

**JANUARY
2021**



Christ United Methodist Church

THE VOICE OF CHRIST CHURCH

...to help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Streaming)
8:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults (zoom)

"God Calling"

Hearing the Voice of God in a Noisy World

If I could rewind my life back 25 years or so, you would learn that there was one question I had on my mind very frequently: Is God calling me? It was a deep question, and one I knew would alter my life in many ways. For some years after completing my seminary degree, I was asked by peers and colleagues about "my call." In this case, it was a specific understanding to a lifetime of service as an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.

Answering God and living out that particular call now for over two decades has certainly had its privileges. I think about the people I've met and the places I've served. Such a vocation allows one to see that joys of life and those of deepest despair. Nonetheless, when one is called to such a life, one never forgets – or never *should* anyway.

In a broad sense, God calls all of us to a life of discipleship with him. What that looks like for you might be different from what it has for me. Even so, God has called you – sometimes for a lifetime, or for a season, or for a reason that only He knows.

Beginning January 10th, we will explore what God's call looks like in many ways through the lives of those we meet in Scripture. Some embraced the opportunity while others ran from it. Others stumbled along the way and the redeeming grace of Jesus allowed them another chance.

I look forward to you joining me as we explore and learn together!

January Sermon Series and Scriptures

January 3	"Back to the Future"	<i>Isaiah 41:9-10, 43:18-19</i>
January 10	"Signs and Wonders"	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>
January 17	"The Importance of Good Hearing"	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-10</i>
January 24	"Ready When the Time Comes"	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>
January 31	"The Domino Effect"	<i>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</i>



JANUARY 2021 "THE HOPE THAT AWAITS"

Happy New Year! As we begin 2021, I look

forward to the new and exciting things that God is preparing and planning to do in our midst. But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, it might be good to take another brief look back at what has brought us to this point.

Throughout this past Advent and Christmas season, we've considered the characters of the Christmas Story and the ultimate character of Jesus as the embodiment of hope, peace, joy, love, and light. So many lives were impacted by the coming news of the birth of the Savior.

The birth of Jesus didn't simply affect Mary and Joseph though. There were shepherds and angels who also took the task of finding the Holy Child there in a Bethlehem manger. We'd like to think that after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph could have settled into a routine of feedings and changings, in their watch care over Jesus.

The impact of Jesus birth was far from a quiet, private affair. News of his arrival spread quickly. And as we would later learn, that news traveled to a jealous and insecure king named Herod. The notion that any newborn King would usurp his role and authority was unfathomable to his already fragile ego. His notion at coming a visit to Jesus had mixed motives at best, so enter the wise men who become Herod's advance team for the mission at hand.

Their own journey to the Christ Child is well told in scripture and song, but the reality of the encounter they had with Jesus changed their lives. Matthew's Gospel closes the account of this story by saying, "And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." (Matthew 2:12 – NIV)

Certainly, they went back home by another route geographically, but I believe that spiritually they went home differently as well. They could not simply walk away from this encounter and go back to a life of business as usual.

My prayer for us this coming year is that the journey of Christmas we've made will continue to change us, drawing us ever closer to the life-changing effects of the One whose birth all of history remembers. May this New Year bring you new discoveries in your relationship to God, and may those encounters bring others closer to him as well.

Yours for the journey ahead,
Pastor Steve



2021 Lay Leadership – Christ United Methodist Church (Updated 11/30/2020)

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Admin. Council Chair	Dave Brookover
Lay Member/Annual Conf.	Rob Sayre
Lay Leader(s)	Waid Radford & Joe Farmer
Congreg. Care Co-Chairs	Dottie Harman, Denise Vandermark
Deaconess -- Retired	Gayle McCreery
Adult Discipleship	Gayle McCreery
College Connection	Sheila Burns
Youth Director	Scott and Amy Helsel
Finance Chair	Jerry McCreery
Treasurer	Darla Reedy
Historian	Renee' Slyh
Outreach/Mission Chairs	Tricia Rath
Prayer Coordinator	Kristy Schooler
Safety Chair	Dwayne Miller
Stewardship Chair	Tim Lawlis
SPRC Chair	Joe Farmer
Trustees Chair	Dana Hoisington
Worship Chair	Cheryl Fey
Pastor	Pastor Steve Rath
At-Large Members 2021	J.R. Coakley, Mary Johnson
	2022 Louise Smith
	2023 Tricia Rath

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (Co-Chairs: Dottie Harman, Denise Vandermark)

Dare to Care	Bonnie Simpson, Kristy Schooler,
Funeral Meals	Sharon Anderson, Leslie Marten
Membership	Ken Warling, Dottie Harman
Men's Group	Tim Lawlis, Dana Hoisington
Rebekah Circle	(To be elected)
Shut-in Meals	Betty Jo Merle, Bernie Anderson
Radical Hospitality	Lisa Motsch, Melissa Bader

DISCIPLESHIP (Chair: _____)

Children's Ministries

Children's Choir	Sheila Burns
Puppets	Don Burns
VBS Coordinator	_____

Youth Ministries Scott and Amy Helsel

College Connection Sheila Burns

Young Adult Ministries

Adult Discipleship	Gayle McCreery
Librarian	Lynda Williams
Sunday School Sec'y	Mike Stilwell

FINANCE (Chair: Jerry McCreery)

Treasurer	Darla Reedy
Lay Leaders	Waid Radford or Joe Farmer
Lay Member/Ann'l. Conf.	Gayle McCreery
Admin. Council Chair	Dave Brookover
SPRC Representative	Joe Farmer
Trustees Rep.	Jim Anderson/Dana Hoisington
Financial Secretary	Louise Smith
Stewardship Chair	Tim Lawlis
2021	Mike Snider, Dana Hoisington,
2022	
2023	Rob Sayre, Susan Maxwell
Counters:	Louise Smith, Ken Warling, Bonnie Simpson,
	& Sharon Anderson (assist)

SAFETY (Chair: Dwayne Miller)

Dave Brookover, Mardi McCluer, Don Burns,
Jerry McCreery, J.R. Coakley, Dwayne Miller

STEWARDSHIP (Chair: Tim Lawlis)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Chair: Pastor Steve Rath)

2021	Jane Farmer, Natalie Clum, Frank Anderson.
2022	Nicole Jewell, Cookie Friesner, Jr. Coakley
2023	Tricia Rath,
Lay Leader:	Waid Radford or Joe Farmer

OUTREACH & MISSIONS (Chairs: Tricia Rath

Craft Show	Becky Ety, Sharon Gates
Sending Love Over There	Becky Ety, Sharon Gates
Work Camp	Waid Radford
Blood Drive	Dana Hoisington
Scout Coordinator	Zale Maxwell & Robin Johnson
Caring Tree	Peggy Lawlis
Love Fund	Cheri Crist
Open Gym	Holly Harman Fackler
Projects:	Mission Trips, Coins for Missions, Fall Festival

STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS (Chair: Joe Farmer)

Lay Leader	Joe Farmer &/or Waid Radford
Lay Member to Ann. Conf.	Rob Sayre
2021	Debbi Alderdice, Brenda Snider, Joe Farmer
2022	Mary Johnson, Dianne Miller,
2023	Melissa Bader, Don Burns

TRUSTEES Jim Anderson and Dana Hoisington

2021	Jacob Ulrich, Tricia Rath,
2022	Bob Williams, Dana Hoisington, Jim Anderson
2023	Zale Maxwell, Bob Hunter, Jerry McCreery
Round-to-Its	Louise Smith

WORSHIP (Cheryl Fey)

Communion Stewards	Natalie Clum,
Acolyte Coordinator	Kim Kilger
Worship Team Members	Don Burns, Jennifer Miller, Mallory Stillwell, Ann Wolfe

(plus co-chairs & others listed below)

Pastor	Pastor Steve Rath
Technology/Media	Dwayne Miller
Pianists	Julie Ulrich, Peggy Lawlis
Youth Director	Scott and Amy Helsel
Choir Director	Tim Lawlis (interim)

CHRIST U.M. PRESCHOOL BOARD

Chairperson:	To be selected
Preschool Admin.:	_____
Pastor:	Pastor Steve Rath
Teacher Rep:	To be selected (Preschool appt.)
Parent Rep:	To be selected (Preschool appt.)
Admin. Council Chair	Dave Brookover
Trustee Representative	Tricia Rath
SPRC Representative	Mary Johnson
Board Members:	2021 Carol Sayre
	2022 _____
	2023 _____

Administrative Council Report

Neither the Administrative Council nor the Ad Hoc Committee met in December.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our church and its mission this year. It has been a difficult time. I would especially like to thank **Dwayne Miller** for all his time and effort he has given to make sure our worship services have been able to continue to be seen and heard this past year.

Our church family has done well this year. There are too many people to thank individually for what you have done, not only this year, but in past years also. You have given faithfully and generously.

Next year looks to be better. Sometime in the first half of the year, most of our lives will return to a new normal. Not quite like it was before, but a lot closer. Then we may worship and celebrate all together again! Until then stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Christ,
David Brookover
Administrative Council Chair



THE MASTER'S GARDENERS

Thank you to all the Master's Gardeners who kept the church flower beds maintained again this past year. Even though the church activities were curtailed and pedestrian traffic coming and going was less than normal, the gardens were full and blooming thru all the seasons.



A special thank you to Doug and Betty Jo Merle who have taken care of the flower bed at the corner on the Family Life Center facing Tremont. Along with their friends, Tim and Sue Cooper, they adopted that flower bed after Becca and Pastor Mike Donnally

transferred in 2010. You could often see Sue and Betty Jo gardening and visiting on Mondays, sometimes with the guys along to help with the heavy lifting. Doug and Betty Jo are giving up their flower bed this year. Thanks again, Doug and Betty Jo, for your dedicated services to our gardening ministry these past ten years.

The CUMC Master's Gardeners ministry is the flower beds and the parking lot landscaping. All the areas are adopted

A Special Thank You to Our Gardeners



by volunteers who maintain the gardens on their own schedule. The garden volunteer makes decisions on what goes in, comes out, is trimmed, annuals planted etc. in their garden.

We have an opening for someone or several persons to adopt the flower bed on Tremont. If you would like to help with the church gardens or have questions and need more information about this ministry, please let Darcy in the office know or call Louise Smith, 740-862-6018.

Our Master's Gardeners and their areas are: courtyard: Natalie Clum; parking lot (weeds in the rocks): Dana Hoisington; church sign on Main Street: Jim and Sharon Anderson; Tremont Street/corner of FLC: Doug and Betty Jo Merle; FLC south side: Bernie & Frank Anderson, Cookie Friesner, Denise Vandermark; main building corner/along education wing: Melissa Bader and Marsha Smith; FH/playground and narthex entrance: Louise Smith.

LESLIE MARTENS

"The generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will himself be refreshed" Proverbs 11:25

Another year is upon us. Let's pray 2021 will bring change for the better and peace for all.

Ruth Crutcher, from the Baltimore/Thurston Food Pantry, wanted me to thank everyone for their generosity this past year. Every donation was very much appreciated.

During the holidays they were able to provide 43 Thanksgiving Gift Baskets and 85 Christmas Gift Boxes to those in need. This is in addition to the weekly support given.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry Needs:

- ◆ Soups
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Paper Products

Thank you.

Leslie Martens

Food Pantry Ministry

leslieann247@gmail.com



Hope Grows as Days Lengthen,
January 2021

*"Living out Christ's love by responding
to our neighbors' needs."*



It is hard to make plans. So, we build and install hope. "Hope" is what a ramp represents when you find yourself limited to a wheelchair and need to get into and out of your living space. You can do this kind of construction work safely in a pandemic as long as you are dressed for the weather and take a couple of important precautions. The Good Neighbors in the Village ramp team hammered together a lot of hope this year, completing its final installation of 2020 just three days before Christmas. If you need some hope in the form of a ramp, or wish to be one who builds these bridges of access, contact Gayle McCreery at 740-438-3820.

Our After-School Program, hosted now at LifeBridge Church, closed for two weeks in early December when a program volunteer contracted COVID. We were ready to roll again when Liberty Union Elementary School went all virtual because of staffing issues, resulting in there being no School for the Program to be After. We are prepared to be back to work in January, but with case counts surging locally and a potential post-holiday increase in infections, it's hard to say.

We had hoped to begin a "soup and a side" drive-thru lunch effort in January using the Family Life Center kitchen for prep and staging. Those plans are in a state of suspended animation as church leaders and volunteers seek to act in the most responsible way possible so as not to contribute even a single case to spread. We will communicate with our partners via email and with the community via our Facebook page as we're able to commit to a plan.

On a brighter note, thank you to those who contributed to the GNIV Endowment and Program Fund, newly established, during the Fairfield County Foundation's 31-Hour Give. And, we are grateful for the ongoing generosity throughout the year of our partners and community members, who contribute fortunes in time and tokens in money, both of which are needed for us (anyone can be one of "us," by the way) to be the hands and feet of Christ among our neighbors.

Vaccinations, anyone?

Please listen for hints of unmet needs among the vulnerable in the community as we enter what I hope will be a time of compassion and healing as we – community and nation – emerge from a stressful and lonely year of illness, painful revelation, and division. If you have ideas about how a group of volunteers can help meet those needs, please text or call me or one of the Good Neighbors board members (Margo Bader, Mike Snider, Joellen Anderson, Kevin Kocher, Tina Goodman, Kay Williamson, Geb Bader, Gayle McCreery, Cheryl Fey, David Perkins) to see if there is something our volunteers can do. Meanwhile, keep checking in with one another.

Our board will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1, likely by Zoom.

Holly Harman Fackler, chair
hjh409@gmail.com, 419-564-0964
www.facebook.com/GoodNeighborsintheVillage



FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Dear Lord,

Another beginning, another New Year. That means Year End Reports! Now Lord, I know that these are very important reports, but those Year End Reports that asks for numbers, numbers I have no clue where to find, are just about ridiculous and darn sure annoying when your have to turn in data you Do Not Have!!! Is it my fault that I have no idea how to find these numbers? Will I be sinning if I turn in just any ole numbers?

It also means Statements. Darla and I are happy to give out statements to the wonderful members, but when we state that you have to request your statement through the emails and newsletters I send out and then some people are upset because they did not receive one in the mail. Lord, is it wrong of us to get a little testy and then mumble a few words under our breath?

Then again, is it my fault that I had to call the police to report items missing from the church? Even though it was very exciting getting to talk with the handsome police officer. How



was I suppose to know that a certain someone had borrowed such items and didn't remember to bring them back until months later! Question: Am I the kitchen utensils, church equipment, table & chairs, and keys keeper? Answer: If you're the church secretary, you're everything!!!

Lord, how bad will my record be at the pearly gates when I spend time on setting deadlines for certain information and after working hard on completing such said project, I have several people submit this info late which makes me have to rearrange the work and spend so much more time on it! Does this constitute grounds to go to the minister for counseling, especially after throwing items off my desk during my tantrum?

Well Lord, you know I try to do my best. Being the church secretary is also be very rewarding. I have made many wonderful friends and do love being here for all of them. Thank you for listening and letting me vent!!!

With Love,
The Church Secretary

TRICIA RATH

A Word From the Mrs. - Embrace

According to dictionary.com, one of the definitions of embrace is, "to take or receive gladly or eagerly; accept willingly," as in embracing an idea. Another definition is, "to avail oneself of," as in embracing an opportunity.



kingdom right here in Baltimore, Ohio by reaching out and being more present, and serving our brothers and sisters in the community! How great it would be to simply reach out and EMBRACE those who look and/or think differently, and our lives be that much fuller for doing so!

As we welcome 2021, I cannot help but to consider how we can embrace the new year. It will be full of blessings. It will be full of uncertainties, which will be either end up as blessings, or blessings in disguise...but blessings, nonetheless.

How great it would be if we can begin 2021 by embracing ALL that God has in store for us! We can embrace the blessing of being His chosen and working for the growth of His kingdom. We can avail ourselves to gladly receive His love and His grace. Of equal importance, we can avail ourselves to gladly *show* His love and His grace to others.

How great it would be if we could help grow God's

My friends, the possibilities are endless, because with God all things are possible. The only thing we are required to do is show up and be willing to yield faithfully to His will. He does not necessarily call the (those who we think are) qualified. He qualifies the called, which, if we have breath, is each and every one of us.

So, let us embrace all that we can be in God and to all those He puts in our lives, and see what a beautiful transformation 2021 can be!

Blessings, prayers and love,
Tricia Rath

TRICIA RATH

Missions and Outreach

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Beginning January 1st, 2021, I will begin my new journey as Missions & Outreach Chair. I cannot begin to express my excitement for this wonderful opportunity! I already feel blessed and I am looking forward to all the wonderful ways Christ United Methodist Church can serve not only those of us within our walls, but also serve those outside our walls.



We already have a great running start thanks to Dave Brookover, Tim and Peggy Lawlis, and Dwayne and Dianne Miller. They were very instrumental in initiating and carrying out our Thanksgiving and Christmas Drive-Thru Dinner Giveaways. I also want to send a great big thanks to Scott and Amy Helsel, our youth group and all the other volunteers and contributors for their help.

With that being said, I feel it is imperative that we continue this momentum and seek out ways to serve others in and around our community, as well as support our Ohio University Campus Crusaders, Clay and Emily Selway. It is important that we continue to live into who God created us to be (individually and as a church), and to continue to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

I will be holding our first committee meeting on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, 7:00pm, via Zoom. If your name is under the Missions section of our church leadership slate, you will be getting two emails from me: one will be a Zoom invite and the other will be a Meeting Agenda. All Missions & Outreach meetings will be OPEN,

which means you do not have to be on the Missions & Outreach Committee to attend. Even though we will be on Zoom, if you are a church member or someone that would regularly attend if we were in-person, I will be more than happy to send you an invite if you would like to be present. If you would like to attend the meeting or have any questions, I can be reached at (614)962-2031 and/or tricia.rath@gmail.com.

As we look forward to many great things this year, I want to especially thank Jim Thompson for all his great work and service as Missions & Outreach Chair. Jim, you have been, and continue to be, a blessing to our church in all you have done to help us grow God's kingdom. We cannot say or do enough to express our appreciation for you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Blessings, prayers and love,
Tricia Rath

KRISTY SCHOOLER

Prayer Ministry

New Year Calendar for Believers

Calendars of all kinds make their way into our lives. Some just tell us to pay the rent, go to the dentist, or leave for the lake. Others delight us with puppies, cats or kids. Still others tempt us with chocolate treats or exhilarate us with epic, scenic splendors.



JUNE - A New Gratitude "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV)

JULY - A new Obedience "Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me." (John 14:21 NIV)

Let me add another calendar to your collection. It's one that might help you and me in our walk with God. It offers verses from Scripture to encourage us as we head into the New Year, a new year where I'm sure we're all hoping for a better offering for us than 2020 held. Perhaps if we review these verses each month and ask God to energize our lives by His Holy Spirit, life will be brighter. This was given to me many years ago by my dear friend, Pastor and mentor, The Rev. Dr. Samuel Farina.

JANUARY - A New Agenda "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)

FEBRUARY - A New Attitude "Your attitude should be same as that of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5 NIV)

MARCH - A New Commission "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)

APRIL - A New Courage "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9 NIV)

MAY - A New Goal "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14 NIV)

AUGUST - A New Outlook "Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4 NIV)

SEPTEMBER - A New Priority "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

OCTOBER - A New Requirement "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8 NIV)

NOVEMBER - A New Spirit "God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7 NIV)

DECEMBER - A New Strength "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

May the year 2021 be one full of blessings, large and small for each of you. You'll be in my prayers, for sure.

Keep praying and praising,
Kristy Schooler

THE GOOD TIMERS

We were able to have a January 2020 banquet before the covid-19 stay-at-home mandate went into effect in March. All dinners, banquets and scheduled events were cancelled this year. We normally give an end-of-year and years-to-date report of our results. The information follows:

- ♦ 2020 had one event
- ♦ welcomed 147 guests
- ♦ total profit of \$1,661
- ♦ 90% \$1,494 went to the mortgage principal
- ♦ 10% \$166.10 went to operating funds
- ♦ 37 volunteers and 43 pie bakers helped with this banquet

Since we formed in 2011 we have:

- ♦ welcomed 13,729 guests
- ♦ total profit of \$102,719
- ♦ 90% \$93,691 went to the mortgage principal
- ♦ 10% went to operating funds and in earlier years the apportionments

Year End Report

We've kept track of the volunteers and pie bakers since 2016 and the numbers are: 562 volunteers and 451 bakers

We thank everyone who has helped with this fund raising ministry through the years. We miss working together and seeing everyone and are looking forward to a better 2021.

The Good Timers:
Melissa Bader,
Cookie Friesner,
Dana Hoisington,
Tim Lawlis, Susan
and Zale Maxwell
and Louise Smith





*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will towards men. Luke 2:14*

Food Pantry Donations In Honor/Memory of

- ~ Frank & Bernie Anderson in loving memory of our parents
- ~ Becky Ety in memory of Ivan Ety
- ~ Cheryl & Dave Fey in memory of our parents
- ~ Holly Harman Fackler in honor of parents Worth & Dottie Harman
- ~ Cookie Friesner in memory of Dave Friesner
- ~ Sharon Gates in memory of Bob Gates, Max & Anna McNichols, Joe & Elsie Gates & Pauline Archer
- ~ Worth & Dottie Harman in memory of Dottie's cousin, Billye Buckley
- ~ Dana & Glenna Hoisington in memory of Edward L. Hoisington, Ruth L. Hoisington & Shirley L. Sims
- ~ Bob & Polly Hunter in memory of our parents
- ~ Mark & Carla Huntwork in memory of our parents, E.J. & Marion Robichaux and Dale & Betty Huntwork
- ~ Tom & Patti James in memory of their parents
- ~ Shirley Mathias in memory of John Mathias
- ~ Doug & Betty Jo Merle in honor of our loved ones
- ~ Waid & Rita Radford in memory of Tom & Toni Radford, Joe & Marie Miller and Chase & Tommy Groh
- ~ Rich & Shirley Reed in memory of our parents
- ~ Stan & Anna Ruth Runyan in memory of our parents
- ~ Louise & Jim Smith in memory of loved ones
- ~ Rick & Jane Tewell in memory of our parents Rex & Betty Miller and Freemont & Helen Tewell
- ~ Lynda & Bob Williams in memory of loved ones



ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

November & December 2020

11/29 12/6 12/13 12/20 12/24 12/27

In-House Worship Services Attendance	43	13	12	12	Pre-Recorded Service	11
YouTube Attendance	45	61	45	45	128	45
Facebook Attendance	67	80	82	77	144	82
Total Sunday Attendance In-House, Facebook and YouTube totals	155	154	139	134	272	138
Adult Sunday School Attendance In-House and Zoom	33	38	36	38	N/A	32



FINANCIAL UPDATE DARLA REEDY, TREASURER

2020
Report

November

Year To
Date

OPERATING INCOME	29,346	291,552
OPERATING EXPENSES	25,512	268,882
SUNDAY SCHOOL	250	1,474
COINS FOR MISSIONS	0	343
MORTGAGE BALANCE	853,149	



CUMC NEWS!

Staff Christmas Gifts "Thank you"!



The church staff would like to say "Thank You!" for our Generous Staff Gifts.

We are so proud and honored to serve such a wonderful church and congregation. Thank you for your sincere Staff Gifts. We appreciate you and your thoughtfulness and send many blessings to you and your families.

Pastor Steve, Darcy Soliday, Darla Reedy, Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark, Julie Ulrich & Peggy Lawlis

Winter Weather Cancellations

If a Level 2 or 3 Emergency exists on a Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M., worship services and Sunday school will not be held.

Cancellations of Christ UMC worship services or activities will be posted on the following:



- 1) Christ UMC web page at:
www.christum-baltimore.com
- 2) TV stations and their respective web sites:
Channel 4 (NBC), Channel 10 (CBS) & Channel 6 (ABC).



The Caring Tree Wrap-up

Thank you all for your generosity this year helping area families with gifts and groceries. Our church was able to help 19 children in 11 families for a total of 76 gifts. Thank you again for all you do to show God's love.

Peggy Lawlis

Thank you Peggy Lawlis for all your dedicated hard work on this outreach project! We really do appreciate you!!!



Church Altar Flowers Calendar

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for the 2021 calendar year for worship service on Sundays, please sign up in the office. The cost is \$15.00. You may put your check/money in the offering plate (*when services resume*) or just mail it in. Be sure to label your check/envelope "Altar Flowers" to ensure that this is credited to your account. The calendar is on the office bulletin board. Please try to only take 1 or 2 dates so that everyone has a chance to sign-up. Later in the year Darcy will let you know dates not taken if you want to sign up for more dates.



Annual Giving Statements

Attention!!!
Giving Statements Must be Requested

In order to save on costs, please request your 2020 Giving Statements from our Treasurer, Darla Reedy, by leaving a note or email treasurer@christum-baltimore.com

CELEBRATIONS AND MORE!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Lynda Williams
- 5 Kevin Craig
- 6 Alexis Traster
- 13 David Brookover, Zale Maxwell
- 14 Elizabeth Alderdice
- 16 Robin Pullins
- 17 Brentley Raver
- 18 Leann Davis, Steve Picket
- 20 Justin Shreyer
- 24 Thomas Anderson
- 25 Justin Reeves
- 26 Samantha Jewell
- 29 Jared Whittington
- 31 Carrie Schrader



To Our Church Family,

I would like to express my gratitude for the thoughts and prayers that were sent our way in the passing of my mother. So many kind phone calls, emails and cards to help with our sadness. We have such an awesome church family and I cherish each and every one of you!



Sincerely,
Dana and Glenna Hoisington and family

Thank you for the delicious meals!



Norma Stilwell

Christ UMC,

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and well wishes. I really do appreciate it.

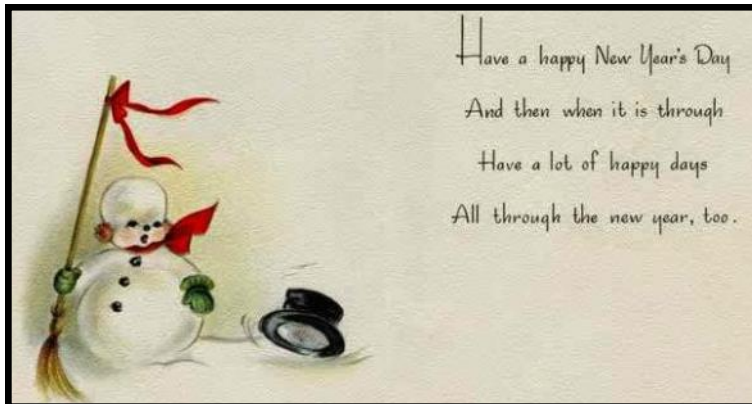
I am recuperating and hoping to feel better as time goes along. I am doing physical therapy that is helping me to become stronger and more active.



Diane Friesner

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES!

- Jerry & Susan Osborne January 7
- Michael & Jeanne Dulin January 19



We are hiring!



Christ UMC is looking for a permanent pianist to lead in the worship and music for our Sunday service. If you know of someone interested, let Pastor Steve or SPRC Chair Joe Farmer know. No worries though! Our current pianists, Julie and Peggy, will continue for us until an additional person is found.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- ◆ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Live Streaming
At Christ UMC Baltimore
- ◆ 8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday School on Zoom

*Our **MISSION** is to help people find and follow Jesus Christ, by (**VISION**) connecting people with GOD through worship, connecting people with the CHURCH through whole-life discipleship, and connecting people with the WORLD through mission.*

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pastor	Pastor Steve Rath pastor@christum-baltimore.com 740-575-6190
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Pianist	Julie Ulrich, Peggy Lawlis
Audio	Dwayne Miller
Custodians	Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark

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