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*Becoming living proof of God's love,
one person at a time.*



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dr. George Strunk, Senior Pastor



Who was the Good Samaritan? Nobody knows. Who was the poor widow who gave all she had? Nobody knows.

During Jesus' ministry on Earth, He appointed seventy people and sent them two by two before Him into every city and place where He would come later. It is noteworthy that the names of these seventy are not recorded either. It is the same for many that we read about in the pages of the Bible. The Bible recognizes the place and the value of towering personalities. And at the same time it recognizes anonymous greatness.

These thoughts from columnist John R. Gunn, "When the seventy returned from their mission, exalting in their triumphs, Jesus told them to rejoice not in their achievements, but to rejoice in this, that your names are written in Heaven."

Most of us must be content to be included among the other seventy left unnamed and unknown. But to be unknown does not mean that one is of no importance. Some of the most important church members are those who are unknown outside the little circle in which they move.

A single star may seem to give faint light, but countless stars shining in the night sky make it beautiful. For every famous worker, like Billy Graham, there is a multitude of humble people without whose faithfulness and loyalty His work could not be done.

The Roman Empire was conquered for Christianity, not by the solitary Paul alone, but by many thousands of unidentified men and women who made up the early Churches and who lived the Gospel in their daily lives. In this issue of *Reflections* we recognize and salute the countless thousands who make up the anonymous great.

As an introvert, I was recently directed to a book *Quiet Faith*. The author, Judson Edwards, humorously writes, "For all of the fine qualities we introverts bring to the table, the truth remains that we are typically viewed as people in need of a personality upgrade. Those of us who are active in the church find that to be especially true in the community of faith. We are consistently, though subtly and indirectly, reminded that we need to be bolder, louder, and more certain in our faith. If we ever really got filled with the Spirit, the church seems to suggest, we would become extroverts."

There are many quotable lines in this book, even for extroverts. Here is my favorite:

"We are all different, all needed, and all stuck with the way we're glued together. But we can learn to admit our weaknesses and, at the same time, enjoy and use our strengths."

I am so thankful we get to acknowledge a few of the many in our church family (introverts and extroverts alike) who are living lives of quiet faith in our midst. You are the salt of the earth. I thank you for all that you do for the Kingdom of God.

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On the cover: Members of the One Voice High School Choir serving on their summer mission trip.

THE UNNAMED SERVANTS

By Patty Groot



If you've studied the Bible, you will recognize names like Abraham, Paul and Mary. You probably know the story of Jonah, Adam and Eve and David. But have you ever taken the time to notice the unnamed heroes of the Bible? Have you ever thought about the carpenters who helped Noah build the ark? What about the 300 brave men who followed Gideon? And the 7,000 that refused to bow to Baal? None of their names were mentioned in the Bible and yet the history of our world, the history of our faith, would not be the same without them.

There are times I feel that we esteem people that most of us will never be. We sometimes demean ourselves for not having the faith of Abraham or the leadership capabilities of Moses. Was God pleased with the unnamed in the Bible? I have no doubt that God loved them just as much and I believe that God is pleased with our service no matter how it is recognized in this space and time. For I also believe that it is not up to us to judge what is valuable in God's sight. God is the one who knows our hearts and knows the future. God is the one who knows how what we do will work for His glory in His timing.

When I was a teaching assistant, many years ago, I made a habit of keeping Caught You coins in my desk at school. I found these little plastic coins that read, "I got caught doing something good," at a teacher supply store here in town. Every once in a while I reward one of my students with a Caught You coin when they least expected it. I remember one time as we were headed to the library when a little girl ran ahead of me to open and hold the door. She wasn't assigned to hold the door. Because she chose to hold the door for the rest of the class, it made her go to the back of the line as we entered. It meant that she might not get the seat she wanted or the book she wanted or as much time as she would have had if she had been the first person through the door. And even though she would

know how much I appreciated her sacrifice, she didn't do it for the coin either. It was just who she was. She was a Caught You girl.

She, like so many of you, knew what it was to live out John 13. She, like so many of you, knew the joy of serving others. The reason I loved the Caught You coins was that so many of my students didn't want to achieve any great recognition. There weren't too many Moses' in my class and their certainly weren't any Mary's either. Those that were able to achieve great things got their rewards. They were recognized for their grades or for their efforts on their projects. But so many of my kids were happy outside of the limelight simply doing what gave them joy. My Caught You kids.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

I am reminded of those coins almost every week. I see so many of you at Christ Church on Brownsboro and at our REFIT classes and our Recovery With Christ locations doing simple acts of love and service all day long. I think of Austin Pope who prepares the special needs weighted worship folders. Because of his love and time, many people on Brownsboro Road can worship and sing with ease. Austin not only prepares the folders each week but have you ever thought about who picked up the bulletin you left in the pew? That would be Austin! Austin cleans the Sanctuary each week after the 9 am service. He picks up the trash, he recycles the bulletins, he moves the flag and banner back to the rear of the

Sanctuary. Austin's contributions are seldom seen but are invaluable to our congregation.

I think of Stephanie Madison and the ladies of the Altar Guild who prepare communion each week, sometimes several times a week. Did you ever wonder who cut up the bread into those tiny pieces or who puts the juice in those teeny-tiny little cups? Stephanie does and she does it because it brings her joy to serve God, and to serve you, in that way. Stephanie gives her love and time to help you and me celebrate communion and the love that Jesus has for each and every one of us.

There are so many examples of these quite servants in the Bible. Do you remember the friends in Mark 2, the guys who dug a hole through the roof of a house so they could get their friend to Jesus? The Bible doesn't tell us their names. The Bible

“Don't think for one minute that Christ Church can make an impact without all the people that help hold it up and support its arms. You are our unnamed servants...”

doesn't tell us what they looked like or how far they had traveled or anything else about them. But those friends...I've got some friends just like them. I bet if you thought about it you could name a couple of people that would be there to help when people are at their lowest too; when people are hurting and in desperate need to be with Jesus.

When I think about this I think about David and Sarah Kelly. David and Sarah serve as part of our Funeral Team and they are there to help people find Jesus when they

are at their lowest. You won't see them in front of the congregation or meeting privately with the family. You will find them opening a door or handing out a bulletin or fluffing flowers or whatever needs to be done...even digging a hole through a roof...so that people can get to Jesus when they are hurting.

We all notice when we can't hear. How often do we notice when we can? David Williams coordinates all the sound engineers here at our Brownsboro campus. David and his team serve for every single event that requires microphones. Have you ever stopped to think about that? All the programs we have all the weddings and funerals and concerts and worship services? All the equipment that must be maintained? That is all taken care of for you and for me by a team of unnamed servants.

Have you ever received a hand-made dove to celebrate the life of someone you loved? Have you ever noticed how the colors in the front of the Sanctuary change through the seasons? Have you ever received flowers on a Monday morning whether you work here at the church or live in a nearby nursing home? If you have, it's thanks to Debbie Yackey. Debbie partners with a team of people who lovingly make the memorial doves each year. She uses her God-given talents to make the paraments for the Sanctuary and she partners with Debbie Cooke to bless others by deconstructing and re-gifting the altar flowers each week. Are these people in the limelight? No, they are not. Is God pleased with their service? You can be sure that He is!

In Exodus 17:8-13 it says, “The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.’ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were

winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.” Even Moses needed help. Moses needed Aaron and Hur to help hold up his arms when he grew tired. Sometimes we forget the Aaron's and Hur's that hold us up every day.

When I think of Aaron and Hur I think of Beth Dixon and Betsy Gibbs as they orchestrate the Stations of the Cross during Lent and are so integral to special services we have throughout the year. I think of Ronda Garrison and Judy Blair who faithfully show up, week in and week out, to enter our worship and Sunday school attendance. I think of Carl Recke and Julian Watkins and Steve Wenger and Ted Champion. These people hold us up, they make the Kingdom work possible. Don't think for one minute that Moses and his army could have defeated the Amalekites without Aaron and Hur. Don't think for one minute that Christ Church can make an impact without all the people that help hold it up and support its arms.

Just as there are hundreds of people left unnamed in the Bible, there are hundreds of you that are not mentioned here in this article. I want you to know that you are seen, you are loved and that you are valued. And even though you may not get a Caught You coin for what you do, you will receive something much greater. There will be a day where you will see how what you may have perceived to be a small contribution has led to changing the lives of so many. I pray that you know God is smiling on you and you will one day hear, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

ON MISSION 



QUIET FAITH

Shaping a Child's Future Through the Quiet Hallways of Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary

Pam Knight wasn't quiet when she entered George Strunk's office at 9 am on Monday, August 16, 2010.

She hadn't slept the night before. She simply got out of bed the next day and headed straight to the church. She just had to discuss what was stirring her with George. She was polite and collected, of course. She took elevator to the 3rd floor and smiled and greeted the familiar faces around her. But she was on a mission. She was moved. Moved to action. God was moving her and she couldn't remain silent.

“The previous day, a guest preacher named Reggie McNeal had come to preach at Christ Church. His sermon was about living an active faith. It was about reaching beyond our walls and being motivated by our love for God,” said Pam. She found herself moved to tears during the sermon. “Reggie told us that prisons use data from the school systems to determine the number of beds they need to

prepare for the future. He said that if children couldn't read by 3rd grade, well... then that's the start of how many beds they need to prepare for down the road.”

Pam knew she was called to bring change.

Just a 12 minute drive from that seemingly small conversation in a church office sat Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary. A school full of dedicated educators, but also full of students with great needs. “Let me put it into perspective for you. One of my teachers has 15-18 children who need a reading tutor out of 24 in the class,” said Angela Boone-Pillow, Resource Coordinator for Breckinridge-Franklin. “The majority of our kids come from single parent homes, they might not have someone reading to them at home. They might not even have books at home. A great number of our students are transient, they might be living in shelters or move often.”

Enter Pam Knight.

Pam had asked friends and educators at Christ Church about Jefferson County Public Schools that might be in need. She had made calls and had recruited two other women, Kay Groff and Ginny Heyburn, to help her get the ball rolling in taking reading tutors into a local school. Tutoring through the “Everyone Reads” program that many Jefferson County Public Schools already had in place seemed like the logical step. They landed on Breckinridge-Franklin after meeting Angela Boone-Pillow. “They said that the church wanted to sort of ‘adopt our school’ and here I am eight years later, the envy of all the other Resource Coordinators in the community because I have so many volunteers. I really am!” said Angela.

Now, eight years since Pam first walked through the doors of Breckinridge-Franklin, the school has seen over 450 students tutored by Christ Church volunteers through “Everyone Reads.” That is roughly

486,000 minutes of reading. Reading that is simply done one-on-one in the quiet corners of a school library. If there isn't room in the library, they've been known to just take a seat under the stairs.

"The first year we must have had 35 tutors show up to read to these kids, once a week. Outside of volunteers from the church, we had four," said Angela. She continued, "These are volunteers showing up on time, making flashcards and bringing them in. They might surprise a kid with a book on his birthday. They might just look them in the eye and ask how their day is going. It's not all big stuff. I look down the hall and I see them bending down to tie their child's shoes. More important than even the reading is just the one-on-one attention that these kids are craving."

Each of the tutors seem to agree that this is true. What begins as an adventure in reading turns into an investment into one of a person's deepest needs, to be heard. "As soon as they see your face at the classroom door... they just light up. I hear them tell their teacher, 'My reader is here!' They just bounce out of their seats and to the door and they are dancing down the hallway with you," said Ginny Heyburn, a tutor for eight years. Breckinridge-Franklin's reading scores have improved in the last eight years since the influx of Christ Church volunteers, but Ginny added, "The reading is important, but it really becomes more about the relationship. Reading to this child for 30 minutes, once a week, might be this child's brightest spot in their week. It's their chance to have someone's undivided attention and to have someone listen."

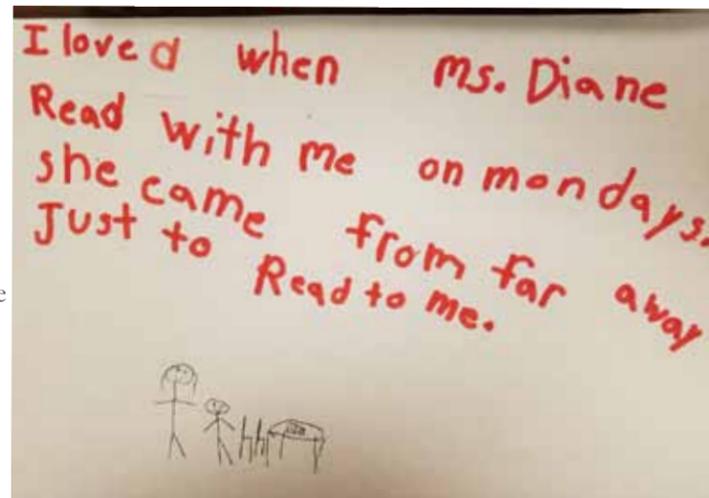
It is through these relationships that children are also exposed to something beyond their circumstance. "They are exposed to different careers as their tutors tell them what they do. Things they may not have ever heard of. Then they start to think, 'Oh, hey, maybe I can be a lawyer someday or a banker.' 'What's college? Maybe I can go to

college, too," said Angela. "There world is opened up to the choices they have through this relationship."

It is also in these relationships that tutors began to take notice of other needs surrounding their students.

Some of the children seemed to have a hard time focusing. When asked about it, tutors discovered that some children were coming to school hungry. Others noticed that their uniforms needed washing or mending. They approached Angela and asked, "What more can we do?"

Angela, an integral part in making the relationship between Christ Church and Breckinridge-Franklin bloom, had lots of ideas on things that could be helpful. But she was surprised when the volunteers wanted to do more than simply throw money at them. Angela said, "Let me just tell you how God works... from the start of this tutoring group, Pam and others began the work of getting our school connected with Blessings in a Backpack and then Dare to Care's Backpack Buddies program. Last year alone, we had 225 students receive food to take home each weekend from that program. I received 15 bins of new underwear and a check for \$10,000 (raised through Vacation Bible School) to purchase uniforms to keep on hand to give out to children. We have 20+ students who are provided gifts during Christmas through your Festival of Stars. Now we've started a program here called, 'Girls on the Run,' that promotes nutrition and fitness with our girls. At the end of our club's meetings and school year, we are going to run a 5K with the girls. Out of the 20 meetings our new club has had, I've had a Christ Church volunteer at 18."



And with all that, another season sets in at Breckinridge-Franklin. It has been eight years since Pam felt God calling her to take action. Eight years full of growth, learning, programs and clubs. But with so much that has developed and grown from the relationship with Breckinridge-Franklin, it's still just another Monday morning of doing her usual tutoring routine for Diane Jessee.

She signs in at the office without issue. The hallways are still this early in the morning. She takes the memorized turns to get to classroom 202 and peeks her head into the little window. Her student knows she is here for him (he's grinning from ear-to-ear because he knows he is getting out of a math quiz that they're about to take). He is a shy little guy, but has opened up since she's been with him for three years. They take the same walk to the library, chatting about the day. They sit together on the carpeted steps, tucked away in the back of the library. She's brought Dr. Seuss books this week and he is so proud to read them to her. When they first began together two years ago, he didn't even know the ABC song. Now as spring approaches, he is reading her an entire book (a testament to his dedicated teachers, not to us, says Diane). She looks down and tells him how smart he is and another grin follows. Too soon their 30 minutes are up. She gathers their things and walks him back to class.

This is quiet faith. There's only a few people who even know Diane is in the building, but in the quiet corners of a school library, a child is seeing the possibility of their own potential. The church and school might be abuzz with new and wonderful ideas on the radar, but here a little boy just

cares that someone showed up for him today.

As they approach the classroom, Diane points out a bright, red bulletin board. The students have displayed their artwork depicting what they want to do when they

grow up. "Which one is yours?" she quietly asks. He points to a brightly colored picture of a book on the far right. She thought, "Maybe this little act of faith really is making an impact," when she reads the caption:

When I grow up, I want to read a lot of books.



There is a group of women here at Christ Church named for a woman in the Bible. This woman was a Gentile who worshiped God, even before she became a Christian. She was gathered together with a group of women for prayer when she first encountered Christ through Paul. She became the first person in Europe to embrace the new faith. She was baptized and her home became a gathering place for Christians on the new continent. Her name was Lydia. And the Lydia Group seeks to serve others and honor God as evidenced by the life of Lydia.

For this group of caring women, faith is something you put into action. The projects they undertake

are meant to lift and empower others. For the women of The Healing Place, a local addiction recovery center, the Lydia Group has made children's greeting cards that the women can send to their children. They also purchased Christmas presents for mothers to give to their children.

The Lydia Group feels strongly about their Methodist roots, so many of the organizations they partner with have connections to The United Methodist Church. They play bingo with residents at Wesley Manor several times a year and bring prizes along. They make desserts for the Fourth Avenue UMC Open Door Ministry.

The boundaries of Louisville and Jefferson County also don't stop these eager women. They make blankets for the United Methodist Children's Home in Nicholasville and visit with the residents there several times a year. They provide shoe boxes filled with Christmas goodies to Redbird Mission in the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Thanks to these women, Lydia's legacy of faith and a strong link in the chain which bound Christians together continues.



JUST CALL THE FIXER

The Hand Behind the Handbells

In late 2003, Melanie Williams-Sublett spoke at the United Methodist Men's breakfast on the history and music of handbells and brought several with her. She also encouraged anyone whose curiosity had been piqued to get in touch about ringing or helping out with the handbell ministry. She specifically mentioned the need for a handbell "fixer."

Doug Myers, nicknamed "The Fixer" by his daughter, answered the call. January 7, 2004 was Doug's first day to work on the bells. Neither he, nor Melanie, knew what his new volunteer role would entail, but they knew he was needed. Doug found a number of broken bells and bell cases causing frustration with the ringers. There was much to be done that first year. There are 22 moveable

parts within a single handbell that have the potential of needing maintenance. Christ Church owns hundreds of bells. A lot of pieces needed to be replaced—just nickel and dime parts—but parts that were affecting the tone and usability of the bells.

From a catalogue of replacement parts, Doug began filling small hobby boxes full of these small pieces. He now has a collection of 70 or 80 parts that he can use as needed. He also began repairing bell cases and cleaning off years of dust and grime. He then established filing systems so that bells that are meant to be in a set remained together and easier to locate. The coolest thing they ever did, however, was in November 2004 when Doug and a team of volunteers "voiced" the

handbells. Voicing handbells involves adjusting parts, not the actual bell, to perfect the tone. Doug found an old instruction manual that included a handbell maintenance schedule and a VCR tape of handbell repair and learned a few of the basics. The rest was trial and error.

Because he was "The Fixer" he already had a good command of the tools needed for this precise work. What he didn't have he purchased or made. Over several days and countless hours, Doug made tiny adjustments to each bell, listening to each one and comparing it to the next. By making these minor adjustments, the goal was to allow the bells in a set to resonate as one cohesive unit. Bells can sound harsh or sweet, clanging or resonant depending on the working of the



mechanisms inside. You want each bell in a choir to sound as if the belonged together.

Doug began to get calls from other local churches asking him to come and service their own bell collections. To help train others, he created several handbell maintenance workshops. Using the host church's handbells as the test group, he invited volunteers from other churches to come and learn how he works. In the end of each workshop he had spread knowledge of bell maintenance and completed the work on bells.

The request for help was so persistent that Doug could have started his own company traveling to churches to service their bell choirs. But for Doug this is a labor of love.

Since childhood Doug has loved listening to handbell choirs. He loves all kinds of music and he currently sings bass in the Chancel Choir. Doug realized his own gifts were organization, attention to details and the ability to understand the inner workings of things. He capitalized on his gifts and found a need within Christ Church that offers him plenty of work to do.

Doug has been devoted to this work here because he loves Christ Church, he loves music and he wants to share his enjoyment of handbell choirs with the church. As he makes his small adjustments here and there to a tiny mechanism, he accomplishes all this and more.

Have you ever watched and listened to the handbells on Sunday morning and thought, "I could never do that!" Well guess what...you can! Join a 4-week Basics of Handbell Ringing class for adults beginning Wednesday, September 5, 6:30-7:15 in Room 133. If interested, contact Melanie Sublett or Ben Williams.



OUR PRAYER WARRIORS

By Katie Sanderson

A note from a teacher is seldom good news for students.

But it would be a sticky note during the “Imagine” sermon series that would move Kathy Levinson, a former kindergarten and preschool teacher, to change the lives of students in our faith communities for the better. As Dr. Strunk issued a charge to the congregation to brainstorm ideas as to how we might continue to plant faith communities and bless children, Kathy said she was called to pickup the notes provided and write what to her was a simple message: Pray for ALL children.

Previously, the Prayer Buddies program had been limited to families of Christ Church members. Kathy was working with JCPS Adult Education at the time and recalls how she felt moved to pray for the students of the families of the students she served: immigrants, single parents and members of Louisville’s West End community. Kathy knew there were more children that needed the benefit of God’s many great blessings and she was encouraged that our congregation would be the ones to provide.

Shortly after, Patty Groot, Director of Servant Ministries contacted Kathy to expand on her idea. Not only were they encouraged, they were ready to pursue next steps. That year, they expanded to include the families and students of Christ Church School. Making lists and matching prayer buddies would prove to be no easy task, but within the first year, the results were in and the hard work was paying off. Colleen Pittman, Head of School for Christ Church proclaims the value of the program.

“Prayer buddies has offered our school families a way to connect to our church through their children and provides them with hope knowing someone else is praying for their child. We are showing our families that their child is truly a blessing to our church.” After the success with Christ Church School,

Prayer Buddies was expanded into communities that Christ Church has planted.

Kathy has 3 prayer buddies this year. Each day, she begins her morning with a devotion where she incorporates the prayer requests of her Prayer Buddies along with other guidance she seeks for them. Among the requests from families participating in the program are prayers for students with a chronic illness, developmental issues, safety and happiness in school and most importantly, that their child/children come to know and love Jesus Christ.

Success can be difficult to measure in the Prayer Buddies program due to confidentiality restrictions. Admittedly, this can be frustrating to those participating and looking to see how God is working in the lives of these most precious children. Surely there had to be a God moment in this somewhere, so I asked Kathy.

“I’m so glad you brought that up. I was saving it for the end,” Kathy replied.

Earlier this year, Kathy was in the 11:15 am service when Dr. Strunk offered a Ministry Moment from a person he called a “Tiny Evangelist.” Kathy watched Emily Kemp share testimony of her son coming home from school at Christ Church and reciting Bible stories and talking more and more about Jesus. The Kemps had been looking for a church home and knew their young son, only two-years-old at the time, was comfortable at Christ Church and the school and began attending regularly. Over the course of that short time, their young son had not only ministered to them, but had helped them find their church home.

Kathy, like the entire congregation, listened intently and with all the emotions you can imagine. But for Kathy, it was personal. She sought Emily Kemp out after the service and asked her, “Are you William’s mother?” With her beautiful smile, Emily replied that she was, in fact,

William’s mother. Kathy touched her hand and told her, “I have been William’s Prayer Buddy this year.”

It is easy to understand why Reverend Melissa Head refers to Prayer Buddies as, “...one of the most important ministries at Christ Church.” She goes on to note, “With the expansion of prayer buddies to encompass all of the worshipping communities of Christ Church and Christ Church School, we are able to be *living proof of God’s love, one person at a time* and impact our wider community through our prayers for one another.”

In this, a time when so many children feel unsafe in schools, prayer and God’s embracing presence is the best thing we can offer them.

What started as one list of children and volunteers has turned into three. Kathy admittedly loves the process of matching Prayer Warriors with Prayer Buddies and hopes it will continue at this level of success. You only have to be in her presence for a moment to understand her love for children and her heart for the Lord.

“I just think the children in this church are the most precious things there ever are.”

So while some teachers use notes to report bad behavior or forgotten homework, this former teacher saw a post-it as a positive; to become living proof of God’s love, one person at a time.

If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Buddy, or enrolling your student in the program, visit www.ccum.net/prayerbuddy.



A SUMMER OF SERVICE

Highlighting Summer Service at Christ Church

This summer, Christ Church members young and old stepped outside of the walls of the church and into the world to become living proof of God's love.

From Louisville to Chicago and down to Tennessee, hundreds of lives were impacted by our hands and feet serving together.

Above is a picture from the refugee party that our children, as a part of Shepherd's Camp, threw for refugee children on Refugee Day. The children also spent time baking treats they shared with kids at South Central Park in the Taylor Berry neighborhood as well as serving communion to and loving on the residents of Wesley Manor.

The One Voice tour took our youth through Indiana and into Chicago singing and serving along the way.

Our youth then served with MountainTOP, a ministry devoted to serving Eastern Tennessee. They repaired homes and put on a children's day camp while doing so.

The Red Bird Food Pantry in Eastern Kentucky, a ministry that Christ Church members, Senior Adult Ministry, and Sunday School classes have partnered with for years, wrote a note to the church to give us insight into their summer.

"We saw 'shoppers' choosing food for their once a month pickup. Some of these participants are part of the 'working poor' whose box of food helps them make it through the month.

"We saw the new commercial kitchen made possible by a grant. Participants in one of the programs are becoming more self-reliant and developing their own personal recipes for jams, salsas and other products that will be made for sale in the craft shop, farmers' markets, food fairs, etc.

"Strict government requirements and approval must be met before they can be made to sell. Others (including children) are being introduced to unfamiliar foods and learning new ways of use. Demonstrations in the kitchen also teach ways to dry foods

to increase shelf life. Thank you for your part in bringing hope and health to residents of the Red Bird area...and for all that you do to bless others."

It was a beautiful summer of service stepping outside the walls of the church and quietly serving the people in our community and area of the country.



Shepherd's Camp brought Christ Church children into the community to demonstrate God's love.



Our youth made a trip to Eastern Tennessee to work on various home repair projects with MountainTOP.



One Voice brought more than just their musical gifts throughout Indiana and Chicago.

FROM THE STAFF

If you are not receiving our weekly eNews e-mail, visit www.ccum.net to sign-up.

Join us in welcoming new staff members to our Christ Church family.



Thom Brown - Associate Pastor

We gladly welcomed Thom Brown as our new Associate Pastor in June. Thom, his wife Melissa and their son Will relocated from Hawesville, KY. Thom shares, "Christ Church is a big organization with a lot of moving parts. I am humbled and excited to have the opportunity to learn more about you all and serve beside you."



Andrea Levreault - Youth Minister

Andrea comes back to Christ Church after being away for a few years. She was a summer ministry intern here before returning to her home in Florida where she worked with the youth ministry at First United Methodist Church in Winter Park. Andrea is a huge dog lover. Andrea shares, "I am so excited to be serving on staff at Christ Church. I am looking forward to partnering with students, parents and volunteers to live into the vision God has for Christ Church."



Jordan Lush - Custodian

Please welcome Jordan Lush, the newest member of our custodian staff. If Jordan's last name is familiar, it's probably because his father, Chris, has been a long-time part of our facilities staff and is now Head Custodian. Jordan is a recent graduate of Manual High School. He loves working on cars and motorcycles with his dad. Jordan shares, "Working at Christ Church has been great so far. The people are so nice."

We say farewell to these summer interns.



Jacob Cogman - Ministry Intern

Thank you to Jacob for all the ways he blessed our congregation this summer, from his preaching, to his singing and even his dancing at the SOUL Dance in June. Jacob has headed back to Emery University to finish up seminary. Jacob shares, "I have enjoyed my season at Christ Church as an intern this summer. I am glad that the Lord connected me with this amazing community."



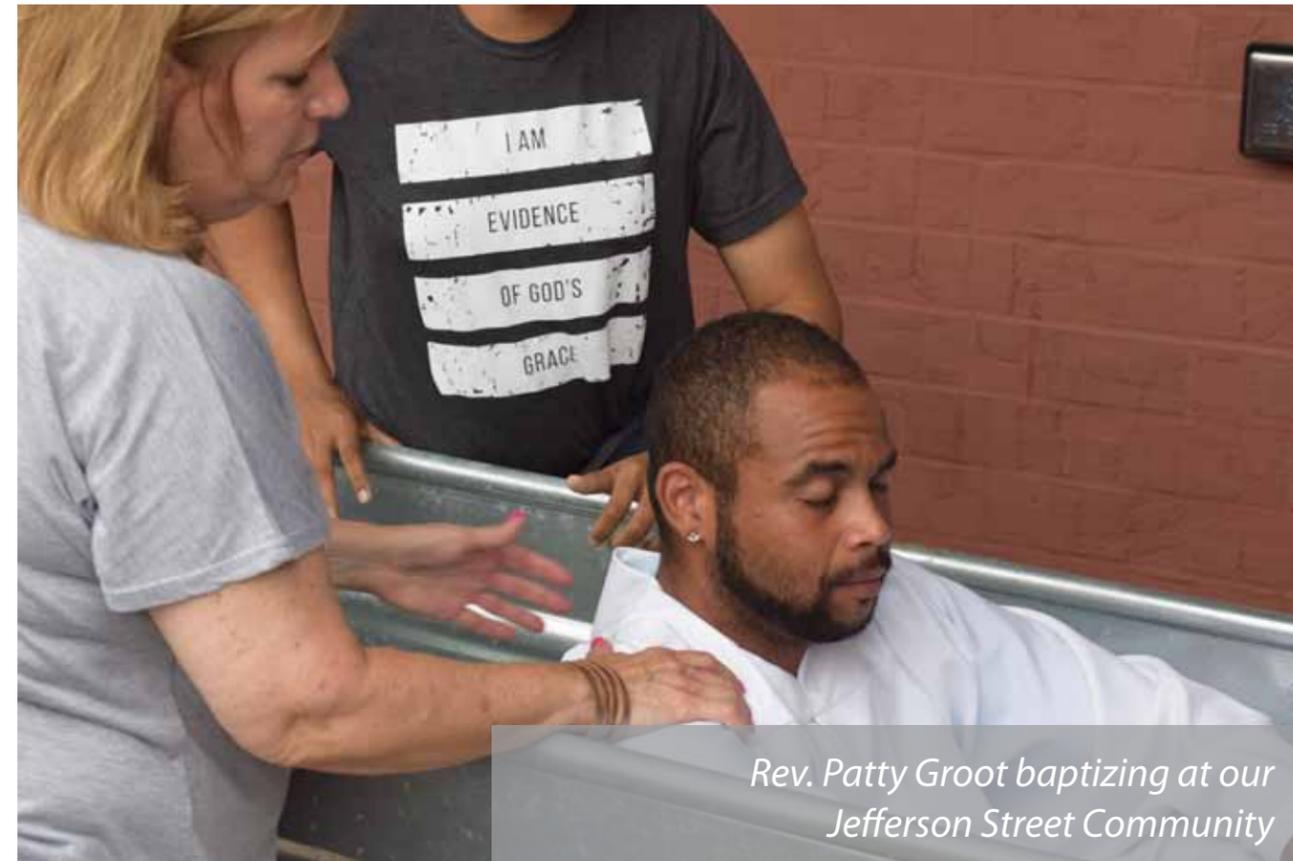
Sydney Ferrara - Communications Intern

Thank you to Sydney for blessing us with her skills this summer, particularly her skills in photography and video. Sydney also started an overhaul of our website which will be rolled out in the coming weeks. Her keen eye will be enjoyed on our site for years to come! Sydney shares, "My experience as an intern has been so uplifting and wonderful. I am thankful to have gotten the opportunity to work at Christ Church."

MAKING AN IMPACT

Jefferson Street Recovery with Christ

Rev. Patty Groot, recently licensed at the Kentucky Annual Conference in June, baptized three people and served communion at our Jefferson Street Community on July 3.



Rev. Patty Groot baptizing at our Jefferson Street Community

Directory Volunteer Thank You

Mark Coile, Sandy Martz and Bill Martz thank all of the wonderful volunteers that helped by giving their time for the registrations and photography sessions for our 2018 Pictorial Directory. Many volunteers served 2-3 times. What a blessing it was to have such eager and dependable volunteers. Directories are expected in September.

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| Bobbie and Dave Allison | Clarese Fuller | Jeanie Livesay | Peggy Summers |
| Melanie Anderson | Ginny Fuller | Carol Long | Dick Swope |
| Dan and Randi Austin | Ronda Garrison | Shirley Mahan | Jim and Pam Taylor |
| Flo Baldrige | Daneen Good | Joan McCombs | Suzanne Temple |
| Elsy Beale | Betty Graham | Pat McDowell | Glenda and George Thacker |
| Sue Bench | Linda Gunter | Ann McEnteer | Sue Tongberg |
| Sandy Bock | Larry Hampton | Don and Mary Miller | Frankie Turner |
| Sandy Brashear | Kenny and Judy Handmaker | Pat Moorsman | Kay Wyssbrod |
| Steve Chappars | Matt Hargan and Joyce St. Clair | Gwyn and John Morton | |
| Bill and Susan Cooper | Hargan | Carol Powell | |
| Jane Crawford | Sharon Hitch | Barb Roberts | |
| Susan Cummins | Laurie Howell | Becky Shaw | |
| Bart Doerhoefer | Pat Isaacs | Shauna Johnson | |
| Diana Elder | Connie and Don Lancaster | Barbara and Charlie Smoot | |
| Jane Friedman | Eloise Landrum | Janice Sowell | |

CHURCH EVENTS

For a complete list of Christ Church events, visit www.ccum.net/calendar.

August Sermon Series - Questions Jesus Asked August

Together we will learn more about Jesus and who we are called to be by looking at some of the questions Jesus asked, like, "How many loaves have you?" and "Do you want to be healed?"



Faith and Doubt: An Intergenerational Event

August 19, 6-7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

This intergenerational event will provide an interactive dialogue concerning the role that doubt plays in the life of a Christian. Youth and their parents are especially invited to participate. The interactive format will include a light meal, activities, discussion and guest speaker, Rev. Rick Durrance. Register at www.ccum.net/digdeeper.



Milestone Sunday

Sunday, August 19

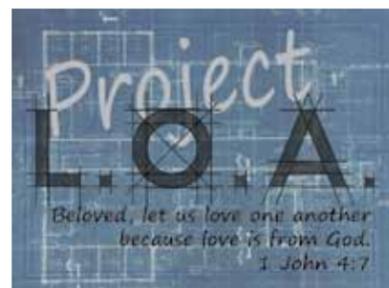
On this special Sunday, we will celebrate several milestones: we will bless our Kindergartners and welcome them to worship; our 3rd graders will be presented with their own bibles; and the 6th graders will be welcomed into Youth Ministry.



All Youth Retreat, Cedarmore Retreat Center

August 24-26

All youth are invited to Project L.O.A. kick-off retreat. We will join together as one body for worship, fellowship, music, campfires and extreme fun! Register at www.ccum.net/youth/events.



CHURCH EVENTS

September Sermon Series - Trading Up September

Drawing from the book of Ephesians, we will learn how to trade one perspective for a more meaningful one.



Fall Church Retreat, Loucon Retreat Center

September 28-30

Church members of all ages are invited to join us for a weekend of rest, relaxation and fellowship at Camp Loucon. Lodging options include BYO tents, private rooms or bunkhouse. Come for one night or two. Visit www.ccum.net/events.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7, 3 pm

Join us for a Blessing of the Animals in the front of the Chapel Sunday, October 7 at 3 pm. Bring your pet for a very special blessing from one of our pastors.



Sanctuary Series Presents: Fancy Brass Fixtures

Sunday, October 28, 7 pm

Come and experience a musical journey through our heritage of sacred music, expertly performed by members of the Louisville Orchestra's brass and percussion sections. Fancy Brass Fixtures will explore the history of musical praise and worship, uncovering how it influences our sacred music today. Informative, enlightening, and expressive; this event will speak to both the mind and the soul.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

New Members

John and Linda Ballerstadt
 Laura Ballerstadt
 Roy and Kathy Berger
 Aaron and Emily Kemp
 Brooke Bloch
 Tom Goodwin
 Mary Bauer
 Billy and Alex Deskins
 Sarah Deskins
 Vincent Tatum
 Terry Waddle
 AJ and Brittany Kinch
 Chris and Melita Jones
 James and Crystal Joseph
 David and Susan Holmes
 Priscilla Pash
 Leesa and Logan Sadtler
 Trevor and Camille Earl
 Dee Weil and Bill Crouch
 Jane Saylor
 Dan and Kelli Casagrande
 Laura Harris
 Paige Clark
 Herb and Gayle Warren
 Mary Schneider
 Jason and Brittany Brice
 Anne Caudill
 Brian and Trisha Jewell
 Devin and Courtney Pence
 Jim and Kay Jorgensen
 Chip and Ann Schwartz
 Stephen and Jennifer Earley
 John and Camille Burgard
 Nick and Cara Tompkins
 Amana Shields (Downtown community)
 Andrew Fulner (Downtown community)
 James Gooch (Downtown community)
 Jack and Amanda Watt

2018 Confirmation Class

Allie Dreher
 Amy Johnson
 Alik Olash
 Owen Ruggles
 Adam Stoflet
 Lily Wobbe
 Jack Allen
 Ben Barnard
 Greta Berlin
 Joe Cahill
 Mya Cummins
 Baxter Dirks
 Hannah Donan
 Nicholas Harward
 Kate Helton
 Eliza Lewis
 Cameron Pittman
 Charlie Poindexter
 Elizabeth Satterly
 Sophie Stinnett
 Kara Stratman
 Krista Stratman
 Anna Claire Straub
 Parker Tennill
 Jack Youdes

Christian Sympathy

Family and friends of George Vest who died November 18
 Family and friends of Norma Judd who died November 21
 Family and friends of Martha Lewis who died December 7
 Tom and Susan Wobbe on the death of Susan's stepfather, Jack Upchurch, who died December 20
 Jim and Pattie Dale Tye on the death of Jim's father, Bob Tye, who died December 21
 Charlie and Janet Hagerty on the death of Charlie's mother, Elizabeth Hagerty, who died December 21
 Amy and Brendon Cahill on the death of Brendon's father, Edward Cahill, who died December 24

J.C. and Darlene Juett on the death of J.C.'s sister, Sue Juett, who died December 26

Joan McCombs on the death of her brother, Stan Dunham, who died December 28

Don Midkiff on the death of his wife, Zelpha Midkiff, who died December 28

Don and Mary Miller on the death of Don's mother, Norma Jean Miller, who died January 1

Kathy Jo Crooks on the death of her father, Bob Crooks, who died January 4

Chris Hoganson on the death of her mother, Imogene Reppe, who died January 4

Melanie Williams Sublett on the death of her mother, Patricia Miller Gillett, who died January 5

Margaret and Brian Ruggles on the death of Brian's mother who died January 5.

Joan McCombs on the death of her husband Stu McCombs who died January 14

Debbie and Bob Owens on the death of Bob's mother, Jean Owens, who died January 17

BJ Rayzor on the death of his uncle, Keith Rayzor, who died January 19.

Bob and Rusti Silverthorn on the death of Bob's mother, Marilyn Silverthorn, who died January 19

Lindsay Ann Porter on the death of her grandfather, William Gerald Porter, who died January 19

John and Gwyn Morton on the death of Gwyn's mother, Willa James, who died January 20

Jay and Stacy McKnight on the death of Jay's mother, Judy McKnight, who died January 26

Barb Roberts on the death of her husband, Bob Roberts, who died January 27

Jim Woodruff on the death of his wife, Virginia Woodruff, who died January 28

Shirley Bryan on the death of her husband Fred Bryan who died January 31

Juanita Swogger on the death of her brother who died February 3

Gina Perry on the death of her mother-in-law, Opal Perry, who died February 5

Gina Perry on the death of her aunt, Katheryn Pinto "Kitty" died February 7

Carol and Galvin Jones on the death of their twin grandson who died February 12

Janet Hundley on the death of her husband Al Hundley who died February 15

Anne and Dick Swope on the death of Dick's father, Bill Swope, who died February 18

Eric and Julie Michael and family on the death of Eric's father, Charlie Michael, who died March 6

Jerry Hinton on the death of his wife Carole, who died March 22

Roger Whitton on the death of his mother, Betty Whitton, who died March 22

Dan Brice on the death of his mother, Mildred Brice, who died March 22

Jennifer Goselin on the death of her grandmother, Mildred Brice, who died March 22

Becky Edwards on the death of her mother, Kathryn McRoberts, who died March 24

Sharon Burckardt on the death of her mother, Carolyn Smith

Creighton Hopmann on the death of her father, Hume Morris

John Brunner on the death of his father, Charles Brunner, who died April 6

Sharon Jenkins, on the death of her mother, Margaret Mae Quinn Binder

Julie Ferrell on the death of her father, Burleigh Kaster

Valerie Bearden on the death of her father, James Zuehlke, who died April 14

Susan Benner on the death of her father

Colleen Endres and Pat McKain on the death of their mother, Virginia Shannon, who died April 19

Family and friends of Frances Chisholm who died April 21

Kirsten Russell on the death of her mother, Ruth Perkins, who died April 23

Kimberly Maxson Smith on the death of her mother, Lucia Maxson, who died April 27

Dick and Kay Groff on the death of their son, Giles Groff, who died April 29

Anne Burkley and family on the death of her father David Beneke who died May 3

Sue Bench on the death of her husband, Herb Bench, who died May 5

Katie Walker and Amy Miller on the death of their father, Herb Bench, who died May 5

Frank and Curtis Buster on the death of their mother Charlotte Buster who died May 7

Keith Hedrick and family on the death of his mother who died May 17

Sharon Satterly and family on the death of Sharon's mother who died May 22

Kym Haick on the death of her father, Ray Carlson, who died May 27

Sue Lathrop on the death of her mother, Mary Donnelly who died June 6

David Rummmler on the death of his sister, Susan, who died June 7

Celeste Worth and family on the death of her father, Joseph Tucker, who died June 11

Family and friends of Ruth Devine who died June 14

Hank Hensley on the death of his father Henry Hensley, Jr. who died June 30

Juanita Swogger on the death of her sister, Grace Evelyn Armstrong, who died June 27

Ann McEnteer on the death of her brother, John Evan Williams, who died July 1

Susie Pomerance on the death of her mother, Kay Ades, who died June 29

Carolyn Alt's brother, Jerald Ross Smith, died June 20

Family and friends of Joseph Aina who died July 6

Susan Benner, on the death of her brother, Chris Faulkner, who died July 17

Jamie Densmore on the death of his brother, Glen Densmore, who died July 13

Mark Campbell on the death of this mother, Evelyn Campbell, who died July 15

Diane Mason on the death of her brother, Bill

Miles Lee on the death of his father, Bob Lee, who died July 23

Lynn Egan on the death of her grandmother, Bernadette Krebs who died July 28

Lee Kresovsky on the death of her father, Chuck Prewitt, who died July 26

Serving our Country

Lt. Col. James E. Chapman, Jr., US Army
 (Son of Janice and Jim Chapman, brother of Jana Ladd)

Capt. Douglas Cummings, US Army Chaplain
 (Son of Sally and Jack Cummings)

2nd Lt. Danielle L. Cummings, US Army
 (Granddaughter of Sally and Jack Cummings)

2nd Lt. Bailey Hawkins, US Army
 (Granddaughter of Marie and Richard Johnson)

Lt. Col. Brian Haysley, U.S. Air Force
 (Son of Marilyn Edington)

Lt. Zachary T. Huff, US Navy
 (Grandson of Allys and Bill Huff)

David Farc, Kentucky Air National Guard

Capt. Travis Johnson, US Army
 (Grandson of Marie and Richard Johnson)

Sgt. Jacob Longest, US Air Force
 (Grandson of Ruth Murray)

Airman First Class Michael Kluever, US Air Force (Son of Rev. Karen Kluever)

Stephanie Muir, US Army
 (Granddaughter of Ed and Bobbie Larkin)

Lt. Grant Parker Roberts, US Army
 (Son of Bill and Laurie Anne Roberts)

Lt. Cameron Kelley Roberts, US Army
 (Son of Bill and Laurie Anne Roberts)

Capt. Jordan Shontz, US Army
 (Grandson of Jane Shontz)

Ens. Jonathan Shontz, US Navy
 (Grandson of Jane Shontz)

Madeline Smith NROTC program at Tulane University
 Midshipman 3rd class

Capt. Noah J. Snyder, US Army
 (Grandson of Kathleen and John Snyder)

Capt. Christopher Wardlaw, US Army (Nephew of Russ Wardlaw)

Capt. Aaron Wellman, USMC
 (Son of Wayne and Carol Wellman)

Lt. Shelley Worth, Canadian Forces
 (Granddaughter of Colleen Berry)

Capt. Cheri Renaud, Air Force
 (daughter of Bobby Renaud and Diane Price)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptisms

Piper Louise Lawrence (1/26/2017), daughter of Ben and Meredith Lawrence, was baptized on December 17. Piper joins brothers Bear and Jake in the Lawrence household. Karen and Gary Lawrence are Piper's proud grandparents.

Emma McKenzie Aten (7/7/2017), daughter of Brandon and Sarah Aten, was baptized on December 24. Emma joins brother Eli and sister Evelyn in the Aten household. Proud grandparents are Ron and Maria Aten.

McClaran Sol Woodall (6/30/2017), son of Chris and Charis Woodall, was baptized on December 31. Sol joins brother Foster and sister Canon in the Woodall household. Proud grandparents are Wade and Lisa Watkins and Brad and Sharon Woodall.

Caroline Scott Chism (9/13/2017), daughter of Adam and Laura Chism, was baptized January 14. Caroline joins sister Isla in the Chism household. Jeff and Linda Jones are Caroline's proud grandparents and her great grandmother is Mary Powers.

Vincent Seawood Tatum was baptized January 14.

Lily Graham Roberts (3/23/2017), daughter of Grant and Brianne Roberts, was baptized January 21. Lily's big brother is Bowman.

Christopher Neal Jones and his sons William Neal Jones (6/14/2015) and John Rossie Jones (4/4/2017) were baptized February 4. Their wife and mother is Melita Jones

Conley Otto Strauss (6/24/2017), son of Chris and Hannah Strauss, was baptized on February 18. Conley joins brothers Wesley and Bailey in the Strauss household.

Charles Baker Kemp (8/7/17), son of Aaron and Emily Kemp, was baptized on February 25. William is Charles' big brother.

Erin Blake McCauley (5/12/2017), daughter of Brandon and Julie McCauley, was baptized on March 11. Allie is her proud big sister.

Twins Tucker Lynn Earl and Alice Kathryn Earl (3/11/2015), children of Camilla and Trevor Earl, were baptized on March 11. Elise is their big sister.

Dalton Wayne Domeck (12/31/2014) and Madelyn Jane Domeck (10/28/2016), children of Craig and Jenna Neuner Domeck, were baptized on March 18. Rick and Kim Neuner are their proud grandparents and Evelyn Kinman is their proud great grandmother.

Lane Louise Deskins (11/8/2016), son of Alex and Billy Deskins, was baptized on May 27.

Tyson Roy Larimore (7/25/2017), son of Jordan and Cody Larimore, was baptized on May 27. His proud grandparents are Craig and Karen Larimore

Bode Daniel Broughton (4/13/2017), son of Taylor and Jessie Broughton, was baptized on May 27. Bode joins brothers Colton and Luke in the Broughton household.

John (Jack) Alexander Kresovsky (7/18/2017), son of Joe and Lee Kresovsky, was baptized on May 27. Jack joins brother Will in the Kresovsky household.

Parker James Earley (11/17/2017), son of Steve and Jennifer Earley, was baptized on June 10. Parker is the grandson of Mark and Laurie Adams. Camden is Parker's proud big brother.

Oliver Bryce Longenecker (1/16/2018), son of Cory and Felicia Longenecker, was baptized on June 24.

Conor Joseph Tompkins (5/12/2017), son of Cara and Nick Tompkins, was baptized on June 24

James Gooch was baptized at our downtown community by Rev. Patty Groot on July 5

Amanda Shields was baptized at our downtown community by Rev. Patty Groot on July 5

Andrew Fulner was baptized at our downtown community by Rev. Patty Groot on July 5

Weddings

Debbie Shea and Fred McWhorter were married in our Parlor on December 29 by Dr. George Strunk.

Ellen Ballenger and Hank Wall were married in our Sanctuary on January 20 by Dr. George Strunk. Hank is the son of Harry and Betsy Wall.

Amaka Omenyinma and Edward Smith were married in our sanctuary on April 27 by Rev. Loletuth Kalz. Amaka is the daughter of Ogedi and ChiChi Omenyinma.

Haley Osborn and Leonardo Valdivieso were married in our Chapel by Dr. George Strunk on June 9. Haley is the daughter of Charles and Linda Osborn and the granddaughter of Carolyn Walters.

Sarah Deskins and Vincent Tatum were married in our Sanctuary on July 21 by Rev. Brandon Dirks.

SENIOR ADULTS

For more information on Senior Adult Ministries visit www.ccum.net/SAM. To reserve your spot at this event, call the SAM reservation line at 893-2201 x328.



August 21 – Kentucky State Fair

Bus departs church at 9:30 am and returns by 2:30 pm. Cost is \$10. Lunch is paid on your own. Reservations by 8/14.



September 10 – Luncheon

Self Defense by retired sheriff of Harrison County, IN

11:30 am in Fellowship hall. Lunch following. Lunch reservations by 9/5.



September 19 – Locust Grove

Meet at Locust Grove at 10:30 am for 11:30 am Film and Tour. Pay \$7 at visitor center when you arrive. Picnic after tour, bring or reserve a box lunch. Reservations by 9/10.



October 8 – Luncheon

Organ Lessons for All with Lynda Payne

11:30 am in Sanctuary. Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Lunch reservations by 10/3.



October 24 – Speed Art Museum Tour and Lunch

Bus departs church at 9:30 am for guided tour of "Picasso to Pollock." Lunch at Buck's around 12:30 pm; bus returns by 2:30 pm. Cost is \$12 for Museum. Lunch is paid on your own. Reservations by 10/16.



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