

The Guide

We embrace all
as we journey
the way of Jesus



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Church Youth Group

Nurturing the Discipleship of Young People

What's the purpose of a youth group in a church? Too often, the feeling is that youth ministries are to be feeder systems for membership in a church. While new members might be a result, that should never be the primary motivator. Instead, the primary reason for a youth ministry should be to help nurture the discipleship of young people as they seek to understand the way of Jesus in their lives.

That was one of the things I so loved about the collaborative youth ministry (Illumination Youth) that we shared with several other churches – primarily St John UCC, Bellevue, and St John's UCC, Newport. It wasn't about just getting members into our congregations but instead it was about nurturing the young people in those key points in their growing years.

While we are shifting from the specific form of youth ministry we have had with Illumination, the new ministry that we are a part of with our three UCC congregations and five PCUSA congregations, the heart of it is the same, providing a safe space for young people to come, to connect with one another, and most importantly to grow in their understanding and following of Jesus in their lives and the world.

I am also excited for our young people to get connected with youth from a wide segment of Northern Kentucky – different

NORTHERN KENTUCKY YOUTH
Kickoff!
September 11, 5:30
Lakeside Presbyterian

Join Us for the Launch!
The launch of the Northern Kentucky Youth Group, a combined group of youth from Presbyterian and UCC churches from around the area, is right around the corner, and we want you to be a part of the fun when we launch Sunday, September 11 at 5:30 at the Lakeside Presbyterian Carriage House.

Register Today!
Register for the kickoff, join our mailing list, and stay up-to-date on everything Northern Kentucky Youth by visiting the Northern Kentucky Youth website at bit.ly/NKYYouth or the QR code below.

schools, different backgrounds, different congregations. The more we are widening the circles in our lives, the better.

The group had an initial get together at the end of July for whoever could make it but we really kick off in earnest on September 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Carriage House at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 2690 Dixie Hwy., Lakeside Park, KY. I am excited to welcome youth from Christ Church to this group and for us to connect, grow, and serve in the way of Jesus!

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,
Pastor Ed



News from our Green Team

Our Green Team has been busy on several projects that are giving back in many ways. We're not only helping God's earth but saving our church money as well.

Our recycling hub, located on the Audubon side of our property, has been getting a steady stream of donations. These are taken to the Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub located at 911 Evans Street in Cincinnati. If you are able to help make a trip to the Hub, it is truly appreciated. The drop off days are Thursday (12-6 pm) and Saturday (10 am-2 pm). Don't forget to use Rumpke for recycling your other trash. Kroger and Fresh Thyme take several types of clean plastic bags whether they are from their store or not.

Our butterfly garden is in full bloom but needs a few more tweaks, including the stone in memory of Lois Basham. If you have time to do some minor work in the garden, we can use you!

We will be getting a composting bin this month that will be used for our lawn waste, food scraps from our events, and lunches from SPARK, the home school that rents some of our rooms on Mondays. They have graciously volunteered to maintain the compost bin during the months they are here.

If you have questions or are interested in joining the Christ Church Green Team, please let Michele know at (859) 441-2565.

A Letter from a Parent

From Pastor Ed

One of the questions my college-bound kids have asked is whether they will be getting weekly letters from their grandmother. My mom has a beautiful practice of writing letters to my sister and me (and others) every week and we often share those letters over dinner times as a family. The letters aren't earth-shattering but they're wonderfully personal – what's happening back in Colorado, what she and my dad are doing, questions for us, and so forth. Sometimes the letters have a sense of expecting a reply, sometimes not as much. I asked my mom about it and she said that she definitely will be adding them to her list each week.

From September 11 through October 23, we will be reading a few different "parent letters" in our worship services together. In the New Testament there are two letters – 1 and 2 Timothy, that are letters attributed to the Apostle Paul to a young man named Timothy who Paul considered to be his young son in the faith. Timothy was from Lystra and, after converting to Christianity, joined Paul and others on their missionary journeys. There are several points throughout the book of Acts where we read about Paul sending Timothy to various cities to check on the congregations that had formed in those places.

These are beautiful letters that speak of some everyday things (such as when Paul recommends that Timothy drink a little bit of wine to help with his stomach ailments) but also about deeper matters of personal faith (how to pray and courage to stand firm in faith) and also about how these



early groups of Jesus followers were to organize themselves (responsibilities and qualifications for servant-leaders and theological reflections). There's a great deal we can learn from and grow with in these letters.

At the same time, however, we need to remember that these were letters written by a specific person to a specific person at specific times for specific purposes. Some things translate well to us a few millennia later and some will require us to dig a bit deeper. But through it all, the Spirit spoke through these letters to Timothy, has spoken throughout the centuries since, and will speak to us. While we'll only be reading selected portions in worship, I encourage you to read the whole of the letters as we go through them. One of my favorite sections of the letters is this beautiful exhortation (1 Timothy 6:11-12):

But as for you, [person] of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Mission Team Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

The team continues to meet monthly to evaluate local and global needs and determine how our church can best offer support to those in need. Thank you for continuing to support our mission work. Please see ways that you can get involved below. Anyone is welcome to attend mission meetings one time or ongoing to share ideas. Our next meeting is September 18 at 11:30 am. We plan to begin discussions on the upcoming holiday season as well as other needs.

GLOBALLY

- **Back-to-School Kits:** Thanks to everyone who stayed after the service on August 28 to assist in assembling and packing the kits! The kits will be taken to a local church that delivers them to the Church World Service Depot where they are shared with those in need around the globe. **Thank you to Susan Gabbard** for leading this mission and sewing all the bags as well as completing all the shopping for the kits. We are grateful for her and the dedication to this important project.

LOCALLY

- **Brighton Center and Hosea House:** We will continue

collecting the items below as an ongoing effort at church to stay engaged in the needs of our local community. Look for the shelves in the Narthex to drop off items.

- Hosea House: Bar Soap
- Brighton Center: Deodorant (both men's and women's)

- **Hosea House – September 18**

Please mark your calendars for our next date to serve at Hosea House on September 18. The meal will consist of fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, and brownies.

Signups will be done online, please visit the following website to sign up for either meal prep (2:30 pm–4 pm) or serving (4pm–6pm)

<https://bit.ly/hoseahousesept>

- We are working on getting another date to serve at Ronald McDonald House, please watch for information to come soon!



Christian Education Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

This month the children continued to follow along with our congregation on the series on fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5: 22-23.

Each week they heard Bible stories and completed activities around themes of kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. As we entered the season of back to school, we read books and reminded the children that they take God with them and can ask for his support when they feel fear or anxiety about this big change. Each child was gifted a pencil to keep with them at school as a reminder of God's unending love.

We will complete the fruit of the Spirit lessons next month, but those themes will continue as they are woven throughout the Bible. It's been a wonderful learning experience and a gift to learn alongside the children of our church. If you would like to volunteer in the coming months, please reach out to Kelly at office@christchurchft.org



Our volunteers assembling back-to-school kits.

Singing to God

From Toni Sheffer

It is to God and about God that we sing! Singing has such a unique way of bringing your heart, soul, and mind together to focus entirely and completely on God.

“Singing and making melody to God with your heart.”

— Ephesians 5:19

If you love to sing, would enjoy a small group experience within our church, and would like to be a part of leading the congregation in weekly services, come join the choir this fall.



Talk with Toni if you have questions or concerns. You will be welcomed with open arms. The ability to match pitch would be necessary. The rest you will learn.

The choir meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Appreciation for Our Church



We can't thank our church family enough for all you've done since we welcomed Mick into our family. All the well wishes, prayers, meals and diapers mean a lot to us. You've helped make our adjustment to a family of four a little easier. The Lukens

Capital Campaign Update!

From Capital Campaign Committee

It seems like yesterday that we set out on an aggressive mission to upgrade our facilities and make them more welcoming. Much has happened in the past five years. Your response to our Capital Campaign has been a blessing. Here is some of the work we have accomplished as a strong community of faith.

We agreed to work toward meeting a budget of \$641,000, of which \$495,000 was earmarked for a new commercial elevator, two accessible restrooms, and other minor updates. Final costs were just over \$500,000. If you've had the opportunity to use these, I'm sure you'll agree that they were much needed improvements and worth the cost of the project.

Our parking lot was in great need of repair. Thanks to a generous gift to our campaign from Bob and Nancy Witte we were able to remove the old asphalt and have new installed. We used this opportunity to increase the number of accessible parking spots and added more van accessible ones. Two years after

the paving was complete, Bert and Cindy Bathiany funded the resealing and relining of the lot. Thanks to both the Wittes and Bathianys for their generous gifts.

Carpet was replaced in the hallway behind the sanctuary doors, down the stairs to Hoffman Hall, and back in the hallway by the Sunday school building. We had budgeted to pay for carpeting the Parlor but because of a generous gift from David and Marcia Hosea, the Parlor received a whole new makeover. The new look has enhanced our social gatherings and Sunday school. Our thanks to David and Marcia for this wonderful upgrade in honor of longtime and faithful member Ginny Hosea.

The outside stairs leading to our office area were replaced and we have replaced the exterior steps leading to the second floor of the Sunday school building. We are waiting on bids for the railings.

There are a number of concrete/masonry projects scheduled in the

coming months. A new sidewalk on the west side of the Sunday school building will be installed, concrete on the Audubon side of the property will be replaced including the breezeway; and the stairs off Audubon leading to Hoffmann Hall will be cleaned, skim coated and painted. We will also be replacing the concrete leading from the street up to the entrance doors of the narthex; and the original glass doors will be replaced with new ones.

We are currently receiving bids for upgrading the kitchen to become a commercial grade facility. This will be an expensive project and needs to be approved by Executive Council and possibly the congregation, depending on the level of funding required and if EC feels the project is worth funding.

There is still a lot more to do and more funding is needed. If you are able to honor your pledge by the end of the year, that will help us prepare for our future. If you are new to Christ Church, please consider participating in the campaign.



Memorials

Memorial for Marvin Cox
Larry & Donna Stinson

Congratulations

Ellen Turner has retired from the Ft. Thomas School System. She worked with our children for 24 years. Thank you, Ellen, for your dedicated service.

Stephanie (Kappesser) Laake, daughter of Shelley & Steve Kappesser, and **Steve Gracey**, son of Linda and Jim Gracey, were inducted in the Highlands Athletic Hall of Fame for 1995 Combined State Swim Champions. Their Swim Coach was our own, Nancy Barre, who herself was inducted in the Hall of Fame in 2017.

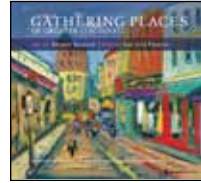
Aug. Attendance

	In Person	Online
8/7/22	107	20
8/14/22	75	14
8/21/22	86	12
8/28/22	100	65

Lunch and Learn

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Beverly Erschell, one of Greater Cincinnati's most admired contemporary artists, will be discussing the book, "Gathering Places of Greater Cincinnati." Bev and her friend, Sue Painter, created this book as a tribute to the gathering spaces we have loved and visited for generations. Please have your reservation in by the Sunday before so we can ensure we have enough food for everyone.



Lunch begins at **11:30 a.m.** followed by the presentation at noon. For lunch reservations call **Nancy Hunter**.



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH
Faye Gately, Jim Gracey,
The Himes family, Margi McKenna,
Al Rice, Mary Strange, Linda and Tara, Amber Schmidt, Dan Atkinson,
Chris Witt, Marsha, Jeff Waxman,
Roman, Lyuda and Natalka Shostak,
Samantha Mecamp, The family of
Lois Basham, Mike and Laura Randall, Thomas, Tice & Yon Cox,
Dave Schwab, Genev Lyons,
Robert Neace, Marcia Storm,
Jean Mettens, The family of
Marvin Cox, Marissa, Tim,
Ev & Jack Weber, Jean Lacalley,
Brenda Swan and family, Emma
Hamann, Donna Hoffman, Joe
Wuest, Sharon, Jessica, Owen
(Names underlined indicate request for first name usage only)
Please call the office about changes.
(859) 441-2565

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jim Parrott
Amy Pendery
Edward Goode
Greg Houben
Andy Luken
Ken Pendery
Gary Plummer
Sarah Huelsman
Joyce Steinman
Jean Braun
Robert Witte

Jean Mettens
Katie Leftin
Pam Weber
Emma Lyman
Marcia Hosea
Amy Thornton
Nancy Besten

Timothy & Rebecca Borah
Natalie & *Brandon Fugate

27 yrs.
6 yrs.

N. Kentucky Youth Kickoff

We're having a great start with a bunch of youth who are excited we're going to meet on a regular basis!

The next event will be **Sunday evening, September 11**. There will be dinner, games, and a chance to grow together. Join us!

Schedules for September

Liturgists

- Sept. 4 Scott Turner
- Sept. 11 Nancy Barre
- Sept. 18 Bert Bathiany
- Sept. 25 Jean Braun

Deacons

- Sept. 4 Melissa Cox
- Sept. 11 Marie Cunningham
- Sept. 18 Barb Korpik
- Sept. 25 Jean Braun

Ushers

- Sept. 4 Melissa Cox
Nancy Pinguely
Greg Vogel
Jay Wainscott
- Sept. 11 Marie Cunningham
Scott Turner
Jane Petracco
Steve Weber
- Sept. 18 Barb Korpik
Audrey Bernhard
Andy Borah
Carol Himes
- Sept. 25 Marcia Storm
Debbie Paillette
Thierry Paillette
Patti Miller



Pastor Ed's photo was recently chosen to be in a photography exhibit at Cincinnati Nature Center and was used in their promotional materials.

KY Disaster Response Work Trip

From Ken Weidinger

During the late evening of Friday, December 10, 2021, a violent tornado moved across Western Kentucky, producing severe to catastrophic damage in numerous towns, including Mayfield, Princeton, Dawson Springs, and Bremen. Over the next few days, images and stories of the destruction caused by the tornado filled our screens and news feeds. While these images are no longer a part of the daily news cycle, the work of rebuilding remains. It is estimated that the long-term recovery efforts in this area will continue for the next three to five years.

What:

Heartland Conference Kentucky Disaster Response work trip to Princeton, Kentucky departing from Christ Church UCC in Fort Thomas, Ky. (In cooperation with The Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ, Cross-Roads Missions, Louisville, KY)

Dates:

Sunday, October 23 through Saturday, October 29, 2022

Cost:

\$125 for the week (\$25/work day) per person to cover overnight accommodations and food. Full week participation is encouraged but partial week can also be ar-

ranged if you are not able to work the entire week.

Participants:

Adults 18 and over and 16-17 year-olds accompanied by a parent or guardian. Prior building experience is not necessary, and experienced construction managers will be available to guide the efforts of volunteers with less experience.

What to expect:

Our group will leave from Christ Church UCC in Fort Thomas at 1 pm on Sunday, October 23 and carpool to the city of Princeton in Caldwell County, Kentucky. Those traveling separately should plan to meet us in Princeton around 6 pm. Directions and details for travel will be coordinated once our group is formed. We will stay at a Disciples of Christ church in Princeton where we will sleep on bunk beds in makeshift dorm rooms. Breakfast will be simple and easy (cereal, fruit, coffee, tea, etc.). We will pack lunches to take to the work site, and return to the church for our evening meal. We will learn the exact nature of the work and tools we may need to take as we get closer to our time of departure.

If you have questions or would like to join the group, please call Ken Weidinger before Monday, October 3.



Church Council Meeting Notes

7/25/2022

In Attendance: Pastor Ed Goode, Beckie Borah, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Jen Korpik, Sallie Schmidt, Jenny Hermann, Nancy Hunter, Betsy Beimesche, Donna Hoffman, Joe Stevenson, Bert Bathiany, Kelly Kuhnhein

- **Gathering/Centering:** Pastor Ed lead a discussion about the Fruit of the Spirit. Ed mentioned that all the Fruit of the Spirit sermons are available on YouTube if you missed one.

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes reviewed and approved.

- **Financial Report:** Bert said we were \$18,000 behind in giving. The good news is our expenses are down. Jenny Hermann made a motion to approve the Financial Report for June. Sallie Schmidt seconded. Report approved.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- **Celebration** – Two people have interest in joining. One more has called the church wanting information. Jean Braun has run out of visitor bags.

- **Outdoor service** – Will take place on August 14, 2022 at Rossford Park. Bring picnic lunch.

- **Time off** – Ed will be out of town the last weeks of August. We will have pulpit supply for Aug 21st and David Long-Higgins, the Heartland Conference minister, will be preaching on August 28.

- **Covid** – Ed talked about the cases going up and asked how we should address it in regards to the Sunday service. Council decided that Ed should send out an e-mail encouraging people to wear masks but not requiring it. Communion will continue to be passed in the pews.

- **Tuesday group** – Will start reading “Grateful” by Diana Butler on Aug 2.

- **Pictures for Directory** – Will be taken Aug 22 and Aug 23. Reminder to sign up.

- **Mission Team:**

- Still collecting items.

- Hosea House dinner went well.

- **Kitchen remodel**

- Nancy Hunter received a quotes for \$579.00 from Grexen for cleaning stove hood and exhaust cleaning and Hobart to check the stoves. \$176.00 for travel cost and \$139.00/ hour. It was decided to go ahead with both.

- Getting bids from carpenters for the cabinet replacement, counters and flooring.

- Nancy thanked Bill Hitch for all his work on this.

- **By-laws Review:**

- Didn't get to Article III this meeting. Will focus on that for August. Everyone asked to read and bring ideas.

- **Meeting Closed with Prayer:** Ed gave us an update on several members that need our prayers and we added others.

Electronic Giving Option

From Steve McAllister

For the past nine years, Christ Church has offered a secure electronic transfer giving option through Vanco, a company that the UCC established as an easy way to use electronic giving. Contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account. It offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Your donation can be changed at any time. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year and envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. You have the option to give weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. An authorization form and a “Frequently Asked Questions” flyer are available in the church office. Just complete the form, put it in an envelope and give it to Michele in the office or mail it to Steve McAllister

Also, there is a link on the Church website that allows you to set up your electronic giving. Just click on the giving tab and follow the directions. You have to set up an account in order to do a recurring payment.

Send any questions to: Steve McAllister.



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September 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 am - UCC Clergy	2 10 am - Melodies to Grow on	3
4 9 am - Adult Discipleship 10:30 am - Children's Christian Education 10:30 am - Worship	5 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	6 12 pm - Bible Study 1:30 pm - Art Group 7 pm - Overeaters Anonymous	7 3:30 pm - Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm - AA Group	8 10 am - UCC Clergy	9 10 am - Melodies to Grow on	10
11 9 am - Adult Discipleship 10:30 am - Children's Christian Education 10:30 am - Worship	12 5:30 pm - Cincinnati Scots	13 12 pm - Bible Study 1:30 pm - Art Group 7 pm - Overeaters Anonymous 7 pm - Finance Committee	14 3:30 pm - Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm - AA Group	15 10 am - UCC Clergy	16 10 am - Melodies to Grow on	17
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