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# The Guide

We embrace all  
as we journey  
the way of Jesus



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## Because of You and the Holy Spirit, the Church Changes Lives

It might surprise you that the thing I love the most in the Bible are not the miraculous stories or the beautiful poetry of the Psalms. What I love the most are the people that we read about and the ways that God uses them. I love how real most of the people in the Bible are presented. Yes there are heroic and amazing stories that are shared. At the same time, however, the flaws of each of those people are shared as well.

I love what Amanda Held Opelt writes in her book, "Holy Unhappiness": *...the Bible...does not present us with appealing, infallible protagonists to root for or inspire us. Its main characters are remarkably human—flawed and prone to corruption: Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, Moses never made it to the promised land, Joseph's arrogance led to the breakdown of a family, David was a murderer and an adulterer, and Peter was unprincipled and temperamental, denying Jesus at*

*the very moment when courage was most needed. In these fallen heroes we see sins so egregious that if these people were alive today, they'd never be able to show their faces on social media again.<sup>1</sup> And yet...God worked through them. God changed the world through them. And God's still doing the same today through people like you and me. That is what we will remember and celebrate during November this year during our Stewardship season. We will celebrate the ways that God uses ordinary people like us and changes lives through the Holy Spirit working in and through us. We are going to celebrate the truth that because of you and the Holy Spirit, Christ Church is changing lives.*

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ed".

Pastor Ed

<sup>1</sup>(Opelt, Amanda Held. Holy Unhappiness (pp. 158-159). Worthy. Kindle Edition.)

# Pastor Ed's 50th Birthday Celebration



# Christian Education Update

*From Kelly Kuhnhein*

This month the children spent several weeks learning about The Lord's Prayer and diving deeper into each part of the prayer to discuss what it means to them. The discussions included topics such as temptation, God's will, forgiveness, and how we pray together. The children asked questions and shared their own experiences or challenges with each concept.

We read the book, *You're Always Enough: And More Than I Hoped For*

by Emily Ley which was given to each family as a gift from Christ Church as the children returned to school. I also had the pleasure of sharing the book and important message with the congregation during children's time.

As we move through the fall, we will focus on giving thanks and focusing on our blessings. Planning is well underway for the season of Advent and the many activities we love in Sunday school during that time.



If you are interested in helping, please contact Kelly.

## Mission Team Update

*From Kelly Kuhnhein*

The mission team has begun planning for several upcoming opportunities for our congregation to serve in the fall and holiday season. The details for ways to get involved are included in this article. Our team continues to meet on the third Sunday of the month in the Conference Room immediately after the service. Our next meeting is **October 15**. Anyone interested in getting involved with mission work at the church is welcome to join us.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### • Brighton Center:

Thank you to everyone who donated boxes of cereal over the last two months. Due to the overwhelming positive response, we made two trips to deliver cereal boxes. What a blessing to the community!



#### – October/November: Boxed mashed potatoes

We have an additional shelf in the parlor to make donations.

#### • Hosea House:

**Our next date to serve is December 10** and there are many ways to offer your support. You can sign up to bring brownies, assist with picking up food from Kroger, prep the meal, or serve. Please follow the link to sign up: [www.bit.ly/hosea12](http://www.bit.ly/hosea12)

#### • Washington UCC:

The team is working to determine the best ways to support the children and families served by WUCC this holiday season. Look for more details on how you might help in the next issue of *The Guide* or the weekly bulletin.

#### • Ronald McDonald House:

Ronald McDonald house provides a home for critically ill children and their families. We will serve lunch there **Wednesday, December 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Must be 16 years or older. For questions, please contact **Barb Korpik**. Use this link to sign up: [www.bit.ly/rmhchristchurch](http://www.bit.ly/rmhchristchurch)

#### • Prepare Affair:



Prepare Affair brings together volunteers to help elderly and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for the winter. The event will be **Saturday, November 18 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon** with lunch to follow at the church. Those helping will meet at the church and then go out to homes. You are encouraged to bring tools (rakes/leaf blower), work gloves, and we will need a few volunteers to assist with transporting a ladder for gutter cleaning. For questions, please contact **Melissa Cox**. Please register at [www.pwchomerepairs.org/prepare-affair](http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/prepare-affair) (click on Volunteer Registration and complete the form using Christ Church UCC as the Volunteer Team Name)

# Paintings in the Parlor

Be sure to check out the lovely paintings by Audrey Bernhard that are temporarily displayed in the Parlor. Christ Church is truly fortunate to have so many talented artists.



## Help Out the Green Team!

The Green Team needs help with taking recyclables over to the Cincinnati Reuse and Recycle Hub. It's just a 10 min. drive and there are lots of volunteers there to show you where to go. Please contact the office if you'd like to be on a no-obligation email list.

# N. KY Youth Events

**Sunday, October 8, • 5-7:30 p.m.**  
**Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church**

Youth from around the area will gather for a special game night! We will also be partnering with Soles4Souls for a special mission project! Please consider bringing



gently used shoes that can be donated to people in need. RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/10-8GameNight>.



## Don't Miss "The Letter"

**November 12 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**in Hoffman Hall**

The Christ Church Green Team will be showing a special screening of "The Letter." The film features Pope Francis and environmental champions from around the world and from different faiths. Pope Francis wrote an "encyclical letter—a short book that popes write—called Laudato Si'. It encourages us to see how "everything is connected." The way we treat the Earth,

our common home, is a reflection of how we treat each other. Caring for each other means caring for the home we share. This viewing will be open to both our church and the community. Please consider bringing someone with you. Light refreshments will be available.

For more information, go to <https://www.theletterfilm.org>  
For questions about the event, call the office at 859-441-2565.



## Art in the Conference Room

A huge thank you to Ruth Rowe for donating the three signed prints by Robert Fabe and getting

them framed. So many groups that meet now have lovely nature scenes to look at. Thanks Ruth!

# First Communion Photos



## All Saints Day Service Photos

Please bring in or email a photo of anyone you would like remembered during our All Saints Day service. We will also need their full name and the date of their passing. The service will be held on November 5. Thank you.

Email photos and information to: [office@christchurchft.org](mailto:office@christchurchft.org)



## 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 7 yrs.  
 Bud & Kathy Leftin 51 yrs.  
 Angie & Jeff Wells 42 yrs.  
 Eugene & Carole Lukjan 31 yrs.  
 Carolyn Watts &  
 Jerry Lee Raisor 6 yrs.  
 Jane & Barry Petracco 42 yrs.



## Memorials

**Memorials for Faye Gateley**  
Linda Gracey

**Memorial for Bonnie Hitch**  
Rebecca Catlett

**Memorial for Margi McKenna**  
Mark McKenna  
Megan Schweitzer

**Memorial for Judy Robinson**  
Dennis & Judy Bradford  
Cam & Mary Draper  
Jean Mettens  
Cheryl Palmer  
The Robinson Family  
Ruth Rowe  
Larry & Donna Stinson



## Thank You

*A special warm thank you to all of you who helped fill the apartment of an individual I recently met. She had only a bed and a TV.*

*Through your generosity, we were able to fill her apartment with furniture, complete her kitchen, as well as her bedroom and bathroom. Thank you for your generosity and for carrying on the "Way of Jesus!"*

*Love,  
Linda Gracey*



## Schedules for October

### Liturgists

Oct. 1 Janet Fischer  
Oct. 8 Jean Braun  
Oct. 15 Nancy Barre  
Oct. 22 Jane Petracco  
Oct. 29 Laura Petracco

### Deacons

Oct. 1 Jack Hurtt  
Oct. 8 Jean Braun  
Oct. 15 Greg Vogel  
Oct. 22 Barb Korpik  
Oct. 29 Marie Cunningham

### Ushers

Oct. 1 Jack Hurtt  
Shelley Kappesser  
Steve Kappesser  
Jay Wainscott  
Oct. 8 Jean Braun  
Marcia Storm  
Patti Miller  
Audrey Bernhard  
Oct. 15 Greg Vogel  
Mike Evans  
Jane Petracco  
Carol Himes  
Oct. 22 Barb Korpik  
Nancy Pinguely  
Jeff Pinguely  
Andy Borah  
Oct. 29 Maria Cunningham  
Debbie Paillette  
Thierry Paillette  
Jay Wainscott

## Lunch and Learn

**Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m.**

Our guest presenter will be Chuck Keller. He will be speaking about the Fort Thomas Forest Conservancy (FTFC). Mr. Keller joined the organization in 2015 after retiring from the Fort Thomas Independent School system. The FTFC's mission is to "Protect, restore, and conserve the natural areas that contribute to the vitality and unique character of Fort Thomas." They have responsibility for about 40 acres in town and are in conversation with owners to add to that. In addition they also operate awareness events like the largest Earth Day celebration in N. KY at Tower Park each year, caring for the Model Native Garden in Tower Park

Fort Thomas  
Forest Conservancy 

where residents are shown the benefits of using native plants in their landscape, and offering volunteer opportunities for schools and other organizations. Their goal is to preserve the natural heritage of the area in order to make the community livable and desirable.

**Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon.** Reservations are required for lunch. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**



# Church Council Meeting Notes

9/18/2023

**In Attendance:** Pastor Ed Goode, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Jen Korpik, Bert Bathiany, Betsy Beimesche, Beckie Borah, Jenny Herrmann, Nancy Hunter, Kelly Kuhnhein, Debbie Paillette, Sallie Schmidt, and Greg Vogel

• **Gathering/Centering**

Chapter 34 of *Following the Call*  
– “Daily Bread”

• **Approval of Minutes from June Minutes approved.**

• **Financial Report**

Expenses are lower than budgeted. Giving is above pledges. The insurance compensation was added to the wrong account, that will be moved. The Legacy Fund committee is going to talk to the congregation about estate planning.

**Report approved.**

• **Update on Building Projects**

– **Siding for Building (facing parking lot):** Greg Vogel talked about adding siding to the part of the building that contains the offices and a group from the church is willing to install it. The cost will be approximately \$2,500. The gutters and downspouts were checked when the roof work was done and they were okay.

– **Kitchen Windows:** A couple windows in the kitchen are leaking and Greg talked about adding glass blocks to fix the issue. The blocks for both would be approximately \$1,800 and a group from the church is willing to install those.

– **Tile in kitchen:** Due to the window leak by the refrigerators in the kitchen, several tiles became loose and needed to be replaced. The floor was leveled, and new tiles are to be installed.

– **Approving funds:** Jenny made a motion to approve \$5,000 to pay for the siding, glass block, and tile. Sallie seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**

• **Open and Affirming (ONA)**

– The ONA team started to have one to one conversations with members of the church getting a wide variety of responses. The team is trying to have conversations with a cross-section of active members. If you would like to have a conversation with one of the ONA team, or have questions regarding the ONA process, please reach out to Beckie Borah.

– The next ONA team meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

• **Pastor’s Report**

– Pastor Ed said to keep Donna Hoffman, David and Marcia Hosea, and Donna and Bill Wilson in your prayers.

– He also talked about our sound system, Stewardship, and resuming his usual number of pastoral visits, cards, and phone calls. He also spoke about when he will be away and ended with the great consistent attendance numbers we’ve experienced during the year.

• **Meeting Closed with Prayer**

## Sept. Attendance

	In Person	Online
9/3/23	84	15
9/10/23	92	22
9/17/23	92	23
9/24/23	96	16



## Prayer Requests

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**  
*Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH*

Joy, Genene Lyons, Pierce, Ev & Jack Weber, Tom Cox, Marie Shields, Barry Bordenkircher, Allan Smille, Jean Lacalley, Amber Schmidt, Bobby Grim, Roman, Lyuda & Natalya Shostak, Tim, John Jr., Sheila Mains, Sue, Judy & Greg Gadd, Kristen Bender, Mike & Laura Randall, Marcia Hosea, Emma Hamann, Sallie Schmidt and family, Barb Walkenhorst-Derby, Landon Schmidt, Jesse Clayton, Bill P., Don Seifert, Raenon Justice, the family of Bonnie Hitch, Kim Schnier, Chris, the family of Wilma Graves, the family of Nancy Faulkner, David Hosea, Scott, Stacey Seiter, Jeff McCall, Kelly Greenwalt, Kristin Bailey, Jamie, Jenny Holey, Nancy McLane, Mike & Sheila Smith, the family of Margi McKenna, John Fugate, the family of Judy Robinson, the family of John Neumaier, Andrew, Howard Storm, the family of Faye Gateley, Marshall Gantt, Sophia, Carolyn Tyler, Shane, Parker, Dave, Jane Cox

*(Underline indicates request for anonymity)*

**Please call the office with changes.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship  <b>10:00 am</b>–Fellowship  <b>10:30 am</b>–Children’s Christian Education  <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>10 am</b> – UCC Clergy  <b>10 am</b>–Bloom Homeschool</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> – Bible Study  <b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group  <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>6-8 pm</b> - Open &amp; Affirming  <b>7 pm</b>– AA Group</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Choir practice</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship  <b>10:00 am</b>–Fellowship  <b>10:30 am</b>–Children’s Christian Education  <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples’ Day</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> – Bible Study  <b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group  <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous  <b>7 pm</b> – Finance Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b>– Green Team  <b>7 pm</b>– AA Group</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Choir practice</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship  <b>10:00 am</b>–Fellowship  <b>10:30 am</b>–Children’s Christian Education  <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship  <b>11:30 am</b>–Mission</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>10 am</b> – UCC Clergy  <b>10 am</b>–Bloom Homeschool  <b>6 pm</b> – Church Council</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> – Bible Study  <b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group  <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>6-8 pm</b> - Open &amp; Affirming  <b>7 pm</b>– AA Group</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> – Choir practice</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship  <b>10:00 am</b>–Fellowship  <b>10:30 am</b>–Children’s Christian Education  <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>10 am</b> – UCC Clergy  <b>10 am</b>–Bloom Homeschool  <b>6 pm</b>–Mom’s Club Trunk or Treat</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> – Lunch and Learn  <b>NO Bible Study</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group  <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am</b>– Mom’s Group  <b>7 pm</b>– AA Group</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>4:30 am</b>– Viva Voices practice  <b>6:30 pm</b> – Choir practice</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>7:30 am</b>– AA Step Up Meeting</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship  <b>10:00 am</b>–Fellowship  <b>10:30 am</b>–Children’s Christian Education  <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>10 am</b> – UCC Clergy  <b>10 am</b>–Bloom Homeschool</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> – Bible Study  <b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group  <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous</p>				