

May 2024

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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Youth & Children's Ministry

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Rev. Dr. Edward Goode
Pastor

Madeline Queen
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Toni Sheffer,
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Max Gise
Guitarist

Talia Zoll
Vocalist

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Barb Walkenhorst Derby
Bookkeeper

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Photo by Edward Goode

What Every Living Thing Needs *Summer at Christ Church*

Did you just breathe? Yes you did. Have you eaten in the last 24 hours? Probably so. What about water – did you have a glass of water, take a shower, run a load of laundry? Undoubtedly you have. Where are you reading this? Is there a roof over your head? Probably so – you have shelter to live in. Have you been connected to anyone else in the last 24 hours? Family, friends, neighbors, even strangers?

Air, Water, Community, Food, Shelter...these are some of the basic needs **every living thing needs**. There are others but these are real-ly at the core for each of us.

This summer, we are going to be

centering around these five basic needs as we see them in Scripture, specifically in Psalm 104, but others as well. We'll be sharing this in worship but we will also be doing some "Compassion Camp-ing" five nights through the summer as we go deeper with each.

Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, reciprocity, and kinship, participants will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God's creation. Using Psalm 104 along with additional supporting scripture, we will closely examine the interconnectedness of the whole earth—humans alongside the more-than-human world.

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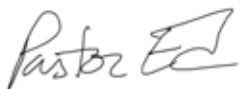
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On Tuesday evenings, for most of the summer, we will be partnering with our friends at First Presbyterian and St. John UCC Bellevue for all ages to come together, have fun, and grow deeper in faith.

Each night will have a dinner, activities for all ages, and tangible ways to care for these needs in ourselves and in the world around us. We will be together on Tuesday evenings, June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, and 23 at Christ Church. There will also be a special Sunday service at the Cincinnati Nature Center on June 30!

I am super excited to share in this time and hope to see you!

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,



Pastor Ed



Pentecost Potluck

Right after worship on Sunday, May 19, our Holy Smokers will be back in action as Ken Weidinger, Andy Luken, and Pastor Ed will all be lighting some Pentecost fires to deliver pulled pork for our second annual Pentecost Potluck! Last names ending in A-H, please bring a vegetable, J-S, a salad, and T-Z, a dessert. Don't miss this special time with your church family!

Recycling Station Changes

There are three changes to our recycling station on the Audubon side of the church.

The first is we will no longer be taking shoes. The Cincinnati Recycle and Reuse Hub has had to become more stringent about what they can take and shoes are no longer viable.

Secondly, we will not be taking styrofoam. Rumpke has started a new program where they now pick up styrofoam as well as a large variety of plastic bags and packaging from your home **as long as it's in a Hefty ReNew orange bag**. These can be purchased at Kroger and Walmart. More information can be found at: www.hefty.com/products/hefty-renew



Our third change is we will now be taking plastic berry containers. The Hub purchased a special machine that makes this possible.

If you would like to join the Christ Church Green Team or have any questions, please contact Michele Wright at (859) 441-2565.



Disaster Recovery Work Trip

From Ken Weidinger

The next Disaster Recovery Work Trip will be a half week trip to Mayfield, Kentucky. We'll be leaving after worship on Sunday, June 2, and returning to Fort Thomas on June 5.

Overnight accommodations will be at the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Mayfield, Ky. The congregation there recently turned their parsonage into a Mission House that includes beds for up to 20 volunteers and also provides two full bathrooms. Meals will be prepared in the church kitchen.

We will not learn the exact nature of the work we'll be doing during our time in Mayfield, but be assured that everyone will have an opportunity to contribute to the recovery effort regardless of skill



level or experience.

Please prayerfully consider joining us and feel free to call me if you have questions or need more information.

With Hope,
Ken Weidinger
859-380-4140



Christian Education Update

From Madeline Queen

Throughout this month, we experienced an exciting yet bittersweet transition as we said farewell to Miss Kelly and gave our most sincere welcome to Ms. Madeline!

I am so excited to be joining the Christ Church family. I actually grew up right here in Fort Thomas, attending church at St. Andrews and going to school at Moyer Elementary, Highlands High School, and graduating at Campbell County High School. Along with myself, you may see my adorable sidekick, Rosie, my 11 month old daughter. She loves to sing (or babble in her case) along to the hymns in church and play with the other children downstairs!

Throughout my first two weeks as Children's Ministry Director, our children and youth have had

the opportunity to learn about Earth Day and stewardship from planting and decorating our own pots, to crafts and reading stories about God's creation!

We are so excited and looking forward to the upcoming month, **Some dates to keep in mind for May 2024:**

- Sunday School every Sunday, 10:30AM-11:15AM
- Illumination Group (Youth Group) Year End Picnic, May 5, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Mother's Day Celebration, May 12, during Sunday School
- Churchwide Potluck/Picnic, May 19, after church. We will be having some fun activities for our children throughout that time!

If you are interested in helping, **please contact Madeline at madeline@christchurchft.org**



Mission Team Update

The Mission Team did not meet in April but that doesn't mean that things aren't happening! The 100+ hygiene kits have been packed and will be taken to Temples Hills Camp from which they'll be distributed to Church World Service. We have a full group of people coming together to serve at Ronald McDonald House in early May and we'll have our next time at Hosea House this summer. Your financial giving also allows us to support needs as they arise and we have sent the first of our three checks to Brighton Center to help renew the Ft Thomas Ministerial Fund which has helped well over 100 people the last few years with tangible needs.

Our spaghetti collection has wrapped up and for the months of May and June we'll be collecting dental supplies. So here's an easy thing to do with that – next time you are at the dentist, ask your dentist if you can have some extra toothbrushes or toothpaste samples. They might give you the whole box!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministries reaching out to people beyond the walls of Christ Church!



Schedules for May

Liturgists

- May 5 Barry Petracco
- May 12 Marcia Storm
- May 19 Carolyn Tyler
- May 26 Scott Turner

Deacons

- May 5 Jack Hurtt
- May 12 Jean Braun
- May 19 Greg Vogel
- May 26 Jean Braun

Ushers

- May 5 Jack Hurtt
Debbie Paillette
Thierry Paillette
Jay Wainscott
- May 12 Jean Braun
Gordon Braun
Carol Himes
Audrey Bernhard
- May 19 Greg Vogel
Patti Miller
Mike Evans
Andy Borah
- May 26 Jean Braun
Ellen Turner
Scott Turner
Marcia Storm

April Attendance		
	In Person	Online
4/7/24	92	17
4/14/24	128	20
4/21/24	84	21
4/28/24	84	12



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Gary Kennedy, Kent, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Bonnie, Daryl, Susan Snyder, the family of Bonnie Jones, Susan Gabbard, Beth Caby, Erin, Nancy H., Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, June Warriner, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie and Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, John Thomas Flynn, The Flynn Family, the family of Phyllis Clark, the family of Evie and Jack Weber, the family of Rev. David Schwab, the family of Doug Miller, David Garcia

(Underline indicates request for anonymity)

Please call the office with changes.



Spring Cleanup

Saturday May 18, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., show up any time to help clean our grounds. We'll be doing weeding, trimming, and overall cleanup.

If you are unable to participate, consider contributing a suggested \$20 to pay a landscaper for any work still needed. Thank you!



Memorials

Memorial for Bev Erschell
Jennifer Imbus

Thanks to Our Church Family

Dear Members of Christ Church,
Thank you for making my time at Christ Church so special. I deeply appreciate your support throughout my work and the many cards, notes, and words of encouragement on my last day. Thank you for the generous financial gift, cake, meaningful peace rock, and photo of the children's hands. I feel so blessed to have had the honor of working with the children and getting to know all of you!
With gratitude,
Kelly

Thank you to all the wonderful people who are so gracious and willing to help with bereavement foods and meals for our folks returning home from hospital stays or anytime a meal is needed! I have said hundreds of times the people in our church are the **best** and make Christ Church so incredible! Once again, you are wonderful and I appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you!
Blessings and love,
Linda

Finance Update

From Bert Bathiany

Greetings from the Finance Board. We wanted to give the congregation an update of the year so far and plans for the future. Our giving is keeping pace with our pledges and our bills are being paid. We continue to pay the balance of our loan for the past renovations, elevator and bathrooms, etc. We have completed major projects like the roof repair, the steps from the second floor class rooms, the repair and new dishwasher in the kitchen, and the concrete at the front of the church. And we continue to support local missions important to Christ Church. We have about \$85,000 left in the Capital Campaign Fund which sounds like a lot but in reality, it is not.

Christ Church has some urgent needs for the continued structural integrity of the church. We are getting ready to repair the outside walls to Pastor Ed's office and new windows. The parlor needs repair of the ceiling from previous water damage. There is water

leaking thru the foundation on the north side of the church that leaks into Hoffman Hall. There is some cracking of the concrete over the steps that lead down to Hoffman Hall from the north side. And there are leaks around some of the stained-glass windows in the church. These are all significant areas that require attention.

How do we accomplish these repairs? First, we have the money in the Capital Fund. There is some money in a few other funds but not enough for all these repairs. And we don't want to use all our reserves leaving us vulnerable for any future emergencies. The Council and the Finance team are working through solutions. What we are asking now is for anyone that feels moved to contribute to any of these projects beyond normal pledging to contact a member of council or finance.

As always, we are blessed to have a Church Family that responds to the needs of Christ Church.

Year-End Picnic

**Sunday, May 5, 5:30-7:30
Highland Hills Park, Shelter 2,
Fort Thomas**

The end of the school year is almost here. That means it's time for an outdoor evening of fun with Illumination, Northern Kentucky Youth! Join us Sunday, May 5, from 5:30-7:30 at Highland Hills Park, shelter 2 in Fort Thomas. Bring a picnic dinner and a readiness for some great games and an evening of fun. Register at <https://lakesidechurch.org/index.php/nkyyouth/>

Lost and Found

Don't forget if you've left anything in the church, you may find it in our lost and found basket located in the Parlor. It's on the table against the wall on the left as you come in. Thank you!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Beau Menefee	5/1	Terri Jager	5/28
Kathryn Lukjan	5/1	Elizabeth Beimesche	5/29
Jack Hurtt	5/4		
Anna Gise	5/6	Shannon & Hunter Thomas	5/10/2003 21 yrs.
Gregory Vogel	5/9	Ellen & Scott Turner	5/12/1979 45 yrs.
Stanley Grau	5/11	Steve & Dana Pendery	5/12/1990 34 yrs.
Judy Land	5/12	Howard & Joy Storm	5/14/2023 1 yr.
Jill Draper	5/20	Gordon & Jean Braun	5/15/1976 48 yrs.
Mary Hertzman	5/22	Greg & Susan Houben	5/17/1986 38 yrs.
Ken Honchell	5/22	David & Donna Pendery	5/27/1978 46 yrs.
ZsaZsa Bach	5/24	Andrew & Jessica Bach	5/27/2006 18 yrs.
Rebecca Borah	5/27	Ken & Tammy Weidinger	5/30/1981 43 yrs.



Lunch and Learn

Tues., May 28 at 11:30 a.m.

We will be hosting a visit from the **Reds Hall of Fame and Museum Center**. The **Legends Remembered** group will be traveling to Christ Church to present a program on their newest exhibit, "The Long Ball: A Home Run History of the Reds." The program touches all the bases in the celebration of the signature moments in the careers of the Reds players who have etched their names in the annals of the home run lore. In addition to their presentation, they will be bringing some artifacts from the Hall of Fame for you to examine and enjoy.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. Reservations are required for lunch. For lunch reservations, call Nancy Hunter at: (859) 441-7207 or email nhunter@zoomtown.com.

"Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning."

— Proverbs 9:9 NIV



Church Council Meeting Notes

3/18/2024

In Attendance: Pastor Ed Goode, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Bert Bathiany, Beckie Borah, Jenny Herrmann, Nancy Hunter, Debbie Paillette, Sallie Schmidt, and Greg Vogel

• **Gathering/Centering**

Ed shared the handout "I came to bring conflict to the Earth: Toward a Spirituality of Conflict" and lead us in prayer. Article dealt with dealing with conflict and a debriefing about the annual Congregational meeting

• **Approval of Minutes from Feb.**

Bert made a motion to approve the minutes. Sally seconded the motion. **Minutes approved.**

• **Financial Report**

- Howard Storm Belize account closed. Money from account was directed to Howard for scholarship awards toward school tuition in Belize
- PPP funds used to pay deficit from 2023
- Giving for January and February ahead of schedule **Report approved.**

• **Report from O&A Committee**

- Met to prepare for annual meeting
- February 21 meeting discussed and prepared video
- March 20 meeting- focus on further education of congregation on O&A
- What might we look like as an O&A designated congregation.
- Resolved to reach out to those who were vocal at the Congregational meeting
- Resolved to reach out to other

O&A congregations to see what changes they have experienced.

• **Christian Education**

Debbie reported that new position is a part time position paying \$20/hr. She will be coming on board April 14 allowing for overlap transition between Kelly and the new hire. Hygiene kits to be packed at the April 14 reception honoring Kelly's years of service and departure from employment.

• **Joint Summer Program Equivalent to VBS**

Will be held along with First Presbyterian and Christ Church. Topic of Compassion Camp. June 2, July 2, August 2 multi generational events focusing on "What every Living Thing Needs"

• **Worship Team Report**

Ed reported that on June 30 the congregation will caravan to the Milford Nature Center shelter house for a joint service with First Presbyterian.

• **Update on Building Projects**

Greg Vogel reported the quote for the stone installation is \$4,181.

- New windows are ordered and must be installed before stone and siding.
- Amount of stone may not be available to completed as originally planned due to amount of stone remaining by supplier.
- Sign replacement—Still waiting to hear from Fort Thomas city Council for approval of an electronic sign.

• **Meeting Closed with Prayer**



Church Council Meeting Notes

4/15/2024

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

New members sitting in:

Jane Petracco and Marcia Storm

• **Gathering/Centering**

Prayer by Pastor Ed

• **Approval of Minutes from March**

Minutes approved. Special thanks to Nancy Hunter for taking the Minutes in March

• **Financial Report**

o Giving is down but expenses are also down in the last month

o **Amounts in each fund:**

- Capital Campaign- \$86,000 (over \$100,000 left to pay)
- Anonymous Gift- \$20,000
- Living Memorial Fund- \$19,000

Report approved.

• **Building and Grounds**

- o There have been ongoing issues with the hearing aid assistance part of the new system. The company has promised to make it right
- o Ed to contact Murphy Concrete to repair the concrete pad on the Audubon Ave. side of the church.
- o Nancy reported on the five stained glass windows on the north side of the church that are leaking and causing water to go into Hoffman Hall. She had two estimates, Hummel and ZSR. Both companies have experience with historical restorations and good reputations. The estimate from Hummel was \$29,495. She

is waiting on the bid from ZSR. Greg made a motion to take the bid from the least expensive bid and use the Capital Campaign funds to pay for it. Bert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

• **SONKA**

A reorganization will take place in 2025. The association will be split into seven regions. The eight NKY churches will be in one region.

There are questions that still need to be answered. This is necessary due to lack of funds.

• **Pastor's Report**

o Ed reported that the Presbyterian Board of Pensions is changing the way it covers pastors and their families' health insurance.

There are still questions that need to be answered but Ed wanted us to be aware of the upcoming change.

o **Ed's Sabbatical in 2025**

Ed asked that his Sabbatical in 2025 be split into 6-week periods instead of taking all 12 weeks at the same time. He would be taking the first half in the late winter/early spring of 2025 and the second half in the fall of 2025. Bert made a motion to allow Ed to break up his sabbatical into two 6-week periods and Jen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

o **Thank you-** Ed presented Nancy Hunter and Betsy Beimesche a book of poetry and one of his photos as a thank you for their time on council.

• **Meeting concluded with prayer.**



Odds and Ends

Brighton Center

We are now collecting **toothpaste and toothbrushes**. Dental floss is also appreciated. Next time you're at the dentist, ask them if you can have some extra toothbrushes or toothpaste samples. They might give you the whole box!

Open and Affirming Process

If you have any questions about our Open and Affirming Process, please contact **Beckie Borah** at (859) 415-5837 or rebecca.borah@uc.edu

Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

- **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**
- **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**

Both our Sunday and Thursday group will be watching and discussing the series, "The Chosen" which covers Jesus' chosen followers.

- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m.** (Online)
We're reading and discussing the book, *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			10 am - UCC Clergy 3 pm -Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm - AA Group	12 pm - Study Group 6:30 pm - Choir practice	3 pm - Talia-recital	
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9 am -Adult Discipleship 10:00 am -Fellowship 10:30 am -Children's Christian Education 10:30 am -Worship	10 am - Bloom Homeschool 7 pm - Survivors of Suicide	1:30 pm - Art Group 7 pm - Overeaters Anonymous	10 am - UCC Clergy 12 pm -Green Team 3 pm -Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 3:30 pm - AA Group	12 pm - Study Group 6:30 pm - Choir practice 7 pm - Doll Group	3 pm - Talia-recital	
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