

November 2024

The Guide

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



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Photo by Edward Goode

Letting Go *Sometimes it's Not Easy*

I love this time of year. As the leaves begin to fall and the temperatures change, I find myself being grateful for my summer adventures as I open myself up to fall and all that it may bring.

Fall is a time for letting go, and letting go is not so easy, is it? Just as the leaves let go, so, too, must we. Sometimes, we are being invited to let go of the person we used to be. Perhaps our world was busy with activity and a career, and now things are changing. It is time to focus on the family or to take care of personal needs. It can feel like a diminishment, but I see it as a season for digging deeper into our own soil. This is a true blessing.

Sometimes, we realize that we

need to handle items around our home that are broken or worn down or need to be repaired. We can look around our homes and make plans for a new sidewalk or a new furnace or even a remodeling project. It takes time and patience to do the research necessary or to hire a consultant to address these items or to do some updating; however, with time and patience we can often end up in a new place or with a new appliance that suits us much better.

Sometimes, we have to say goodbye to loved ones. We see that our friends or loved ones are running out of energy. They are growing weaker, and we fear they might not make it into the New Year.

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Northern Kentucky Youth

Youth Gathering

Sunday, Nov. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Presbyterian Church
Join us for a regular (but always awesome) meeting with dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship. We can't wait to have you join us! RSVP [Here!](#)

Illumination Game Night

Sunday, Nov. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Presbyterian Church
It's time for a little fun! Join us for an evening of food, games, and more!

Youth Gathering

Sunday, Nov. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Location and information about this date coming soon [Here!](#)

Zoo Lights

Sunday, Nov. 24, Time: TBA

Cincinnati Zoo
Illumination is taking part in a local tradition – Holiday Lights at the Cincinnati Zoo! Join us for this great evening.

No Gathering Thanksgiving Weekend



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Gary Kennedy, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Susan Snyder, Beth Caby, Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, Chris P. 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, the family of Judy Gadd, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla, Gregg Frank, Cathy Van Lierop, Gordon Braun, Howard Storm, Sharon Roach, the family of Shane Miller, Steve Jarboe, Bette Ament, the family of Stella Pendery, Mike Bizzarro, Suzanne Jones, the family of Carlie Mc Mahon, the family of Guy Traylor, Susan Gabbard, Dave Jager, Béné, Jim Rechten Jr., Maggie

(Underline indicates request for anonymity)

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We are sad because we can hardly imagine a New Year without those we love, but if we are open then we can appreciate each dear soul and be thankful for the blessing that he or she provided. Fall is a time of Thanksgiving, and we can end the year with a grateful heart for all those who traveled with us.

Sometimes we need to let go of an election! Yes! Friends, the election is coming up, and after we vote, we have to "let go," too! We are citizens of this great nation with great hopes for our families, our communities and all those who call this country home, but the future is in God's hands, and we can only do our part and trust that something beautiful will be born of

our decisions and our choices.

Enjoy this season. Enjoy your family and friends and treasure them dearly, and when the time comes, let them go. We are pilgrims on this journey. We are travelers on this road called life. Let us make the most of the time we have, the people we love and this community at Christ Church. God is with us. God is with us! God's Grace and Peace are with us to the end!

Thank you for your welcome, your kindness and your engagement with the Gospel these past few weeks!

With love, light and grace,

Rev. Diane Vego

*"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens."*

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

Thanks to Our Church Family

Thank you so much for the generous, thoughtful, and extremely useful gift of diapers for baby Hannah! What a wonderful surprise! Your support and kindness during this special time means the world to us. We're grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community and can't wait for you to meet Hannah.

Love,
Sarah and Scott

Christian Education Update

From Madeline Queen

Our children's ministry had an awesome month of October! We hosted a trunk or treat on October 20th and had a blast, playing games, eating candy and pizza, and getting to know new friends in our community! We could not have done it without our awesome volunteers and their spooky trunks!

In the month of October we have begun a 12 week curriculum that is centered around 'Learning to Love like God'. We will continue this through the new year! In the month of November, we are going to host a free meal, stay tuned for the time and location!

We could not do any of these things without our volunteers, and



are always looking for more! If you're interested in helping grow



our future disciples please contact Ms. Madeline!

November Mission Update

From Christ Church Mission Team

During this lovely Autumn season, the Mission Team is busy planning for fall and holiday events that will enable families in our community to enjoy a safe, warm, and joyful Christmas and winter.

Most are familiar programs that you have generously supported in the past with your time, prayers, and monetary gifts. We are asking again for your assistance so that their impact will be even greater this year, reaching more individuals who need extra care. We're providing a preview here; please keep watch for other communications with more details in the coming weeks.

First, thank you to all who contributed to the Emergency Response Fund established by Church World Services (CWS) for

hurricane relief. The Mission Team sent \$1,000 to the fund in addition to the amounts you donated. Links are below for online contributions if you missed our collection days in October.

<https://cwsglobal.org/donate/emergency-response-fund/>
<https://cwskits.org/donate/>



• Brighton Center

In November and December, please bring instant mashed potatoes and packets of gravy which will be added to items collected by other churches in the Ft. Thomas Ministerium to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to families.

• Sharing Tree

(for Washington UCC's Gifts to the Manger) The Mission Team is once again offering our congregation the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and clothing for children in the Camp Washington neighborhood served by our mission partner, Washington United Church of Christ. We will put up Christmas trees in the narthex and sanctuary by November 10 with name tags bearing information on items needed. After shopping, **bring unwrapped gifts to church no later than December 1.**

• Ronald McDonald House

Our Mission Team is pleased to provide funds for a delicious lunch to be served in December to families staying at Ronald McDonald. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal. We'll have sign up information available in December.

Photos from Trunk or Treat!



2024 Third Quarter Update

From Bert Bathiany

Greetings from the Finance Board. Three quarters of 2024 are already gone as we head into Fall/Winter. I wonder where has all the time gone?

I am in my 70th year as a member of Christ Church; my parents joined when I was born. I attended Sunday School, and was confirmed, and married Cindy here. All our boys went to Sunday School, were confirmed, and our eldest, Bert, married Haley in Christ Church. This trip down memory lane is to illustrate that Christ Church has been a major part of my life, and as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Board, its current and future financial security is important to me.

As a congregation, we are a generous family and have supported Christ Church tremendously. We still have that dedication to our church. Every year, I have presented a negative budget to the congregation, and every year, through the generosity of this family, we have answered the “call” for support. Today I am asking for the same resolution.

Yearly, we have people who pledge and give more, and people

who don't pledge and still give. We always anticipate our giving to be more than our pledging. So far this year, our pledge budget is \$174,753. Our actual giving is \$173,688. We are on track for our actual pledge amount. This is the time when we see the “giving” exceed our pledges. Our budgeted income for the year so far is \$254,259, but our actual income is \$229,712. We have expenses budgeted at \$273,198 and actual expenses of \$250,146; thus, we have a negative cash flow of about \$20,000. The staff is doing a great job of winning the battle against expenses.

This letter is for information, so everyone knows how Christ Church is doing financially. We are a strong church and have reserves that can help, but we don't want to start depleting them. I am confident that our church family will once again answer the “call” to keep Christ Church financially strong. If you have any questions, please speak to someone on the Finance Board. Thank you.

Bert Bathiany, Chair, Kenny Honchell, Steve McAllister, Nancy Barre, Linda Gracey, Gordon Braun

Prepare Affair

Saturday, November 16 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Prepare Affair is Back! It's time to get a crew together. Presented by People Working Cooperatively, the Mission team hopes you and your family volunteer, and you'll bring a friend as well!

Prepare Affair helps elderly and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for winter. Services range from raking leaves and cleaning gutters to other small winter preparation tasks. **We'll meet at the Church at 8:30 a.m.** and go out in small groups to individual homes. If you have tools, such as rakes or leaf blowers, please bring them. We also need two people who can bring a ladder for gutter cleaning. Don't forget your work gloves! After all the work is done, the Mission Team will provide lunch as part of our thanks.

Please go to www.pwc-home-repairs.org/prepare-affair to register (click on Volunteer Registration and complete the form using Christ Church UCC as the Volunteer Team Name). **If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Cox.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jack Gise
Melissa Cox
Krista Hack
Shannon Thomas
Andrew Borah
Karen Robinson
Kyle Huelsman
Alex Petracco
Jim Korpik
Janice Morris

Joy Storm
Gary Hunter
Stephanie Laake
Dorothy Lyman
Shelley Kappesser
David Jager
Ken Honchell
Carolyn Cook
Julie & Daniel Mai

Oct. Attendance

	In Person	Online
10/6/24	67	N/A
10/13/24	80	N/A
10/20/24	77	N/A
10/27/24	75	N/A

Changes to the Church Directory

Please contact the office if you have a change for the directory. Michele Wright, 859-441-2565 office@christchurchft.org



Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be **Dr. Jennifer Hunter**, Director of the Nurse Advocacy Center for the Underserved. NACU for short, is comprised of the student nurses at Northern Kentucky University. Come and learn how they are providing health care services to the homeless in our area through this innovative organization. This unique program allows health service screenings to marginalized people in their inner-city neighborhood.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR LUNCH.

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

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

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Congratulations!

Ashley Tinch completed all requirements to be certified as a Music Therapist. She has been a soloist in our Sunday services and also made a presentation about Music Therapy at our Lunch and Learn program. Ashley is the granddaughter of Nancy and Mike Evans.



Electronic Giving Option

From Steve McAllister

For the past eleven years Christ Church has offered a secure electronic transfer giving option through Vanco, an Automated Clearing House company that the UCC established as an easy way for member churches to provide electronic giving.

Contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Your donation can be changed at any time if your personal financial situation changes.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program 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 addressed to me and give it to Michele Wright in the office or send it to: Steve McAllister

Also, Vanco now has a link on the Church website that allows individuals to set up their electronic giving themselves. Just click on the giving tab, set up your account, and follow the directions to complete your donation setup. You have to setup an account in order to do a recurring payment.

You can send questions to me at my email address.



Church Council Meeting Notes

10/21/2024

In Attendance:

Snezana Tenhundfeld, Bert Bathiany, Jenny Herrmann, Donna Hoffman, Debbie Paillette, Jane Petracco, Marcia Storm, Sallie Schmidt, and Greg Vogel.

• *Gathering/Centering*

Snezana read Carrie Newcomers poem, "Liminality; the state of being in between."

• *Approval of Minutes from Sept.*

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes, Jenny seconded.

Minutes approved.

• *Financial Report*

- Bert reported we are depending on last of the year giving amounts. Our pledges stand at \$173,600 and \$174,700 is expected. So we are on target.
- Estimated costs for roof on Sunday School building is \$25,600. Someone has offered to possibly pay for this in the (\$20-40,000 range). Further discussion needed. Greg asked about an insurance claim on the roof repairs. This will be considered and looked into by Bert.
- Sallie made motion to accept the financial report. Greg Vogel seconded. **Report accepted.**
- *Buildings and Grounds*
- Greg reported the window caulking is done. Painting parts of sanctuary below windows are next.
- Greg reported there has been a problem with the AA Group meeting in Hoffman Hall. The custodian, Jeff Searcy, has to clean up their mess each week. Snezana will attend their next meeting to address these issues. Council

agreed they need to clean up better or rent will go up to cover Jeff Searcy's extra time spent cleaning.

• *Information/Discussion Items*

Debbie Paillette reported choir members are frustrated with no accompanist for their rehearsals. There have been no applications or calls submitted for this open position posted on numerous websites. Becky and Snezana suggested the pay range be included in the post. Debbie agreed to try another posting including a salary range.

• *Other Issues*

- A meeting with the City of Fort Thomas Council will take place Tuesday, October 22 at 6 pm. to address our appeal of a digital sign out in front of church.
- Donna Hoffman asked if we had a hospitality committee for the Braver Angels meeting recently in Hoffmann Hall. Becky Borah said it was handled by volunteers at the meeting.
- Another topic Donna brought up was repainting the area above the doors leading to the Parlor on each side of the sanctuary. After discussing, this was considered to be too expensive and would be tabled until a later meeting when Ed was in attendance.
- Donna also wanted to discuss new paraments for the altar area. Would money in the Living Memorial be available to replace paraments? This was tabled until a later meeting.

• *Meeting concluded with Prayer.*



Schedules for October

Liturgists

November 3 Jane Petracco
November 10 Barry Petracco
November 17 Marcia Storm
November 24 Carolyn Tyler

Deacons

November 3 Jack Hurtt
November 10 Jean Braun
November 17 Greg Vogel
November 24 Marie Cunningham

Ushers

Nov. 3	Jack Hurtt Debbie Paillette Thierry Paillette Jay Wainscott
Nov. 10	Jean Braun Gordon Braun Carol Himes Andy Borah
Nov. 17	Greg Vogel Patti Miller Mike Evans Audrey Bernhard
Nov. 24	Marie Cunningham Ellen Turner Scott Turner Marcia Storm

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

— Isaiah 6:8 NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>3</p> <p>9 am–Adult Discipleship 10:00 am–Fellowship 10:30 am–Children’s Christian Education 10:30 am–Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am – Bloom Homeschool</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 pm– Art Group 7 pm– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am – Music Together 7 pm– AA Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am – SONKA 6:30 pm – Choir practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 pm–Fall Recital</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9 am–Adult Discipleship 10:00 am–Fellowship 10:30 am–Children’s Christian Education 10:30 am–Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED for Veterans Day 7 pm – Survivors of Suicide</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30 pm– Art Group 7 pm– Overeaters Anonymous 7 pm – Finance Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 am – Music Together 3 pm–Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm– AA Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12 pm – Study Group 6:30 pm – Choir practice 7 pm– Doll Group</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 am – Prepare Affair</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9 am–Adult Discipleship 10:00 am–Fellowship 10:30 am–Children’s Christian Education 10:30 am–Worship 11:30 am–Mission Team</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am – Bloom Homeschool 6 pm – Church Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 pm– Art Group 7 pm– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 am– Mom’s Group 10 am – Music Together 3 pm–Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm– AA Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12 pm – Study Group 6:30 pm – Choir practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9 am–Adult Discipleship 10:00 am–Fellowship 10:30 am–Children’s Christian Education 10:30 am–Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am – Bloom Homeschool</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:30 am – Lunch and Learn 1:30 pm– Art Group 7 pm– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 am – Music Together 3 pm–Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm– AA Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>