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The Guide

*We embrace all
as we journey
the way of Jesus*



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Gratitude

Focusing On Our Church Community

As many of you know, I have a daily practice of writing gratitudes in my journal. As I have shared with others, a way to start with it if you've never done it before is to daily write three gratitudes – something that happened that day, a random gratitude, and then someone for whom you are grateful. This month, we have a focus in *The Guide* on gratitude for the people who make this community called Christ Church into the living and vital Body of Christ in the world. There is always the reality that someone will be missed but I simply wanted to say thank you to (in random order) Bonnie, Jeff, Ben, Pam, Bob, Tammy, Bert, Ken, Nancy, Donna, Lela, Larry, Beckie, Lexi, Bev, Bob, Ellen, Greg, Audrey, Carolyn, Bridgette, Amy, Jane, Brenda, Julie, Susan, Carol, James, Cindy, Steve, Scott, Shelley, Jane, Nancy, Toni, Susan, Barb, Talia, Kelly, Snezana,

Carolyn, Melissa, Steve, Karen, Ruth, David, Bill, Steve, Max, Thierry, Jay, Judy, Emma, Gordon, Jean, Sallie, Tim, Barry, Alex, Nancy, Marcia, Jessica, Mark, Betsy, Jenny, Katie, Ramel, Andy, Jan, Linda, Amy, Mary, Ken, Lexi, Debbie, Barb, Marcia, Fran, Anna, Christy, Donna, Marie, Joe, Howard, Patti, Jen, Donna, Jim, Laura, and each person whose name I didn't list.

You have prayed, shared, served, written notes, given, donated, shared liturgy, volunteered with children and youth, did mission projects, served on Council, made meals, invited people, served on a ministry team, studied, supported, cared, loved, witnessed, laughed, cried, received, built, repaired, written, drawn, painted, helped, surprised, and I am sure many many other things.

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To paraphrase Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 12, You have been the parts of the Body of Christ — you have been hands, fingers, toes, elbows, stomachs, lungs, ears, hearts, eyes, feet, voices, knees, ear lobes, and every other part of the Body. You have witnessed to others the reality of God's still-speaking Spirit in our midst. You have been a part of us living out what it means that *We embrace all as we journey the way of Jesus*. Thank you. I am grateful for each of you.

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,
Pastor Ed



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 Ran-
dall, Thomas, Tice & Yon Cox,
Dave Schwab, Genene 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, Shawna,
The Griggs Family

*(Names underlined indicate request
for first name usage only)*

Cherishing... Our Past, Our Present, Our Future

"I have been reminded of what is most important."

From Pastor Ed

We have heard this many times over the last several years since the pandemic began. Amid our separations, the things we were unable to do, and those we lost, that statement has come up many times. "I've been reminded of what is most important." We've heard people talk about what they have cherished in new ways as a result.

One of those cherished things has been what it means for us to be a community of faith. As we come to the end of 2022 and look to 2023, we are going to be focusing in November on what it means to cherish our past, cherish our present, and cherish the future that God has for us.

We are who we are as a community of faith because of those who have come before us — those who have laid the foundation of faith beyond our specific congregation and those who have made Christ Church who it is today. **The first Sunday of November, we will be cherishing our past** — remembering those who passed away in the last twelve months, celebrating those still with us who have been covenant partners here for 50+ years, and celebrating the cloud of witnesses as a whole. **If there is anyone who passed away in the past year that you would like to recognize, please contact Michele at (859) 441-2565.**

The second Sunday in November, we will cherish our present. We will be celebrating the baptism of a new baby in our midst and the children of the church will



have a central role in leading the service. Our children are not just the future of the church but they are very much the present of the church along with all of us. All of us make up the today of Christ Church and the Christian church as a whole.

And on the third Sunday, we'll be cherishing the future that is ahead of us. It is very easy for us to be anxious about what is before us but there is the promise of God that God knows the future that God has for us — a future with hope.

Through all of this, you will be receiving info about our commitments for the year ahead in the giving of our energies and resources for the ministry we cherish and share together.

Mission Team Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

The mission team continues to meet monthly to discuss local and global needs and determine how to respond as a church. The team met on September 18 and discussed several local missions. Ken Weidinger joined the meeting to discuss his ongoing work with disaster response including his upcoming mission trip on October 23. If you are interested in joining him on a future work trip, please reach out Ken Weidinger. We hope to offer more information soon about how our congregation

may be able to help with disaster response efforts. Please see below about ways to get involved with our current mission projects. The team will meet again on October 16 at 11:30 a.m. following the service and hope to focus our discussion on the upcoming holiday season.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to those who have generously donated hygiene items to Brighton Center and Hosea House. Our team reached out to Brighton Center to evaluate

current needs and determine how to be most helpful in collecting items moving forward. The agency shared they have a high demand for some non-perishable food items given the current elevated cost of some grocery items. We are going to focus our efforts on collecting these things for Brighton Center over the next few months. They will change monthly so please look in the Narthex, *The Guide*, and our weekly bulletin for what items are being collected.
October: Cereal and Peanut Butter

• Hosea House - Thank you:

Thank you to the following individuals for prepping and serving at Hosea House last month: **Jean and Gordon Braun, Jay Wainscott, Melissa Cox, Kelly Kuhnhein, Amy Thornton, and Susan Gabbard.**

Thank you to those of you who helped by making brownies: **Debbie and Thierry Palliette, Donna Wilson, Sallie Schmidt, Barb and Jenn Korpik.**

We hope to sign up for more dinners next year and will need your help. We will get the dates set for the year and communicate those out in the coming months with online sign-ups.

• Disaster Response

As mentioned above, Ken Weidinger is taking a mission trip to assist with disaster response in Western Kentucky in October. Please reach out to him directly if you are interested in participating in a future mission trip or getting more involved with disaster response, contact Ken Weidinger.

Emergency Cleanup Buckets: the mission team is working on a project to fill disaster buckets. More information coming soon!

Christian Education Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

This month the children began a series of lessons focused on prayer. The lessons will continue over the next eight weeks leading up to November, the season of gratitude.

The hope is to help children find ways to connect with God during their everyday life. They will explore various feelings and experiences and how they can view those as opportunities to talk to God through prayer.

The first week we discussed fear. The children shared times when they've felt afraid and how prayer can help ease those fears. They drew pictures of their fears on a shield, and we discussed how God provides a shield against our fears. The children are practicing the Lord's Prayer each week together.

In addition, they were introduced to our new friend, Prayer Bear. Each week a family will get to take him home. There are two bears to ensure proper



cleaning/disinfecting in between homes and a binder to record prayers goes with him. The children are excited to take a turn with Prayer Bear who will help remind them to pray and the comfort it brings. One child/family will be carrying our bear with them to church each week. I'm sure they would love to share with you about it!

I am looking for a few volunteers for the month of December when we have some special activities. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Kelly.

N. Kentucky Youth Group

Sunday, Oct. 9 at 5:30 pm
Heritage Presbyterian Church, 6546 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason, OH

The Fall Bash includes food and fun with Comedian Kristin Weber and Rapper, Deacon D.A.T.

RSVP by Oct. 3:

youth@hpcmason.org

For more information go

to our website: [https://](https://lakesidechurch.org/index.php/nkyyouth/)

lakesidechurch.org/index.php/nkyyouth/

Singing to God

From Toni Sheffer

To all, we are still in need of choir singers of all voice types: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. While it may seem there are plenty of people in the choir and you are not needed, au contraire. There are times when these beautiful, devoted members have to be gone for work, for vacation, for illness, or other personal reasons.

Would you be willing to give of your time once a week to come to rehearsal on **Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:45 p.m.**,



to join this great small group experience and sing for our God? You just might be surprised at the joy you receive and it's guaranteed that you will be blessed. "Sing unto God a joyful song". It's good for the heart and soul.

What's Up with the Belize Mission

From Rev. Howard Storm

Classes have started in the Community Center in San Victor where Amarily Teck is teaching a group of young women how to weave hammocks. Everyone in San Victor village has hammocks which are used for sleeping and resting as many homes in Belize do not have beds. The hammock is an essential part of life and most come from Mexico. Amarily has been making and selling beautiful hammocks for years. The women in her class will use some of the hammocks they make and sell the others.

The community center structure is built. The walls are plastered but the windows and doors are covered with plywood. The wiring has begun and we're hopeful there will be electricity available soon. We are waiting for the well to be drilled so there will be a water source for the building. The exterior walls are being coated with two layers of stucco. What is lacking are real windows, doors, tile for the bathrooms, plumbing fixtures, kitchen fixtures, furni-

ture, tables, chairs, paint for the walls, light fixtures, ceiling fans, electrical switches and outlets, and a myriad other things.

Because of the generosity of Christ Church people and others we have the funds to buy some sewing machines, nursery furnishings, etc. Recently we received a large donation of over 50 used computers, with screens, printers, cables, etc. These are being shipped soon with other donations through the generosity of David Hosea. We will have the equipment to create an internet café/computer center in the center. There is enough equipment that we are also creating a computer classroom at San Victor School in cooperation with Maestra Clarrisa Castaneda, the new principal. We have been talking on the video phone link and have great confidence in her. Also, because of the wealth of computers donated we are also establishing a small computer center. Argel Tech, who some of you may have met, is a teacher there. Children in elementary school who have never had access



to computers will now learn how to use them. What an important improvement in their education!

The financial picture has been challenging which has forced us to slow down work on the center. The costs of materials such as steel rebar and concrete has doubled in a few months while gasoline is \$9 a gallon. In order to complete the building much more money is required. God has inspired so many to support this mission, and we know God will continue to speak to those who can help. We thank God for all the blessings.

Congratulations

Jim Gracey was inducted into Stivers High School (Dayton, Ohio) Athletic Hall of Fame on September 25. During high school, Jim played football, baseball, and basketball.

Thanks to Our Church Family

Dear Friends,
I am so grateful and feel so blessed with all the cards, prayers, calls, flowers, food, and love that you have given to me throughout my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Ed for all of his prayers and support. I am so very appreciative of my Church Family. Thank you!
Love, Emma Hamann

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Sept. Attendance

| | In Person | Online |
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| 9/4/22 | 96 | 55 |
| 9/11/22 | 125 | 20 |
| 9/18/22 | 78 | 11 |
| 9/25/22 | 89 | 14 |

Lunch and Learn

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m. for

“The Fort Thomas Induction and Reception Center During WWII.”

Our guest presenter will be historian, Deanna Beineke, current director of the Fort Thomas Military and Community Museum. Deanna will share some of the stories of the soldiers who passed through the Fort Thomas Center. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**



Congratulations

On Wednesday, September 21, Tammy Weidinger received the Dorothy J. Williams Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kentucky Housing Corporation for, “A lifetime of devoted service in helping make the dream of affordable housing a reality in Kentucky.” (Inscription on the award) She is pictured here with the leadership team that she worked with at Brighton Center.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Stephen Weber
Annelise Mai
Mark Sheffer
Abby Vogel
Dana Pendery
Donna Hoffman
Jenny Herrmann
Connor Fugate
Patti Miller
Natalie Fugate
Helen Long
Anna Beimesche
Dave Draper
Brandon Fugate
Lucy Houben

Guy Karrick
Larry Stinson
Carolyn Honchell
Howard Storm
Margo Menefee
Joyce Grau

Andy & Bridgette Luken
Bud & Kathy Leftin
Angie & Jeff Wells
Eugene & Carole Lukjan
Barb & Bob Walkenhorst-Derby
Carolyn Watts & Jerry Lee Raisor
Jane & Barry Petracco

The Life of Our Church

We appreciate all who serve

Christ Church would not be the spiritual home that touches so many people's lives without our amazing volunteers. Ministering to the church, both with regular tasks and helping others in their time of need is an important way to serve your church community and share your gifts.

"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

— Matthew 5:15

Here are the groups and volunteers that make up the life of Christ Church:



• **Children's Christian Education:**

Under the leadership of Kelly Kuhnhein, our children learn how Jesus personally impacts their life and how to make kind responsible choices.

Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Thank you to the following people, including those who have made a commitment to volunteer in the coming months: **Carolyn Honchell, Barb Korpik, Jenn Korpik, Melissa Cox, Emma Hamman, Erin Lucas, Christy Stevenson, Amy Wainscott, Terri Jager, Deb Rechlin, Patti Miller, Betsy Beimesche, Katie Leftin, Bridgette Luken, Sallie Schmidt, Donna Stinson, and Barb Stinnett.**

Thanks also to those who have donated items to the

Sunday school room: **Ellen and Scott Turner, Barry and Jane Petracco, Bill and Bonnie Hitch, Nancy and Bob Witte, Patti Miller, Terri and Dave Jager, Katie Leftin, Betsy Beimesche, Barb and Jim Korpik, Sallie Schmidt, Emma Hamman, Susan Gabbard, Ruth Rowe, Jennifer Korpik,** and countless others who have shared or donated items over the years. We are very grateful.

Thank you also to **Barry Petracco, David Hosea, Mark Scheffer, Steve Weber, and Bill Hitch** for helping to maintain the room. If you would like to get involved with our children's ministry, please contact Kelly.

• **Chancel Choir:** Under the direction of Toni Sheffer, our choir is open to anyone interested in creating music for worship, for learning, or for fun. Thanks to: **Becky Borah, Peter Borah, Melissa Cox, Justin Glaser, Emma Hamann, Jenny Herrmann, Mary Hertzman, Jeff McDonald, Susan McDonald, Jan Morris, James Piokowski, Mark Sheffer, Larry Stinson, Brenda Swan, Pam Weber, Joshua Woodward, and Talia Zoll.** If you've sung in the past, we miss you!

The Chancel Choir meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in sharing your talent with Christ Church, please contact Toni Sheffer.

• **Liturgists:** Our Liturgists help lead our service. Thanks to: **Nancy Barre, Bert Bathiany, Jean Braun, Donna Hoffman, Katie Leftin, Barry Petracco, Jane Petracco, Laura Petracco, Marcia Storm, Scott Turner, and Carolyn Tyler** for serving.

• **Deacons and Ushers:** Our Deacons get the church ready on Sunday morning, do an attendance count, and shut down the church after the service. Our Ushers, along with one of the Deacons, collect the offering.

Thanks to Deacons: **Jean Braun, Melissa Cox, Marie Cunningham, Jack Hurtt, Barb Korpik, and Amy Thornton,** and our **Ushers:** **Audrey Bernhard, Andrew Borah, Carol Himes, Steve Kappesser, Shelley Kappesser, Patti Miller, Debbie Paillette, Thierry Paillette, Jane Petracco, Nancy Pinguely, Marcia Storm, Scott Turner, Greg Vogel, Jay Wainscott, and Steve Weber** for serving.

• **Adult Discipleship class:**

Lead by Pastor Ed, our Sunday morning class at 9 a.m. discusses the Bible and how it speaks to us today. Those who attend help bring a diversity of viewpoints that results in truly insightful discussions. Everyone is welcome. Our regulars are: **Melissa Cox, Emma Hamman, Jenny Herrmann, Mary Hertzman, Bill and Bonnie Hitch, Carolyn Honchell, Steve and Shelley Kappesser, Judy Land, Jeff and Susan McDonald, Janice Morris, Jane and Barry Petracco, Nancy Pinguely, Ruth Rowe, Sallie Schmidt, Larry and Donna Stinson, Howard Storm, Ellen and Scott Turner**

• **Executive Council:** The members of the council are the servant leaders of the congregation. They are responsible for the running of the organization, but even more importantly, they are responsible for prayerfully, listening to the spirit of God for the present and future ministry of our church. We thank **Bert Bathiany, Betsy Beimesche,**

Beckie Borah, Jenny Herrmann, Donna Hoffman, Nancy Hunter, Jennifer Korpik, Debbie Pailliette, Sallie Schmidt, Joe Stevenson, and Snezana Tenhunfeld for serving.

- **Finance Committee:** The finance committee is responsible for overseeing day to day and annual financial needs of the church. We thank **Nancy Barre, Bert Bathiany, Gordon Braun, Linda Gracey, Ken Honchell, and Steve McAllister** for serving.



- **Mission Team:** Led by Kelly Kuhnhein, we are blessed with a generous congregation and a dedicated mission team. Thanks to: **Barb Korpik, Melissa Cox, Judy Land, Thierry Paillete, Sallie Schmidt, Susan Gabbard, and Amy Thornton** for serving.

Thank you also to **Susan Gabbard** who creates our back-to-school kits, **Howard Storm** who oversees the Belize Mission, and **Ken Weidinger** who plans our Disaster Response trips.

Please contact Kelly if you would like be involved. The Mission Team meets on the third Sunday of every month right after church.

- **Counting Committee:** Every week two people come in together to count our donations and make a bank deposit. We thank **Bill and Bonnie Hitch, Steve and Fran McAllister, and Steve and Pam Weber** for serving.
- **Bible Study class:** Led by Pastor Ed, our Tuesday class at noon discusses a book that reminds us how God is still speaking. This popular class has the following participants: **Marilyn Chapman, Melissa Cox, Mary Hertzman,**

Carol Himes, Donna Hoffman, Suzanne Jones, Ruth Rowe, Sallie Schmidt, and Barb Stinnett

- **Hospitality Committee:** Our special gatherings that include food and refreshments are headed up by **Jenny Herrmann** and **Nancy Hunter** with help from **Emma Hammon** and many others.
- **Small Group Wednesday:** Pastor Ed leads a Biblical video series via Zoom every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Participants are: **Becky Borah, Susan Gabbard, and Ruth Rowe.**
- **Legacy Committee:** This committee is responsible for the oversight of the Legacy Fund and legacy giving in the church. Thanks to: **Bert Bathiany, Marcia Hosea, Andy Luken, Larry Stinson, and Tammy Weidinger** for serving.
- **Green Team:** This group is committed to being responsible caretakers of God's creation. We thank **Melissa Cox, Cathy Engel, Edward Goode, Donna Hoffman, Jim Korpik, Jeff McDonald, Thierry Paillette, Christy Stevenson, Joe Stevenson, Marcia Storm, and Michele Wright** for serving.

A special thanks to individuals who have taken on year-long tasks such as **Linda Gracey** who organizes meals for shut-ins, **Bill Hitch** for overseeing church facilities projects, **Bonnie Hitch** who organizes our Prayer Chain group, **Nancy Hunter** who plans our *Lunch and Learn* series, **Barry Petracco** who does countless church maintenance tasks, and **Joe Stevenson** who does most of our landscaping.

If you or anyone you know has been overlooked, we want to know. Please contact Michele so they can be listed in our next newsletter: **(859) 441-2565.**



Schedules for October

Liturgists

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| Oct. 2 | Donna Hoffman |
| Oct. 9 | Katie Leftin |
| Oct. 16 | Nancy Barre |
| Oct. 23 | Jane Petracco |
| Oct. 30 | Laura Petracco |

Deacons

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| Oct. 2 | Jack Hurtt |
| Oct. 9 | Jean Braun |
| Oct. 16 | Amy Thornton |
| Oct. 23 | Melissa Cox |
| Oct. 30 | Barb Korpik |

Ushers

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| Oct. 2 | Jack Hurtt Shelley Kappesser Steve Kappesser Audrey Bernhard |
| Oct. 9 | Jean Braun Debbie Pailliette Thierry Paillette Jay Wainscott |
| Oct. 16 | Marcia Storm Scott Turner Jane Petracco Carol Himes |
| Oct. 23 | Jean Braun Nancy Pinguely Greg Vogel Andy Borah |
| Oct. 30 | Barb Korpik Audrey Bernhard Steve Weber Patti Miller |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 9 am – Adult Discipleship 10:30 am – Children's Christian Education 10:30 am – Worship | 3 9:30 am – SPARK Homeschool 5:30 pm – Cincinnati Scots | 4 12 pm – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Art Group 7 pm – Overeaters Anonymous | 5 12 pm – Green Team NO SMALL GROUP TODAY 7 pm – AA Group | 6 10 am – UCC Clergy 6:30 pm – Choir | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9 am – Adult Discipleship 9:30 am – Finance Committee 10:30 am – Children's Christian Education 10:30 am – Worship | 10 OFFICE CLOSED Indigenous People's Day | 11 12 pm – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Art Group 7 pm – Overeaters Anonymous | 12 3:30 pm – Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm – AA Group | 13 10 am – UCC Clergy 6:30 pm – Choir | 14 | 15 9 am – Viva Voices |
| 16 9 am – Adult Discipleship 10:30 am – Children's Christian Education 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am – Mission Team | 17 9:30 am – SPARK Homeschool 5:30 pm – Cincinnati Scots | 18 12 pm – Bible Study 1:30 pm – Art Group 7 pm – Overeaters Anonymous | 19 3:30 pm – Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm – AA Group | 20 10 am – UCC Clergy 6:30 pm – Choir | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9 am – Adult Discipleship 10:30 am – Children's Christian Education 10:30 am – Worship | 24 9:30 am – SPARK Homeschool 5:30 pm – Cincinnati Scots 6 pm – Executive Council | 25 11:30 am – Lunch and Learn No Bible Study 1:30 pm – Art Group 7 pm – Overeaters Anonymous | 26 3:30 pm – Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm – AA Group | 27 10 am – UCC Clergy 5:30 pm – Mom's Group 6:30 pm – Choir | 28 | 29 4:30-9 pm – SPARK Homeschool Hoffman Hall |
| 30 9 am – Adult Discipleship 10:30 am – Children's Christian Education 10:30 am – Worship | 31 9:30 am – SPARK Homeschool 5:30 pm – Cincinnati Scots | | | | | |