

**APRIL
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 In-House & Streaming
8:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults (zoom)



Sunday April 4th brings us to the glorious celebration of Easter! This year, it will include both online and in-person options beginning at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to having you join us as we celebrate in worship, song, and word, reminded of how the

news of Jesus' resurrection could not be kept silent. It spread from place to place, thanks to men and women who knew it was too good not to share!

Then, beginning on Sunday, April 11th, we will begin a new series entitled **"Therefore, Go: Following the Voice of God"** At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives very specific instructions about what his followers are to do now that he is alive again. Many of you know it as the Great Commission. But what was really behind Jesus' promises to them and to us? Just as the resurrection ignited the Christian church to spread the message of Jesus, the greater question is not whether we believe in the resurrection, *the* question is: What are we going to do about it?

Through the stories of the earliest believers and the birth of the Church as recorded in the book of Acts, we will answer that very question. We will learn through their experiences what we can also experience today for ourselves.



I look forward to having you join us as we learn and grow together!

April Sermon Series and Scriptures

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| April 4 | "The Path to Redemption" | <i>Mark 16:1-9</i> |
| April 11 | "When Endings are Really Beginnings " | <i>Matt. 25:5-10 16-20</i> |
| April 18 | "The Promise of Power" | <i>Acts 1:6-9, & 2:1-4</i> |
| April 25 | "Your Next Faithful Step" | <i>Acts 2:14-24, 2-41</i> |



Recently, I had the opportunity to join in a conference leadership simulcast featuring Karl Vaters, church consultant and strategic thinker on the current realities and

challenges facing congregations and their communities. With his permission, I wanted to share a portion of one of his recent posts on a common topic I hear something about: getting back to church with and resuming the work of mission and ministry. I'll let his words be the grist for some thoughts and conversation....

Will the congregation come back? It's the big question on every pastor's heart and mind right now. We understand why people haven't been coming to church through the pandemic.... But once it's over will they ever come back? No one knows for sure.

Will the congregation come back to church should not be the question that keeps us awake at night. There are so many better questions we need to ask. Questions that will get us thinking more clearly and biblically about what to do next. Here are a few of them:

1. "Are we representing Jesus well as we come out of the pandemic?"

As restrictions start lifting, we'll need to make a lot of choices about issues we've never even considered before: from physical safety, to emotional challenges, to disagreements about those decisions. The goal should never be to get more people in the building, or even to move ahead without causing conflict. It must always be "are we representing Jesus well as we move forward?"

2. "What have we learned – and what are we still learning?"

If all we do at the end of this is try to get back to "normal", we will not just have missed an opportunity to learn, we will have failed Jesus. Yes, that's strong language. But I believe it to be true.

Going through this and not learning from it is like the third servant in Jesus' Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). After refusing to invest what he received, the master treated him with some of the harshest words and actions in the entire Bible.

There's a lot to learn through this. Those lessons are like great treasure. Don't bury them, invest them in kingdom work.

3. "How can we better serve the people at home?"

Many of the folks who won't come back to the physical building have all kinds of reasons for it. From being at-risk physically to not being ready emotionally, and more. Don't criticize people who aren't ready to come back to church yet. Reach out to them. Lovingly, kindly and compassionately. Blessing people where *they* are is more important than getting them to show up where *we* are.

4. "How are people hurting, and what can we do to help them?"

People's problems will not be over when the pandemic ends. Instead, we will be heading into years of crisis and recovery that are likely to see record numbers of divorces, bankruptcies, evictions, homelessness, mental breakdowns, joblessness and other issues we can't foresee.

More than ever, the communities around us are going to need the help of healthy, missional, compassionate, worshiping, and loving churches. Whether people come back through our church doors is not the big issue. How we honor Jesus by reaching the hurting people outside our doors is what matters. Ministry needs to happen *from* the church, not just *in* the church.

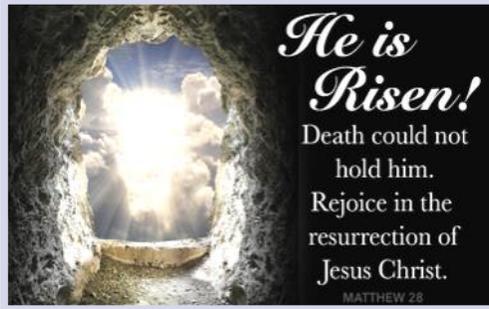
*Yours for the mission of Jesus,
Pastor Steve*

KRISTY SCHOOLER

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. -Luke 24:52

When I was growing up with my two brothers, our lives were enriched by the exchange students that stayed with us from time to time. Two young men from other countries would stay with us for about six-eight weeks at a time. We learned so much about the customs of other peoples and some of the young men had the kind of personalities that help me remember them well, though it's been many years since they stayed in our home. Looking back, I realize our parents gave us quite a gift in inviting these young adults into our home.

One of the young men was from Britain and his visit coincided with Easter. From him, I learned that in Britain they celebrate Easter Monday just as much as Easter Sunday, continuing to rejoice in the risen Christ! He explained that it was a fun day, a no-school, no-mail-delivery, banks-closed day; an eat-as-much-chocolate-candy-as-you-like day. It usually culminated in a neighborhood picnic with a raw-egg toss, tug-of-war, sack races and soccer game.



round, to rejoice in all He did for me, and you!

Blessed Redeemer, risen Lord,
Now and forevermore adored.
Rejoice my soul and sing.
Praise and glory to Christ our King.
-Fay Angus

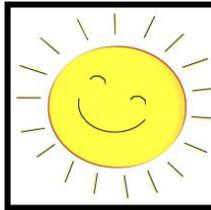
Keep praying and praising,
Kristy Schooler

Prayer Ministry

Christ's suffering was over. His victory was won! The gates of our eternal life were flung open. Paul Amundson put it best when he said that Easter ought to be "a giggle till your socks fall off kind of day." I join him in his vote for laughter and a raucous good time all the way through Easter Monday. I want to celebrate Jesus' victory all year

PRESCHOOL OFFICE

Yesssss!! Our preschool is ramping up to re-open this Fall with some exciting new changes! The Pre-K classes will now be four days a week and include class options for both full-day (9-3 p.m.) and half-day (9-11:30 a.m.) Preschool classes for those who are 3 on August 1st will remain at three days.



You can find more information on the class options and tuition by visiting the website at www.christum-baltimore.com/ministries/preschool.html and downloading the registration form. Families can register their children for

preschool in the church office during normal office hours – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please share this information with your family and friends! For further information, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/christunitedmethodistpreschool or email us at preschool@christum-baltimore.com

Shelly Beckham
Co-Coordinator

Preschool News!

LESLIE MARTENS

*"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8"*

The Food Pantry is in the process of building a supply of cleaning, paper and hygiene supplies. In addition to food, these products are always needed and often requested, but are not subsidized by other government agencies.

Thank you for your support!

Food Pantry

Therefore, this month our special needs again are:

- ◆ Laundry Detergent
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Liquid Dish Soap
- ◆ Bath Soap
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Toilet Paper

Leslie Martens
Food Pantry Ministry



TIM LAWLIS

Blood Drive Summary

"Mark your calendars for an American Red Cross (ARC) blood drive on May 6th from 1-6 p.m. This drive is a joint effort between the American Red Cross, Liberty Union High School, and Christ UMC. The blessings are jointly received as well -- ARC => gets whole blood, LUTHS => receives scholarship funds from ARC, and we are blessed to be able to serve.

As with the February drive the need for blood products is **ever present**. Please make it a point to attempt to give and encourage those around you to give.



The ARC ensures a safe hygienic environment for giving. Covid-19 vaccination status does not play a role in eligibility to donate.

Scheduling information will be released as it becomes available. Questions can be directed to Dana Hoisington or Tim Lawlis.

REMEMBER LOVE IS A VERB, SO PLEASE ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE."

Tim Lawlis
Co-Coordinator

SHEILA BURNS

College Connection

If you have someone graduating from High School or College this spring or did graduate the past fall or winter, please contact Sheila Burns at 740-862-6718 or email emdmom3@hotmail.com



Be sure to check out the College Connection bulletin board located down the Sunday School class hallway in the future to see all our upcoming college students and graduates accomplishments!!!

Sheila will need the school/college they graduated from, their degree and date of graduation.

Sheila Burns
College Connection Coordinator



Plans for this year's 2021 Easter Extravaganza put on by the Baltimore Ministerial Association are a bit different this year. This year's event will be a progressive one, with families going from church to church. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 10th from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Our plan here to have it outdoors, with the FLC as a rain location if needed.

At each church, we are asking folks for these things:

- Individually wrapped candies (similar to what folks would supply for our Fall Festival.)
- Volunteers to bag and/or hand out candy to children. This will be done in lieu of hunting Easter eggs.
- Volunteers to pass out a snack (pudding cups)
- Volunteers to lead children in a simple game or activity.

For more information contact Dave Brookover (dbrookov@columbus.rr.com 740-974-6258) or Tricia Rath (tricia.rath@gmail.com 614-962-2031) or to help volunteer.



Easter Flowers that will be decorating the sanctuary Easter morning are presented by:

- ◆ Natalie Clum
- ◆ Cheri Crist in honor of Norma Fenstermaker & in memory of Rod Crist and Judy Reed
- ◆ Becky Ety in honor of my children and grandchildren & in memory of Ivan
- ◆ Joe & Jane Farmer in honor of our 2 graduates Reed & Reagan
- ◆ Cheryl & Dave Fey in memory of our parents
- ◆ Sharon Gates in honor of grandchildren Emilee, Braxton, Sladen, Mo and Brody
- ◆ Worth & Dottie Harman in honor of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren & in memory of loved ones whom have gone before
- ◆ Hetterle & Sayre Families in memory of Bobby Osborne
- ◆ Katie Hetterle in memory of Chelsea Donelson
- ◆ Barry & Holly Hettler in memory of Sarah Jane Ulrich, Gene Conrad and Janice Hettler
- ◆ Dana & Glenna Hoisington in memory of Edward and Ruth Hoisington and Shirley Sims
- ◆ Marshall & Phyllis Johnson in memory of our loved ones
- ◆ Dave & Leslie Martens in memory of Trey Martens
- ◆ Jerry & Gayle McCreery in honor of the Amazing Grace of God
- ◆ Doug & Betty Jo Merle in memory of our parents
- ◆ Mike & Lisa Motsch in memory of mother Nancy Motsch & father Brian Simpson
- ◆ Waid & Rita Radford in memory of Tom & Toni Radford, Joe & Marie Miller and Chase & Tommy Groh
- ◆ Rich & Shirley Reed on memory of our parents
- ◆ Carol Sayre in memory of Dick Coffey
- ◆ Bonnie Simpson in memory of Brian Simpson
- ◆ Louise Smith in honor of family & in memory of Jim
- ◆ Darcy Soliday in honor of all my dear friends I have made at Christ UMC
- ◆ Ed Ulrich Family in memory of Bob and Sarah Ulrich and Gene Conrad



ATTENDANCE

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

2/28 3/7 3/14

February & March 2021

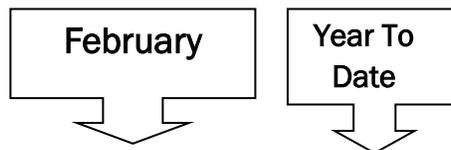
In-House Worship Services Attendance	35	43	42
YouTube Attendance	32	35	37
Facebook Attendance	53	50	53
Total Sunday Attendance In-House, Facebook and YouTube totals	120	128	132
Adult Sunday School Attendance In-House and Zoom	34	36	39

Our MISSION: To help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Our VISION: by **CONNECTING** people
with **GOD** through **WORSHIP**,
with the **CHURCH** through whole-life
DISCIPLESHIP, & with the **WORLD** through **MISSION**.

FINANCIAL UPDATE DARLA REEDY, TREASURER

2021
Report



OPERATING INCOME	23,588	69,901
OPERATING EXPENSE	23,819	48,878
SUNDAY SCHOOL	0	0
COINS FOR MISSIONS	3.70	9.80
MORTGAGE BALANCE	841,764	



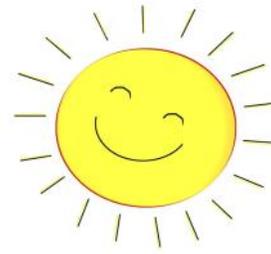
CUMC NEWS!



Registration is now open for all summer camps. New health protocols as well as limits on capacities have been implemented to insure the safety of all attendees and camp directors. We're so excited to be gearing up for Summer Camp 2021! Go to:

[Camps | West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church \(westohiocamps.org\)](http://www.westohiocamps.org)

If you are interested IN A JOB AS A CAMP COUNSELOR please email the camps department at camps@wocumc.org.



Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year!

Registration forms and information is available at <http://www.christum-baltimore.com/ministries/preschool.html> . Children entering preschool classes must be 3 by August 1, 2021 and those entering Pre-K classes must be 4 by August 1, 2021.

\$100.00 registration fee (non-refundable) must accompany registration form.

Save these Dates!



July 22 (Drop -Off)
July 29-30-31
(Yard Sale Dates)

Rebekah Circle is planning to have the Annual Church Yard Sale near the end of the summer. Items can be dropped off at the Family Life Center starting Thursday, July 22. The sale will be held the following week on July 29-30-31 so save those dates!



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Marching...

When the Redwing
chimes,
The Robin comes in
numbers,

And the dark days of
winter lift in curtain fashion,
The Hope swells.

Lenten days count down,
And all that we have lost in the
season past turns to celebrate a
new day.

The earth in lacey display,
An end to lonely hours,
Easter rising once again.

Gayle McCreery



CELEBRATIONS AND MORE!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

- 9 Kim Kilger
- 10 Clair Kilger
- 11 Bob Wright
- 16 Mallory Stilwell
- 17 Don Prorock
- 18 Patti James
- 19 Jeremy Shreyer
- 21 Charles Cooley, Cookie Friesner
- 23 Jim Thompson
- 29 Kurt Berlekamp
- 30 Jim Anderson, Brenda Snider



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES!

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| Dave & Cheryl Fey | April 3 |
| Richard & Doreen Fast | April 6 |
| David & Celler O'Toole | April 9 |
| Dave & Jennifer Miller | April 13 |
| Kurt & Erin Berlekamp | April 14 |
| Kevin & Mardi McCluer | April 30 |



**Congratulation
Hesel Family!**

Hudson Scott Hesel

**Born
March 3, 2021**

**Proud Parents
Scott & Amy Hesel
And the whole family!!!!**



**COVID-19 Vaccine
Appointment Help**
Please share with you family
and neighbors!

If you are eligible for the Covid-19 Vaccine and need help securing an appointment, we have a team that can provide you additional assistance in navigating the appointment system.

While we cannot guarantee an appointment, we will use our contacts to provide you additional assistance.

Please call the Christ United Methodist Church Office at 740-862-4343, give your name and phone number. One of the team members will contact you to gather enough information to secure the COVID-19 appointment.

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.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- ◆ **10:00 A.M.**
In-House Sunday Worship
Also 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
Administrative Asst.	Darcy Soliday 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. office@christum-baltimore.com
Treasurer	Darla Reedy 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tues. treasurer@christum-baltimore.com
Choir Director	Tim Lawlis 614-570-9021
Bell Choir Director	Becky Ety 614-581-8037
Pianist	Julie Ulrich, Peggy Lawlis
Audio	Dwayne Miller
Custodians	Jim Anderson, Steve Vandermark

ATTENTION!

We are emailing our newsletters!

If you would like to receive your church newsletter by email or mail, please contact the church office.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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