

November 2018

The Cornerstone

Christ Church United Methodist
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“Impacting the
Community for CHRIST”



Staff

Wynston Dixon, Pastor
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Julie Coleman, Office Manager

Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am - Traditional Worship
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship

Group Study

Sunday Adult Classes

Room 113: *Calvary Class*
Room 115: *Sojourners Class*
Room 118: *Searchers Class*
Library: *ReachOut*

Nursery Care

8:30 am - noon, Ages 0-Pre-K, Rm. 27 & 29

Sunday Children's Classes

11:00 am - K & Up, Rm. 23



Fall Back Daylight Savings Time Ending

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, **November 3**



Fall Festival

Saturday, November 10
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Needed . . .

- Cashiers and kitchen help
- Baked goods and candy donations

Baked goods and candy can be left in the library on November 8 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm & November 9 (after 10:00 am). Please DO NOT price items.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pam Cole at 422-2989.

Letter from the Pastor



My Beloved Parishioners,

The 2018 Thanksgiving season is upon us, and we have plenty for which to thank God. As a congregation, God has proven His faithfulness to us over and over. He has blessed our families and our homes. Just to see another day is a blessing that we cannot take for granted.

Remember this great news as you sit down to dinner this year to consider all that God has done for you, your family, your friends and your church. God is faithful all of the time even when we fail to recognize that all of the work of his hands and all that happens in our lives, He can use for the good.

It's already November. As the year begins to come to an end, with Thanksgiving right around the corner and the Christmas season right behind it, I was thinking about the past year and all that I am thankful for. Christ Church is near the top of my list.

I am thankful for the people here who come to church and encourage others in their faith. For the many people who have supported me, both professionally as a pastor and personally with things going on in my life.

I am thankful for those that are willing to volunteer to do what it takes to make this church a place that is welcoming to all, people who are involved in Sunday School and the nursery welcoming young families, people who are providing refreshments for fellowship time and the people who are constantly working on the building and making it safe and welcoming for all.

I am thankful for the people who do the administrative tasks and make it so I don't have to worry too much about this part of the ministry. We are blessed with people who are gifted in areas of bookkeeping and financial management.

I am thankful for those that are able to care for others as they have need. For the prayer requests that are shared weekly, for the caring ministry that is being developed, for the desire to actively care for each other. For the van ministry that faithfully serves the parishioners and visitors every Sunday.

I am thankful for the worship leadership and the time and effort that goes into creating worship experiences that are relevant and filled with vitality.

I am also thankful for the people who do the things that might not get noticed, supporting the youth, cleaning up after a function, putting stamps on mailings, organizing an event, getting the newsletter out, working on missions.

I am especially thankful for George and Linda, who have truly been a blessing to our church. They have worked continuously to keep our church grounds looking very beautiful. They take pride in their work.

I am just plain thankful for the people of Christ Church for living out the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a church that is alive and on fire for Jesus. It couldn't happen without all of you. I am thankful for each and every one of you. You are all important to the life at Christ Church.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love and peace,
Pastor Dixon

There's
always
SOMETHING
TO BE
thankful
FOR

CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Church Conference will be held on
Sunday, November 18
at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Rev. Norman Coleman presiding**

**Church Conference is a yearly event that all
are welcome to attend. However,
only members of Christ Church will have a
voice and be able to vote on the
important matters placed before the
conference.**

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again, Christ Church is adopting eight families who register for Christmas assistance through the Salvation Army. Information about each of our adopted families will be posted on a bulletin board in the lobby in mid-November. In addition, we will provide Thanksgiving dinners for each of these families. How can you help?

- Adopt a Family - Sunday school classes, church groups, church families and individuals are encouraged to adopt a family.
- Give generously to the Loose Change offerings in November and December which will help fund this ministry, or make a monetary donation by using a pew envelope and designating "Christmas Baskets" on the envelope.
- Purchase non-perishable food items for the December Feed My Sheep collection to be used in the Christmas baskets.
- Pray for these families.

Thank you Christ Church for your continued support of this mission project.



**Thursday, November 15
10:00 am, Room 113**

**Program Speaker:
Pastor Wynston Dixon**

**The November agenda also includes
finalizing all 2019 Pledge Commitments**

**Thursday, December 6, at 11:30 am
Christmas Party at Heritage Green**

**Please bring a covered dish to share.
RSVP to Dee Sellers (513) 464-6739**

All are invited!

United Methodist Women Soup Sale

The United Methodist Women will be taking orders for homemade Bean and Vegetable Soups following morning services on Sunday, November 3, and Sunday, November 11. Soups are \$7 per quart or 3 quarts for \$20. Soup orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 16, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm or following services on Sunday, November 18.



Orders can also be placed at the Fall Festival on November 10, where taste testing will be available. Or you may contact Dee Sellers at (513) 424-1782, Sue Hounshell at (513) 424-2823 or Judy Crump at (513) 539-9483 to place an order.



***Payment would be appreciated at the time
of ordering.***

MEET AND GREETINGS WITH PASTOR DIXON SCHEDULED

Dates, times and locations for the Meet and Greets with Pastor Dixon are as follows:

Wednesday, November 14, at 3:30 pm

Host: Urith Ellen Thompson ♦ (513) 571-4048
5004 Riverview Avenue, Middletown

Monday, November 26, at 6:30 pm

Hosts: Dick and Bobette Owen ♦ (513) 424-5650
809 Vancouver Street, Middletown

Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 pm

Hosts: Walker and Sally Williamson
(513) 423-7832 ♦ 4589 Burnham Woods Drive,
Franklin

Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 pm

Hosts: Steve and Cindy Dishun ♦ (513) 320-8531
2440 Buckingham Court, Middletown

Sign-up sheets can be found in the church lobby, or you may contact the host directly. Please be reminded that these Meet and Greets are intended for not more than 10 people at any one location.

PRAYER GARDEN

As you come through the New Life Center, or perhaps walk through the grand hallway, or even glance through the door in the Prayer Room leading to the outside, our Prayer Garden is in full view. Overall maintenance of this area including mulching and trimming can be quite difficult since the entrances to the garden are all from inside the building through standard size doors. Thank you to Steve and Pam Johnson for taking care of this beautiful garden.

Memorial Gift Received from the Family of Paul and Carol Hoskins

On Sunday, October 14, the following announcement was made by our Lay Leader, Jane Tipton, and is being shared once again for those who may not have been aware . . .

Many of you remember Paul and Carol Hoskins, members of this congregation for many, many years. Paul passed away in 2005 and Carol recently passed away in July. She had been unable to attend for quite some time and many of you in the congregation helped take care of many things for her. Because of the Hoskins love for Christ Church and because of the love shown to them, the Hoskins family decided to make a memorial donation to the church in honor of Paul and Carol, and requested the funds be used as part of a capital campaign for our building. This week we received that donation . . . a check for nearly \$100,000! After picking ourselves up off the floor, the Administrative Team met and decided that our mortgage debt was the biggest issue facing our congregation as far as our building is concerned. In speaking with Paul and Carol's daughter Carla and her husband Dave, they agreed that we should apply the donation to pay down our debt but also encouraged us to start a capital campaign to match and/or raise the needed funds to pay off the remainder of the balance. In the next couple of weeks, I will bring to you more information about a capital campaign to do just that. In the meantime, let us thank God for this incredible blessing and pray for His direction and guidance as we move forward with our ministry here at Christ Church. Please also lift the Hoskins family in your prayers as we thank them for their most generous gift.

In this season of Thanksgiving, the ReachOut class would like to thank everyone for their continued support! Thank you to all who purchased subs, gave through the Loose Change offerings, donated candy and personal hygiene items and those who recently participated in the Trunk 'n Treat event as well as other events throughout the year. Without your generous love and support, we could not impact our community! Thank you Christ Church family!

ReachOut

November

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| 11/3 | 8:00 am | Emmaus Share Group, Library | 11/15 | 10:00 am | United Methodist Women, 113 |
| 11/4 | 6:00 pm | Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 11/17 | 8:00 am | Emmaus Share Group, Library |
| 11/6 | 5:00 pm | SHALOM, Library | 11/18 | 2:00 pm | Church Conference, Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 pm | Link's University, 115 | | 6:00 pm | Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 pm | Girl Scouts, NLC | 11/20 | 3:30 pm | Whiz Kids, 117 |
| | 7:00 pm | Bible Study, Library | | 5:00 pm | Men's Choir, Sanctuary |
| 11/7 | 10:00 am | Bible Study, 113 | | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir, Sanctuary |
| | 12:30 pm | NAMI, Library | | 7:30 pm | Praise Team, Sanctuary |
| | 3:30 pm | Yoga, NLC | 11/21 | 10:00 am | Bible Study, 113 |
| | 5:00 pm | Men's Choir, Sanctuary | | 12:30 pm | NAMI, Library |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir, Sanctuary | | 3:30 pm | Yoga, NLC |
| | 6:30 pm | Bible Study, Library | | 6:30 pm | Bible Study, Library |
| | 7:30 pm | Praise Team, Sanctuary | 11/22 | 10:00 am | Ellison Family Gathering, NLC |
| 11/10 | 8:00 am | Emmaus Share Group, Kitchenette | 11/24 | 8:00 am | Emmaus Share Group, Library |
| | 9:00 am | Fall Festival, NLC | | 3:00 pm | Tipton Family Gathering, NLC |
| 11/11 | 6:00 pm | Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 11/25 | 6:00 pm | Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 11/13 | 3:30 pm | Whiz Kids, 117 | 11/27 | 3:30 pm | Whiz Kids, 117 |
| | 6:00 pm | Admin Team, 113 | | 6:30 pm | Link's University, 115 |
| 11/14 | 10:00 am | Bible Study, 113 | 11/28 | 10:00 am | Bible Study, 113 |
| | 12:30 pm | NAMI, Library | | 12:30 pm | NAMI, Library |
| | 3:30 pm | Yoga, NLC | | 3:30 pm | Yoga, NLC |
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Getting Organized . . . Under the supervision of Pam Cole, some of our church ladies have been busy clearing out and cleaning up several rooms in the basement by removing unusable furniture, old TVs, and sorting through and moving supplies to one central location in the basement. These supplies have now been itemized and categorized and placed on shelves in room 3 so they are easily accessible. Anyone removing and/or returning supplies to this room are asked to please do so neatly and to make certain returned items are put back in the appropriate containers. An itemized list of all supplies is also being kept in the office.

November Birthdays

- 2 Alex Pierce
- 5 Jane Berns
Debbie Lawson
- 8 David Martin
- 10 Barbara Strait
- 11 Mark Idle
Robyn McCall
- 14 Jim Schweitzer
Becki Tolson
- 18 Kim Swiger
- 19 Jim Alexander
- 22 Jane Tipton
- 23 Becki Davis
- 27 Pat Anthony
Donna Idle
- 29 Aleah Kassner
- 30 Grace Kitchen

With Sympathy

Steve and Pam Johnson and Family upon the death of Steve's mother, Joy Johnson on October 10

Beverly Hill, Kayla Cox and Family upon the death of Beverly's husband and Kayla's grandfather, Millard Hill, on October 23

Christmas Poinsettias

Pre-paid orders for Christmas poinsettias will be accepted through Sunday, November 25

Color choices: Red, White, Pink and Burgundy
Cost: \$10

Order envelopes can be found on the table in the lobby or obtained from an usher on Sunday mornings. Orders can also be placed by calling the church office at (513) 422-7364.

November Anniversaries

- 16 George and Linda Knapp
- 17 Eddy and Deanna Sellers

Congratulations

Barb Langworthy upon the birth of her great-grandson, Alexander Cole Langworthy, on October 3

Great-Grandparents Jerry and Linda Frechette and Grandparents Glen and Kim Swiger upon the birth of Bennett Lane on October 17

2019 Calendars



The 2019 calendars have arrived and will be available for pick-up either in the lobby on Sunday mornings or from the church office during

the week. Since we will not be mailing these calendars, you are encouraged to hand deliver a calendar to one of our shut-ins who either lives near you or with whom you visit regularly.

We want to thank Ron and Judy Spaulding and the Wilson-Schramm-Spaulding Funeral Home for providing Christ Church with another beautiful calendar this year.



The Missions Committee would like to thank you for your very generous support of the Salvation Army food pantry. Through September of this year, you have donated over \$5,000 to purchase needed items for the pantry and over 1,500 pounds of groceries to be distributed at the pantry. Christ Church continues to be the largest private donor of food to this pantry. Thank you for your heart of mission in our community.

CORRECTION . . . In a “Very Special Thank You” from George and Linda Knapp last month, the Knapps shared that Henrietta Witt donated a beautiful shrub (front north side flower bed) in memory of her husband, Ernie. Our apologies to Henrietta for referring to her husband as “Hank.”




Whiz Kids is looking for donations of a few used children’s board games such as Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders which will be used to make it a bit more fun for the kids as they are helped with their sight words, math facts, beginning sounds, etc. Board games can be left in room 117.

Drivers are desperately needed in Middletown so please share this information with friends and family. To learn more about Wesley Community Services and/or a driver position, Betsy Balger may also be contacted at 513-320-1046.



MIDDLETOWN DRIVERS NEEDED. CAN APPLY IN PERSON:

Wesley Community Services
2091 Radcliff Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45204
(513) 661-2777 or
(513) 713-9292 (Middletown Location)

Applications accepted between the hours of 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Monday through Friday

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Valid Driver’s License
- Vehicle Insurance
- Successful Pre-Employment Background Screening
- Drug Test

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME MEAL DELIVERY DRIVERS

First Shift Hours
Monday through Friday
Wesley Community Services delivers meals to senior citizens and the disabled in the Greater Cincinnati, Dayton, Middletown and Northern Kentucky areas



COME BE A PART OF OUR WINNING TEAM

COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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