CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter

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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.

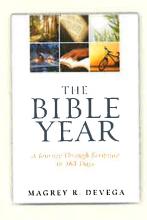
Pray

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.











Join CHRIST UMC on

Date: Sunday, October 26th

Time: 4pm-6pm



We are looking for people to decorate their trunks and pass out candy to the children.

This gives families of Lafayette a safe place to go trick or treating. You can sign up for this in the Narthex or message Emily Mayer. Emily@christumchurch.org.

Another way you can help is by donating candy. You can drop bags off to the box in the Narthex or to the church office.

Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 3pm or Fri. 9am - noon







Oct. 1 Scott Gillespie, Eleanor Kilmer, Bridget Scott Oct. 2 Wendy Basden, Ethan Dwiggins, Marayah Trosper Oct. 3 Phil Ferger IV, Doreen Habben, Joshua Stieneker Oct. 4 Donna Brothers, Stephanie Miller Oct. 5 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, Angela Johnson, Hollie Kessler, Debra Reagan Oct. 10 Adam Allen Oct. 12 Kyros Carr, Anthony Pilotte Oct. 13 Beverly Herren, Kevin Pendleton Oct. 14 Jean Foust, Dean Rusk, Drew Thoennes, Carol Yarian Oct. 15 Ava Farrer, Bethany Swisher Oct. 16 Jack Dwiggins, Carole Haynes, Leslie Hornor Oct. 18 Johanna Kicherer Oct. 19 Jeff Mark Oct. 20 Melvin Wilson Oct. 22 Jan O'Shea, Kyle Pendleton Oct. 23 Peggy Drews, Jeffrey Hogue Oct. 24 Chloe Trosper Oct. 26 Bryan Blanchard, Christopher Leffert Oct. 27 Rebecca Daigle Oct. 28 Nancy Beeler Oct. 29 Debbie Brown, Ruth Habben Oct. 30 Anna Mott Oct. 31 Andrew Daigle, Megan Solomon

Adam Allen & Staci Gray-Allen 10/02/2004

Braiden & Allie Linder 10/02/2021

Herbert & Bertel Wingard 10/03/1981

Aaron & April Headdy 10/04/1997

Jeff & Heidi Brewer 10/05/2002

Carson & Danielle Lay 10/10/2021



Hope & Craig Wooldridge 10/11/2003

Laura & Mike Willenborg 10/13/2007

Leslie & Crystal Hornor 10/15/1995

Michael & Kim DeWilde 10/20/1975

Stanley & Carol Burkart 10/21/2000

Cy Holladay & Pat Wright 10/30/2011



Cold weather will be here before we know it.

If you have any coats you are not using please consider donating them to the Kids Kloset.

The Kids Kloset ministry at Christ UMC provides free clothes for children in our community and is open every Tuesday 12:30pm - 3:00pm

Bring donations to the church office

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Stewardship Sunday October 26th

Stewardship Sunday is when we as a congregation will make our financial estimate of giving for the 2026 year. A light breakfast will be served between services.

For every person attending our 1 hour worship service on Sunday, our church provides 6 hours of people missions during the week. Examples range from Scouts to Early Learning, Pickleball, Kids Kloset, Brianna's Hope, etc. This is how your general fund giving impacts our church. And without your general fund donations we would not be able to operate these important missions and ministries.

The 2026 budget has three significant increases:

Apportionments: What are apportionments? Apportionments are what Christ UMC gives to the Indiana UMC so they can do their missions, outreach and to support other churches here in Indiana and beyond. The apportionments of other churches helped pay for the building we are now in back in the late 90's and helped with our ministerial situation in 2018.

Our actual apportionment should be about \$68,000 or at least 11% of our annual giving. Currently we are giving \$22,000 and for 2026 we are budgeting \$28,000 or \$500 a month more.

Next, an increase in our cyber security and software licensing budget of \$633 per month. We are currently updating our computers and software, and we have increased our computer security for cyber threats both for our church and Early Learning.

Finally, we are budgeting staff raises of 2% along with reallocation of the custodian budget with Early Learning. This is a modest reward for all the work our staff does throughout the year.

PS: The church's insurance is going up by \$4,000 next year and this is included in the 2026 budget.

For those who would like to complete their 2026 commitment early, you can click on this link to fill out your card online: Estimate of Giving Card or cards will be available starting Sunday, October 5th at church.

Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can give to support Christ UMC in the coming year.

Nick Fetchina, Finance Chair