

November 2022

The Guide

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



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Check calendar on back for
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An Active Advent *Advent and Christmas at Christ Church*

If you have been around a church for any length of time, you've probably heard Advent is a time of waiting. When I hear the word "waiting," it feels like a passive word. We're just waiting in a line to check out at the store. We're waiting in traffic with nothing to do but sit there and maybe listen to the radio or a podcast. But our waiting during Advent should be different. It isn't passively waiting for something to happen but instead an active waiting. It is preparing ourselves for what God wants to do in and through us in this season.

That will be our focus for Advent this year — an Active Advent. Throughout the season, we will be using a practice called a body prayer where we pray using our hands, our arms, and our bodies. We will be sharing the tangible ways we can experience the hope, peace, love, and joy of the season

and how we can share them with others. Our daily devotional will use these same practices as well.

The practice of prayer we will be using comes from the insights of a saint known to us today as Julian of Norwich. She lived in the fourteenth century but her experience of living through a pandemic (the Black Plague in Europe) and through social upheavals feels pretty familiar to us today. We'll be using her prayer practice and also her wisdom to guide us through this season. I invite you to enter this season with openness to what God will stir in you and how you will be able to live that out with others.

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,
Pastor Ed

**Our Advent and Christmas
Schedule is on the next page.**

Our Active Advent at a Glance

Sunday, November 20:

Christ Church "Friendsgiving," a Thanksgiving themed potluck.

Please call Jenny Herrmann to see what side items she needs that day. 859-992-1707. We'll also be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas, with an Advent take home activity for all. Advent Devotionals will be available for pickup that day.

Sunday, November 27:

First Sunday of Advent – Hope

Sunday, December 4:

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

Fort Thomas Holiday Walk,

3-6:30 pm: Christ Church serving food, hosting music, and welcoming people from the community.

Sunday, December 11:

Third Sunday of Advent – Love

Sunday, December 18:

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Joy and Children's Christmas program

Saturday, December 24:

Two Christmas Eve services

- 1 pm – Interactive service with special visitors, child-friendly
- 10 pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Sunday, December 25:

No in-person service. Take home service packets and online video service provided.

Sunday, January 1:

In person New Year's Day service at 10:30 am. **No adult Sunday School class or Fellowship hour.**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

– John 3:16

Remembering to Cherish Everything We Are

From Pastor Ed

This is a photo of my daughter's hands that you'll be seeing throughout the month of November. She's holding a flower she found on a path where we were hiking one afternoon several years ago. She held it carefully the whole hike and then immediately put it into some water once we got home. She didn't use the word but she cherished that little yellow flower for that hike and for the days after. This is the image that comes to my heart when I reflect on what "cherishing" means. It means that we hold something carefully and tenderly. We protect it and we nurture it. There are many things we cherish in our lives – we cherish time with those dear to us. We cherish treasured possessions with special meaning. We cherish memories. We cherish people, and so much more.

As a community of faith, it is important for us to keep in our heart and mind that God cherishes us. Imagine us like that little flower – that's how God is with us. Read the Psalms and so many other parts of Scripture (including Jesus' message about "Do not worry" in the Sermon on the Mount) and you'll see this over and over.

Through most of November we'll be focusing on cherishing. We'll start on November 6 with cherishing who we've been. We are a community of faith that has been around a long time. We are who we are today because of the faithfulness of those who have come before. In worship that day, we'll be remembering those who have passed away in the last year and also honoring those who



have been a part of Christ Church for fifty years or more. We cherish who we have been.

The next week will be centered on cherishing who we are today. We will celebrate a baptism and the service will be led by the children of Christ Church. Regardless of our age, how long we've been here, or anything else, we are all cherished partners of who we are today. God has brought us together and God is using us together and we cherish who we are.

And finally on November 20, we will be focusing on who God will lead us to be. We do not know what the future holds for us but we know that God has a future with hope and promise before us and we cherish that reality.

Through all of this you'll be asked about your commitment for the present and future of Christ Church in your energies and your resources. Our giving should never be about guilt or simple duty but out of gratitude of who we have been, who we are, and who God will lead us to be. I am grateful to be a part of it!

Mission Team Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

It's time to start purchasing boxed/ bagged mashed potatoes for our annual food drive for the Brighton Center. We hope to collect a large amount for their holiday meals. Keep in mind that sometimes the smaller packages are less expensive and only require water rather than milk and butter, although all donations are accepted and appreciated. You can place your donations in the large labeled bin in the Narthex. Please see below about ways to get involved and watch the announcements portion of the weekly bulletin for updates. The team will meet on November 13 this month so our members can attend the church Friendsgiving on the third Sunday.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to those who have brought cereal and peanut butter to the shelves in the narthex for Brighton Center's pantry.

- In addition to our annual food drive for the holiday baskets, we are also collecting:
November: Kraft Mac N Cheese and canned soup
Holiday Drive: Instant mashed potatoes
- **Brighton Center Used Toy Sale:** Brighton Center will hold their annual used toy sale where children can "shop" with volunteers for toys priced at a nickel, dime, or quarter. Often children shop for a sibling, family

member, or friend and enjoy the opportunity to give a gift they've personally picked out. Please consider taking time to go through any used toys you may be ready to donate. Batteries are always needed as well.

**Drop Off: 471 Central Avenue, Newport, KY
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5 pm.**

- **Prepare Affair**

It's time to volunteer for the 2022 Prepare Affair. The event will be **Saturday, November 19 from 8:30 am- noon**. Padrino's Pizza afterwards! Please consider helping our elderly and disabled neighbors prepare their homes for winter. Services range from raking leaves to other small tasks. Please register at <http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/prepare-affair> (click on Volunteer Registration and type "Christ Church UCC." as the Volunteer Team Name). We'll meet at the Church and go out in small groups to individual homes. If you have tools, please bring them. We also need a couple of people who can bring and transport a ladder for gutter cleaning. Don't forget your work gloves! If you have any questions, please contact **Melissa Cox** at mlsjcx4@gmail.com or **859-391-3485**.

- **Ronald McDonald House**

We are excited to get back to serving lunch at Ronald McDonald House on **Wednesday, December 21 at 10 a.m.** Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old and will be required to wear a mask. Please email **Barb Korpik** at barbk@fuse.net if you can volunteer to serve and she will share all the relevant details and information.

Christian Education Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

The children continued their lessons on prayer this month and practiced praying together. They have enjoyed taking turns with our Prayer Bear and sharing how they pray at home with their family. The children explored times when they can talk to God through prayer to share joy, help with anxiety, heal, and find peace. In the coming month, they will shift to praying to give thanks to God as we cherish our past, present, and future.

November is one of my favorite times of the year in the Sunday school room as we spend our time thinking about our blessings. I am grateful to work with wonderful people and want to extend my gratitude to Michele for sharing her love of nature and book (did you know she was a writer) with the children last month. I am



preparing for the season of Advent as well as ask that you save the date for our Children's Program on December 18 during the service. The children will also participate in the first Christmas Eve service at 1 p.m.

Of course, the month of December will be full of fun activities, and I am looking for people willing to help with some of the preparation. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Kelly at kelly@christchurchft.org

N. Kentucky Youth Group

Sunday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting at the Carriage House. A night of fellowship and food.

Sunday, Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Party: A special celebration that includes food and fun. For more information go to [this link](#).

Both will be held at:

Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 2690 Dixie Hwy., Lakeside Park, KY

Singing During the Holidays

From Toni Sheffer

Would you like to sing in the choir during the holiday season and decide if this is a good fit for you? We are rehearsing now for both weekly services and Advent/Christmas service music. You are invited to come and join us on **Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.** in the sanctuary. What a great way to give back to the church and to God!

Join this great small group experience. 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.



Lunch and Learn

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 11:30 a.m. for "Christmas Memories with Doris and Rosemary" Take a stroll down memory lane with photographs of memorable Cincinnati Christmas traditions and holiday music made famous by two great ladies of entertainment, Doris Day and Rosemary Clooney. Twelve Christmas songs made memorable by Doris and Rosemary will be performed live by a professional local singer, Delores Ray Mason. Our guest presenter will be Mr. Kent Rawlings from the Cincinnati Museum Center Heritage Speakers Bureau.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations call Nancy Hunter at: (859) 441-4190** or email nhunter@zoomtown.com.

Brighton Center — A Community of Support

Brighton Center's Community Resource Center has been aiding residents of Victoria Square and River Chase to find housing.



During the month of October we have hosted job search events every Wednesday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in our Scholar House facility, located across the street from Victoria Square. These events are an opportunity for residents to sit down with a resource advocate to search for housing or access information about other available services.

Holiday Drive Season is upon us!

- Used Toy Sale December 3
- Wish Tree Program – December 7-20
- Fort Thomas Ministerial Partnership
- Ministerial Luncheon at Brighton Center December 7
- Senior Food Distribution
- Ministerial Food Drive for holiday food

A customer came to us requesting assistance with her electricity bill that was scheduled to get shut off. After talking with her we found out that, a little over a year ago, her husband left her and she was put in a situation where she had to pay all of the bills and raise her children on her own. She had kept with her bills over the course of the year but fell behind on her electric bill when some unexpected expenses came up. We were able to pay enough towards her bill to suspend her disconnect notice. This gave us time to get her connected to HHERF (Healthy at Home Eviction Relief Fund) which should allow her to get fully caught up.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kenny Honchell, the Equipment Manager of the 1963 Tangerine Bowl Championship football team, which was inducted into the Western Kentucky University Athletic Hall of Fame on October 1. His team was undefeated. No other sport held this undefeated record at Western.

Congratulations to Tom and Amy Pendery who are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild! Beau Benjamin Pendery was born on September 11, 2022 to Ben and Devin Pendery. Welcome Beau!

Congratulations to Susan and Jeff McDonald on the birth of their Great Granddaughter, Lilavera Lyvers on October 7. Parents are Ally and Grayson (grandson) Lyvers and grandparents, Katie (daughter) and Tim Lyvers.



Oct. Attendance

	In Person	Online
10/2/22	85	10
10/9/22	71	20
10/16/22	85	17
10/23/22	89	25
10/30/22	66	N/A

Thanks to Our Church Family

I wish to thank all of my Christ Church family for your prayers, cards and loving support for Gary and I as we mourn the loss of my brother, Dr. James Kincaid.

Your warm hugs and expressions of sympathy helped me get through this very difficult time of grief.

You are truly a gift from God and I thank all of you for your love and support.

*Peace,
Nancy and Gary Hunter.*

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

— 1 Thessalonians 5:11



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, 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, Kelsey S. Foltz
(Names underlined indicate request for first name usage only)

Please call the office about changes.

(859) 441-2565

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jack Gise	11/01/2010	Janice Morris	11/20
Melissa Cox	11/04	Gary Hunter	11/21
Krista Hack	11/09	Stephanie Laake	11/24
Shannon Thomas	11/09	Dorothy Lyman	11/24
Andrew Borah	11/10	Shelley Kappesser	11/25
Karen Robinson	11/11	David Jager	11/27
Kyle Huelsman	11/12	Ken Honchell	11/29
Alex Petracco	11/12	Carolyn Cook	11/30
Beverly Erschell	11/13		
Jim Korpik	11/19	Julie & Daniel Mai	11/03/1990 32 yrs.



Schedules for November

Liturgists

Nov. 6	Marcia Storm
Nov. 13	Carolyn Tyler
Nov. 20	Scott Turner
Nov. 27	Barry Petracco

Deacons

Nov. 6	Jack Hurtt
Nov. 13	Marie Cunningham
Nov. 20	Melissa Cox
Nov. 27	Jean Braun

Ushers

Nov. 6	Jack Hurtt
	Shelley Kappesser
	Steve Kappesser
	Jay Wainscott
Nov. 13	Marie Cunningham
	Scott Turner
	Jane Petracco
	Carol Himes
Nov. 20	Steve Weber
	Greg Vogel
	Marcia Storm
	Patti Miller
Nov. 27	Jean Braun
	Debbie Paillette
	Thierry Paillette
	Andy Borah

Our Hospitality Committee Volunteers Needed!

Our Hospitality Committee is responsible for cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning up after meals served at Christ Church such as:

- Fellowship on Sunday mornings
- Bereavement after funerals
- Lunch and Learn
- Congregational dinners
- Special events

There are several events coming up when the Hospitality Committee could use your help in whatever way you can.

Besides our usual Fellowship every Sunday morning, we will be having a **Friendsgiving Potluck on November 20** right after the Sunday service. The church will provide the main course. Everyone, please call Jenny and let her know what side item or dessert you can bring.

Two days later, **Lunch & Learn is on November 22.**

Please contact **Jenny Herrmann** at **859-441-4190** or **Nancy Hunter** at **859-441-7207** if you can help. Thank you!

Don't Miss Out!

Be sure to read the details of our annual Prepare Affair as well as bringing in instant mashed potatoes for our Holiday Drive for Brighton Center on page 3 under "Mission Team Update"!

Christ Church Questionnaire

In addition to sharing how God is moving in the life of Christ Church, we also want to share how many ways we're connected to each other.

Max Gise

- **Favorite Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse
- **One thing I own that I should really throw out:** Old college textbooks
- **Favorite animal:** Cats
- **Have you asked for an autograph? Who?** John Petrucci of Dream Theater (guitarist)
- **What do you think happens when we die:** Not sure. Blackness and unawareness
- **Favorite smell:** Verveine from L'Occitane
- **Least favorite:** Sewage or chicken farms
- **Exercise... worth it?** Yes! Running
- **Favorite Movie:** Too many to pick from
- **Most used app on my phone:** iTunes
- **Favorite Bible story/passage:** The prodigal son
- **One Song for the rest of my life:** "No Blues," Wes Montgomery
- **Describe the rest of your life in five words:** Be in the moment everyday



Church Council Meeting Notes

9/26/2022

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

- **Gathering/Centering:** Pastor Ed led a discussion about “An Invitation to Brave Space” by Mickey Jones.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Approval of Minutes:** Bert made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe seconded. **Minutes approved.**
- **Building Projects**
 - Bill Hitch gave us a report on the various projects going on at Christ Church.
 - The new stairs to the second floor have been poured, new sidewalks have been poured on the Audubon Place side of the church and new front doors have been ordered.
 - Bill and Nancy updated on the downstairs kitchen and the needed updates.
 - History Room project is moving forward thanks to help from volunteers.
- **Financial Report:** Bert said we were \$7,000 behind in giving.

Expenses are still lower than expected. Bert also reported on the work of the Legacy Fund Committee and moving forward on investments and working with the congregation on planned giving.

- **Pastor’s Report:**
 - Pastor Ed reported on the plans for Stewardship in November focusing on cherishing our past, present and future.
 - Pastor Ed also reported on plans for Advent 2022.
- **Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day falling on Sunday discussion:** Christmas Eve services at 1 p.m. (interactive service) and 10 p.m. (traditional candlelight service). No in-person service on December 25. Will be online only with an “at-home” worship packet. Council discussed and approved these plans for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- **Mission Team:** Still collecting items for Brighton Center and Hosea House.
- **By-laws Review:** Reviewed Article III.
- **Meeting Closed with Prayer:** Ed gave us an update on several members that need our prayers and we added others.

Our Finances

Greetings from the Finance Board. I wanted to keep everyone updated on the church’s finances. We are through three quarters of 2022. It’s amazing how fast the year has gone. First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for their generosity and support. These are difficult times in our economy and thus our personal finances. Your continued faithfulness is appreciated.

We are a stable church financially and are paying our bills much better than a lot of churches. Our staff has been diligent in keeping cost down as much as possible. The board bases its income on pledging and estimated revenues and in in pledged giving. Based on that, we are about \$12,000 behind in giving. We still have the last and usually the strongest giving quarter remaining.

We will be beginning the 2023 budget and Stewardship program that funds that budget. There will be some challenges as stocks are down and expenses continue to climb, especially utilities.

Please prayerfully evaluate your giving and pledging for the remainder of this year and for the Stewardship program for 2023. As always, if you have challenges, or concerns that you would like to discuss, please contact me.

Blessings,
Bert Bathiany, Treasurer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>12 pm - Bible Study 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p>3:30 pm - Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm- AA Group</p>	<p>10 am - UCC Clergy 6:30 pm - Choir</p>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>9 am - Adult Discipleship 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Children's Christian Education 10:30 am - Worship Remembrance</p>	<p>9:30 am - SPARK Homeschool</p>	<p>12 pm - Bible Study 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous 7 pm - Finance Meeting</p>	<p>3:30 pm - Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm- AA Group</p>	<p>10 am - UCC Clergy 6:30 pm - Choir</p>		
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27	28	29	30			
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