

Campbellsburg Christian Church

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Along the Journey

Happy New Year to my sisters and brothers in Christ!

Yes, it's that time again – a good time to reflect on where we've been and where we are going.

So, where are we going? How can we improve our Christian lives and serve God and one another more fully this year?

As for me, I plan to take better notice of what God is doing in my world.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland. - Isaiah 43:19

When the nation of Israel sought some much-needed rescuing, God promises to come through for them. God will do a "new thing!"

God is always doing new things, but we need to open our spiritual eyes and see them. We need EXPECTANT HEARTS. So, I hope you join me in the following (from my last sermon of 2023):

"We need to develop the eyes to see. I'm not talking about superior eyes or exclusive eyes; I'm talking about EXPECTANT eyes. If you want to see the Spirit of God at work around you, in you, through you, despite you, it does take devotion to God. So let us resolve this year to:

1. Worship – Devote an hour each week to God – GET A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE of the world.

2. Prayer – Converse with God daily – STAY CONNECTED with the Divine.

3. Study – Attend Bible study – GAIN UNDERSTANDING of how God has worked in other people's lives. Monthly Bible study will begin on February 7th at 7 PM (every 1st Wednesday).

→ OUR DEVOTION ALLOWS US TO HAVE EXPECTANT EYES."

Blessings to all of you in 2024!

– *Pastor Deke*

Greetings from the "Organ Grinder"

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Recently, I have so personally become aware of how important Old Hymns have become to me.

In a great time of distress, I found myself singing and remembering the words of some of the hymns, which brought comfort to me. How comforting and uplifting they were, in such a time of need.

Just in the past few days, something was pointed out to me about one of our best loved Christmas Carols. "Silent Night, Holy Night" page #145 in our Chalice Hymnal. The words are those of verse #3. "Son of God, Love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace." Have you ever really pondered on these words?

I guess that all of my life, I really had NOT!

So much in these few words. Jesus, or Savior, Grace was born, thru Christ sinless into a sinful imperfect world, and Our Salvation was born.

Focus on "Radiant Beams from Thy Holy Face!" In reading this, it reminds me of the Old Testament scriptures where Moses had been up on the mountain in the presence of God and came down, and his face glowed with a strange light never seen before by a human. (Exodus 34:29-35.) One commentary suggested it showed that he had been in Presence of God!

I hope and pray that each of our faces glow when we are in "God's Presence," in Worship, in Prayer, and in Bible Study, all in God's presence.

Easter Sunday is early in 2024, March 31st! Ash Wednesday is February 14th which is also Valentine's Day.

Stay tuned for more from the Organ Grinder next month.

Be Blessed,
John

Scripture of the Month

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

January Calendar

January 1st: **New Year's Day**
Happy Birthday – David Graetz

January 4th: *Happy Birthday – Rev. Benedict
"Deke" Rigor*

January 6th: **Feast of Epiphany**

January 7th: **Epiphany Sunday**
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Linda Schulten
Musician – John Ball
Un-decorating of the church
following Worship

January 8th: *Happy Birthday – Jessalynn
McVicker*

January 10th: Supper Club A.D.M.er's –
Gustavo's – LaGrange – 6:30 p.m.

January 12th: *Happy Adoption Day – Amy Lyle*

January 14th: **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elder – Tracy Carpenter
Deacon – Amanda Hornback
Musician – Cheri Simpson

January 15th: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

January 17th: Packing bags for Campbellsburg
Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.

January 20th: Service in Memory of Pam Ball –
2:00 p.m. with reception following

January 21st: **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
Call to Worship – Linda Schulten
Elder – Kevin Mullikin
Deacon – Mindy Lawrence
Musician – John Ball
Happy Birthday – Andrew Mullikin

January 26th thru 28th:
Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Retreat
Crestwood Christian Church,
Lexington, KY

January 27th: *Happy Anniversary – Tina & Russell
Spencer*

January 28th: **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin
Elder – Tracy Carpenter
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – Cheri Simpson
4th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon
following Worship
Board Meeting following the Luncheon
Happy Birthday – Bryanna Imel

January 30th: *Happy Birthday – Sue Bush*

January 31st: Lunch Bunch A.D.M.er's –
*Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steamburgers –
1101 Julian Dr, LaGrange – 11:30 a.m.*

February 2nd: **Groundhog Day**

February 4th: **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – John Ball

February 5th: *Happy Birthday – Josh Barnett*

February 6th: Meeting with DC Elevator – 9:00 a.m.

February 7th: Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Info

As of December 30th:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 36,509.43
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 9,401.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 27,315.90

(includes \$205 in memory of Pam Ball)

Board

A new year is upon us and thus time for a new Board. We will hold our first meeting of the new year on Sunday, January 28th, following our fellowship meal. We ask that all Board members please plan to be in attendance.

Outreach & Evangelism Committee

It's time to start thinking about restocking our Kids' Kitchen pantry. Our church is responsible for the following items that are packed on a weekly basis: *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snack, Jif To Go, Ramen Noodle packets, Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dip Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars.* Our next packing date is **January 17th**. Many thanks to all those that continue to support this ministry!

A.D.M.er's

This month's **Supper Club outing** will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at **Gustavo's** in LaGrange at 6:30 p.m.

This month's **Lunch Bunch outing** will be held on Wednesday, January 31st, at **Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers**, 1101 Julian Drive in LaGrange at 11:30 a.m.

Please let Kim know if you plan to attend either of these outings so we can give each of the restaurants a heads up that they will be having a group. Also be sure to speak up if you need a ride to either outing!

January Luncheon

The theme for our January Luncheon will be soups and sandwiches. Be sure to bring family and friends on January to worship with us and have lunch.

With Our Sympathy

The following is from the website of Ransdell Funeral Home.

Pamela Dean (Boyer) Ball, age 76, of LaGrange, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Born October 22, 1947 in Louisville, she was the daughter of Robert Brent and Doris Dean (Elston) Boyer.

Mrs. Ball was a 1965 graduate of Henry County High School in New Castle, Kentucky, and a 1967 graduate of Spencerian College in Louisville. She retired in May 2005 as accountant/bookkeeper for the Henry County Water District. She has served there for thirty years. Mrs. Ball was a member of Campbellsburg Christian Church, and formerly a member of the DAR and Henry County Historical Society.

She enjoyed quilting and sewing, reading her Bible and daily devotions, had a green thumb when it came to flowers, and was a very proud grandmother.

Her surviving family include her husband, John C. Ball, to whom she was married on April 22, 1995 at the Campbellsburg Christian Church; one daughter and son-in-law, Starr and Tony Tingle of Shelbyville, Kentucky; three granddaughters: Emma, Caroline and Abigail Tingle, all of Shelbyville; two sisters: Peggy Self and her husband, John of Crestwood, Kentucky, and Midge Cox and

her husband, George, of Pendleton, Kentucky; and two sisters-in-law: Barbara Boyer of Turners Station, Kentucky and Sue Boyer of Panama City, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Marion Boyer and Robert Boyer.

Reverend Carl Rucker and Reverend Deke Rigor conducted public graveside services at New Castle Cemetery on December 14th.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th at Campbellsburg Christian Church, with a reception and greeting time to follow in the church fellowship hall.

May God comfort all those who mourn.

Among Our Own

The un-decorating of the church will take place following worship on Sunday, January 7th. Anyone that is able to stay and help will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to take your poinsettias home, please do so.

Chet Lawrence will once again be participating in the Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Annual Retreat. This year's retreat will be held January 26th thru 28th in Covington, KY. This is the 29th year for the retreat and will be Chet's 22nd year singing with the chorus!!

Jodie Grace Rankin was welcomed into the world on Sunday, December 3rd. She is the daughter of **Dylan** and **Abby Rankin** and the granddaughter of **Jennifer** and **Jerry Rankin**.

Prayer Concerns

Please See Newsletter in Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE