

Towerlight

Dec./Jan. Newsletter for Christ UMC



**The Church Office will be
Closed for the Holidays
Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st
MLK Day Jan. 20th**

Church Meetings

Monthly Meetings

Caregiver Support Group will meet Thurs., Dec. 5th & Jan. 2nd at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Church Council will meet Tues., Jan. 14th at 7pm via Zoom

Christ UMC Sisters in Loss will meet Wed., Dec. 11th & Jan. 8th. For details call Cris @ (765) 404-0801

Finance Committee will meet Tues., Jan. 14th at 6pm via Zoom.

Foster Friends will meet Mon., Dec. 16th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Lay Leadership will meet Tues., Dec. 10th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

Martha Circle will meet Mon. Dec. 2nd at 1pm at Christos on Teal and on Tues., Jan. 21st at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

Staff Parish will meet Tues., Dec. 3rd & Jan. 28th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

Trustees will meet Mon., Jan. 6th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Worship Planning will meet Tues., Dec. 3rd & Jan. 7th at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Weekly Meetings

Brianna's Hope
Mondays at 5:45pm for Dinner
Support & Recovery Mtg. at 6:30pm

HeBrews Men's Fellowship
Fridays at 8am in the Pastors' Study.

Sermon Round Up
Mondays at 8:15pm
Join Kurt and Jake on our [Facebook Connect Page](#) to discuss Sunday's Sermon. Ask questions, contribute to the discussion, or just listen.

Women of Faith Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Pastors' Study.

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

**For information regarding any of
these meetings call the church office
765-474-4313 or email
info@christumchurch.org**

THE LONGEST
NIGHT
21 December

Saturday, December 21st

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The song, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" invites us to jingle belling, well wishing, telling and all sorts of good-cheer activities. For many people, though, it is not the most wonderful time of the year.

Longest Night is a worship service for those for whom the holidays are a struggle AND for those among us who desire to walk alongside those families. Regardless the reason for the struggle, we are here to walk together so that everyone can know they are loved in the midst of this time of year. I hope you will consider coming and participating or helping.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Services

6:00pm | 7:30pm | 9:00pm

Stewardship
CORNER

Your Finance committee wishes to thank everyone who made a financial estimate of giving for the 2025 year on Stewardship Sunday or after. We are pleased to report that 104 families made a commitment totally \$363,920. This is compared to 71 families that pledged for the 2024 year.

The church budget for 2025 is \$628,002. The remaining monies will come from our families that support our church financially without pledging and from other sources of income the church receives.

If you have not pledged and wished to do so you can do so online at www.christumchurch.org or [click here](#).

Please be sure not to duplicate your pledge.

Giving Envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Narthex.

Our "Feed the Kids Backpack Ministry" provides food for the Kindergartners and First Graders at Edgelea Elementary, struggling with food insecurity, to take home every week.



**WEEKEND
BACKPACKS**
Hunger doesn't take
the weekend off

This month we will be collecting:
**CANNED CHICKEN, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI
SAUCE, AND CANNED FRUIT.**

Love Gift

Dear Christ Church Family,
As we approach the holiday season, we ask that you consider donating toward a Love Gift for our outstanding staff here at Christ UMC. We are blessed to have such an amazing group of people who go above and beyond their duties each week to ensure that our church and its missions run seamlessly. During these times when quality employees are difficult to find, we have been fortunate to have this dedicated team who have been willing to serve no matter what was asked of them. And in challenging times, we have asked a lot. We know these are economically challenging times for families and this is the time of year when money doesn't stretch far enough, but if we could all just give what we can toward letting our staff know how much we appreciate all they do, it will add up in both amount and in gratitude and love.



Envelopes marked "Love Gift" will be available at the welcome center in the Narthex. You may place it in the Sunday offering or drop it off at the church office. An online offering also can be made using this link www.christumchurch.org/giving. If you would like to give, please have your donation in by Dec. 25th.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee



FOOD PANTRY

The Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry is open weekly at 14th and Tippecanoe Streets and

Christ UMC is again collecting for the pantry during January. Items which are chosen by most families are: **cereal, pasta noodles and pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals (ravioli, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese) and canned fruit.** During January these foods and other non-perishable items should be brought to the area on the west end of the narthex. Cash donations are always needed (to purchase eggs and milk) and can be sent to the church or placed in the offering plate, marked for the Food Pantry.

Thank you for all your contributions!

A Better Life Brianna's Hope

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to ask for volunteers to provide and serve meals for this ministry on Monday evenings. Two to three people are needed to provide a main dish, side, and dessert for 40 people of which you would serve and then clean-up. You would need to arrive by 5:15 and the meal is from 5:45-6:25. If you can assist on January 27, February 24, March 24 or 31, please email Kim Outhouse at kaouthouse@yahoo.com. All other dates have recurring volunteers. If time is an issue we accept monetary donations. If money is tight but you have time we can reimburse you for the food expenses. Thank you to all who support this important ministry. You are greatly appreciated by the ABLBH Team and each of our guests!

Brianna's Hope Childcare Volunteers

We are in NEED of volunteers to assist with childcare during the Brianna's Hope meetings on Monday nights from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. The ages and number of children vary each week from 0-5 kids (lately just 1 or 2) and ages could be infant to 5th grade. Our policy is to have two adults here during that time, so you will never have to be by yourself – you will always have help. The Brianna's Hope ministry is a way we can carry Christ into our community and by providing childcare the participants are able to attend the meeting without worrying about their children. If you are interested or have any questions in this ministry, please contact Dawn Amato at 574-870-9301 or by email dawnamato2019@gmail.com. We currently have 8 volunteers, the goal is to get at least 3-4 more, currently the commitment is about once per month for each volunteer. If we get a few more volunteers, it would be approximately 90 minutes every 6 weeks you would be volunteering. Thank you for your consideration.

Childcare volunteers will need to pass a background check that can be filled out with an online link we will provide you.

Kairos Outside Thanks!!

Submitted by: Becky Crabb

Thank-you SO much for praying for Kairos Outside women! Your names were put on links in the paper prayer chain. With all the names the chain was so long it reached all around the room and the room was almost as big as our Fellowship Hall! About 1/5 of the links were white, meaning they were names of incarcerated people. It was very impressive to see that prayer chain being lifted up around the room!!!

Some of the stories of the women: One lady said she came to the weekend with holes in her. Her pastor told her to fill the holes with good things. She told us she filled them this weekend with love and friendship and family. Another lady said she was so filled with love and friends and good things that the only thing better would be if God himself would be standing right in front of her. Another lady came struggling because her family did not support her. She cried the whole weekend because she found the support and family and love she needed.

It was an amazing weekend! Thanks again, for your prayers - they were needed and felt!

*Jubilee
Christmas*

*A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
CHRIST UMC*

*We would like to thank Christ UMC for
their continued support of Jubilee
Christmas. Through your generosity 52
children will be so excited to have a
Merry Christmas they otherwise would
not have enjoyed. These 20 families were
blessed by your love and grace...you are
the light of Christ carried into our
community.*



*Jubilee Christmas Team
April Headdy, Emily Del Real, Claudia
Comus, Pam Ferger, Carol Yarian*

Travel Opportunity

Join Jim Farrer on an Iceland & Northern Europe cruise with Guest Speaker Rob Fuquay for 10 Nights aboard Norwegian Prima starting at \$4,346* from Indianapolis on August 13, 2025.

You will see Reykjavik, Ísafjörður, Akureyri, Alesund, Måløy, Geiranger, Amsterdam, Anne Frank House, the Hague, Delft Blue Pottery Factory, Brussels, Bruges, St. Hubert Arcades, the Mayflower Memorial, the Tudor House Museum, and much more!

<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/bc25081325p21542#eotours>



Martha Circle Christmas Luncheon

Martha Circle will meet at Christo's on Teal at 1pm on December 2nd for our annual Christmas party. Everyone is to bring a \$12 to \$15 grab bag gift to exchange.



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 and Nikki Sliger
Early Learning Phone: 765-474-8534

Church Websites



Giving



Worship Guide



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Dec. 1 Julie Johnson, Tarra Ziegler **Dec. 3** Amy Marsh
Dec. 4 Ariya Eads, Keiley Eads, Jami Gibson-Rhymer, Brenda Melville, Jennifer Portman, Gabriel Tudder
Dec. 5 Kristin Shelley, Dan Wiggins **Dec. 7** Carson Lay, Kim Outhouse **Dec. 9** Mike Seyfried
Dec. 10 Carol Burkart **Dec. 11** Jocelyn Trosper **Dec. 12** Robin Haywood, Mylan Headdy, Cy Holladay, Niko Miller
Dec. 13 Nick Fetchina **Dec. 15** Patricia Snyder
Dec. 17 Becky Crabb, Aleta Frerichs, Cindy Maynard
Dec. 18 Tim O'Shea, Sara Samudio **Dec. 19** Judy Fetchina, Beks Freeman, Donna McCormick
Dec. 20 Paula Reynolds, Deb Simpson **Dec. 21** Tina Parker
Dec. 22 Allie Linder, Jordan O'Shea, Elizabeth Tudder
Dec. 23 Robert Maestas **Dec. 24** Sherry Cox
Dec. 25 Mary Sowinski, Wyatt Timmons **Dec. 26** Abigail Burnett, Allie Burnett, Charlotte Elliott, Jack Turner
Dec. 27 Debbie Stieneker, Dan Walker **Dec. 28** Carter Sims
Dec. 29 Evan Mott **Dec. 31** Stella Gilmore, Randy Hillyer, Nichole Turner
Jan. 1 Allison Boardman, Ken Campfield, Judy Wright
Jan. 3 Denise Brightman, Larry Clark **Jan. 4** Michael Karafin
Jan. 8 David Stroud, Joey Woodyard
Jan. 10 Ray Brothers, Sharon Sawyer, Laura Shondell, Amber Simons
Jan. 12 Griffin Stephenson
Jan. 13 Garnet Roesel, Kay Stichter **Jan. 16** Alexandria Elliott
Jan. 19 Carole Gilbert **Jan. 22** Calee Hellwig, Eric Simons, Jayne Watkins
Jan. 23 Nancy Peterson
Jan. 24 Betty Dano, Elizabeth Freeman, Olivia Samudio
Jan. 26 Mary Jo Kirkham
Jan. 27 Emily Hall, Lucy Hall, Sarah Hall, Randy Keen, Jerry Weedon
Jan. 28 Steve Doty, Brandon Hornor, Kelsey Schulze
Jan. 30 Nate High **Jan. 31** Ellis Hurt

Happy Anniversary

Jack Dwiggins & Sylvia Vaughn	12/04/2019
Rick & Janet Osborn	12/08/1990
Fred & Garnet Roesel	12/19/1956
Debra & Duane Reagan	12/31/1983
Brad & Hillary Letson	01/02/2012
Jerry & Bette Taylor	01/08/1954
James & Lynn Powers	01/11/1980
Cindy & Kevin Maynard	01/14/1996
Roger & Bonnie Horn	01/27/1968