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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6

United Methodist Women
9a Prayer Shawl
10a Meeting
11:30 Luncheon

February 14

Valentines Day
6p Trustees

February 15

6-9pm Babysitting
Youth Lock In

February 18

President's Day
6:00 p Finance
7:00p Church Council

February 23-26

Called General Conference
In St. Louis

February 24

District Worship Service
(watch for more details)

February 26

9a UMAF
Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

Contact information for
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On January 26th, 2005 a California train derailed, killing 11 people and injuring over 200. One of those 200 was a 44-year-old man named John Phipps. His story is the basis for this message. Phipps was the man who, though pinned in the wreckage of the train, scrawled a message in his own blood to his wife and kids. As he regained consciousness, he examined his head and body and saw he was bleeding profusely. An upended train seat sat right above him, and thinking he might be dying, wrote this message: "I (heart symbol) my kids. I (heart symbol) Leslie." Later he said, "It wasn't a conscious thought. I've always told my wife and kids I loved them, and it just happened. I didn't plan it. I didn't say I have to leave a last word. I just wrote it without thinking." His rescuers came on the scene minutes later and saw the message. Captain Robert Rosario said, "I've seen some gruesome things on this job, but that moved me. My only thought was, I have to get that seat to his wife and kids." His wife said about the message, "Hallmark is never going to top that. It's moving, it's thoughtful and it's chilling all at the same time." The story of John Phipps and his message written in his own blood is a moving one, especially at this time in which we celebrate human love, Valentine's Day. There is another moving love story written in blood. That love is the love of Jesus Christ for us.

John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Wrapped up in that little word "gave" is a powerful truth. It means "to furnish, to give forth from one's self," and is in the grammatical tense which indicates it has no starting point or ending point. The love of God the Father was a giving love, a furnishing love. But the gift that the Father gave was not a neatly packaged, wrapped with wrapping paper, tied with a bow, gift. The gift of Jesus Christ to a sinful world was a bloody gift, a shocking gift, a sacrificial gift.

As you celebrate this Valentine's Day with your spouse or significant other, please remember that God willingly paid the ultimate human sacrifice that you might know the love you share.



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

Kids RULE (Read, Understand Learn, Explore God's Word) continues to meet on Wednesday evening from 6pm – 7pm. Please have your 3rd, 4th and 5th graders join us if at all possible.



VBS 2019 is still months away but mark your calendars now and Save the Date! VBS 2019 is scheduled to take place from **Sunday June 2 – Thursday June 6, 2019**. This year's VBS will take us to **Mars & Beyond!** In the event, that school closings for winter weather impact us, our backup dates are June 9- June 13.

Camp Loucon offers a variety of wonderful summer programs for children and youth. The Loucon camp schedule for 2019 is now available online and will be posted on the bulletin board outside the YCC kitchen

To ensure that all of our children have the chance to attend Loucon, the church will pick up 25% of the middle tier's cost for the children of our church. Please see Patty or Angie if you have questions.

Sunday School is a wonderful place for your children to grow in their knowledge of the Lord with children their age. Please join us in the YCC each Sunday from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

YCC Policy Reminder: Parents, please pick up your children in the YCC following Sunday School & ROCK. The children are not to leave the YCC and meet you at another location within or outside of the church. For their safety, they must remain in the YCC until you come to pick them up. Thank you for assisting us in our commitment to keeping our children safe.

From Melissa

Praying Our Way Forward

Hopefully you are aware of the special-called United Methodist General Conference coming up February 23-26. We want to join the UMC prayer community in asking for God's wisdom, guidance, and direction at this important moment for our denomination. We are called to a posture of prayer, asking for God's leadership to guide us effectively in fulfilling the mission of the church.

Here are some ways to participate in Praying Our Way Forward.

Pause each day from 2:23 – 2:26 am or pm and pray for the special-called General Conference. These minutes represent the dates of the special session. You might want to start with a one minute prayer of adoration, followed by a one minute prayer of thanks, a one minute prayer of confession, and a final one minute prayer of asking for God's will to be done. Set an alarm on your phone to remind you to pray.

Visit UMCprays.org for a prayer calendar, specific names to pray for, and prayer posts. Join us on Wednesday February 20 from 6:00-7:00 in the sanctuary for a special Celebration of Prayer and Praise. We will spend time together in guided prayer in preparation for the conference that weekend.

Attend the district-wide worship service on February 24, during the General Conference.

More details coming soon!

UMW

Celebrating 150 years of Mission
Wednesday, February 6
9am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10am Program "Women Investing in Shalom"

A special offering "Prayer and Self Denial" will be taken at this meeting for missions.

Looking Ahead:
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry,
10am in the Family Life Center—Happy Birthday, United Methodist Women!
Women Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith
A special program celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women.
Make plans to attend this celebration

Saturday, April 13, 2019 we will host the District Mission Study at Christ UMC.
We anticipate 80+ people from across the district to attend.
Make plans to attend this Mission Study from 8am-noon

UMAF



Adult Fellowship Breakfast at The Presbyterian Church at 10th and State St. on Tuesday, February 26th at 9:00 am. This is the Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Bowling Green Noon Lions Club. \$6.00 includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Tickets may be pre-purchased from Bruce Allen in the Potpourri Class or at the door.

Teresa Hart with Canine Companions will speak about the services they offer and the training involved. She will have a service dog with her so you can see for yourself the mannerisms of a well- trained canine service dog.

Parking is available at First Christian Church at 1106 State St, a block from The Presbyterian Church. Check for on street parking closer to The Presbyterian Church.

There will also be a box available for used eyeglasses and frames. Proceeds are used to fund eyeglasses for the needy.

Please sign up in the Connection area by Sunday, February 17th. Bruce and Diane Allen (901-568-2029 or 901-581-5490) are event coordinators. Look forward to seeing you!

**OUR STEWARDSHIP
AND ATTENDANCE
January 2019**

Budget for the Year	\$582,958
Needed per Week	\$11,211
Received	
Jan 6	\$ 9,998
Jan 13	9,528
Jan 20	1,193
Jan 27	13,032
 Budget to Date	 \$44,843
 Building Fund Loan Balance	 \$93,761
Building Fund received January	\$960

	Stewardship of Attendance		
	S.S.		
	<u>8:45</u>	<u>10:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Jan 6	161	183	90
Jan 13	113	146	82
Jan 20	S N O W—NO SERVICES		
Jan 27	129	144	78

Servants for February

**8:45 Service
Greeter**

Bonnie Hanes

Communion Servers

Don & Deloris Gaddie
Margaret Johnston & Jennifer Taylor

11:00 Service

Greeters & Communion Servers

The Matt Moore Family

Building Lock Up

Matt Moore

CUMC TEXT ALERTS

If you would like to receive text alerts when church events are cancelled due to weather,

Text:

@cumcalerts to 810-10

Or call the church office with your cell # and we will set you up.

Special Music Notes

Youth Band – Interested in joining a special CUMC Youth Worship Band? We will have rehearsals on Sunday evenings at 7:00-8:00pm in preparation for the upcoming Youth Sunday. We will have a meeting at 12:30 on February 3 for anyone who is interested in participating.

Youth Choir (3rd through 12th grade) – We will have a special youth choir in preparation for both the Youth Sunday coming up in March and for the Palm Sunday Cantata. Rehearsals will begin February 17 at 4:30.

Bell Choir – Bells will start up on March 10 in preparation for ringing in Easter services! 5:30-7:00 Sunday evenings. (If any youth are interested in ringing, please contact Melissa immediately and we will find a different time to rehearse.)

Please email melissa@christumcbg.org or text 617-642-4485 for additional information!

MISSIONS

Red Bird Mission

Would you like to volunteer at Red Bird Mission for a week this year?
Would you like to see this amazing piece of heaven in Kentucky?

There are many weeks available if you and your family would like to go. If you would like to go with me, I am looking at either the week of May 19th or June 2nd.

Check out the website rbmission.org,

call volunteer coordinator, Marsha, at 606-598-3155,
or call me, Jennifer Taylor at 270-535-6304

M.E.A.L.S.

“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

Please circle Saturday, March 16th on your calendars. This is the next date that our church will be responsible for this local ministry. We will be cooking, packing, and delivering a hot meal and other food products to approximately 280 of our neighbors here in Bowling Green. This program provides weekend food to those who do not have the financial means to buy their own or individuals who are elderly or ill and are unable to prepare food for themselves. If you have never had an opportunity to be a part of this ministry, we invite you to join with our very faithful group of CUMC volunteers as we serve those in need. This service date falls during the Lenten season and gives us the chance to be a blessing to others. Instead of “giving up” something during Lent, why not “give more” of yourself and serve the Lord by serving others during these special days?

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Helen Terry @ 270-991-9075 or 270-745-0943. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Connection Area or call to have your name added to the volunteer list.

2019 CUMC M.E.A.L.S., Inc. Dates

March 16th

June 15th

September 14th

December 14th

February Birthdays



Lynda Mulcahy	2/2
Kayla Harmon	2/2
Nora Janes	2/2
Kevin Terry	2/4
Kathryn Harmon	2/4
Joe Curry Hood	2/5
Daniel Berry	2/5
Doris Whitmer	2/8
Wilma Hall	2/10
Larry Wells	2/10
Patrick Reckard	2/14
Angie Gordon	2/15
John Kullman	2/18
Dee Terry	2/20
Judi Kavanaugh	2/22
Nick Winquist	2/23
Tom Baldwin	2/25
Sue Gulley	2/26
Phyllis O'Keefe	2/27

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

Manna Mart Food Pantry Needs:

- * Rice
- * Ramen Noodles
- * Shampoo / Conditioner
- * Toilet Tissue / Paper Towels

CARE GIVERS GROUP

Caregivers group is back meeting on the first Wednesday from 6-7 following the Wd2 meal.

Our guest presenter in February will be Emily Harlan from Home Instead.

In March Linda Love, ombudsman for our Barren River Area will speak.

We meet in the Garden Class and welcome new people to our group.

If these topics are of interest to you or a friend we invite you to join us.

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
 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