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2024 Fall Courier Rally Day & Beyond

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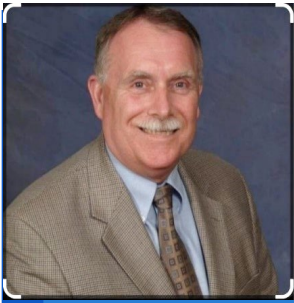
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Pastor's Corner

Welcome to the 2024 Fall edition of the Courier, and welcome to the ministry of Christ Church where we seek to connect you with Christ and the community! Through the pages of this edition of the Courier, you will get a general idea of what to expect at Christ Church this fall.

First, thank you for your gracious reception and inclusion into the life and ministry of Christ Church. I am grateful for the “get to know you” gatherings and look forward to the scheduled gatherings as well as one more general gathering this fall.

Second, happy 50th anniversary to Randy and Janet Flanagan. Randy, Pastor Emeritus, and Janet, presently our interim pre-school director, have served Christ Church for many years. I am grateful for their friendship as well as ministry in and through the United Methodist Church. We are who we are because of their faithful commitment to Christ Church. Again, happy anniversary!

Third, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with David and Ashley in providing a high quality of ministry for you and for Charleston. Through these pages, you will read about Rally Day, multiple opportunities to participate in choirs from children through adult, children and youth activities, as well interpretive dance. Most of you are already familiar with these opportunities, but I am learning how important your participation is to the life and ministry of Christ Church. In addition to the multiple opportunities for participation, you will find a *You Are Welcome Here* statement of inclusion that the three of us support and want to share, not only with you, but with Charleston and the Kanawha Valley. As we sing and affirm each Sunday in worship, all are welcome at Christ Church.

Fourth, *Multiplying Love* by Dr. Paul Chilcote will be our study book for the fall. It is my hope that you will read *Multiplying Love* whether you are participating in a study group, Sunday School class, or reading the book on your own. You will find a description of the book in this edition of the Courier. You can pick up your copy of *Multiplying Love* in the church office immediately after Labor Day.

Fifth, in this edition of the Courier, you will find the Fall Sermon Series titled “Passing Hope to The Future.” It is my hope that we can worship together every Sunday. Whether in person, online, or listening on the radio, please know there is a place for you in worship each Sunday. More than anything, I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings as we continue to get to know one another.

Sixth, I am offering a lecture-style Bible study titled “Jesus and the Christian Life” on Sunday mornings at 9:50am in the Chapel. The study will begin September 15 and continue through November 3. Along with the study will be singing of our favorite hymns and Holy Communion. Each session will end no later than 10:45am. You will find a detailed outline of the study in this edition of the Courier. This is not to take the place of your Sunday School class. It is just another offering to learn and grow together on Sunday mornings. I am grateful for the opportunity. To be totally honest, I am being selfish. I have missed Bible study over the past several years, so I am taking advantage of this opportunity.

Seventh (a good biblical number), be prepared to be invited and challenged to participate in ministries that can and will transform Charleston. Let's continue to pray for Charleston. As the prophet Jeremiah reminded the Hebrew people, as the city goes, we go. Let us also pray asking God to “send us the people no one else wants” and “to receive the people God sends to us.” And, as we enter the fall season, I challenge you, as you begin to meet in your groups, to ask God to show you where we need to be in ministry in Charleston. What do we need to do that no one else is doing?

Well, how was that for my first letter for the Courier? Know how grateful I am to share in ministry with you. Know also how much you are appreciated. May you always be as blessed as you are a blessing!

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Tim

Fall Sermon Series

“Passing Hope to The Future”



On Sunday, September 8, Dr. Bias will start a new sermon series entitled “Passing Hope to the Future.” Below are scriptures and titles for each sermon as well as a brief description of what to expect. It has been a joy and a challenge to experience hope through his sermons this summer. This fall series will be another opportunity to focus upon God’s offer of hope as we grow together in connecting one another to Christ and to Charleston.

The basic theme for the series is hope based upon the life and ministry of Jesus as experienced in the stories and teachings of Jesus.

On September 8, the series will begin with “Passing Hope to the Future” from the scripture, Hebrews 12:1-6. The focus will be upon remembering why we are doing what we are doing in the present and how it shapes our future.

September 15, we will be “Remembering the Future” from Revelation 21:1-7. The focus will be upon making hope happen by being called into the future with hope.

September 22, we will focus upon “Relationships that Bring Hope” from Matthew 28:16-20. The good news according to Matthew is “God sent Jesus to teach us how to live before God.” Matthew presents holiness, healthy relationships with God, Charleston, and one another.

September 29, we will focus upon “Courage Brings Hope” from Mark 1:21-28. The good news according to Mark is “God sent Jesus to oppose suffering, pain, and evil in the world.” From Mark’s perspective, Jesus gives us courage to face the suffering, pain, and evil in Charleston and the world.

On World Communion Sunday, October 6, we will focus upon “Following Jesus Brings Hope” from Mark 1:16-20. Using Mark’s perspective of the good news, we will hear Jesus call us to “oppose suffering, pain, and evil” in Charleston and around the world.

October 13, we will focus upon “Jesus Gives Us the Power to Bring Hope” from Luke 4:16-20. The good news according to Luke is “Jesus not only possessed the Holy Spirit but promised the Holy Spirit to his followers.” By the power of God’s love, given to us by the Holy Spirit, we can overcome the barriers of gender, race, nationality, and exclusion as we seek to connect one another to Christ, Charleston, and the world.

October 20, we will focus upon “God’s Presence Brings Us Hope” John 14:1-9. The good news according to John is “If you have seen Jesus, you have seen God.” God’s presence, in and through Jesus, brings us the hope we need to face the future with courage and hope.

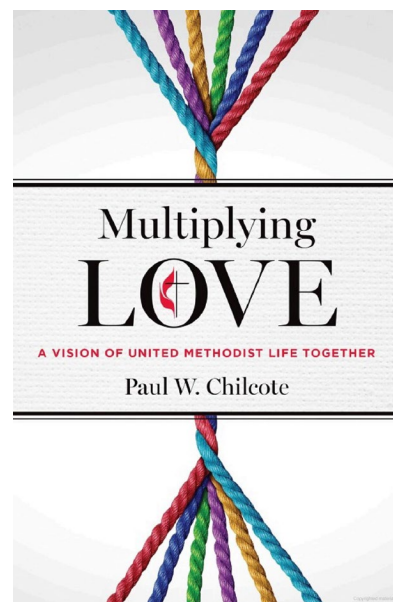
Fall Book Study

“Multiplying Love”

Multiplying Love by Dr. Paul Chilcote will be the focus of our church-wide fall book study. Chilcote writes in response to an appeal for congregations to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church and align with the breakaway Global Methodist Church.

Chilcote writes, “Our world needs love during these desperate days of radical polarization and division. United Methodist Churches yearn to embrace love more completely because God first loved us.”

Multiplying Love underscores what matters most and stands in contrast to a divisive misreading of essential Methodist teachings. Chilcote helps us embrace anew the Wesleyan vision of love of Jesus as central to what we believe and how we live and love. The books will be available after Labor Day.





New Bible Study in the Chapel “Jesus and the Christian Life”

Beginning Sunday morning, September 15, at 9:50am in the Chapel, Dr. Bias will be leading a lecture-style bible study entitled “Jesus and the Christian Life” as taken from the perspective of each of the gospel writers. Along with the study, will be singing of some of our favorite hymns and Holy Communion. Each session will end no later than 10:45am. The only book you need for this study...is your personal bible.

September 15: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus and the Christian Life from Matthew’s perspective

September 22: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and the Christian Life from Mark’s perspective.

September 29: Luke 4:14-21

Jesus and the Christian Life from Luke’s perspective

October 6: John 14:1-9

Jesus and the Christian Life from John’s perspective

Beginning Sunday morning, October 13, at 9:45 in the Chapel, Dr. Bias will continue leading this Fall Bible Study focusing upon “How the Christian Life Makes Hope Happen.”

October 13: Matthew 28:18 - Hospitality

October 20: Matthew 28:19 - Offering Christ

October 27: Matthew 28:20 - Practicing Faith

November 3: Matthew 28:20 - Engaging the Community

During this Chapel study, if parents with children want to attend the study, Ashley will be offering a children’s worship time upstairs in the children’s ministry area. Ashley will meet the children in the narthex at 9:50am, then take them upstairs.

There is a place for you this fall at Christ Church as we seek to connect one another with Christ and the community.

Rally Day

September 8, 2024, 12:00pm - 3:00pm,

CCUM’s Annual Rally Day will be Sunday, September 8th following the 11:00 am worship service (about noon) All CCUM families, friends, and neighbors are welcome to attend. The church will be supplying hotdogs, sauce, and drinks, we ask that you bring a side or dessert. There will be face painting, inflatables, rock climbing, yard games, and more for children of all ages. We will have music fellowship and a cake walk too. We will be taking donations for the cake walk too. Bring your chair and join us outside!



The Growing Place Preschool

The Growing Place is off to a good start this fall. We welcomed a new teacher in our PreK, Mrs. Cheyenne Wageman. We still have spaces available in all of our classes, with some scholarships available. We accept *Connect* as well. If there are children in your neighborhood, please spread the word.

We are needing a substitute for a few weeks this fall; if you know someone who could help us, please tell Janet Flanagan.



Support the Growing Place this Fall!

BAG-A-BAG OF THINGS WE NEED IN THE PRESCHOOL:

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| Kleenex | Fruit Cups |
| Paper Towels | Applesauce |
| Lysol Wipes | Glue Sticks |
| Baby Wipes | Paper Plates |
| Hand Soap Bottles | Dish Soap |
| Paper Cups | |



Kroger bags will be available in the Narthex beginning on Rally Day. Please take one to fill or bring one of your own. Thank you for your support!



C.R.O.S.S. Ministry 2024 Season

From the time of the spring flowers spreading their beauty to the searing heat of the summer, C.R.O.S.S. Ministry saw 7 teams come into the Kanawha Valley. Each team, unique in its skills and team members, provided needed repairs to homes across our area. The following is a list of our participating teams this summer:

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| 1) Centenary UMC, Winston-Salem, NC | adult team |
| 2) Discovery Service Project, Lancaster, PA | adult team |
| 3) Jefferson UMC, Jefferson, OH | youth and adult team |
| 4) Bethany UMC, Reedville, VA | adult team |
| 5) Myers Memorial UMC, Gastonia, NC | youth and adult team |
| 6) St. Matthew's UMC, Annandale, VA | youth and adult team |
| 7) Grace UMC, Aberdeen, MD | adult team |

We had a total of 88 volunteers and they gave hours of service. We built wheelchair ramps, repaired flooring in several homes, installed doors, built 2nd exit porches w/steps, skirted several trailers, painted exterior walls, repaired kitchen and bathroom plumbing, installed kitchen cabinets and replaced tubs with showers.

Besides working closely with Rebuilding Together Charleston, we also gardened with the Manna Meal Garden in South Charleston, helped Asbury UMC ready themselves for an "estate sale" and did some office work for Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley.

My deepest appreciation to the United Women in Faith Circles of Christ Church who cooked meals for several groups; for Bob Morris who was a chef extraordinaire; to Jim Lord and Rich Ford for stepping up as project managers several times; to Dayton Carpenter and Malcolm Chaney for their architectural drawings; to Barbara Good, Barb Carpenter, Susan Scott and Kim Kristic who acted as welcoming hostesses to our teams, and to Rev. Tim Bias and Rev. David Donathan for providing devotions when a group asked. Without all of you, our season would not have been as successful or productive and I cannot thank you enough for living out your faith through this ministry.

Kathy Chaney, Director C.R.O.S.S. Ministry

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

(Released August 6, 2024)



Christ Church United Methodist, a congregation that is over 220 years old, is a welcoming community of faith, hope and love serving our neighbors and the world as the hands of Christ.

Inclusion has always been a part of our church DNA that reaches back to the mid-1800s when our church ancestors created Sunday School classes for African Americans living in Charleston. These Sunday school classes were empowered to start what is now Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church, also in downtown Charleston. This sense of inclusion, mission and outreach continues to this day.

- We believe in the United Methodist Church, whose mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (*)
- We also believe that the world is our parish, and ALL are welcome. (#)
- We believe that every person is God's child, God's chosen one, loved by God. (+)
- We affirm the sacred worth of ALL PERSONS, and we welcome ALL PEOPLE into the life of Christ Church. (+)
- We affirm the commitment of Christ Church to be a church of open hearts, open minds and open doors. (+)
- We affirm our belief that Christ Church should be open to every person regardless of age, gender, marital status, nationality, race, disability or sexual orientation. (+)
- We affirm the commitment of Christ Church to seek better ways to embrace our diversity while journeying together in fulfilling the mission of Christ. (+)
- We will always remain guided through scripture, tradition, reason and experience (The Wesley Quadrilateral. ^)

(* The United Methodist Book of Discipline, Para. 120)

(# Quote from John Wesley, June 11, 1739)

(+ Statement of the Christ Church Administrative Board, Released March, 2019)

(< Previous Christ Church Vision Statement)

(^ The United Methodist Book of Discipline, pgs. 76-83)

If the recent divisiveness in the United Methodist Church has left you without a church home, and you are looking for a welcoming and inclusive faith community, Christ Church is a church for you! Christ Church is a regional church, with some people traveling upwards of 45-60 minutes twice a week to participate in ministries. Our goal is to become a "Centrum of Faith, a Tower of Hope and a Community of Love (<)" for the city of Charleston, the Kanawha Valley, and beyond.

If you would like more information, please contact Christ Church at 304.342.0192. You can also visit our website at www.ccumwv.org, as well as our Facebook page. There are several ways to worship at Christ Church on Sunday morning: in person at both our 8:45am or 11:00am services, or virtually at 8:45am and 11:00am through the church website, the church Facebook page, or on Christ Church's YouTube channel. There is a place for you at Christ Church!

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Thank You for Your Generosity!



Through the generous sharing of your gifts, we are touching lives here at Christ Church United Methodist and beyond.

This summer, 13 elementary-age children joined our Asian Themed **Music & Arts Camp** where they learned about Asian culture, music, and food. The camp ended with a program for the parents that included a 25-foot Chinese Dragon.

Missions are always a focus at Christ Church and during the summer we hosted 7 teams and 88 individuals through our **C.R.O.S.S. Ministry Program**. These teams performed work on homes through the Kanawha Valley in partnership with our local mission agency, Rebuilding Together.



Our CCUM Youth went out to serve our neighbors and the world as the hands of Christ in Savannah, Georgia during their **Summer Youth Mission Trip**. The team worked in homes and agencies in and around Savannah.

This year we had a successful **Vacation Bible School**...22 Children enjoyed our camping-themed summer program. Children were instructed in art, science, and music. They had their very own mission project where they raised money to sponsor a village through Heifer International, through which they purchased sheep, ducks, and a bee hive to help support a village.



It is only through your generosity that we are able to provide these programs for our children and youth as well as address the needs of our neighbors. This fall, we will offer many more programs like these, which change lives and help us grow in faith.

As you return to your regular routines, we hope you will also remember your church giving as the summer is a time of lower weekly offerings due to vacation travel and other activities.

Check out our website for the many ways you can share your financial gifts with the church: ccumwv.org or call Shannah in the church office.



Worship Arts Ministries, Fall 2024

The Worship Arts Ministries of Christ Church are preparing to start another busy and fruitful season! If you would like more information about any of these ministries, please contact David Donathan at 304.392.0192, ext. 210, or at DFDonathan@gmail.com.



The **Chancel Choir** will resume their weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30pm in the Adult Choir Room. This group is open to all adults 18 years of age and older. Child Care is provided during rehearsal. The choir also meets on Sunday morning at 10:30am to prepare for the 11:00 worship service.

The **Chancel Ringers** will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4. This group rehearses from 5:30pm-6:25pm prior to Chancel Choir rehearsal at 6:30pm. Child Care is also provided for this group. The handbell ensemble normally plays monthly in worship. Handbell groups have a limited number of playing positions. If you are interested in handbells, please contact David.

The **8:45 Ensemble** is the instrumental group that plays for our 8:45 worship service. This group consists of piano, guitar, bass guitar and drums, but any instruments could be added. If you are interested, please contact David.

The **Youth Choir** will also resume their rehearsals on Sunday, September 15 from 4:00pm - 4:30pm, which is prior to Youth Group. The Youth Choir will meet in the Adult Choir Room and is open to all youth 7th - 12th grades.

The **Youth Dance Ensemble**, led by liturgical dance artist, Cecilia Ford, will meet again this season beginning on Sunday, September 15 from 4:30-5:00pm Sunday afternoons prior to Youth Group. The group is open to all youth 7th-12th grades.



The **Jubilate Children's Choir** will resume their activities on Sunday, September 15th from 4:30pm-5:30 pm in the Children's Choir Room. The choir is open to all children Kindergarten to 6th grade. The weekly gathering will include drumming, singing, movement, and musical games. We are anticipating the need to split the children's choir into two groups this fall, and the split will be based on the ages of those involved.

(The Sunday youth choir and children's choir schedule is slightly altered this year from last year, so please pay close attention to the adjusted rehearsal times.)

Special Worship Arts Dates for the Fall

The Worship Arts Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, Rich Ford, Chairperson

Chancel Choir Resumes - September 4, 6:30pm
Chancel Ringers Resume Rehearsals - September 4, 5:30pm
Children and Youth Rehearsals Resume - September 15, afternoon
World Communion Sunday - October 6
All Saints Sunday - November 3
Christ the King Sunday - November 24
First Sunday in Advent - December 1
38th Annual Lessons and Carols Service - December 8, Prelude 4:00, Service at 4:30
Christmas Eve Worship, Tuesday, December 24, 5:00pm & 11:00pm



Acolyte/Cross Bearer Ministry Resumes this Fall

The Acolyte Ministry of Christ Church is open to all children/youth in 3rd-8th grades, and the Cross Bearer ministry is open to all in 9th-12 grade. If you have children/youth in this age range, be sure to watch for an email from the church announcing an opportunity to register to participate. The schedule will resume after Labor Day.

The 2025 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival



(2023 Boar's Head Cast)

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate the 2025 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, which will take place on Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 7:00pm. Opportunities to register to participate will be announced soon!

Exciting News from the Worship Arts Committee and the Christ Church Board of Trustees



After sitting on the “back burner” for the over 18 years, the Worship Arts Committee and the Board of Trustees are excited to announce that a contract has been signed and executed with the Holtkamp Pipe Organ Company of Cleveland, OH to enlarge the pipe organ in the Centrum by constructing and installing an antiphonal organ. An antiphonal organ is simply a second set of pipes in a pipe organ that is located opposite from the main organ. In our case, the antiphonal organ will be placed on the vacant wall beside the Centrum’s Creation Window and will be played from the main organ console.

Twelve of the thirteen ranks, or rows, of pipes that will be used in this antiphonal organ come from the first pipe organ our church ancestors purchased in 1904 when Christ Church was known as the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated funds toward the purchase of this instrument, Moller Pipe Organ, Opus 477, (photo below) while the members of State Street raised funds to modify the sanctuary where the organ would be placed.

In 1908, the organ moved with the congregation from the State Street Church to the downtown YMCA while a new church was constructed on the corner of Quarrier and Morris Streets. Then, in 1914, the organ was moved from the YMCA to the newly constructed Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. Thanks to a gift from the late Harry Wallace, Christ Church was able to reacquire the Moller Pipe Organ, Opus 477 when Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church put the instrument up for sale in August of 2005. The pipes from this historic instrument have been in storage at Christ Church ever since.

In 2006, the Worship Arts Committee, under the leadership of Ellen Freer, asked the Trustees to approve the preliminary plans for the antiphonal organ project. Shortly after granting that approval, the Trustees established an organ trust fund. For the past 18 years, this trust fund has slowly been collecting monetary gifts from families and individual donors. In addition to these generous memorial and honorary contributions of all sizes, the estates of Bob and Pat Perelman, the late H. James Stark (given by his wife, Bonnie Stark) and the late John L. Ray (given by his wife, Jane Ray) also contributed to the organ trust fund. As of March, 2024, we had all the funds needed to complete the project. Everyone who contributed to the trust fund will be acknowledged in a printed program at the dedication of the instrument.



If all goes according to plan, the antiphonal organ will be completed and installed in the summer of 2025 in time for a 2025-2026 organ recital series celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Holtkamp Organ in the Centrum. The late Walter Holtkamp, Jr. designed the organ in the Centrum, and his son, Chris Holtkamp, designed the antiphonal organ. “Our Future Acclaims Our Past,” our bicentennial slogan from 2004, is a perfect slogan for this organ expansion project. Many people have worked to bring a piece of our church worship arts heritage back into the worship life of Christ Church, which will be used to glorify God for generations to come.

Sunday Afternoon Youth Group

September 15, 2024, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Youth Group will resume on Sunday afternoon, September 15th and is open to children 6th grade to 12th grade. We will not be meeting on the afternoon of September 22nd so the Youth Group can participate in the Leah's Legacy Run/Walk in honor of Leah Strickland.



Leah's Legacy

Sunday, September 22, 2024 5:00pm

The Strickland Family is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Leah's Legacy 5KRun/2 Mile Walk/Kid's Fun Run on Sunday, Sept 22nd, 2024, at 5:00 pm. Last year we had close to 500 participants and look forward to a bigger/better Celebration in 2024!



The event will start at Charleston City Center (Slack Plaza), proceed towards the boulevard, and end back at Charleston City Center (Slack Plaza).

Leah Strickland was a member of Christ Church and was active in multiple sports and very competitive with a "team first, ALL IN" attitude. She encouraged her teammates and put the best interests of her team and teammates before her own. On August 31, 2022, a few weeks into her freshman season she lost her life in a car accident while coming home from a soccer game. The Strickland Family chose to honor Leah's memory, character, and love of athletics by establishing a Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships for high school senior athletes who embody those same characteristics.

Race Award Categories:

1. Top 3 Overall Male & Female
2. Top Masters Male & Female (40+)
3. Age Groups (Top Male & Female runners) 8 & under, 9-11, 12-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89
4. Top 3 Fastest Adult Teams (Minimum of 5 members-must be co-ed)

College Student Care Packages

In October, we will be sending care packages to our Christ Church family college students. Starting in September, we will be collecting names of students to send packages to, as well as supplies to fill the boxes. **Food items** such as: microwave meals like mac n cheese, cereal, granola bars, fruit snacks, drink mixes like hot chocolate and Kool-Aid, popcorn, and other snack items, are needed. **Non-Food** items include notepads, Post-It notes, pens, highlighters, stress balls, and small toy items like card games. You can also donate by designating funds to "College Care Packs." Please remember to send us the updated names and addresses of your college students so that they can be included this year. Email Ashley at Ashley@ccumwv.org.



Monthly Book Club

The Book Club, led by Helen Epps, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm in the Omega Room. We welcome all. Please come join us. Our fall selections are:

- September 11: "The Women", By Kristen Hannah
October 9 "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry", by G. Zevin
November 13: "The Personal Librarian," by M. Benedict, Murray



Children's Sunday Morning Kick-Off

Sunday, September 15, 9:50am

The new fall programming will begin at Christ Church on Sunday, September 15th, with the addition of a new chapel study at 9:50am. Therefore, with the addition of the new study opportunity, we are reworking the Sunday morning children's programming.



As in the past year, we will continue to provide a Sunday School curriculum during the 8:45am and 11:00am services following Moments with the Children in the worship services. However, during the 9:50am Chapel study, children will have the opportunity to go upstairs to the Sunday School Room for a interactive children's worship experience, which will be led by our Children's Director, Ashley Wood. Ashley will meet the children at 9:50am in the Narthex to take them upstairs. The worship experience will open and close with songs and hymns with a lesson or devotional for all age children.

The nursery will be available for children ages 2 and under throughout Sunday morning beginning at 8:30am.

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 8:45am and 11:00am

Children's Sabbath will be on Sunday, October 27th, which will be a special child-focused Sunday. We will also be honoring some of our recent students of the Confirmation Class. We will be handing out bibles to our 3-year-olds as well as our 3rd graders, as is our church tradition. The children will be singing and participating in many aspects of this service.

Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 6:00pm

Christ Church will be again hosting a Trunk-or-Treat celebration for our friends and neighbors. This event will be at 6:00pm on Sunday, October 27th. Set up will begin at 5:00pm. Lots of fun for all ages!!



In Loving Remembrance Initiative



The "In Loving Remembrance Initiative" is coming near its first anniversary. The group would like to share our progress with Christ Church. Our luncheon in May was very successful. Many thanks to Blake and Fred Westfall and Mary Stewart for sharing their personal stories about grief and loss. It was a healing experience for many.

The initiative has distributed an additional 10 Blessing Kits and handprint kits to Women's and Children's Hospital. Thomas Memorial Hospital is our newest recipient of Blessing Boxes. They received 5 kits this summer.

After meeting with Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias, our future plans include the formation of a support group for grieving families who have lost a child through miscarriage or stillbirth. The group will meet at Christ Church once a month.

This October, we will have our second Memorial Service to honor babies lost through miscarriage or stillbirth. The group will keep the church informed as our plans become more permanent.

United Women in Faith Fall Activities



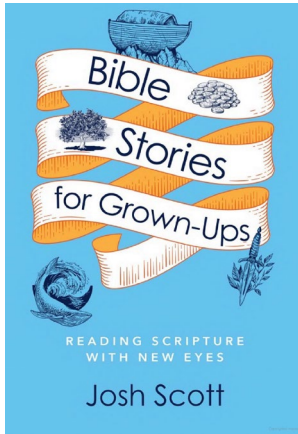
United
Women
in Faith

The women of Christ Church have made some plans for the Fall and are excited to tell everyone what is going on. Please look below to see if there is an activity that appeals to you, so you can plan on joining.

FALLING
into PLACE



HATTIE
KAUFFMAN
A Memoir of
Overcoming



August 29 - Book Discussion on the book Falling into Place by Hattie Kauffman at 11:30am in the Potter Room.

September 12: Introduction to the 6-session Bible Study--Bible Stories for Grown-Ups by Josh Scott. There will be a meet and greet, an overview of the study, and a time of devotion. Books will be distributed. Official dates for the study are September 19, and 26, and October 3, 10, 17, and 24. All women are welcome to participate.

October 20: Church dinner after the 11:00 service. All are welcome. More info to follow.

November: Women are busy planning ways to help the congregation focus on thankfulness. Watch for more information in a few weeks. Pecans will be also sold by the women in November. It is the plan to have them available before Thanksgiving, but we are at the mercy of our supplier.

December 8: Cookie Extravaganza: The women will gather in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to make cookies, assemble cookie trays and pack up prepackaged foods and needed items for Ronald McDonald House, CAMC Hospitality House, fire stations, police stations, emergency rooms, etc. People may also donate their own homemade cookies or other items that will be advertised as needed by these agencies. Time will be determined later.



Our year-long project is providing BEST DAY BOXES (sometimes called Birthday Boxes) to Heart and Hand in South Charleston. Church attendees purchase all things needed for a young person's birthday party and place in a disposable cake pan taped shut or tied with a ribbon. Then they are dropped off in groups of 20 once a month. Different groups in the church will take responsibility for purchasing items and putting these boxes together. When more completed boxes or specific items are needed, the congregation will be notified.

The Catherine Blair Circle

The Catherine Blair Circle, named after the late Catherine Blairs (photo, right), will resume in September. Our monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month. We meet in the Omega at 9:30am for a time of fellowship, coffee, and discussion. This is our schedule of meetings for the rest of this year:

- September 19: Discussion with Rev. Dr. Tim Bias
- October 17: A trip to Magnolia House
- November 21: A time with Beth Sears, who will guide us along artistic ways for the holidays.
- December 19: Fellowship, food, and sharing.

We welcome all who look to connect after the summer days.



September Birthdays

- 1st Ottis Linger, Ryan Rice, Blake Westfall, Tracy Wilkerson,
2nd Tanner Purdy
3rd Nancy Jackson
4th Ann Ballard
5th Chloe Burdette, Jenny Morris,
David Stewart
8th John Rowan, Teddy Stewart
9th Joni Mazelon
10th Jack Lipphardt
13th Jeffrey Holsclaw, Cathy Price, Kathy Storage,
Emma Stump, Zach Treister, Emily Woolwine
14th Terry Reale
15th Stephen Hall, Fred Westfall
16th Charlie Slack, Jr, Conner Sorrells
17th Finley Kristic, Tanya Law
18th Perry McDaniel
20th Karen Donathan
23rd Becky Bumpus, Kara Moore, Zak Ritchie,
Jackson White
24th Katie Martin, Andrea Perrow, Larry Roller,
Emily Vandervoort
25th Ben Grose, Elizabeth Slack
26th Wilkes Aliff, Rachel Clarke, Sarah Clarke,
Carolee Felber, Thatcher Frankenberg, Cindy
Harris, Emma Leech, Carol Linger, Finnegan
Malone
27th Jane Purdy
28th Rich Ford, Avianna Kelly, Robby Weaver
29th Teresa Bailey, Lorella Boggess, Lynn
Hartsog, Jim Jarrett
30th Jimmie Wood

November Birthdays

- 1st Elizabeth Carmichael, Linda Harah, Adria Sirbu,
Jenny Watts
3rd Abbi Robinson, Lowry Simpson, Ginny Stevens
4th Rose Long
5th Malcolm Chaney, Lizzy Frome, Wendel Turner,
Jason Turner,
7th Joan Rodberg, Janet Simpson
8th Bernice Harshberger
9th Susan Harpold

10th Olivia Johnson, Kim Kristic
11th Wayne Johnson

12th Marvin Culpepper, Edward Maguire, Molly
Mathews, Jennifer Vickers
13th Cheryl Kirksey
15th Carla Grose, Adrian Marshall
16th LuAnn Adams
17th Pat Duncan
18th Robert Hartman, Jr., Morgan Neccuzi, Trinity
Resler
19th Kirk Rector
20th David Flannery, Ada Thomas, Cameron White
22nd Nancy Odenkirk, Emily Tweel
23rd Adrianna Resler
24th Liz Tate

October Birthdays

- 1st Erika Bartley, Emily Holsclaw-Hammon
2nd Clara Cassis
3rd Kathy Beckett, Carolyn Gorrell, David Miller,
Jimmy Ray, Terri Scott, Beth Sears, Taylor Shaw
4th Donald Jones, Juli Mock
5th Mike Clowser, Emily Jenks, Jeff Stevens
6th Sharon Standish
7th Bernie Grose, Lilly Ross
8th Ali Duvall, Julia Frankenberg
9th Jean Simpson, Michaelle Wooton
11th Judy Shew
12th Jeff Carmichael
13th Jim King, Albert Liu
14th Laura Miller
15th Mary Booker, Linda Fisher, Sam Harris,
Chase Robinson, Brent Wood
16th Trey Kristic, III
18th Lee Ann Browning, Chris Johnson, Sonia Mills,
Patty Nisbet
19th Carol Crow, Don Ryan, Susan Scott
21st Jenna Perrow, Jeff Stewart
22nd Rev. Dr. Randall Flanagan, Beth Martin, Darrell
Morris
23rd Bettijane Burger,
24th Nathaniel Young
25th Harry Miller, Jillian White
26th Taylor Wood
27th Ann Cipoletti, Jabez Miller, Lucy Beth Silkwood
28th Jamie Burgess, Jami Carpenter, Charlie Hageboeck
29th James Lane, Jr.
30th Hampton Rose. V. Mason Tate. Warner Thomas

December Birthdays

- 1st Violet Affleck, Judy Kline, Lauren Riggle, Jake
Stewart
2nd Tony Mazelon
3rd Emily Kirksey
4th Hellen Epps, Ingrid Ferrell, Mary Lou Grove, Shannon
Kelsh
7th Anna Copenhaver, Beth Lord, Donna Wood
8th Thomas Carmichael, Amy Smithson
10th Ann Martin, Joe Price, Lawrence Silbernagel, Melisa
Sirbu
11th Jean Woodfell
12th Abbi Elmore, Rod Friend, Rod Haney, Carly
Smithson
13th Steven Young, II

14th Anthony Mazelon, Adelyn Sirbu, Kitty Vickers
17th Tom Clark, Rory Gillingham
18th Jay Parkins, Ryan White,
20th Jon Elmore
21st Cathy Rice

22nd Nora Aliff
23rd Susan Johnson Casto
24th Nanya Friend, Deborah Hayes, Meredith Moore
25th Jim Lord, Harryette Pyrtle, Nick Tompkins
27th Ian Iskra, Janice Runyon

November Birthdays (Continued)

25th Allen Ward

26th Lori Ray

27th Buffy Wallace

28th Robert Mullins

30th James Ryan

December Birthdays (Continued)

28th Marlyn Bissett, David Duvall, Andy Richardson,
Nelson Robinson, Jr., Robert Williams

29th Lucy McClung

30th Randy Allio, Chris Rice

31st Barbara Carpenter



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Anniversaries

September

Years Married as of 2024

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----|
| Robinson, Nelson & Joyce | September 1, 1973 | 50 |
| Woodfell, Larry & Jean | September 1, 1968 | 55 |
| Crouse, John & Judy | September 3, 1960 | 63 |
| Rector, Kirk & Robin | September 4, 1982 | 41 |
| Ryan, Don & Gena | September 4, 1970 | 53 |
| Bazzel, Parker & Lisa | September 5 | |
| Browning, J.B. & Lee Ann | September 9, 1989 | 34 |
| Fisher, Joe & Linda | September 11, 1987 | 36 |
| Lane, Jr., James & Jessica | September 17, 1994 | 29 |
| Stewart, Mark & Mary | September 17, 2005 | 18 |
| Hageboeck, Skip & Samantha | September 18, 1992 | 31 |
| Clark, Thomas & Jennifer | September 23, 2000 | 23 |
| Clendenin, Dick & Lynn | September 28, 1968 | 55 |

October

Years Married as of 2024

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----|
| Kirksey, Jim & Cheryl | October 2, 1976 | 47 |
| Burger, Tom & Bettijane | October 3, 1970 | 53 |
| McDaniel, Perry & Nan | October 7 | |
| Law, Frank & Tanya | October 14, 1956 | 67 |
| Lord, Jim & Beth | October 14, 1989 | 34 |
| Carpenter, Jonathan & Susannah | October 16, 1999 | 24 |
| Woolwine, Jacob & Emily | October 21, 2017 | 6 |
| Blake, David & Kim | October 27, 2007 | 16 |
| McLusky, Robert & Debbie Sink | October 27, 1990 | 33 |
| Aliff, Rob & Wilkerson, Tracy | October 28, 2006 | 17 |
| Morrison, Dan & Terri Ann | October 29, 2011 | 12 |

November

Years Married as of 2024

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| Grose, Bernie & Carla | November 01, 1997 | 27 |
| Carpenter, Jr., Dayton & Barbara | November 02, 1974 | 50 |
| Casto, Arnie & Susan | November 03, 2007 | 17 |
| Wilhelm, Laura & Ed Korsgaard | November 04, 2004 | 20 |
| Frankenberry, Ryan & Gretchen | November 05, 2011 | 13 |
| Thomas, Benjamin & Meredith | November 12, 2011 | 13 |
| Robinson, Chad & Jessie | November 14, 2000 | 24 |
| Silbernagel, Lawrence & Lindsay | November 19, 2011 | 13 |
| Ford, Rich & Cecilia | November 20, 2010 | 14 |
| Clarke, John & Sherry | November 24, 1990 | 34 |
| Gunnoe, Chris & Laura | November 24, 2018 | 6 |
| Rice, Gordon & Elizabeth | November 26, 1971 | 53 |
| Johnson, Ross & Deidra | November 28, 1987 | 37 |
| Ritchie, Zak & Ashley | November 30 | |

December

| | | |
|--|-------------------|----|
| Holsclaw, Tyler & Holsclaw-Hammon, Emily | December 01, 2018 | 6 |
| Purdy, Jeffrey & Elizabeth Jane | December 09, 1995 | 29 |
| Wooton, Rusty & Michaelle | December 11 | |
| Neccuzi, Carlos & LeAnne | December 16, 1989 | 35 |
| Johnson, Wayne & Sally | December 17, 1966 | 58 |
| King, Ronda & Larry | December 20, 2020 | 4 |
| Stewart, David & Connie | December 21, 1968 | 56 |
| Haskell, Conrad & Beverly | December 22, 1962 | 62 |
| Serafin, Juliana & Albert Liu | December 22, 1990 | 34 |
| Roberts, Hugh & Mary Lou | December 27, 1957 | 67 |
| Strickland, Mike & Emily | December 28, 2002 | 22 |
| Hudson, Paul & Kathy | December 29, 1979 | 45 |
| Hall, Stephen & Martha | December 30, 2016 | 8 |

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