

Towerlight

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Just a show of hands: How many of you watched The Munsters or The Addams family?



I saw them on reruns.

I think I preferred Addams over Munsters. It just seemed more likely to actually happen.

This October, our series theme is Adam's Family Meets The Addams Family: What we can learn from a morbid family.

As I study the story of the Addams family, I think maybe they are one of the most functional and healthy to have been on TV... ever.

Their seeming morbidity and fascination with death is actually revealed to be comfort with the truth of death-- something all of us could benefit from.

We all will die.

Only when we wrestle with--and come to terms with--that truth can we truly live.

Every year, we face this truth a couple times in the Christian year. Lent. All Saints Day.

This year, we are going to focus through the Addams family and go straight through to our All Saint's Celebration.

If you have a loved one who passed away in the last year that you want remembered, please get that name into the office by Oct. 25th so we can be best prepared to celebrate our All Saints Remembrance.

Shalom,
Rev. Kurt



Church Events/ Meetings

Lay Leadership will meet Mon., Oct. 11th at 7:15pm via zoom.

Finance Committee will meet Mon., Oct. 11th at 6pm via zoom.

Foster Friends will meet Oct. 11th & 25th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Martha Circle will meet Tues., Oct. 19th at 2pm in the Pastors' Study.

Staff Parish will meet Mon. Oct. 25th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

Trustees Committee will meet Mon., Oct. 4th at 6:30pm in Room 4.

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



Trunk or Treat

October 23rd - 4PM - 6PM

We need 30 volunteers to come decorate their trunks for our annual Trunk or Treat! Please sign up on the poster board in the Narthex or reach out to Emily Mayer at Emily@christumchurch.org. Candy donations can be dropped off at the office or in the labeled box in the Narthex.



For the month of Oct. we will be collecting **CANNED RAVIOLI OR SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, CANNED CHICKEN, CANNED PORK & BEANS, GRANOLA BARS, JELLY (NO GLASS), AND SMALL PEANUT BUTTER.** 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.

Chicken Noodle Carry Out
October 22nd

Pick Up
 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Quart of Chicken & Noodles	\$7.00
Quart of Mashed Potatoes	\$4.00
Quart of Green Beans	\$4.00
Bag of Dry Noodles	\$5.00

Place your order by October 14th
 Order online at www.christumchurch.org or
 fill out an order form available at the Welcome Center.

We will have drawings for themed baskets at the Chicken Noodle Carry Out on October 22nd. If you or your group would like to provide a basket, please have the basket completed and to the church no later than Oct. 14th. If you are providing a basket, please contact Deb Linville so we will know how many baskets to expect.

The baskets will be in the Narthex on Sunday, Oct. 17th & Oct. 22nd for you to purchase a candy bar and receive 5 chances to win a basket of your choice.



Early Learning News

Indiana launches Build, Learn, Grow initiative to help working families connect to early learning and education.



In May, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced the Build, Learn, Grow initiative, which made 50,000 scholarships available to help connect Hoosier children from working families to high-quality early education and out-of-school-time programs. The scholarships will be funded by more than \$101 million provided to Indiana by the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, or CRRSA. Through the Build, Learn, Grow scholarship fund, Hoosier families working in essential industries with qualifying incomes can receive scholarships for each child age 12 and younger toward their early care and education, summer learning or out-of-school care. Scholarships run from May through March 2022 and will cover 20%- 80% of the early care and education program's tuition.

Since May, Miss Lauren has applied for over 75 scholarships to help our Early Learning families receive these much needed scholarships! These scholarships are available for all of our programs: Child Care, Half Day Preschool and Summer Camp!



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 or simply text the dollar amount to 844-266-5452 to give electronically.

*Thank
you!*

Many thanks and blessings to my church family for cards, phone calls, and food during my recent surgery! You all are such a blessing to Joe and myself. Thank you so very much. Looking forward to seeing you in church.
Betty Dano



Oct. 1 Jim Atkins, Scott Gillespie, Bridget Scott **Oct. 2** Wendy Basden, Ethan Dwiggins, Marayah Trospen **Oct. 3** Becky Austin, Phil Ferger, Doreen Habben, Kels Hatcher, Stephanie Schulze, Joshua Stieneker **Oct. 4** Donna Brothers **Oct. 5** Betty Benjamin, Jaedin Ibarra **Oct. 6** Marty Haywood **Oct. 7** Laura Ehlers, Baxter High, Kevin Noe, Addison Simons **Oct. 8** Vicky Pearson, Jean Ann Simler **Oct. 9** Josiah Freeman, Hollie Kessler, Debbie Reagan **Oct. 10** Adam Allen, Shirley Gamble, LeKeersh Storm Justice **Oct. 12** Melody Carducci, Kyros Carr, Norm Nellis **Oct. 13** Bev Herren, Kevin Pendleton **Oct. 14** Jean Foust, Greg Morris, Dean Rusk, Drew Thoennes, Reagan Walkup, Carol Yarian **Oct. 15** Ava Farrer, Beth Swisher **Oct. 16** Jack Dwiggins, Carole Haynes, Leslie Hornor **Oct. 18** Johanna Kicherer **Oct. 19** Jeff Mark, Beth Walkup **Oct. 20** Mel Wilson **Oct. 22** Jan O'Shea, Kyle Pendleton **Oct. 23** Pat Carducci, Peggy Drews **Oct. 24** Marya Farrell, Ron Gilbert, Chloe Trospen **Oct. 25** Mike Silanskis **Oct. 26** Bryan Blanchard, Christopher Leffert **Oct. 27** Alex Noe **Oct. 28** Nancy Beeler, John Shondell **Oct. 29** Debbie Brown, Nancy Burge, Ruth Habben **Oct. 31** Megan Solomon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Adam & Staci Gray-Allen	Oct. 02, 2004
Herb & Bertel Wingard	Oct. 03, 1981
April & Aaron Headdy	Oct. 04, 1997
Jeff & Heidi Brewer	Oct. 05, 2002
Hope & Craig Wooldridge	Oct. 11, 2003
Laura & Mike Willenborg	Oct. 13, 2007
Leslie & Crystal Hornor	Oct. 15, 1995
Mike & Kim DeWilde	Oct. 20, 1975
Gary & Linda Kingma	Oct. 20, 2007
Stan & Carol Burkart	Oct. 21, 2000
Gary & Megan Pierce	Oct. 22, 2011
Pat Wright & Cy Holladay	Oct. 30, 2011



Senior Hunger Poses Unique Challenges

Nearly 5.3 million senior citizens currently face hunger in our country. After a lifetime of hard work, many older adults find themselves facing an impossible choice — to pay for groceries or medical care. And as the baby-boom generation ages, the number of seniors facing hunger is only expected to increase.

Did you know?

- There is a critical need for senior hunger initiatives in our community
- Indiana has a 7.9% senior food insecurity rate
- Indiana seniors ranked **eleventh in the nation** in hunger
- And there are more than 19,000

How can YOU help?

Christ United Methodist is partnering with Food Finders to help seniors in our community receive monthly boxes of food delivered to their apartments at 5 Senior Housing Communities in Lafayette: Fairington Apartments, Fowler Apartments, Historic Jeff Center, Friendship House, and the Tippecanoe Senior Center. Twice a month each center will receive 50 boxes of food delivered.

CUMC will be packing the boxes of food to be delivered the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5-7pm at Food Finders, Fresh Market location, and need volunteers each month to help.

Please contact Carol Yarian at the church or email carol@christumchurch.org to volunteer or for any questions. Join us as we work together to love and care for our neighbors!

There will be other volunteers working with us and the CDC guidelines of social distancing and mask wearing will be followed.



Turkey Time

Join us as we work together to provide a Thanksgiving meal to those in our CUMC family and community that are struggling. You can support this ministry through a monetary donation or by purchasing the food items listed below and returning by Friday, November 12th, 2021.

You can drop off your non-perishable food items at the Outreach Center in the Narthex. Please put frozen turkeys or pies in the kitchen freezer that is marked for Turkey time.

Stop by the Outreach Center in the Narthex for information on how to help. Contact Ruby Armstrong at 765-446-0843 or Sue Branson, 765-447-2250 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Grocery Items Needed

Boxed instant mashed potatoes	Packets of gravy
Boxed stuffing	Cream of mushroom soup
Canned fruit	Canned vegetables
Frozen Pies	Frozen Turkeys



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

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Early Learning Carrie McCool, Lauren McCool

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*Lord, thank you for walking with us
through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe
in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring,
as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time,
full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days
as leaves fall to seed new growth.*

You are always with us.

Amen.