

# Towerlight

THE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH June 2021



Dear Families and Friends of Christ UMC Lafayette,

This year we are beginning to see a return to some forms of normalcy as we adapt to Covid and its consequences.

As I announced recently, we will continue masking to help protect the most vulnerable among us--especially those who are at-risk and are not yet approved to receive the vaccine. These age groups (children) should be eligible to receive the vaccine late summer into the fall.

At that time, we will re-evaluate masks in worship.

Even with the vaccine, there are risks. You are welcome to read some of the research I have done and make your own determination. Links to the articles are available below.

All of these decisions I am working through-- in consultation with SPRC, Staff, Ad Council-- are being funneled through the values we have been working with this whole time:

Do No Harm  
Do Good  
Stay in Love with God

Our United Methodist Heritage has a special emphasis on defending children and those who are vulnerable. Until kids are safe-- and the current variants seem to attach to younger people more according to some research-- we can continue doing our part to help.

We know the practices work: wash your hands, social distancing, mask wearing. I know these add a layer of difficulty; however, I believe it is worth it to 1) keep people safe and 2) not overwhelm our healthcare system.

I am open to having conversations about this. I would welcome conversations. It is very often lonely working through these things. I covet your prayers as I discern the best way forward for all of us.

Thanks for being with me in it.

Shalom,  
Rev. Kurt

<https://www.businessinsider.com/experts-say-stop-blaming-covid-variants-for-outbreaks-2021-5>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/expert-answers/covid-variant/faq-20505779>

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-info.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcases-updates%2Fvariant-surveillance%2Fvariant-info.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-info.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcases-updates%2Fvariant-surveillance%2Fvariant-info.html)

## Church Events/ Meetings

**Finance Committee** will meet Mon., June 14th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Foster Friends** will meet June 14th & 28th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

**Lay Leadership Committee** will meet Mon., June 14th at 7:15pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Martha Circle** will meet Tues., June 15th at 12:30pm at Happy Hollow Park.

**Staff Parish** will meet Mon., June 28th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Trustees Committee** will meet Mon., June 7th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

**Worship Planning** will meet Mon., June 7th 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)



For the month of June 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.

# Picnic in the Park

The Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 15th at 12:30pm for a brown bag lunch at Happy Hollow Park, shelter #3.

# SAVE THE DATE

Join us at CHRIST UMC for Fun, Food, & Fellowship!

## Back to School Blessing

Date: August 7th

Time: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

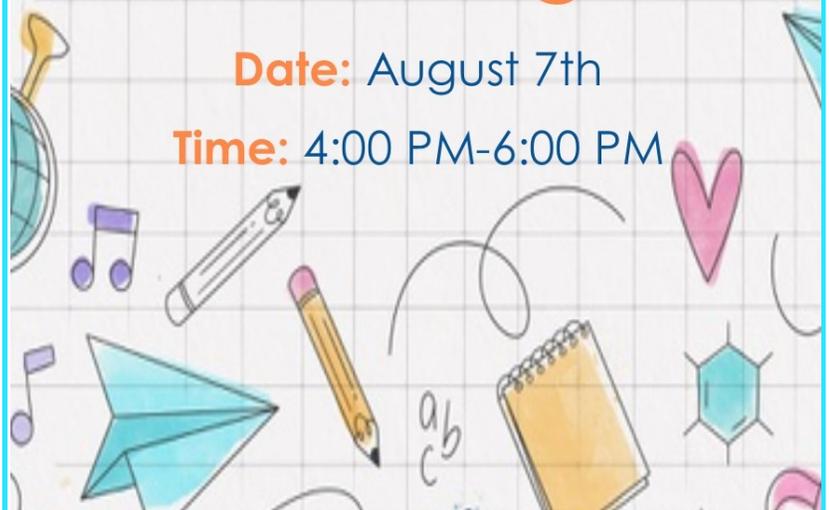
### New Summer Hours Kids' Kloset Open every Tuesday 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Summer Hours begin June 1st



Beginning June 1st, the Kids' Kloset will be open every Tuesday from 1:30pm - 4:00pm

The Kids' Kloset at Christ UMC is available to anyone in need of clothing for their child or children. We have clothes for newborns through teenagers. If you know anyone needing clothes for their children please let them know they are welcome to use the Kids' Kloset at Christ UMC.

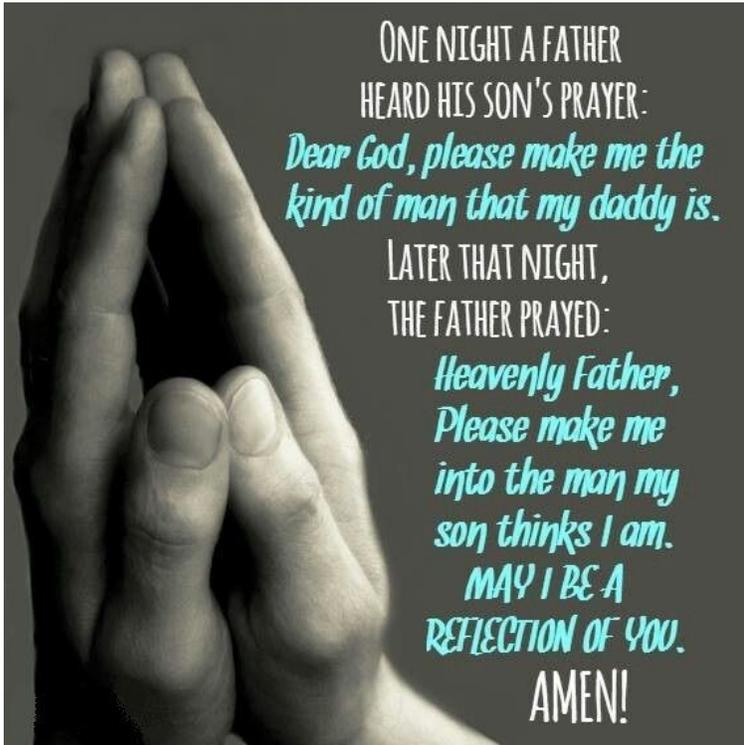


CUMC is hosting a Back to School Blessing on August 7th and the entire congregation is invited! It will be a fun outdoor event. Save the date and watch for more event details in the future.

## Let's talk

Beginning June 13th from 9:45am - 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Kurt will be available for questions and conversations about

CUMC, religion, or perhaps how religion plays a part in our society every day. These "Talks" will happen the 2nd Sunday of every month. Bring your coffee and your questions!



**June 2** Lynette Keen,  
Dan Mayer **June 3**  
Ashleigh Davis, Amber  
Lester, Barb Meyer  
**June 6** Brooklyn Beeler,  
Rowen Farrell **June 7**  
Brienne Julian, Mike  
Winstead **June 9** Inge  
Maresh, Tom McGhee,  
Mary Payne, Jeffrey Pulley **June 10** Colleen Banes,  
Brenda Biery, Jessica Gillespie **June 11** Brian Hall, Ed  
Johnson **June 13** Kourtney Wheeler **June 14** Hannah  
Bushman, John Oliver **June 15** Carol Gilbert **June 16**  
Eva Burton, Aaron Slagel **June 17** Lillian Mayer,  
Vivian Plassard **June 18** Claude Sawyer, Elliott  
Ungersma **June 19** Eloise Dowell, Amber King **June**  
**20** Jean McVay **June 21** Margaret Hornick, Lynn  
Powers **June 23** Betty Purcell **June 24** Tom McCool,  
Becky Sims, Donnie Swisher **June 25** Ellie Paugh,  
Emma Stephenson, Ofe Walker, Rowan Wallar **June**  
**26** Andres Meyer, Jeff Portman **June 28** Lori Emig,  
Jodi Farrer **June 29** Esther Morris **June 30** Wyatt  
Gilman, Sandra LeClaire, Carol Stevens, Bette Taylor

### Discipleship Survey

Jack Dwiggin 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**

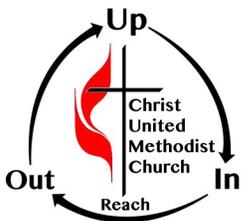
Jeff & Marilyn Portman	June 03, 1978
Brett & Tracy Bobzien	June 04, 2011
Greg & Jacenda Gilman	June 05, 1993
Ed & Becky Crabb	June 06, 1971
Marty & Robin Haywood	June 07, 1980
Hal & Crystal Acree	June 08, 1985
Steve & Theresa Bell	June 08, 1973
Steve & Marcia Doty	June 08, 1974
George & Paula Russell	June 08, 1991
Gary & Rebecca Boardman	June 11, 1994
Tom & Anne McGhee	June 12, 1993
Brian & Mindy Gawlik	June 13, 1998
Ralph & Judy Jackson	June 13, 1964
Bill & Brenda Melville	June 13, 1987
Nate & Audra High	June 15, 2013
Dave & Laura Ehlers	June 16, 1956
Gary & Virginia Dowling	June 18, 1993
Herb & Carol Stevens	June 19, 1954
Frank & Marilyn McIntosh	June 20, 1959
Brian & Sara Fine	June 21, 1997
Eric & Hollie Kessler	June 21, 1997
Randy & Christi Lower	June 21, 1980
Gary & Mary Jo Kirkham	June 22, 1958
Nathan & Amber King	June 23, 2007
Tim & Susan O'Shea	June 27, 1992
Jim & Jo Ann Watson	June 27, 1954

### 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.



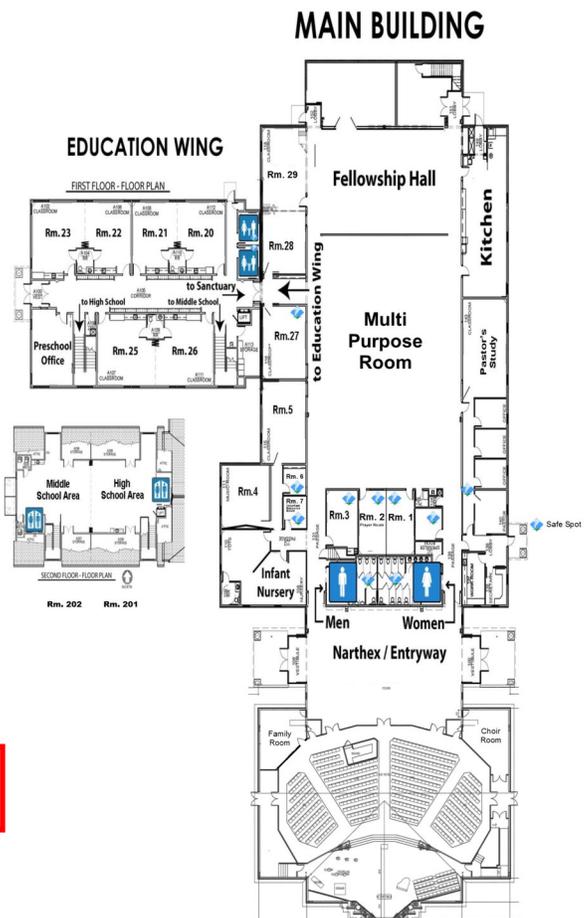
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 Office Phone: 765-474-4313  
 Early Learning Phone: 765-474-8534  
 Fax: 765-474-6943  
 Email: [info@christumchurch.org](mailto:info@christumchurch.org)

**Sunday Morning Schedule**

8:30 am - 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
 9:45 am - 10:30 am Spiritual Formation Opportunities (coming back soon)  
 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.