

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter

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Let's Give to Our Community



**The Tippecanoe County
United Food Pantry**
1320 Tippecanoe St.

Open weekly
Tuesday: 3:30 - 6:00pm
Wednesday: 12:00 - 2:30pm

We are collecting for the food pantry this month. Donations can be left on the "Outreach" shelf located in 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 of your support!

Proverbs 19:17:

**"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done."**



Food Items Needed:
Canned: Tomatoes, Fruit, Veggies, & Soup
Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese
Rice, Crackers, Peanut Butter
Cereal (Most Needed Item)

Stewardship

2027 Stewardship Campaign:

We invite everyone to prayerfully fill out an estimate of giving card for the upcoming year. Your financial commitment helps our church plan vital ministries, support our community and maintain our wonderful church building. We also ask you to fill out a time and talent pledge to let us know where you would be willing to serve in 2027. We are asking that both the financial estimate of giving and your time and talent pledge be completed by November 1.

How to Submit Your Cards:

- Place your completed cards in the offering plate during any Sunday worship service or drop off in the church office during office hours
 - (M-Th 9-3, Friday 9-noon).
- Mail your card to the church office:
 - 3610 S. 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47909
- Fill out the online forms found on our website or at the following links:
 - **Estimate of Giving Link:**
 - <https://forms.gle/oismM5Fx37HNJYAQ8>
 - **Time and Talent Pledge Link:**
 - <https://forms.gle/C5mYdSe8cJBX13ob9>

Why Your Estimate Matters:

- Budget Planning-helps leaders make wise spending decisions for next year.
- Ministry Growth-Funds programs and worship experiences for our congregation as we work to make new and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Outreach-Allows us to Carry Christ into our Community.
- Faithful Stewardship-Encourages cheerful and planned giving as a spiritual practice.



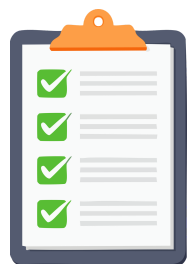
Leave a List your family will thank you

Most of us have experienced, or know someone who has experienced, the task of sorting through the affairs of a recently deceased loved one. Unfortunately, that can sometimes be a nightmare. We aren't sure where the records are kept. We don't know the account numbers. We couldn't tell you whether they still had debts to pay—or to whom. How many credit cards did they have? Did they have the deed to the house? Was there life insurance? Did they have retirement accounts in more than one place? Did they have a will or trust, and where is a copy? And all those family photos—where are they?

We have a thousand questions, and even if we do know much of the above, we can get stuck if we can't find any passwords. We can't even shut down their Facebook account without one.



It would be suggested that we be good stewards in death, just as we have been in life. If you want to make things easier on those you leave behind, make a list. It could take a few hours, but you have time over the coming month. Write it on paper and put it in a binder. Make a computer file and store it on a flash drive. You might want to keep all your information in one place and your passwords in another (or with another person). If you have a lawyer, give it to them and instruct your family to contact him or her if needed.



Grief is difficult enough without the added confusion of navigating a loved one's chaotic estate. Leave a list, they will thank you.

Sunday, November 1st

We will have a guest speaker

Glenn Howell, Director of Development for the Heartland Methodist Foundation

Glenn Howell will be here during both services and in between to talk about Estate Planning and how to include Christ UMC in your will through our endowment.

Are You All In?

Have you considered becoming a Full Member at Christ UMC? Maybe you have attended here for 20 years and for some reason or another you have not made the decision to be **"ALL IN"**.

Pastor Kurt and Pastor Bruce will walk with you through this membership class.

We will talk about relational connections, how we connect with others, share our story of faith and our connection story with Christ UMC.

Why should you be "All In"? Join this class and find out!

Sundays, Sept. 13th - Oct. 18th

9:45am - 10:30am in room 1

Contact Carol with any questions or to join the class: carol@christumchurch.org

Edgelea Backpack Ministry

Edgelea Feed the Kids provides food for students in need each weekend during the school year by picking up and delivering tote bags with food. The staff at Edgelea Elementary recommends families for this program and we fulfill their needs. Funding for this program is provided by the generosity of our congregation and through monthly food donations. This ministry also helps to bring awareness to our congregation the needs many families in our community face. Many times it is our next door neighbor.

Since Elementary Students are small and carry the totes home, we will not send glass containers home in the totes.

Donations can be left in the shopping cart near the entry to the Gym.

We are collecting:

- Microwave popcorn
- Saltine crackers
- 24oz bottles of pancake syrup
- 16oz peanut butter
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned chicken breast
- SpaghettiOs
- Individually wrapped snacks



CHRIST UMC FALL FESTIVAL

AT WEA CREEK ORCHARD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

5PM - 7PM

A FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE!

- FOOD TRUCKS
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- FACE PAINTING
- BALLOON ARTISTS
- HAYRIDES
- SILENT AUCTION
- SHOPPING AT THE WEA CREEK MARKET



Changes to Facility Rentals

The Administrative Committees at Christ UMC have been working very hard trying to fulfill our budgetary needs. A few church resources suggested renting our facility spaces for a fee and this fee would cover utility costs and wear and tear on the building.

After much discussion, the Trustees have decided on the new rental fees which will go into effect October 1st.

Please note that this will not affect:
church/ministry meetings, bible studies, the Scouts, or funerals

Rental Fees for Church Members and EL Families			
Room	Time	Fee	Notes
Fellowship Hall, Gym, & Kitchen	4 Hours	\$100	Minimum Fee of \$100 Setup and cleanup to be done in the 4 hour time frame. Additional time can be added for \$25/hour.
Room 3	1 Hour	\$25	
Room 4	1 Hour	\$35	

Rental Fees for Outside Groups			
Room	Time	Fee	Notes
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	6 Hours	\$400	
Fellowship Hall, Gym, & Kitchen	6 Hours	\$600	
Room 3	1 Hour	\$40	
Room 4	1 Hour	\$50	



Sept. 2 Cathy Clark **Sept. 5** Pam Ferger, Misty Hintz **Sept. 6** Jacob Boardman, David Ehlers, April Headdy, James Maresh **Sept. 7** Rowan Davis, Brian Fine, Kaitlyn Miller **Sept. 9** Tammy Lester, Elena Shaw **Sept. 10** Annette Kauffman, Janette Kauffman **Sept. 11** Andrea Burnett **Sept. 12** Bonnie Horn, Bill Stieneker **Sept. 13** Emerson Ferry, Tony Tudder **Sept. 16** Dominic Letson, Cindy Payne, Sylvia Vaughn **Sept. 17** Lisa Mott, Zoe Pearson, Corinne Stout **Sept. 19** Aaron Headdy, LeRoy Moore, Don Uglow, Ariel Yater **Sept. 20** Eric Kessler **Sept. 21** Morgan O'Shea **Sept. 23** Lisa Baker, Phyllis Hildebrand **Sept. 24** Michelle Helms **Sept. 25** Crosby Simpson, Paula Watkins **Sept. 27** Chuck Simpson, Christian Tudder **Sept. 28** Jay Thoennes **Sept. 29** Madisen Hilsabeck **Sept. 30** Mark Thoennes



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Happy Anniversary

James & Judy Auter
09/01/????
Bruce & Melodi Mowery
09/04/1976
Kenneth & Theresa Sowinski
09/05/1992
Glenn & Zoe Pearson
09/07/1958
Norm & Dana Blanchard
09/13/1997
John & Elena Shaw
09/15/1972

Daryl & Diana Slucter
09/17/????
David & Marie Stroud
09/20/1973
Dan & Karen Wiggins
09/25/2010
Michael & Angela Austin
09/26/????
Pete & Sue Branson
09/29/????
Nick & Judy Fetchina
09/30/1972

