Towerlight



Join us for this special service and learn the meaning behind the decorations we use at Christmas.

Traditionally, people put a lot of effort into their Christmas decorations. Have you ever asked yourself why do we do this? What does it mean? During the Advent season we prepare for the One who has come, whom we expect to come, and who will come again. We prepare our hearts and make room for the Messiah. We decorate our church with the symbols of love, joy, hope, and peace. Why do we do this? To tell the story again and then proclaim:

Iesus is born. God is with us!

Be a Part of This Amazing Service

I am looking for about 13 readers at each service. As a reader you will read a prepared scripture and a short narrative about a Christmas tradition or decoration.

If you and/or your family would like to be a reader for this service, please call Terra in the church office at 474-4313 or email terra@christumchurch.org

Our "Feed the Kids Backpack Ministry" provides food for the Kindergartners and First Graders at Edgelea Elementary, struggling with food insecurity, to take home every week.



For the month of Nov., we will be collecting: CANNED CHICKEN, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, AND CANNED FRUIT.



Church Meetings

Monthly Meetings

Caregiver Support Group will meet Thurs., Nov. 7th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Church Council will meet Tues., Nov. 12th at 7pm in the Pastors' Study.

Christ UMC Sisters in Loss will meet Wed., Nov. 13th. For details call Cris @ (765) 404-0801

Finance Committee will meet Tues., Nov. 12th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Foster Friends will meet Mon., Nov. 18th at 10am in the Pastors' Study.

Lay Leadership will not meet in November.

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

Staff Parish will not meet in November.

Survivor of Suicide Loss Support Group will meet Wed., Nov. 13th at 6:30pm in the Pastors' Study.

Trustees will meet Mon., Nov. 4th at 6pm in the Pastors' Study.

Worship Planning will meet Tues., Nov. 5th at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Weekly Meetings

Brianna's Hope

Mondays at 5:45pm for Dinner Support & Recovery Mtg. at 6:30pm

HeBrews Men's Fellowship Fridays at 8am in the Pastors' Study.

Sermon Round Up

Mondays at 8:15pm Join Kurt and Jake on our <u>Facebook</u> <u>Connect Page</u> to discuss Sunday's Sermon. Ask questions, contribute to the discussion, or just listen.

Women of Faith Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Pastors' Study.

For a current list of events go to www.christumchurch.org/calendar

For information regarding any of these meetings call the church office 765-474-4313 or email info@christumchurch.org



From Joan Banning:

A big thank you to the congregation for Food Pantry donations in September. The Pantry was blessed by your donations of 242 pounds of food, picked up and delivered in October by Joyce and Anthony Pilotte. Thanks is also due to our loyal volunteers who served clients at the pantry in September: Frank Mcintosh, Johanna Kircherer, Joan Banning, Pam Ferger and Ruth Habben. We work again for 2 days in January and more willing workers are always needed. You can find out more about what you would be doing by contacting Joan Banning at joanbanning@gmail.com, or text 765-464-9452. You would be most welcome at any time!

From Margaret Hornick:

Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers after my sister's passing.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY DEFENDING OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

WE HAVE WHAT WE HAVE ONLY BECAUSE OF SELFLESS PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

YOU HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR COMPLETE STRANGERS LIKE ME AND WORDS COULD NEVER EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.



Christ UMC will partner with Lafayette Urban Ministry, LUM, again this year to host Jubilee Christmas on Saturday, December 14th. This ministry supports families in our community who are struggling to provide Christmas for their children. Christ UMC will be supporting 20 families and 50 children this year.

Children ages 0-12 years will each receive 2 toys, personal items, and stocking stuffers. Ages 13-18 receive gift cards, personal items, and stocking stuffers. Families will receive a Bible, a children's Bible, a quilt, and Christmas cookies.

Jubilee kickoff is Sunday, November 17th. There will be many opportunities to volunteer and help the Jubilee Team, from wrapping presents, hosting our guest, or baking cookies for our guest to take home. Stop at our table in the Narthex for more details.

On Sunday, November 10th join us in room 4, from 9:45-10:30am if you want more information about Jubilee and the opportunities we have. We'd love to have you join us.

For more information or questions contact:

April Headdy <u>aprilheaddy@gmail.com</u>
Carol Yarian <u>carol@christumchurch.org</u>

Consecration Stewardship Sunday was October 27th. If you have not completed your 2025 Estimate of Giving we ask that you take the time to either fill it out online or get a card in the Narthex which can be dropped off at the church office.

Without our church, the facilities and the upkeep, we would not be able to carry Christ into our community through our missions and outreach.



Remember, our estimate of giving this year is anonymous. However, your donations will still be recorded when turned in along with your name, and you will still receive quarterly giving statements so you can keep track of your giving to Christ UMC.

We sincerely hope you will make a financial pledge so that your church leaders can feel confident in our budget for the 2025 year.

Click here for the online Estimate of Giving

Turkey time Ministry



Join us as we work together to provide Thanksgiving meals for 10 families each at Wainwright Middle School, Woodland, Miami and Murdock Elementary Schools and those in our Christ UMC family that are struggling.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

BOXED INSTANT MASHED POTATOES JARS OR PACKETS OF GRAVY CANNED GREEN BEANS AND CORN FROZEN PIES **BOXED STUFFING**

Monetary donations would be appreciated for our Ministry Team to purchase turkeys, rolls, butter and roasting pans. Turkey Time donation envelopes will be available or mark your donation for this ministry. If you want to provide an entire meal for a family of 6 the cost is \$60.00

Please have your donations turned in by Sunday, November 17th, 2024



So Deck The Halls By Rev. Kurt Freeman

Witness the first public stage in a new play's life: a table read!

So Deck the Halls is a new musical based on an Iraq veteran who signed up for extra tours to send her people home safely to their families.

Christ UMC: <u>Friday, Nov 8 at 6pm</u> & <u>Sunday, Nov 10 at 1pm</u>.

Runtime: 50 minutes, no intermission.



FREE Tickets at Eventbrite.com:



Happy Anniversary

John & Carol Yarian11/03/1968Ray & Donna Brothers11/10/????Steve & Debbie Brown11/17/1990Jeremy Frerichs & Deanna Wise-Frerichs11/30/2002

Church Websites



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Worship Guide



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Nov. 1 Sandy McCammon Nov. 3 Melodi Mowery, Joyce Pilotte Nov. 5 Virginia Dowling, Joyanne McKinney, Frank O'Shea Nov. 6 Sue Branson, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Randy Leazenby, Emily Mayer, Nikki Sliger Nov. 8 Sawyer Baumgardt Nov. 9 Rebecca Boardman Nov. 10 Koralyn Schulze, Kaitlyn Sliger, Phyllis Williams Nov. 11 Steve Brown, Kim DeWilde, Terra Tilley Nov. 14 Allen Blanchard, Dana Blanchard, Nate Hilsabeck, Kristi Hogue, Paislei Ziegler **Nov. 15** Marilyn McIntosh, Bruce Mowery Nov. 16 Rhonda Hunt Nov. 17 Jessica Karafin Nov. 18 Shelby Gilmore Nov. 20 Frank McIntosh Nov. 21 Phyllis Halsema, Camilla Mayer Nov. 22 Marty Campfield Nov. 24 Bradley Blanchard Nov. 25 Katie Del Real Nov. 26 David Fagan, Becca Gillaspy, Asher Karafin, Sydney Mark, Jim Plassard Nov. 29 Diana Jones Nov. 30 Jordan Mark, Brad Pendleton, Alan Simpson

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

> Clergy Senior Pastor Kurt Freeman, Visitation Pastor Bruce Mowery & Pastor Emeritus Herb Wingard

Program Staff Emily Mayer, Jack Dwiggins, Carol Yarian, Jake Mayer

Support Staff Hollie Kessler, Terra Tilley, Vicki Croy, Lisa Mott

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