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Serve God by Sharing Compassion, Hope and Love**

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VISION STATEMENT

The people of Christ United Methodist Church will

- COURAGEOUSLY REACH OUT AND WELCOME
- PASSIONATELY WORSHIP AND PRAY
- INTENTIONALLY NURTURE AND ENCOURAGE
- LOVINGLY SHARE AND SERVE.

MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST (MATTHEW 28:19-20) AND TO SERVE
GOD BY SHARING COMPASSION, HOPE, AND LOVE.**



What exactly is a “tithe?” It’s a church word that we sometimes use withing the community of faith, but which rarely gets used anywhere else. Strictly speaking, a tithe means “a tenth.” In the Bible, Israel was called to give God one tenth of what they had earned and that tenth supported the temple, the full-time priesthood, and some additional funds for widows, orphans, and other charitable needs of the community. Tithes were commanded and expected, though this is one of the very few, and perhaps the only, command God gave to Israel that has no punishment for failing to comply. But it is also the only place that God challenges us to test him, saying, “*Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*” (Malachi 3:10). Incidentally, gifts that went beyond ten percent, are what were called “offerings” to God.

But what money isn’t the only thing that we can tithe because money isn’t the only thing that God gives to us. Of course, money is one of the easiest things to quantify, that is to count, but our net worth, or our gross (not net) annual income is not the only gift that we get from God. Of course, we no longer sacrifice children, and we aren’t expected to give God our firstborn to serve the church, but what about time? God give us time and the time that we have is certainly a gift, so why don’t we think about giving our time back to God?

If we dare to think about it that way, a tithe of our time is a lot. A tithe of our time would be giving one day in ten to God. Or even if we thought of it in terms of workdays, that’s one eight-hour day every two weeks. Then again, giving a tenth of our time to God wouldn’t necessarily mean working at the church for eight hours twice a month. It could look like something else.

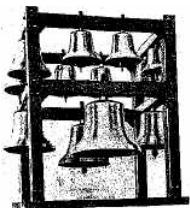
It might look like sabbath rest. God invites us to rest from our labor once every seven days, to relax and restore us physically, mentally, and spiritually. In that way, we could give a part of our tithe to God just by showing up to church once per week, but also by not filling up the rest of our day with stuff that isn’t restful or that doesn’t honor God. It might be joining a Bible study, a Sunday school class, choir, volunteering for a committee or a work project, or something else in the life of the church.

It might look like an occasional mission trip, or volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, or in Scouting, the homeless shelter, community food pantry, the Alliance of Churches bread ministry, or other places where we can serve God by serving others whether that involves physical labor, or visiting folks in the hospital, writing cards to shut-ins, or answering phones at a suicide hotline.

You are allowed to use your imagination. But if God has given us gifts of time, talents, skills, and abilities, as well as intelligence, education, and money, how will we give back a tenth of what he has given to us?

Blessings,

Pastor John



CHIMES DEADLINE: The deadline for the June 2024 issue of *The Chimes* is Monday, May 20th. Articles may be placed in the Secretary’s slot outside the church office or emailed to secretary@cumcalliance.org

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UPDATE:



United
Women
in Faith

May 7 (7PM) – UNIT MEETING, Dussel Room

****Program also offered via Zoom****

Program: “Missed Conversations”, **Presenter:** Sheila Gard

Greeters/Hostesses: Susie Buckel Circle

Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

If you’d like to “Zoom in”, contact Nancy Prueter at prueter@sbcglobal.net for an invitation.

GOOD TO KNOW:

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that assisted with the United Women in Faith Sunday Service and April Usher Team!

The Spring Basement Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4.
Setup is Thursday, May 2. Won’t you volunteer to help with this worthwhile project?

The deadline to bring your donated items will be Wednesday, May 1.
We have plenty of storage space so feel free to bring your donations early.
As always, we ask for items that are clean and in good repair.

North Central UWF Jurisdictional Quadrennial Event

May 30 – June 2 (Indianapolis, IN)

“Get Together”

June UNIT MEETING

June 4 (7PM), Dussel Room

Program: “Food, Faith, and Land”, **Presenter:** Shannon Sampson

Greeters/Hostesses: May Smyth Circle

United Women in Faith always welcomes guests and new members.
Please call Jamie Greiner at (412) 601-4275 or any Executive Board Officer, if interested.

The Unit meets on most 1st Tuesdays at 7pm in the Dussel Room

- ❖ **Peg Williams Circle** meets at 1pm on 3rd Mondays at Copeland Oaks, Williamsburg Lounge
 - ❖ **M & M Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Mondays in the Dussel Room
 - ❖ **May Smyth Circle** meets at 10:30am on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room
 - ❖ **Susie Buckel Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF Basement Sale

Friday, May 3rd, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5th, 2024

9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon

\$3.00 a bag for most items on Saturday

FREE TABLE BOTH FRIDAY & SATURDAY



The Christian Outreach Committee will have Baby Bottles placed in various spots throughout Church from Mother's Day until Father's Day. Please look for these bottles and help us fill the bottles with coin. The money from these bottles will be donated the Alliance Pregnancy Center.



If you have a graduate in your family, please get a biography and what their future plans are to the church office by May 15th. Thank you.



On Sunday May 12th, the Children's Choir, Halleluia Bell Choir, Chancel Bell Choir and Chance Vocal Choir will be performing during our worship service. Accompanying the Chancel Bell Choir will be the string quartet of Susan Haddox, Chrissy Shields, Michael Shields, and Ian Sherer. Come and enjoy this special day of music.



Just a reminder to support Habitat for Humanity by joining us at the Christ Church refreshment stand during the summer Concerts at the Caboose. All concerts are from 6-8 and are free. They are dependent on the weather.

Friday, May 31	Jimmy & the Soul Blazers
Friday, June 28	John Hampu Band
Friday, July 12	Mellow Villains
Friday, July 26	52 nd Street and Captain Fantastic (Billy Joel + Elton John Impersonators)
Friday, Aug. TBD	Vocal Fusion
Saturday, Aug. 24	Alliance of Churches
Friday Aug. 30	Back to Eden



I wish to thank my friends at CUMC for the pretty Kalanchoe flower sent to me for Easter. A special thank you to Kathy Stroia for selecting the flower and Bill Sol for delivering it to me. It made me feel very warm and special. Again, thank you all. Charlie Manypenny

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY

USHERS

Dick Diser, Captain
Dan Feess John Innerst
Todd Skivolocki Bob Travis

LITURGISTS

5 Rebecca Innerst
12 Susan Haddox
19 Victor Lee
26 Judith Hookway

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

5 Nancy Prueter
12 Karen Locke
19 Denise Aeling
26 Sue Burden

SANCTUARY GREETERS

5 Bill Sol
12 Ellen Sol
19 Patti Travis
26 Jill Greiner

TELLERS

5 Jim Greiner/Nancy Prueter
12 Bill Preuter/Dick Diser
19 Pat Helsel/Marilyn Ruff
26 Mark Locke/Bruce Helsel

VISITATION MEMBERS**

5 Mary Louise Ford, Sebring
12 Faye Heim, Alliance
19 Charlie Manypenny, Sebring
26 Craig Post, N. Canton

** If you would like their complete address, please
contact the Church Office



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Sheryl Lain	18	Philip Helsel
2	Sheryl Dean	18	Paul Helsel
5	Ben Castellucci	18	W Keith Reed
5	Craig Starkey	20	Becky Gard
8	Victor Lee	22	Aerien Starkey
10	Todd Skivolocki	24	Phylis Messenheimer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

William and Nancy Prueter
May 1, 1976
Tyler and Jenni-Jo Kinser
May 17, 1997
Eric and Chrissy Shields
May 18, 1996
Charlie Manypenny and
Cynthia Carlin
May 27, 1993
Patrick and Lori Heddleston
May 30, 1987



Celebrate Children, God's gift to the Church will be the focus of Worship on May 5th! Children will not only be visible in Worship; they will be leading prayers, assisting with Holy Communion, ushering, playing bells, singing and recognizing those who have been their Sunday Friends. Over thirty special invitations have been sent not only to the Sunday Friends, but to the Adult teaching staff and all those who help with children as they learn how to follow Jesus! We are thankful for the children's enthusiasm for leading this day of Worship. Come and support God's greatest gift to all of us, Children!

thank you!

The **Congregational Care Committee** would like to thank so many people who helped make our church directory a reality this year.

First, a big thank you to all of you who scheduled an appointment for a photography session or submitted a photo so you could be part of the directory.

Thanks to all the people who took and shared pictures of our shut-ins, Sunday school classes and events around the church. Your work enhanced the finished product.

Thanks to a variety of people who volunteered to proofread the work in progress not once, but three times.

And, special thanks to Julie for providing the computer skills that the committee lacked to organize the submitted items.

The biggest lesson learned during this experience was that we need all of us to act as church photographers. When you attend an event, snap a picture and forward it to the church at julieg@cumcalliance.org. We need to begin **now** building a pictorial record of church events for the next church directory and you can help.

Congregational Care Committee

Christian Outreach Committee

Our next meeting will be on May 13, 2024. We have many projects in the works. April was Pantry Month for paper items. May we will be collecting items for the Redbird Mission. A trip to Redbird will be May 12 and 13. A list of needed items is attached to the boxes in the Lounge. All donations need to be at the church by May 10, 2024. The next Noisy Can/Canned goods collection will be on May 19, 2024. Keep collecting your change for this! (Remember: paper money is acceptable as well)! Please keep watch for our upcoming Outreach Projects in the future. Be blessed and keep praying for our church!

RED BIRD MISSION

BEVERLY, KENTUCKY

LIST OF NEEDS

CURRENT NEEDS

Tuna
Paper Towels
Xerox Paper
Bleach
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Baby Wipes
Baby Shampoo
Ensure Vanilla Regular
Canned Vegetables – Yellow & Green
Canned Fruit
Jelly
Soup
Afterschool Snacks/Drinks – Individually Wrapped
Good Used Furniture
Household Items
Children's Clothing Newborn -4 Toddler
Clothing – Larger sizes & Work Clothing
Hand Can Openers

APRIL PANTRY COLLECTION



MAY

2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6p Halleluia Bells 6:30p Chancel Bells 7p Chancel Vocal	2 9a Basement Sale Setup	3 9a-4p Basement Sale 	4 9a-12p Basement Sale 
5 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>*Communion Sunday</i> Celebrate Children Sunday	6 7p Scouts	7 5p Comm. Dinner 7p UWF Unit Meeting	8 6p Halleluia Bells 6:30p Chancel Bells 7p Chancel Vocal	9	10	11
12 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Ascension Sunday</i> Music Sunday 	13 7p Scouts 7p Christian Outreach	14 5p Comm. Dinner 6:30 p Finance 7:p Admin Council	15 7p Chancel Vocal	16	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost Heritage Sunday</i>	20 1p Peg Williams 7p Scouts 7p M&M Circle	21 10:30a May Smyth 5p Comm. Dinner 7p Susie Buckel	22 5:30p Choir Picnic	23	24	25
26 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Peace with Justice	27 Memorial Day 	28 5p Comm. Dinner 6:30p Trustees	29	30	31	