



Dear Families and Friends of Christ UMC Lafayette,

Grace and peace to you.

Labor Day is just a few days away. Right now as I struggle through my Covid symptoms to write this I cannot help but think with gratitude about those essential workers who continue to make the world better by doing their job.

I think of those at the gas station and grocery store.

I think of the nurse and the teacher.

I think of... well, at the end of the day, most every job is essential in one way or another.

When the pandemic began and there were arguments about who was essential, I think we missed the point.

Everyone provides an essential service of some sort.

Maybe we should just treat each other with kindness and grace.

Love and respect. These should mark our interactions as a witness to Christ in us.

I hope this Labor Day you will outwardly express your gratitude to those essential workers in your corner of the world.

Shalom,

Rev. Kurt



Church Events/ Meetings

Church Council will meet Mon., Sept. 13th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

Finance Committee will meet Mon., Sept. 13th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Foster Friends will meet Sept. 13th & 27th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Martha Circle will meet Tues., Sept. 21st at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

Staff Parish will meet Mon. Sept. 27th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

Trustees Committee will meet Tues., Sept. 7th at 6:00pm in Room 4.

Women of Faith Bible Study will meet every Tuesday at 10am in room 4.

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



For the month of **Sept.** we will be collecting **CANNED RAVIOLI, CANNED SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, CANNED CHICKEN, CANNED PORK & BEANS, AND GRANOLA BARS.** 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.

Thank you CUMC!

With your generosity of providing a great facility, we were able to provide a safe and enriching environment for 90 campers this summer! We also provided 15 summer jobs for our counselors (9 of whom grew up at CUMC).

Our hours are from 7:00am -6:00pm, Monday-Friday, so we have a lot of hours to fill with fun!



Some of the activities we did this summer:



• **Classroom Time**-Where the kids played games, read their favorite books, built with many different STEM toys, colored, and worked on 1000-piece puzzles. They also loved making friendship bracelets!

• **Camper's Choice**: The campers get to pick a certain activity for the week to learn new skills. This year we offered: Cooking Class, Spa, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Dance Class.

• **Outside time**: The kids loved to play in the Gaga pit, 4 square court, basketball hoop, and coloring with chalk on the pavement.

• **Chapel**: Once a week, we come together in the Sanctuary to worship and hear a Bible story.

• We also fit in a weekly science experiment and a craft that went along with our theme for the week.

• For some extra fun we threw in a weekly costume contest! The campers sure did get creative!



• This year we were able to go on field trips! We went swimming, skating, bowling, to the park, and played some Monster Golf. We also went to an Aviators baseball game, and to the movies. We take City Bus to get us where we need to go.

• We ended our summer with a Big Carnival, pizza party and Kona Ice provided by one of our great families!

Again, thank you CUMC for your support of our Summer Camp Ministry!

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Tools for Schools Program!
Lt. Aaron Johnson

What Would You Give?

What would you give for a day in Spring,
With bright green grass and windy hills,
Sapphire skies and cotton clouds,
And the fairy gold of daffodils?

What would you give for a Summer day,
With your own rainbow overhead,
Butterflies and humming birds,
Hovering over each flower bed?

What would you give for an Autumn day,
With leaves of orange and brown and gold,
The smell of wood smoke in the air,
And all of the love your heart could hold?

What would you give for a Winter day,
Whose landscapes glisten white with snow,
A blazing fire and a friend to share
Sweet memories of long ago?

Is there among us anyone,
With wealth enough to purchase all
This loveliness, no human hand
Can duplicate, however small?
What do you suppose the price
And value of such things would be?
No man who lives is rich enough,
...To buy what God gives us for free!

~Grace E. Easley



Ways to Give Your Offering at CUMC

If you are able to join us in person you may drop your offering in the plate.

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex.
Be sure to include your name on the envelope.

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

go to www.christumchurch.org/giving

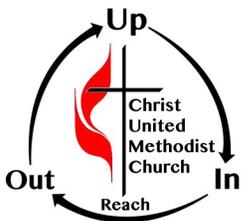
or simply text the dollar amount to 844-266-5452 to give electronically.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Jennifer Silanskis	Sept. 2
Bruce & Melodi Mowery	Sept. 4, 1976
Glenn & Zoe Pearson	Sept. 7, 1958
Mike & Juli Meyerrose	Sept. 8, 1973
Norm & Dana Blanchard	Sept. 13, 1997
John & Elena Shaw	Sept. 15, 1972
Daryl & Diana Slucter	Sept. 17
Dan & Karen Wiggins	Sept. 25, 2010
Michael & Angela Austin	Sept. 26
Slagle, Don & Cathy	Sept. 28, 1985
Branson, Pete & Sue	Sept. 29
Fetchina, Nick & Judy	Sept. 30, 1972



Sept. 1 Carol Martinez **Sept. 2** Cathy Clark **Sept. 3** Rosemary McCool, Trina Stuller **Sept. 4** Donita Patton **Sept. 5** Pam Ferger, Misty Hintz, Carrie McCool **Sept. 6** Jacob Boardman, Dave Ehlers, April Headdy, Jim Maresh **Sept. 7** Brian Fine, Kaitlyn Miller **Sept. 9** Bob Bell, Tammy Lester, Elena Shaw **Sept. 10** Annette Kauffman, Janette Kauffman, Anne McGhee **Sept. 11** Andrea Burnett, Ruby Julian **Sept. 12** Carol Brewer, Bonnie Horn, Noah Opondo, Bill Stieneker **Sept. 13** Tony Tudder **Sept. 16** Dominic Letson, Cindy Payne, Sylvia Vaughn **Sept. 17** Zoe Pearson, Jo Ann Watson **Sept. 19** Don Uglow, Madison Winger **Sept. 20** Jack Baker, Eric Kessler, Jordan Kipp **Sept. 21** Morgan O'Shea **Sept. 22** Melia Farrell **Sept. 23** Lisa Baker, Phyllis Hildebrand **Sept. 24** Michelle Helms, Eli Willenborg **Sept. 25** Crosby Simpson, Landry Wallar, Paula Watkins **Sept. 26** Evan Gutierrez, Jonathan Gutierrez, Mason Gutierrez **Sept. 27** Chuck Simpson, Christian Tudder **Sept. 28** Jay Thoennes **Sept. 29** Maddie Hilsabeck



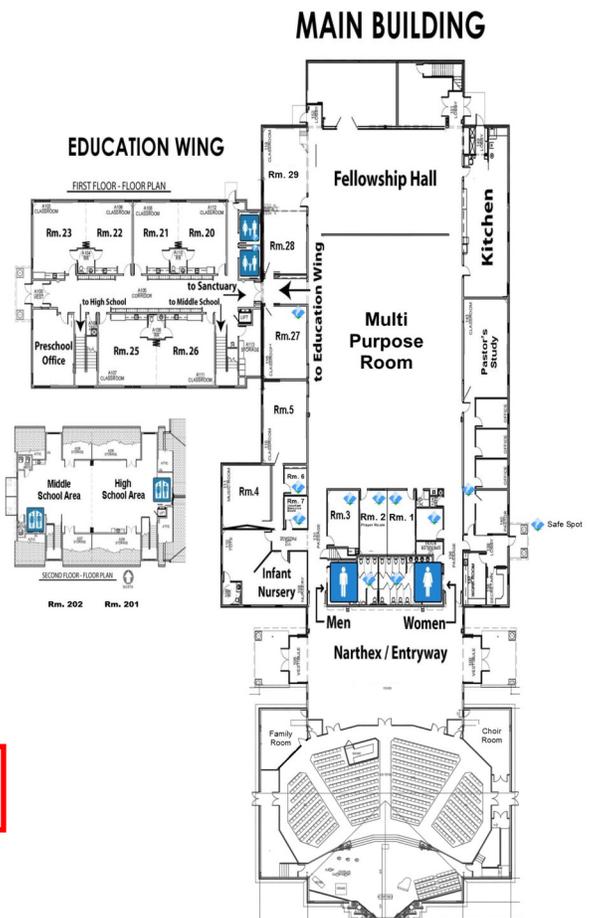
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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am - 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 9:45 am - 10:30 am Spiritual Formation Opportunities
 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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HAVE A PASTORAL EMERGENCY? 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.