

Campbellsburg Christian Church

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A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Musical Musings...

December is here and the Christmas season is upon us. In the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, it's technically the season of Advent, but I'm not sure how many of us really think about Advent other than when we are at church...I know I don't. Many people love everything about Christmas and want to jump right in with the songs and decorations as soon as Thanksgiving is over, but I'm not one of them.

I'm not proud to admit this, but I need an attitude adjustment where Christmas is concerned. Due to the fact that both Greg's and my families live nearby, we typically have to work hard to try to fit in all of our Christmas gatherings each year. Some remain constant, such as Christmas Eve with my mother's side of the family and Christmas night with Greg's mother, siblings, nieces, and nephews. We have a meal and exchange gifts with my parents and my brother's family whenever we can coordinate our schedules...sometimes before Christmas and sometimes after.

When I think back on our family traditions as a child, I have fond memories of spending the night on Christmas Eve at Grandma and Grandad's house on North 2nd Street in Campbellsburg. Santa would miraculously know that we were there instead of at home in our own beds, so our gifts from him would appear under my grandparents' Christmas tree overnight. We got up very early on Christmas morning, opened our gifts, then made the trek one street over to Nannie's house on Chilton Court for a gift exchange with all of my Heilman cousins, aunts, and uncles. After opening the gifts, we feasted on a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and angel biscuits made from scratch.

I don't recall ever being disappointed due to the fact that I wasn't able to play with any of my new toys because we immediately had to go somewhere else. Although I have never asked my parents, I'll bet there were times when they would have preferred staying home with my brother and me instead of spending Christmas Eve and Christmas day somewhere else. I do know that I would have been very disappointed if I had to miss any of the extended family festivities.

Things became a bit more complicated when my brother and I each got married six months apart. I'll never forget my first Christmas barely a month after becoming Mrs. Greg Simpson. Greg's mother's side of the family also had a big gathering on Christmas Eve, so we had to figure out how to be two places at once. We decided to go to his grandmother's house in Providence first and have dinner, then drive to my grandparents' home for exchanging gifts. I must admit that I was not very happy with the arrangement, even

though it was probably the best one we could settle on. I kept looking at my watch the entire time wishing we could leave and get to my family. Change is hard.

Even though Nannie passed away over 30 years ago, the Heilman clan has continued to have an annual Christmas breakfast. It is now held on the second Saturday of December and has evolved from being hosted by various family members and potluck to being held at Campbellsburg Baptist Church and catered.

Due to all of our extended family gatherings, Greg and I have never really developed any Christmas day traditions for our immediate family. I've always been a bit envious of my brother's family who got to stay at home all day on Christmas in their pajamas watching movies and having Mario Cart tournaments. Don't get me wrong...I love spending time with my extended family during the holidays, but I just wish that once in our 34 years of marriage we would have been able to stay at home with our kids all day on Christmas.

Add to all of this the purchasing and wrapping of gifts, decorating, attending parties and concerts, preparing the choir musical at church on top of volunteer work, teaching piano lessons, and substitute teaching...it can be very stressful. I'm sure I'm preaching to the choir here because many who are reading this are involved in way more than I am. Notice that I didn't include mailing Christmas cards (I stopped doing that years ago) or baking (I don't do that either.)

I recently read the following quote on a friend's Facebook wall that is encouraging me to make this year different than past years: "We can choose to enjoy the magic of this time of year. We may not always get to choose the people and circumstances around us, but we always have a choice about how we relate to them." (Mike Robbins) I have the choice of enjoying this Christmas season, or being a Scrooge. Rather than complaining because we will be celebrating at two places on Christmas day this year, I can choose to be thankful that both my parents and Greg's mom are still with us for another Christmas. Instead of feeling sorry for myself because neither of my children has been home on Christmas day for the past three years, I can be thankful that Kelsi will be here this year and that we can spend a little time with Truman via Facetime. Rather than being stressed about all the family get-togethers, I can be thankful that our extended families live nearby so we don't have to travel long distances to spend time with them during the holidays.

This past week I accompanied a local elementary school choir during their winter concert. I would like to close by sharing the lyrics of their final

selection, "Season of Joy," which brought tears to my eyes.

Put aside your work, put aside your worries, put aside your troubles, it's the season of joy!

Celebrate your life and celebrate your family. Celebrate with all your heart the season of joy!

Gather with your dearest friends, let your difficulties end for now in the season of joy!

May we each be thankful for every blessing, especially the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during this season of joy.

In His service,
Cheri

Scripture of the Month...

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

Financial Info...

As of November 30th:

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| Balance in the Checking Account: | \$ 29,757.95 |
| Total Offerings for November: | \$ 6,813.50 |
| Balance in the Memorial Fund: | \$ 17,998.90 |

December Calendar...

December 1st: *Happy Birthday – Mark Bastin, Hannah Moffett, Isaac Schwarz & Angie Southworth*

December 2nd: **First Sunday in Advent - Hope**
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elders – Jim Chambers
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney
Mindy Lawrence
Acolyte – Logan Bush

December 4th: *Happy Birthday – Casey Gardner*

December 5th: *Happy Birthday – Mallorie Bush*

December 6th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

December 9th: **Second Sunday in Advent - Peace**
Call to Worship – Alice Lyle
Elders – Tracy Carpenter
Alice Lyle
Deacons – Ethan Lyle
Isaac Schwarz
Acolyte – Amy Lyle

December 12th: *Team Carpenter / Mullikin packing bags for Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.*
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

December 13th: *Happy Birthday – James Mobley, Joe Mobley, & Cody Osborne*

December 16th: **3rd Sunday in Advent – Joy**
Choir Christmas Cantata
Call to Worship – Amy Lyle
Elders – Jim Chambers
Marie Mattick
Deacons – John Ellegood
Greg Simpson

Dec 16th (cont.): Acolyte – Ava McKinnley
Congregational Meeting Following Worship
Annual Christmas Luncheon
Happy Birthday – Brian Brown

December 18th: *Happy Anniversary – Sue & Robert Reed Bush*

December 19th: Choir Practice & Christmas Party – Mullikin Home – 6:30 p.m.

December 21st: **1st Day of Winter**
Happy Birthday – Denzell Sharp

December 23rd: **4th Sunday in Advent – Love**
Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
Elders – Tracy Carpenter
Chet Lawrence
Deacons – Becky Bush
Jennifer Rankin
Acolyte – Ginny Lyle
Happy Birthday – Becky Bush

December 24th: **Christmas Eve**
Candlelight Community Service – 11:00 p.m.
(Children wear pajamas and adults wear red)

December 25th: **Birthdays of Jesus**

December 26th: NO Choir Practice

December 30th: Call to Worship – Les Lyle
Elders – Jim Chambers
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
Mary Ann Courtney
Acolyte – Adam Lyle

December 31st: **New Year's Eve**
Happy Anniversary – Jim & Linda Wolfe

January 1st: **New Year's Day**

January 2nd: NO Choir Practice

January 6th: **Feast of Epiphany**
Star Sunday (Epiphany Sunday)
Call to Worship – Gina Lyle
Elders – Tracy Carpenter
Alice Lyle
Deacons – Mindy Lawrence
Tina Spencer
Acolyte – Isaac Schwarz

Welcome New Member...

On Sunday, December 2nd, **Martha Watts** came forward and transferred her membership from Resurrection Catholic Church in Louisville. Martha has been worshipping with us since May of this year. She and her husband, Doug, live at 392 Bates Lane in Smithfield. They have two grown children. Their son, Kirby, is married to Martha (that's right, their daughter-in-law is also a Martha) and they have 2 small boys, Canon and Isaac. Their daughter, Shannon, is married to Samuel Morgan. Martha can be reached at 502-797-9276, call or text. Let us continue to welcome her into the family of God at Campbellsburg Christian Church.

Poinsettias...

Thank you to the following people for adding to the beauty of our church sanctuary this holiday season and for calling to mind and memory these special people. We have 36 poinsettias given.

Eddie & Jill Bohman

In honor of Our Sunday School teachers
& Cheri Simpson
In memory of Amanda Hood

Betsy Carpenter

In honor of Loved ones
In memory of Loved ones

Tracy & Patricia Carpenter

In honor of Our family
In memory of The ones that are gone

Ann Sherrie Coombs

In memory of James Truman Coombs &
Waylon Joseph Mobley

Mary Ann Courtney

In memory of Loved ones

Chet & Cathy Lawrence

In memory of Our parents

David & Alice Lyle

In honor of Our families
In memory of Our families

Ben Lyle

In honor of Our entire Church family

Les & Gina Lyle

In memory of Lynn Bright & Marty Bright

Marie Mattick

In memory of Hank Mattick

Vince & Amanda Moore

In honor of Campbellsburg Christian Church

Kevin & Kim Mullikin

In honor of Andrew & Kelsey, & our Moms
In memory of our Dads & our Grandparents

Patsy Price

In memory of Gayle Price & Lucille Mitchell

Jennifer Rankin

In memory of Charlotte Loudon

Carl & Joann Rucker

In honor of Our Church family
In memory of deceased Church members

Greg & Cheri Simpson

In honor of Mabel & Neil Heilman
& Mary Helen Simpson
In memory of Truman Simpson

Russell & Tina Spencer & Isaac Schwarz

In memory of Darryl & Rumola Spencer
In memory of Floyd & Barb Barcus

Jim & Linda Wolfe

In honor of Our Family
In memory of Loved Ones



Outreach & Evangelism Committee...

Once again, outreach at Campbellsburg Christian Church has been phenomenal this year!

We had 30 Christmas boxes packed and shipped to our deployed soldiers. 10 of those boxes went to an Army Chaplain stationed in Iraq, 10 went to an Army Chaplain stationed in Kuwait, and 10 went to an Army Chaplain stationed in Poland. Each Chaplain will distribute the boxes to soldiers in their area. We obtained each of the Chaplain names and addresses through connections of David Graetz. We blessed the boxes and asked for God's protection for their recipients during our worship service on Sunday, December 2nd. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to these boxes, to those who prepared homemade goodies, to everyone who helped organize and pack them, and thanks again to **Robert Cain** for his generous donation for the postage! What a great gift!

Prayer – Lord hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Everything is still running smoothly with Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen. *Team Carpenter / Mullikin* is scheduled to pack bags on December 12th.

Christmas break is almost here and additional food will be sent home in larger bags to be packed on Monday, December 17th. Our church is responsible to collect 25 boxes of Pop tarts and 25 5-packs of Ramen noodles for these bags. We will need to have these items to church by December 16th. Thanks in advance for your contributions!

Children will also receive a voucher for a family box of food from Campbellsburg Supermarket in their Christmas bag.

Restocking will need to begin after the first of the year. Our church is still 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.*

Our next packing date will be January 23rd with *Team Rankin*.

Luncheon...

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 16th. The church is providing country ham. We will need side dishes and desserts. Rolls, cornbread, or breads of all kinds would also be nice. Tea and coffee will also be provided. Please come worship with us and then join us for a wonderful fellowship dinner together. Be sure to invite and bring family and friends!

"Love Gifts"...

Once again boxes will be placed in the Church to receive our Christmas gifts for our minister, our music minister, and our custodian. If you would like to share in a "Love Gift," you may place it in the appropriately marked box.

Among Our Own...

Thank You

*Dear fellow church friends,
Thank you so very much for your lovely
cards and for all your prayers - they really
worked for I made it thru a complicated
surgery!! I'm recovering but have an
infection going on and am on antibiotics!
So another little battle but I have hope.*

Much love, Barbara Ann Callahan

Many THANKS to the **Kitchen Committee**
for all the preparations for our Thanksgiving Dinner...

.... to the **Worship Committee** and **everyone**
involved in decorating for the Christmas Season...

... to everyone that has decorated a window in
our fellowship hall and to those who haven't yet, but
are going to do so!

Prayer Concerns...

Please See Newsletter

In Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Pastoral Search

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

