

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

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Congregational Meeting

Rev. Benedict "Deke" Rigor was unanimously approved to transition from our "Transitional Minister" to our "Senior Minister" at our October 22nd Congregational Meeting! Although we never know what tomorrow will bring, it is so good to be continuing "Along the Journey" with Pastor Deke in a more permanent capacity. It has been a great journey so far and we look forward to what else we can accomplish together.

Along the Journey

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

During my vacation, my childhood best friend and I were talking about the trials and tribulations of our recent past:

- He lost his long-time, well-paying job to a younger person, and he is also struggling with a rare physical condition that sidelined him from most of his normal activities.

- As for me, I lost both my mom and my dad unexpectedly, as well as losing my marriage and my home.

→ So, what in the world do we have to be thankful for in this season of Thanksgiving???

As we talked, we realized just how blessed we are!!!

- We talked about his incredible wife and children, and we talked about my children and the wonderful path they've taken in life.

- We talked about how our all our children are much better versions of us and how that's all we can ask for.

- We talked about the joy we were experiencing spending the week together, laughing and rehashing old times.

- We talked about both little blessings and big blessings.

- We talked about how God has definitely blessed us continuously!!!

Along the journey and in this season, we need to recognize and remember our blessings, both big and small... and "rejoice always...."

Blessed November and blessed Thanksgiving season to my church family!

– *Pastor Deke*

From the "Organ Grinder"

November is a time for summer and fall coming to an end and heading towards winter. Sometimes the weather gets here before the actual calendar date.

In November, we start out with "All Saints Sunday." A Sunday that most churches honor those who have passed away in the past year.

November also brings us Election Day, Veterans Day, and then Thanksgiving!

All Saints Sunday is a time that we reflect on those in our congregation and other friends that we have lost by death in the past year, some are very close and dear friends to us.

I personally have lost three friends in less than six months this year. It is very sad to say goodbye to them and to share some comfort with their family members. Remembering that I myself lost my dad in October 1975, and how family, friends, and neighbors shared comfort and support to us. How wonderful and caring they were in a very much needed time in our lives.

As a musician, I think back to so many "Hymns of the Church," of hope and reassurance and of comfort. So many that mean so much to most of us. "Blessed Assurance," "The Solid Rock," "It is Well with My Soul," and many others. Another one that crosses my mind is, "When We All Get To Heaven!!" What a Day of Rejoicing that Will Be!! OH MY! What a Reunion!!

In our Wednesday night study group, we have been reflecting on a movie, "The War Room." A Wonderful movie, then the study that has followed it has been very "Soul Stirring." Very deep into our personal "Spiritual Lives!!" Things that individually and personally need changes and improvements. Love,

Grace, and Mercy. Who we are, who Christ is in our lives, and how we react to Christ, and others and our thoughts within ourselves. Quite a journey of our individual and personal lives. All very important.

I am no longer a "young person," but I am not claiming "Old" yet, just "Older!" But, throughout my life in any church that I have ever attended or even visited, the very same "Theme" has been preached and taught. "Jesus Christ," our Savior and Lord! And HIS death, burial and Resurrection is our "Free" gift of salvation! Nothing, not by works or deeds, but just accepting HIM as our personal Savior! How very important this is that we Accept HIM!

Regardless of what we have or may experience in our lives, the assurance that "Jesus is Mine" is so comforting. How can anyone live their life without HIM?

The Choir is meeting at 6PM on the Wednesday nights that we have the Study Group. Everyone is welcome to join us.

There is going to be a "Christian Church Disciple of Christ" combined of 4-5 churches, Christmas Cantata, held at LaGrange Christian, on Sunday evening December 17th. Some of our Campbellsburg Christian Church members will be a part of this. Put this on your calendars and plan to attend.

Blessings from the Organ Grinder,
John

Scriptures of the Month

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. " **Jeremiah 29:11**

Financial Info

As of October 31st:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$35,238.45
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 7,017.00
	<i>(includes funds earmarked for elevator and HVAC repair)</i>
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$27,110.90

November Calendar

November 1st: **All Saint's Day**
Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
"War Room" Session 3 – 7:00 p.m.

November 2nd: *Happy Birthday – Nora Orr*

November 5th: **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
All Saint's Sunday
Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter

November 5th (continued):

Elder – Tracy Carpenter
Deacon – Garrett McVicker
Musician – John Ball
Happy Birthday – Tracy Carpenter

November 6th: Christian Churches, D.O.C. Christmas
Cantata Joint Choir Practice –
LaGrange Christian Church – 6:30 p.m.

November 7th: **Election Day**

November 8th: Supper A.D.M.er's –
Selena's at Willow Lake Tavern –
10609 LaGrange Rd, Louisville – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Garrett McVicker

November 11th: **Veterans Day**
Happy Birthday – Martha Watts

November 12th: Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Linda Schulten
Musician – Cheri Simpson
Happy Birthday – Charlie Highfield

November 13th: Christian Churches, D.O.C. Christmas
Cantata Joint Choir Practice –
LaGrange Christian Church – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Greg Simpson

November 15th: CCC packing bags for
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
"War Room" Session 4 – 7:00 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Mindy Lawrence &
Jake Moore

November 17th: *Happy Anniversary – Greg & Cheri*
Simpson

November 19th: Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin
Elder – Kevin Mullikin
Deacon – Jill Bohman
Musician – John Ball

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon following Worship

November 20th: Christian Churches, D.O.C. Christmas
Cantata Joint Choir Practice –
LaGrange Christian Church – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Ethan Lyle

November 23rd: **Thanksgiving Day**

November 24th: *Happy Birthday – Kelsey Mullikin*

November 26th: **Christ the King Sunday**
Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter
Elder – Kim Mullikin
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – Cheri Simpson
Deadline for Poinsettia orders
Decorating for Advent following Worship

- November 26th (continued):
Happy Birthday – Joann Rucker
- November 27th: Christian Churches, D.O.C. Christmas
 Cantata Joint Choir Practice –
 LaGrange Christian Church – 6:30 p.m.
- November 29th: Lunch A.D.M.er's – Lawson's –
 Campbellsburg – 11:30 a.m.
*Happy Birthday – Jim Chambers &
 Sherry Chambers*
- December 1st: *Happy Birthday – Mark Bastin,
 Hannah Moffett, Isaac Schwarz
 & Angie Southworth*
- December 3rd: **First Sunday in Advent - Hope**
 Call to Worship – Patricia Carpenter
 Elder – Tracy Carpenter
 Deacon – Amada Hornback
 Musician – John Ball

Board

It's that time of the year when we need to think about who will be serving on our Board for the upcoming year.

Please be in prayerful consideration for how **you** can serve our church. We will be in need of Elders and Deacons to serve in 2024. We will also be in need of members to serve on our committees. Let Tracy know if you are willing to serve in any capacity.

Outreach and Evangelism Committee

Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – Backpack Ministry

The following is an email from our Kids' Kitchen coordinator received in mid-October...

Good Evening Sweet Friends!

We can all acknowledge the heavy burden of increased prices on our daily needs like food, gas, cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc. We definitely hear from news outlets that inflation is causing a dramatic rise in food insecurity and unfortunately our community is feeling that too.

Just before fall break, Chastity reached out to share that there was a family added to our list, and just this week, we have added 3 more families with 1 more pending confirmation. Today as I type this, we are packing for 39 kids! We expect this number to climb and I am projecting that we need to plan for at least 45 kids as we get closer to Christmas break.

I know our church groups are feeling these same hardships, but I also know our God is bigger than inflation and rising food costs and He will provide!

We need to prepare our shelves for the increased need and have ample time to prepare for Christmas break bags. We've be so richly blessed with donations throughout the years and have a generous fund that will support holiday vouchers as well as any shortcomings that we may not be able to collect. It will cost nearly \$3,000 to provide the holiday vouchers for our families this year (16 families (and counting)) and the current account balance is just under \$,7000.

I trust you will pray with me with expectancy that God has already met these needs before we even speak them!

We should focus on the following for the remainder of this year:

Pray for our kids and our families- that these burdens ease for them and they feel God's love

Ask church and community groups for their continued support in the most challenging of times.

They can help by:

Donating food items

Providing monetary donations

Collecting food for Christmas Break bags

These kiddos appreciate their bags! This group is making a difference in the community! Seeds are being planted through this outreach!

Thank you for your sense of urgency to respond to this growing need!

Much Love!

Kayla

Our church is scheduled to pack bags on **November 15th**. Please remember to bring in the following items so we can keep providing this much needed weekend food for these children – **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**. We will need full-size boxes of cereal and 5-packs of Ramen Noodles for the Christmas boxes. Vouchers will be provided to each family at Campbellsburg Grocery for Thanksgiving meal boxes.

Our next scheduled packing date will be **January 17, 2024**.

Thanks so much to everyone for making this special outreach so successful.

A.D.M.er's

This month's **supper outing** will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at **Selena's at Willow Lake Tavern**, 10609 LaGrange Road in Louisville at 6:30 p.m. We had discussed going to Texas Roadhouse but after contacting them, we realized they wouldn't be able to effectively accommodate our group.

This month's **lunch outing** will be held on Wednesday, November 29th, at **Lawson's Family Restaurant** by the interstate in Campbellsburg 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!

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our Annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on November 19th in the fellowship hall following our worship service. The turkey and tea will be furnished, but we will need volunteers to prepare the turkey and dressing and to bake bread. Everything else will be potluck. Please let Amanda Hornback know if you would be willing and able to do any of these jobs. Also, if there is any way to pre-cut your desserts, it would be greatly appreciated.

Be sure to plan to attend for great food and fellowship – and bring family and friends!

Editor's Note: This was inadvertently left out of our October newsletter. **Barbara Boyer** was the winner of our September luncheon **Chili Cook-off!** She was presented with a mini trophy and Pepto Bismol!! You will be able to find her recipe in our upcoming church cookbook!



Poinsettias

Orders are now being taken for poinsettias for the Advent Season. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Forms will be placed in the bulletins or you can fill out the following:

Please indicate amount of:

___Red ___White

From: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

The deadline for ordering will be **November 26th**. Please give to Kim Mullikin and make checks payable to: *Campbellsburg Christian Church*

Decorating for Advent

We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent Season following worship on November 26th.

Our Members

Rev. Benedict "Deke" Rigor publicly expressed his desire to become a member of Campbellsburg Christian Church during our commitment hymn on Sunday, October 1st...

Linda and Jim Wolfe came forward to rededicate their lives to Christ on Sunday, October 1st as well...

John and Pam Ball came forward to move their memberships back to CCC on October 8th...

Linda Price Young also came forward to move her membership back to CCC on October 8th from Providence Baptist Church.

Let us continue to welcome them all into our family of God at Campbellsburg Christian Church. "Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love."

Among Our Own

Our heartfelt thanks go out to...

... **Jake and Vince Moore** and **Tracy Carpenter** for power washing and cleaning the front steps and cutting down the evergreen trees at the front corners of the church. It all looks so much better!!!

... **Jill Bohman** and **Linda Young** for preparing snacks for our recent **Diersen House** Worship service. And to **Pastor Deke** for leading the service, **John Ball** for providing the music, and **Tracy and Patricia Carpenter** and **Kim Mullikin** for attending. We were all very blessed by our fellowship with the ladies living there...

... Guy Coombs and Jericho Farmhouse for donating the pumpkins for our Fall Festival.





Congratulations...

... **Ben Lyle** and **Candie Nantz** were united in marriage on October 7th at Grubridge Community Church in Pleasureville...

... **Erin Bush** welcomed her daughter, **Ellie**, into the world on October 22nd! Erin is the daughter of Robert and Becky Bush, and the granddaughter of Sue Bush and the late Robert Reed Bush.

Prayer Concerns

Please See Newsletter in Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

No Excuse Sunday

Humor is a proof of faith.

Charles M. Schulz

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday." Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard. Eyedrops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too. We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can.

Author Unknown

From "the Joyful Noiseletter"

Submitted Anonymously

from the book

Chicken Soup for the



... we had a great time!!! Many thanks to **Amanda Hornback** for all her hard work!

Christian Soul –
101Stories to
Open the Heart and
Rekindle the Spirit

Seen on Facebook

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

-Michael Carl

Submitted by: John Ball

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.*

Psalm 107:1

