jump in when needed.

A special thanks goes out to Angie Gordon for, once again, coordinating this year's Christmas Play.

Christmas Hang Ups, this year's Christmas Play will be performed on **Sunday, December 9th** at **4:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Angie Gordon (assisted by Kayla Harmon) and the children have been working hard to prepare for the evening. Following the performance there will be a reception in the FLC. Our thanks to Lynda Mulcahy for agreeing to organize and host the reception.

Parents are asked to bring a "finger food" to share. These can be small sandwiches, appetizers or cookies and desserts.

I have a number of **Advent Calendars** in my office. If your family has not gotten one for this year, please feel free to stop by and pick one up. The children enjoy getting to open each "door" on the calendar as we go through the Advent Season.

Again this, year we have set up a "**Mitten Tree**" in the YCC. We will decorate our tree with newly purchased hats and mittens your children bring in that will be given to the Foundry for distribution to those in need. Thank you!

Return to VBS (Shipwrecked, Again!) has been scheduled for Monday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 18th. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please sign up on the Children's Bulletin Board in the YCC. If you are available and willing, we will also need lots of HELPING HANDS! Thank you!

ROCK will hold our annual "**Happy Birthday, Jesus!**" party for those 3 years old – 2nd grade on Sunday, December 23rd during our regularly scheduled ROCK time. Don't miss it!

Youth Ministries

Kelli Truelove, Youth Pastor; Zach Richards, Assistant Youth Pastor

December 2 Scavenger Hunt 3-8pm
 December 9 No Youth (children's play)
 December 16 Progressive Supper 4-8
 December 23 No Youth
 December 30 No Youth
 January 18-20 Winter Blitz

A Taste of Christmas

Christ United Methodist Church presents...



Join us for an evening of music, food, and fellowship.
Thursday, December 13 7:00-9:00
Bring your favorite holiday desserts and savory finger foods.

UMW



*United Methodist Women Christmas Party
December 8th -9 am to noon
Bring your favorite brunch item and a gift card for the
Methodist Children's Home.
All women of the church are invited!*

UMAF



United Methodist Adult Fellowship will have a Christmas Potluck on Wednesday, December 5 at 11:30am in the YCC. Ham rolls & drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert large enough to feed 12. Sign up in the connection area.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP
AND ATTENDANCE
November 2018**

Budget for the Year	\$573,255
Needed per Week	\$11,024
Received	
Nov 4	\$13,167
Nov 11	11,442
Nov 18	2,257
Nov 25	9,405
 Budget to Date	 \$518,134
Received to Date	\$480,588
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$102,055
Building Fund received November	\$1,415

Stewardship of Attendance
S.S.

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>10:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Nov 4	159	126	69
Nov 11	150	165	92
Nov 18	152	151	United Service
Nov 25	157	160	114

Servants for December

**8:45 Service
Greeters**

Phyllis O'Keefe

Communion Servers

Steve & Judi Kavanaugh

Kelley & Laura Orr

11:00 Service

Greeters & Communion Servers

Tommy & Brenda Roberts

Dustin & Tara Gupton

Building Lockup

Tommy Roberts



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.



Most needed items:

- Powdered Milk
- Any Canned Fruit
- Cake Mix / Canned Icing
- Instant Pudding
- Warm Gloves & Hats



meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign
November 18 - December 29 **DOUBLE \$ Day** — December 7

**MEMORIAL
CONTRIBUTIONS**

*In Memory of
Hal Rogers*

Memorial Fund—Bill & Joyce Buckman

*In Memory of
Kemble Johnson*

Memorial Fund—Bill & Joyce Buckman

*In Memory of
Betty Lynn*

Memorial Fund—Henry & Tammy Davis
Choir Fund—Richard & Karen Garden



Christian Sympathy

to the family of
Kemble Johnson

Brenda Roberts & family on the death of her
mother, *Mary Tedford*

Howard Stuart & family on the death of his sister,
Leola Mae Wilcutt

Operation Christmas Child



Christ Church's 2018 report as a Drop-off Location

2,714 shoebox gifts (includes **123** packed by members and friends)
51 volunteers
300 volunteer hours

This year Richpond Baptist Church was another Warren County Drop-off Location, receiving **1,144** shoebox gifts. A total of **3,858** shoebox gifts were received in Warren County.

The Bowling Green Area, which includes Warren, Allen, Simpson, Barren, Butler, Logan, and Monroe counties sent a total of **15,293** shoebox gifts. This number includes **1,226** special access boxes, which Franklin First Baptist church sent in October to children in countries that are not open to sharing the gospel.

Thanks to each of you who packed a shoebox gift. Each shoebox means an opportunity for a child to receive the greatest gift, the Gospel. Through the care you have shown and through the teaching of their local pastors and teachers, each child will have the opportunity to feel God's love and care for them and to learn about His gift to all the world, Jesus.

Special thanks to our volunteers from Christ Church and Destiny Church who worked during the eight day collection.

Angel Tree Prison Fellowship



Angel Tree Prison Fellowship

Many thanks to people who took an Angel from the tree Sunday. We have several left and Sunday, Dec. 2nd will be the last Sunday for you to pick an Angel from the tree. Remember all gifts are to be returned to the church Sunday morning Dec 9th. Thank you for your generous giving to this project.

These gifts are given to the children on behalf of their parent who cannot purchase a gift for them because they are incarcerated. We give these gifts to help the children know their parents were thinking of them and wanting their children to have something on their behalf. We pray this small act will help in connecting the parent and child and hope it strengthens them as they are away from each other. Feel free to call if you have any questions concerning this project. Thank you, Juanita Cox 270-779-5483

December Birthdays



Bill Buckman	12/1
Richard Garden	12/1
Eleni Jane Pierce	12/4
Kathy Alexander	12/5
Charmaine Brown	12/6
Linda Lohmann	12/11
Linda Booth	12/14
Jenny Lou Pierce	12/14
April Taylor	12/17
Sibby Middleton	12/17
Robert Conrad	12/17
Jake Norden	12/18
Jo Byrd	12/19
Tabitha Conrad Foley	12/19
Holly Jones	12/23
Merry Hardin	12/24
Mea Taylor	12/26
Betsy Kullman	12/27
Tyler Wood	12/27
Kory Twyman	12/28
Mike Holian	12/29

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



Graham Patrick Foley
Born November 18, 2018
Proud parents Sean & Tabitha
Siblings Lincoln & Josephine
Grandparents Bob & Darlene Conrad
Aunts Taylor & Taryn
Great Grandmother Charlotte Powell
CONGRATULATIONS!

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“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

Thank you CUMC congregation for your generosity in donating Stove Top Stuffing for the M.E.A.L.S., Inc. Christmas Dinner Box program. Our church met our goal of 225 boxes. We will meet as a group at St. Joseph School gymnasium at **6:00 p.m. Friday, December 21st** to pack all the Dinner boxes. It will take about an hour and everyone is invited to come and be a part of the assembly process. This year the M.E.A.L.S., Inc. board has asked all churches to participate on Saturday, December 22nd and Saturday, December 29th. This will take total responsibility off any one church during the holidays. On **December 22nd**, each church is asked to provide 2 delivery teams – one to deliver a regular route and one to deliver Christmas Dinner boxes (this team would need to be driving an SUV, van, or truck). And one person (or a couple) to help with packing. On **December 29th**, each church is asked to provide 1 driving team to deliver a regular route and 1 person (or couple) to help with packing.

A sign-up sheet will be located in the Connection Area. If you can give a couple of hours during the holidays, your participation will be very much appreciated. It will be fun to work with the other churches as we come together to serve others during the holidays. If you have any questions about these activities, please call Helen Terry @ (270) 991-9075 or (270) 745-0943.

2019 M.E.A.L.S., Inc. Date

March 16th
June 15th
September 14th
December 14th

The Visitor

Christ Church

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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
Zach Richards Assistant Youth Pastor
Jeanie Orr Organist
Bonnie Hanes Administrative Assistant/Treasurer
April Taylor Nursery Supervisor
Shan Winquist Lay Leader
Angie Gordon Minister of Visitation &
Congregational Care /Director of The Learning Tree
Lorenzo Hall, Jr. Security