

# Towerlight

THE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH July 2021



Dear Families and Friends of Christ UMC,

We are half way through 2021. This year seems to be going much faster than last year. Or maybe it is just because I am older.

I hope and pray that your year is going well.  
As we approach school starting next month, we are going to need some help.

Most Americans have gotten out of the habit of going to church or engaging with other people.  
Some of your neighbors may just need a small encouragement to join you in worship. School starting is a great time to invite someone to walk with you as you walk with Christ.

Maybe the one needing encouragement is you.  
Maybe you need encouraged to step up and join a class or start a small group.

We all need community.  
In faith, we need fellow believers to walk with us and help us on the journey.

I hope and pray you will pray in July for how you will work on your faith this fall AND for those you will invite to come alongside you to join you in the journey.

Shalom,  
Rev. Kurt

## Church Events/ Meetings

Church Office Closed  
July 5th

**Church Council** will meet Mon., July 12th at 7:15pm via Zoom

**Finance Committee** will meet Mon., July 12th at 6pm via Zoom.

**Foster Friends** will meet July 12th & 26th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

**Staff Parish** will meet Mon. July 26th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Trustees Committee** will meet Mon., July 19th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Worship Planning** will meet Mon., July 19th at 7:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

**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](http://www.christumchurch.org/calendar)

Invite someone this week.



*It could change their life forever.*



For the month of July we will be collecting **CANNED GREEN BEANS, SPAGHETTI (1LB), CANNED CHICKEN, CANNED RAVIOLI, CANNED APPLESAUCE, JELLY (NO GLASS) & KNORR SIDES.** 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.



At CUMC we see membership as a critical part of the Path to Discipleship and opportunities to faithfully serve.

Our mission is to:

**“Make New and Maturing Disciples for the Transformation of the World”**

Pastor Kurt and Pastor Bruce will walk with this class in a new and exciting journey of living out our faith are you ready to be “ALL IN”?

We will talk about relational connections, how we connect with others, share our story of faith, and our connection story with CUMC. This class will meet for 8 weeks on Tuesday’s starting August 31st-October 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm at CUMC

If you are interested in joining this class or have questions, contact Carol Yarian or email [carol@christumchurch.org](mailto:carol@christumchurch.org)

### **Discipleship Survey**

Jack Dwiggs and the Discipleship Team are working to help our congregation develop a system to help people intentionally mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. Part of that discipleship process include Following Jesus in a Life of Service.

As we work into this discipleship model, please take a moment to evaluate where you are in your walk with Christ so that we, as a congregation, can prioritize and plan for helping everyone come closer to Christ in 2021. Below is a link to a survey to help evaluate and discern where each person is. Please take a moment to fill it out, results will be anonymous.

To take the survey, go to [Discipleshipsurvey.com/1/](https://Discipleshipsurvey.com/1/) select "use church access code"

The code to access survey is: **Indianajoy**

Our church is listed as: Lafayette Christ UMC. Do not pick Lafayette Trinity UMC

### **Freedom Prayer for Independence Day**

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

# Thank you!

We would like to thank our church family for your outpouring of caring & concern for Phyllis & myself during my couple of months of confinement & recovery from my most recent heart surgery. It is very humbling & amazing of the cards,

phone calls and visit from Kurt during my recovery. Still have some work to do but hope to see you back in church in the near future.

Thank you and may God bless you all,  
Bob Bell

## THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Congratulations and thanks to the congregation for their generosity in supporting the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry with food collected during May! A big thank you also to Glenn and Zoe Pearson and Carol Yarian who made the delivery of the food. Also, many thanks to the following persons who worked the Pantry in June: Chuck Simpson, Johanna Kircherer, Diana Jones and Carole Haynes. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the Church office at 765-474-4313. Volunteers are always welcome!



**July 1** Jeremy Frerichs, Roger Horn, Jennifer Silanskis  
**July 3** Kaelyn Outhouse, Carla Whiteman **July 4** Laura Mark, Bill Reynolds **July 5** Kyle Springer **July 7** Ian Opondo **July 8** Bonnie Bandy, Maggie Bushman, Diana Slucter **July 9** Ruby Armstrong, Kevin Biery **July 10** Dalton Holmes, Margo Oliver **July 11** Pam Arnold, Bob Miessler **July 12** Jenny Cahoon, Maria Gutierrez, Elaine Hinckley **July 13** Lillian Woods-Melville **July 14** Mike Linville, Landon Miller, Zoe Miller **July 15** Leighann Davis **July 16** Phyllis Lane, Hope Wooldridge **July 17** Paizley Hilton **July 18** Ed Crabb **July 19** Lisa Boots **July 20** Duane Reagan, Suzanne Starkey **July 21** Katie McCool **July 22** Drew Emig **July 23** Denis Horn **July 24** Kim Loveless, Gary Pierce **July 25** Abby Frerichs, Cheryl Nellis **July 26** Theresa Bell **July 27** Chase Cobbold **July 28** Daryl Slucter **July 29** Jacenda Gilman, Dennis Hamilton, Nolan Pierce **July 31** Greg Morris, John Shaw

# Tithes & Offerings

GIVING BACK TO GOD

## Ways to Give Your Offering at CUMC

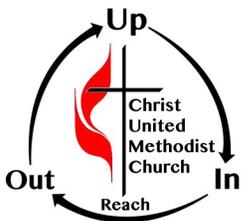
If you are able to join us in person you may drop your offering in the plate. Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Be sure to include your name on the envelope.

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

go to [www.christumchurch.org/giving](http://www.christumchurch.org/giving)  
 or simply text the dollar amount to 844-266-5452 to give electronically.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sam & Linda Yoki	July 01, 1986
Gary & Phyllis Williams	July 03, 1969
Dennis & Rita Bulington	July 04, 1987
Pat & Melody Carducci	July 10, 2010
Aaron & MarLen Slagel	July 12, 1986
Justin & Brandy Stephenson	July 12, 2003
Alan & Nancy Burge	July 14, 1973
Scott & Jessica Gillespie	July 14, 2007
Andres & Chris Meyer	July 14, 1984
Eric & Amber Simons	July 15, 2000
Eric & Jama Ford	July 16, 1994
Kim & Cindy Pulley	July 16, 1977
Brian & Jennifer Hall	July 17, 2004
Andy & Maria Gutierrez	July 18, 0000
Jim & Vivian Plassard	July 18, 1969
Jenny & Jeff Cahoon	July 19, 1997
Carter & Becky Sims	July 21, 0000
Bruce & Donna McCormick	July 22, 1972



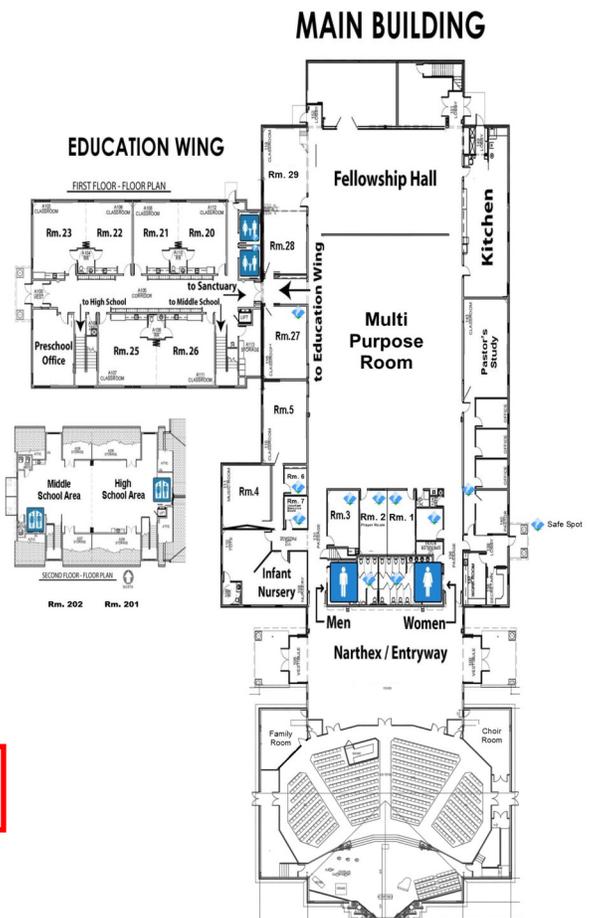
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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

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 Dwiggin, 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.