

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Musical Musings...

As the music minister at Campbellsburg Christian Church, I am required to prepare a piano or organ solo to play as the prelude at the beginning of worship each Sunday morning. Oftentimes I will play a piece that is very quiet and meditative, while other times I choose a hymn arrangement that is more spirited.

Have you ever given any thought to the reason for having an instrumental prelude? Is this just background music as the candles are being lit by the acolyte? Maybe its purpose is to signal the congregation that the worship service will be starting soon. Or, possibly this...



Norman Bendroth offers the following commentary on music in worship: "In worship, music is never presented as a performance for the congregation but as an offering of praise, thanksgiving, penitence, or petition to God. While worshipers are often caught up in the beauty of the music or the words, the purpose is not to bring attention to the musicians or singers, but to point to the Creator who makes all things beautiful and enables us to be creative as well. The purpose of the prelude is to enter into a holy space by quieting ourselves and preparing for worship."

According to Rev. Frank Hughes, Jr., "The prelude might be understood to be, as someone once put it, 'the music accompanying the entrance of the people of God.' We come into worship and the prelude establishes a mood, an attitude, a context, a feeling that suits the occasion. We are ushered in with sounds that speak more than words ever can, and help us approach our encounter with our Living Lord with open hearts and receptive thoughts. The prelude, in fact, is to be meditation music while we are actively doing all those things we do as we enter the worship space. It is 'both-and'—both music to listen to reverently, and music to accompany our actions."

I would offer that the purpose of the prelude is not only to prepare our hearts for worship, but that it

can actually *be* a part of worship. I realize that God speaks to each of us in different ways. I also know that for some people, music is just a part of the worship service that they endure. However, it is through music, either instrumental or vocal, whether I'm a participant or a recipient that I feel closest to God.

I would ask that you give this some thought the next time you are in worship. When the prelude begins, try to focus on the reason that you are in church. Quietly finish your conversation so as not to distract others from hearing what God might be saying to them through the music. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you during this time and usher you into the presence of God.

In His Service,
Cheri

Scripture of the Month...

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Financial Info...

As of September 30th:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 25,765.77
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 7,876.50
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,998.90

October Calendar...

October 2nd: *Happy Birthday – Logan Bush*
October 3rd: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
October 4th: *Happy Birthday – Marilyn Highfield*
October 7th: **World Wide Communion Sunday**
Call to Worship – Les Lyle
Elders – Marie Mattick
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney
Jennifer Rankin
Acolyte – Ethan Lyle
Called Board Meeting following Worship
October 8th: **Columbus Day**
October 9th: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –
Our Best – 11:30 a.m.
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – John Ball
Happy Anniversary – Phil & Betty
Spradling

- October 14th: **Clergy Appreciation Sunday**
 Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin
 Elders – Tracy Carpenter
 Chet Lawrence
 Deacons – Greg Simpson
 Tina Spencer
 Acolyte – Logan Bush
- October 15th: *Happy Birthday – Karlee Benham*
- October 16th: *Happy Birthday – Adam Lyle*
- October 17th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- October 21st: Call to Worship – Gina Lyle
 Elders – Marie Mattick
 Kim Mullikin
 Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
 Mindy Lawrence
 Acolyte – Amy Lyle
Happy Birthday – Mariah Clark
Happy Anniversary – David & Erin Orr
- October 22nd: *Happy Birthday – David Lyle*
 Jennifer Rankin
- October 24th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Suzanne Edelstein
- October 28th: Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
 Elders – Jim Chambers
 Alice Lyle
 Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney
 Cheri Simpson
 Acolyte – Ava McKinnley
Newsletter Articles Due
 Potluck Luncheon following Worship
- October 31st: **Halloween**
 A.D.M.er's – Gustavo's –
 LaGrange – Noon
 Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Robert Reed Bush
- November 1st: **All Saint's Day**
- November 2nd: *Happy Birthday – Nora Orr*
- November 4th: **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
 Elders – Tracy Carpenter
 Chet Lawrence
 Deacons – Ethan Lyle
 Isaac Schwarz
 Acolyte – Ginny Lyle
- November 5th: *Happy Birthday – Tracy Carpenter*
- November 6th: **Election Day**
- November 7th: *Team Lyle* packing bags for
 Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.
 Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Outreach and Evangelism Committee...

Backpack Ministry – We are currently packing for 25 children and responsible for the following items: *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snacks, Jif To Go, Ramen Noodle packets, Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dips Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars.* **Team Lyle** is scheduled to pack bags on **November**

7th. **Team Carpenter / Mullikin** is scheduled for December 12th.

Soldier Boxes – Items for our Christmas Soldier boxes are steadily coming in... Thanks to everyone who has contributed! There is still plenty of time if you haven't, but wish to contribute! All items are listed below... The boxes will be assembled shortly after Thanksgiving for a Christmas arrival...

September 23rd – Coffee, flavored coffee creamer, Keurig coffee cups, hot chocolate mix, or other single serving drink mixes (such as Crystal Light)

September 30th – Beef jerky (no pork allowed) or protein bars

October 7th – sunflower seeds or nuts (especially almonds, pistachios, and cashews)

October 14th – fruit snacks, gum, or Sour Patch Kids candy

October 21st – Spices or specialty hot sauces (i.e. Chalula)

October 28th – Magazines (health/fitness, outdoors, car, or gun)

November 4th – Peanut butter or canned tuna

November 11th – canned or dried fruit

November 18th – Christmas decorations

November 25th – Homemade cookies, brownies, candy or fudge

In addition, hand written letters are always a morale booster.

Luncheon...

Our 4th Sunday Luncheon for October will be held on Sunday, October 28th, following our worship service. This month, we are going to have soups, sandwiches and desserts with tea and water provided. Be sure to join us for great food and fellowship.

A.D.M.er's...

The next outing for the A.D.M.er's will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, at *Gustavo's* in LaGrange. We will meet at the restaurant at noon. Sign up today so that we can arrange seating. See Marie Mattick for details. This will be our last A.D.M.er outing for the year due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Church Cookbook...

Recipes are needed for our upcoming Church Cookbook! They can be placed in the box on the front pew of the sanctuary or emailed to:

Patricia Carpenter (patoec@aol.com)

or

Tina Spencer (spencer.schwarz.family@gmail.com)

We are still hoping to have at least 300 recipes!!

Among Our Own...

Many thanks to...

... **John Ellegood, Chet Lawrence, Les Lyle** and everyone else involved in the acquisition of the new shelves and organization efforts of the downstairs storage room.

... **Ben Lyle, Gina Lyle, Cheri Simpson** and **Tina Spencer** for graciously agreeing to rotate teaching our younger kids' Sunday School class...

... **Tina Spencer** for the wonderful job she is doing with our **Children's Moment** during our worship service...

... all our "big kids" that graciously agreed to return to **Acolyte** service...

... and to whomever placed the beautiful mums in our planters out front!...

... our church is very blessed to have people willing to serve!

God was watching over **Chet Lawrence** recently as he had a mishap with an overturned tractor! Thankfully, all is well! He managed to escape with 10 stitches in his finger!

Prayer Concerns...

Please See Newsletter

In Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All those Serving in the Military

Our Church

Our Pastoral Search

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

Letting Your Leaves Fall...

By: Rachel Wojo

DaySpring.com

Little yellow leaves from the front yard tree dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. I love summer affectionately and part of me longs to whisper to the tree "Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!" But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than my foolish whispers. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to: *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31,32 (NIV)*

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

» By reading God's Word.

» By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.

» By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.

» By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember: *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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 43:18,19 (NIV)*

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.