

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Reflections

Advent is a season of waiting. For me, waiting can be frustrating. However, when there is a purpose for waiting, I can endure—even learn from it.

When our daughters, Julie and Joy Lynn, were born (2 years apart) there was a time of waiting—nine months (+/-). The waiting was very different for Jeannine than for me. Just like most dads-to-be, I kept doing the things I usually did—working, playing softball, hunting, fishing, eating, sleeping, etc.

For Jeannine, as all mothers-to-be know, the waiting was very different. She was going about her normal routine—working, cooking (for me), doing laundry, cleaning the house, etc. But in addition to caring for herself (and me) she was also caring for, and carrying, a growing baby in her womb—inside herself. Everything she did was for two people in one body—an experience only mothers can understand.

For both of us it was a time of preparation. We may not have fully understood the importance, the opportunity, for preparing during the nine months prior to Julie's birth. But two years later, we certainly paid closer attention to the time of preparation for Joy Lynn's birth.

As we travel to Bethlehem, as we wait for the birth of the Christ Child, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus—Immanuel—God with us, let us take every opportunity to understand, as fully as we are able, the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is a holiday. It is a huge commercial holiday. But first, and foremost, it is a sacred day for followers of the Messiah. It is a celebration that began in the Church. It is a celebration that brought peace, even if only for a few hours, in the trench warfare of World War I. It is a moment that—whether in its humble simplicity in a barn, or in its magnificent pageantry in a great concert hall—can change our lives forever.

If we are prepared.

Peace,
John

Scripture of the Month

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6, NKJV

Financial Info

As of November 30th:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 33,565.31
Total Offerings for November:	\$ 4,300.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 19,435.90

December Calendar

- December 1st: *Happy Birthday – Mark Bastin, Isaac Schwarz & Angie Southworth*
- December 4th: *Happy Birthday – Casey Gardner*
- December 5th: **Second Sunday in Advent - Peace**
Call to Worship – Patricia Carpenter
Elder – Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Jill Bohman & Patricia Carpenter
Guest Musician – John Ball
Happy Birthday – Mallorie Bush
- December 7th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- December 8th: *Happy Birthday – Julie Toner*
- December 12th: **3rd Sunday in Advent – Joy**
Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
Elder – Tracy Carpenter
Deacon – Mindy Lawrence
Guest Musician – Cheri Simpson
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen
Winter Break items due
- December 13th: *Happy Birthday – James Mobley, Joe Mobley, & Cody Osborne*
- December 14th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- December 18th: *Happy Anniversary – Sue & Robert Reed Bush*
- December 19th: **4th Sunday in Advent – Love**
Call to Worship – Linda Schulten
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Linda Schulten
Guest Musician – John Ball

December 19th: Christmas Fellowship Luncheon
following Worship

December 21st: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

December 23rd: *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: Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elder – Kevin Mullikin
Deacon – Jill Bohman
Guest Musician – Cheri Simpson

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

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

January 2nd: **Epiphany Sunday**
Rev. Carl Rucker – Preaching
Call to Worship – Jill Bohman
Elder – Kim Mullikin
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Guest Musician – John Ball

Outreach & Evangelism

Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen

Please remember to bring in the following items so we can keep providing the 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.* Our church is scheduled to pack bags on January 19th.

Additional food will be sent home in larger bags that will be packed on Wednesday, December 15th. Our church has been asked to provide one regular size box of **cereal** and 5-packs of **Ramen noodles** for each child for these bags. We are currently serving 35 children and will need to have these items to the church by Sunday, December 12th. Each family will also receive a voucher for a family box of food from Campbellsburg Supermarket in their Christmas bag.

Thanks in advance for your contributions!

"Love Gifts"

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

Christmas Luncheon

After prayerful consideration, the Board has decided to resume our 4th Sunday Luncheons.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 19th, following our worship service. The church will be providing country ham, tea and coffee. Everything else will be potluck.

Please come worship with us and then join us for a wonderful fellowship luncheon together. Be sure to invite and bring family and friends!

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.

John & Pam Ball

In Memory of Our Parents

Betsy Carpenter

In Honor & Memory of Loved ones

Tracy & Patricia Carpenter

In Honor of Our family

In Memory of the ones that are gone

John & Joan Ellegood

In Memory of our loving Daughter, Nancy Lewis

Chet & Cathy Lawrence

In Memory of Our Parents

Marie Mattick

In Memory of Hank Mattick & other loved ones

Kevin & Kim Mullikin

In Honor & Memory of Loved Ones

John & Jeannine Richardson

In Honor of the members of

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Carl & Joann Rucker

In Honor of Our Church Family

Linda Schulten

In Memory of the Bartell & Roberts Families

Jim & Linda Wolfe

In Honor of Our Family

In Memory of Loved Ones



Among Our Own

Many THANKS to **everyone** that helped in decorating for the Christmas Season.

Secret Place Devotionals arrived recently. They have been placed in the church sanctuary and

on the table at the back doors by the elevator for anyone that might want one.

Thank You

DURING A TIME LIKE THIS

we learn how much our
family and friends
really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always be
remembered.

Dear CCC Family,

Thank you so very much for all your prayers and cards both when Mark was sick and in the hospital, and after he received the ultimate healing and entered into the presence of Jesus!!

Thank you to those who were able to come to his visitation / celebration of Life at Crestwood Baptist Church! Your hugs and presence meant a lot to me and our family!

May God grow and bless you all as you bless others in His Name!!

With Much Love &
Eternal Gratitude!
Karen & family

Prayer Concerns

Please See Newsletter In Church

For Specific prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Search Committee

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

God's Reminder to Us

This Christmas Season:

Do Not Fear

Crosswalk: The Devotional

By Debbie McDaniel

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy the will be for all the people." **Luke 2:10**

Four times in the Christmas story, angels appeared at appointed times to give a message to key individuals who were a part of Jesus' life and birth. And every time, those to whom they appeared were greatly "troubled," "afraid," or even "gripped with fear." And every time the angels said these powerful words, "Do not be afraid..."

To the shepherds: "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of

great joy the will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord." **Luke 2:10-11**

To Mary: "But the angel said to her, Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus." **Luke 1:30-31**

To Joseph: "...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." **Matthew 1:20-21**

To Zechariah: "But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid Zechariah, your prayer has been heard, Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son and you are to give him the name John." **Luke 1:13**

Just like these in the Christmas story so many years ago, we're often people who can easily become fearful, troubled, even gripped with fear. It's a natural human emotion, but God never intends for us to stay stuck there. And His powerful words and message to us is still the same, for He never changes. He says, "Do not fear," over and over in His Word, reminding us that He is with us. And He made sure it was part of the message given to each of those to whom an angel appeared to announce His Son's birth.

"Do not be afraid."

For perfect love casts out all fear.

Jesus came bringing peace that the world could never give.

Jesus came bringing light that the darkness could never overcome.

Jesus came bringing freedom from the barrier of sin and brought victory over death, once and for all.

The opposite of fear is not really simply "courage," but it is peace, **faith**, love, the assurance that we are held by a God who is Mighty and Sovereign and Strong.

Many of you have faced deep loss this year, the hurt of losing a loved one too soon, illness, cancer, financial troubles, or job loss. Others are struggling through the pain of broken relationships. Many are fighting depression and despair, facing addictions and giants that seem too big.

Whatever you might be battling this season, I pray that you will find deep peace in Him. The One who loves you so much and says, "Do not fear..."

He is greater. Always. He came to overcome it all. And He is with us.

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