

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Monthly Newsletter

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## *A Stroll Through the* **CHRISTMAS TV CLASSICS**

**Advent Study with Pastor Bruce**  
**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 21st**  
**9:45am - 10:30am**

This is a four week advent study based on the TV Classics: Lassie, The Twilight Zone, The Andy Griffith Show, and The Donna Reed Show. Our discussions will focus on scripture related to reaching out to others in need, the joy of giving, seeing the hurt in others, and letting your light shine. Let's watch the classics together while we keep Christ in Christmas.

As we celebrate the love God showed us by sending His Son, we want to give you an opportunity to show your love to someone whose memory or presence you cherish. If you would like to honor someone with a poinsettia, envelopes are located at the welcome center or order online with the information to the right. Orders must be received by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will decorate the Sanctuary with the poinsettias and then you may take yours home on Christmas Eve.

**Poinsettias**  
**\$12 Each**

To order go to  
[www.christumchurch.org](http://www.christumchurch.org)  
or [click here if viewing online.](#)



# HANGING OF THE GREENS

AT CHRIST UMC  
November 23rd  
at Both Services

✧ 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Join us for this special worship service and learn the meaning behind the decorations we use at Christmas.

Traditionally, people put a lot of effort into their Christmas decorations. Have you ever asked yourself why do we do this?  
What does it mean?

During the Advent season we prepare for the One who has come, whom we expect to come, and who will come again. We prepare our hearts and make room for the Messiah. We decorate our church with the symbols of love, joy, hope, and peace. Why do we do this?

To tell the story again and then proclaim:  
Jesus is born. God is with us!

## Be a Part of This Amazing Service

I am looking for about 13 readers at each service. As a reader you will read a prepared scripture and a short narrative about a Christmas tradition or decoration.

If you and/or your family would like to be a reader for this service, please call Terra in the church office at 474-4313 or email [terra@christumchurch.org](mailto:terra@christumchurch.org)



## National Family Caregivers Month

We honor those Caregivers, present and past, for their critical contributions to families, communities, and healthcare systems. Please reach out to all Caregivers you know who are needing a break from the daily challenges with a note, a phone call or a coffee invitation.

Remember Caregivers, take time for yourselves.

**You cannot serve from an empty vessel.**

Monthly Caregivers' meetings in the Pastors' study.

**1st Thursday of each month, 6:00pm-7:30pm**

**The Caregiver Action Network** has many resources for caregivers, including weekly webinars and support groups.

The webinar series will spotlight a key area of caregiving and share practical tools, peer insights, and expert advice to help you connect to the resources you need. Whether you're navigating care for the first time or balancing caregiving with work and family, this series is designed to meet you where you are.

**Check out:** <https://www.caregiveraction.org/nfc2025-connect/>

## The Bible Year Webpage

your resource for this journey

<https://christumchurch.org/thebibleyear/>

### Listen

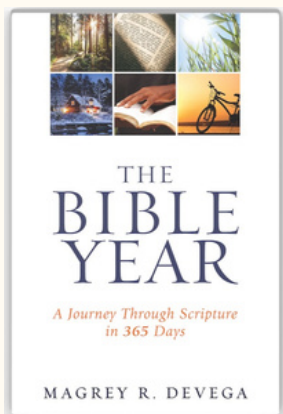
Pastor Kurt and Jake share their insights on the chapters & verses on their weekly podcast.

### Pray

Commentary and prayer from members of Christ UMC's Prayer Team is available on The Bible Year webpage.

### Connect

Connect with others throughout this series by attending one of the classes studying this section or, if you are interested in gathering some friends to go through the journey with you, we have resources to help. Please see Pastor Kurt or Carol.







Thanks to all who donated adult coats for the  
Salvation Army Winter Warm Up program.  
We were able to deliver 60 coats from Christ UMC!  
Jack Dwiggin

Thank you,

Dearest friends at Christ UMC, thank you so much for your prayers and support during Jim's illness and at his passing. The many cards and prayers we received were a bright spot in his days. He was sure he'd make it back to church to see everyone. In your love he grew in his faith. Your welcome from our first visit 11 years ago blessed us. Our family thanks each of you from our heart for your past and continuing love and concern. Blessings, the family of Jim Plassard.



**Nov. 1** Sandy McCammon **Nov. 3** Melodi Mowery, Joyce Pilotte  
**Nov. 5** Virginia Dowling, Frank O'Shea **Nov. 6** Sue Branson, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Randy Leazenby, Emily Mayer, Nikki Sliger **Nov. 8** Sawyer Baumgardt **Nov. 9** Rebecca Boardman **Nov. 10** Koralyn Schulze, Kaitlyn Sliger, Phyllis Williams **Nov. 11** Steve Brown, Kim DeWilde, Terra Bell **Nov. 14** Allen Blanchard, Dana Blanchard, Nate Hilsabeck, Kristi Hogue, Paislei Ziegler **Nov. 15** Marilyn McIntosh, Bruce Mowery **Nov. 16** Rhonda Hunt **Nov. 18** Shelby Gilmore **Nov. 21** Phyllis Halsema, Camilla Mayer **Nov. 24** Bradley Blanchard **Nov. 25** Katie Del Real **Nov. 26** David Fagan, Becca Gillaspay, Sydney Mark **Nov. 29** Diana Jones **Nov. 30** Jordan Mark, Brad Pendleton, Alan Simpson



**John & Carol Yarian**

**11/03/1968**

**Ray & Donna Brothers**

**11/10**

**Steve & Debbie Brown**

**11/17/1990**

**Jeremy Frerichs & Deanna Wise-Frerichs**

**11/30/2002**



# So Deck The Halls

By Rev. Kurt Freeman

Witness the first public stage in a new play's life:  
a table read!

*So Deck the Halls* is a musical based on an Iraq veteran who signed up for extra tours to send her people home to their families.

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**Nov 16, 8:30 or 10:45 AM**

Christ UMC (3610 S 18th ST, Lafayette, IN)  
Show will be live-streamed to Christ UMC's  
Facebook and YouTube



**FREE** general admission:  
walk in at Christ UMC





# JUBILEE CHRISTMAS

Christ UMC will partner with Lafayette Urban Ministry, (LUM), again this year to host Jubilee Christmas on Saturday, December 13th. Christ UMC will be providing Christmas toys and other gifts for 45 children in our community and our Brianna's Hope Ministry.

Jubilee Kick off is  
Sunday, November 23rd.  
Visit our table in the Narthex to see  
how you can help support this  
ministry and  
“Carry Christ into our Community”

Contact:  
[carol@christumchurch.org](mailto:carol@christumchurch.org)  
with questions or for more  
information



# Turkey Time Ministry



Join us as we work together to provide Thanksgiving meals for 10 families each at Woodland, Miller and Murdock Elementary Schools, Wainwright MS and those in our Christ UMC family that need a little extra help.

## FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

BOXED INSTANT MASHED POTATOES  
JARS OR PACKETS OF GRAVY  
CANNED GREEN BEANS AND CORN  
FROZEN PIES  
BOXED STUFFING

Monetary donations would be appreciated for our Ministry Team to purchase turkeys, rolls, butter, oven roasting bags and roasting pans. Turkey Time donation envelopes will be available or mark your donation for this ministry. If you want to provide an entire meal for a family of 6 the cost is \$60.00

Please have your donations turned in by Sunday, November 16th, 2025





Submitted by: Nick Fetchina, Finance Chair

## **Have you thought about your Legacy?**

Did you know you can name Christ UMC as a beneficiary on your retirement account with a percentage or specific dollar amount? Christ UMC can also be named in your Last Will and Testament and/or Trust Agreement to support our church family that you have been part of.

## **Harness the Power of your IRA with a Charitable Distribution**

Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is the minimum amount that you must withdraw from your IRA each year. If you are at least 70½ years old, you may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly to Christ UMC from your IRA to satisfy all or part of your RMD. A QCD can be utilized to fulfill part or all of your pledge without being taxed on the IRA distribution.

- If you are interested in more information, contact our church office.
- Consult with your financial and tax advisors on guidance to set each up.

## **Stewardship Sunday Follow Up**

Last week we celebrated Stewardship Sunday. Thank you to all those who have filled out their estimate of giving cards for 2026. So far, we have received 61 cards for a total of \$212,960. Last year, our total estimate was \$367,920 from 95 cards. These estimates help us to plan and budget for our ministry for the coming year so that we can continue to reach our community and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you have not yet had the opportunity to fill out your estimate, cards are available at the welcome center or you may fill it out online by clicking this link:

[Estimate of Giving for 2026](#)

Thank you for your continued support of Christ UMC!



# **STAYING SAFE NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!**

**The Lafayette Police Department  
presents  
Active Shooter Training  
Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm  
at Christ UMC**

- **We don't have to be fearful**
  - **We are protected**
  - **We are trained**
  - **We are ready to respond**
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**Contact Carol Yarian or email  
[carol@christumchurch.org](mailto:carol@christumchurch.org)  
for more information**

**Whether you  
are in Worship at Christ  
UMC, in a classroom,  
eating out or shopping,  
we will learn what to  
look for and do when  
you see something  
suspicious.**

**We ENCOURAGE you to  
join us and be prepared  
just in case that  
“something” does  
happen.**