

# Campbellsburg Christian Church

## Newsletter

*A Family of Faith, Hope and Love*

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### **Julie's Journal**

It is so good to be back with my church family! Thank you for giving me the vacation time to travel to Sacred Italy for my last seminary class. It was an awesome experience seeing the sites of so many First Century houses, churches, and businesses. In addition, we saw many of the places where Peter and Paul traveled.

We spent a whole day in Vatican City seeing the Vatican museums, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Peter's Square, and the catacombs under the basilica. When we ate lunch, pigeons flew into the restaurant to join us.

We also visited other famous sites including the Pantheon, the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, and the Roman Forum.

We spent a day at the ancient ruins of the port of Rome, Ostia. We also spent a day experiencing the ruins of Pompeii. While in Pompeii, I purchased a pair of earrings made from shells (in the same way "real" cameos are made) with my Christmas gift from the love offering. Thank you!

Other highlights included the National Archeological Museum of Naples, Herculaneum, Sorrento, Pompeii, and Villa Adriana.

With so many things to see, we walked a lot and kept on the move with very little down time. By the end of the trip, our brains were full of new information, our feet were tired, and our hearts were full of new friends.

Many thanks also to Will Lyle and Erin Orr for bringing you the sermons to you while I was gone.

Although, I am done with sitting in class for seminary, I still have seven projects to complete before graduation. Please pray for me that God leads me in my writing and gives me the wisdom to know when to keep going and when to rest.

It seems like we just finished Advent, but Lent will start this month. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February 26<sup>th</sup>. We will burn the palm leaves from last year's Palm Sunday to create our ashes. This will be a part of our Christian Fat Tuesday celebration (Fourth Sunday Potluck) on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. I have been told that attendance has been light for Ash Wednesday services in the past few years. Instead of having a service, I will be offering drop-in blessings and ashes on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. You may drop by the church from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to receive your blessing and ashes. This is a very meaningful way to begin the season of Lent, and I look forward to sharing it with you.

What do Disciples of Christ members do for Lent? Some will choose to give up something because Jesus gave up His life for us. For the last few years, I

have given up playing solitaire on my phone. It reminds me that I could use that same time to do something more productive. Others will choose to give up a food, activity, or bad habit. It should not be something easy such as giving up spinach when you already never eat spinach. Another way to approach Lent is to do something extra each day or week such as calling elderly relatives, volunteering, praying, or doing some type of "good deed." I ask that you pray about what you will give up or add during Lent. Please keep in mind that this spiritual practice is not for everyone, every year. Be kind to yourself if it is not right for you at this time.

As a congregation, I am asking that you save and bring in all of your pennies during Lent. We did this at Westport Road Christian Church when I was there. We raised somewhere between \$50 and \$100 each year and used the money to buy school supplies for needy children. We will have a jar in the sanctuary for your pennies. When you receive pennies in change during Lent, remind yourself that less fortunate children need those pennies. This has become a way of life for me and I always have a penny jar going. You won't miss the pennies and you will be helping others to realize their potential.

Stay tuned for other Lenten activities and mark your calendars now for Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>), Maundy Thursday (April 9<sup>th</sup>), Good Friday (April 10<sup>th</sup>) and Easter (April 12<sup>th</sup>). We will have special services on all of those days.

As always, please remember to invite your FRANS (Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors) to church. It is the number one way to increase our membership.

Finally, I want to thank the outgoing officers, deacons, and elders for their service and to congratulate the incoming officers, deacons, and elders. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

*Blessings,  
Julie*

### **Musical Musings**

*The following devotional was written by Laura Lee Shaw.*

#### **God's Box of Chocolates**

Everywhere I look near Valentine's Day, there's chocolate: boxes of chocolate in all the stores, chocolate on TV promising to be the only love you need, chocolate girl scout cookies--CHOCOLATE! I even saw chocolate Altoid breath mints in the grocery checkout aisle the other day! I think that's what led me to remember the famous quote from Forrest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what

you're gonna get." (I even remembered it with his accent.)

In reality, that phrase can be true in many ways. We wake up every morning completely unsure of what the day may hold for us. We've made our plans. Sometimes they even happen the way we make them. But we never know for sure, do we?

The days that come with caramel in the middle are my favorite. The ones with the strawberry goo are just so so--but the ones with coconut--YUCK! I'd rather go back to bed. Then there's the days where tragedy or difficult times come out of nowhere, and the chocolate sits in the pantry untouched...there's no sweetness to be had in those moments, it seems.

God knows that life as it pertains to circumstances is uncertain for us. That's why He comforts us and reminds us so many times that He is our constant companion, our steadfast friend, our consistently loving God and Savior. He doesn't keep promises the way we do:

"When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they'll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. When God wanted to guarantee His promises, He gave His word, a rock-solid guarantee--God can't break His word. And because His word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable." (Hebrews 6:16-18, the Message)

You see, no matter what chocolate we are "in the middle of" right now, He is there--with the certainty of His promise today as well as His hope of heaven in the future. Listen to how the verse above continues to encourage us: (vs.19-20)

"We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up His permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek."

I love the visual picture of grabbing on to Him with both hands as He runs ahead of me to the Father. That makes me able to get up today and praise Him for whatever comes my way. This faith, this confidence, this hope is our unbreakable spiritual lifeline--HIS love for us no matter what, when, how or why. Let's binge on His priceless box of chocolates today...the sweetest and most satisfying of them all.

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8*

In His service,  
Cheri

## From the Chair

First let me admit writing never has been one of my favorite things. I have learned a trick or two about how to fill the paper though. Once in school I wrote five and one half pages about a doorknob. So if I start that; you will know I can't think of anything else to write.

Well, it was a long hard campaign but I won the election! (In case you haven't heard) Yes, I, Les Lyle, am the new chairman of the board for this year. I

have always said that being chair really only takes away your vote. The only time the chair can vote is if there is a tie and then you know half the board won't agree. Ha! Ha! Seriously though it is a compliment that the church in trusts me with this position. I have always tried to "chair" the board thinking about things, as I believe the congregation would, not necessarily the way I personally do. I feel that I represent the church and not just my opinions. Most of you know that I will express my own opinion, especially when asked to do so.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank last year's church board for their work in the Campbellsburg Christian Church. Thank you also to pastor Carl Rucker and Julie Toner for their work here. I also want to thank last year's officers and committee chairpersons for all they have done. We have been able to accomplish great things in the last several years. If we want to provide this church for the generations to come we need to continue to look past right now and into the future. This can be done with cooperation, patience, trust and faith.

This position of chairman of the board can be a time consuming and trying experience. However, with help from the board and the members it can be made much, much easier. Many people can accomplish a big task easier than one or two. (How many people built king Solomon's temple? 1 Kings Chapter 5&6) I think we have done a good job of this in the past few years. With that said; please be willing to seriously consider when you are asked by the committee chairs or me to help this year. Let's all keep our church, the board, and our committees in our prayers and we will continue to grow and do great things.

In Christian Love,  
Les

## Financial Info

As of January 31<sup>st</sup>:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 46,969.82
Total Offerings for the Month of January:	\$ 4,786.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,999.90

## 2020 Board

### ELDERS (6)

Tracy Carpenter	Begins 2/20, ends 1/23
Chet Lawrence	Begins 2/20, ends 1/23
Alice Lyle	Begins 2/18, ends 1/21
Les Lyle	Begins 2/19, ends 1/22
Kevin Mullikin	Begins 2/19, ends 1/22
Kim Mullikin	Begins 2/18, ends 1/21

### DEACONS (8)

Jill Bohman	Begins 2/19, ends 1/22
Becky Bush	Begins 2/20, ends 1/23
Patricia Carpenter	Begins 2/18, ends 1/21
Mary Ann Courtney	Begins 2/18, ends 1/21
Ben Lyle	Begins 2/19, ends 1/22
Jennifer Rankin	Begins 2/20, ends 1/23
Isaac Schwarz	Begins 2/20, ends 1/23
Tina Spencer	Begins 2/18, ends 1/21

### JUNIOR DEACONS (none)

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Les Lyle ----- Chairman  
Kevin Mullikin----- Vice-Chairman  
Kim Mullikin----- Secretary  
Chet Lawrence ----- Treasurer  
(Kim Mullikin ----- Assistant Treasurer)

Installation of Deacons and Elders will take place during worship on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, following our luncheon. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

## Scripture of the Month

Let all that you do be done in love.

**1 Corinthians 16:14**

## February Calendar

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Groundhog Day**  
*Micah 6:1-8*  
Call to Worship – Alice Lyle  
Elders – Kevin Mullikin  
Kim Mullikin  
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter  
Mary Ann Courtney  
Acolyte – Amy Lyle

February 5<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.  
*Happy Birthday – Josh Barnett*

February 9<sup>th</sup>: *Matthew 5:13-20*  
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin  
Elders – Chet Lawrence  
Les Lyle  
Deacons – Jill Bohman  
Becky Bush  
Acolyte – Ginny Lyle  
Installation of Elders & Deacons

February 11<sup>th</sup>: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –  
*Our Best* – 11:30 a.m.

February 12<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

February 14<sup>th</sup>: **Valentine's Day**

February 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>: KY Regional Men's Chorus  
First Christian Church Pikeville, KY

February 16<sup>th</sup>: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*  
Call to Worship – Tina Spencer  
Elders – Tracy Carpenter  
Alice Lyle  
Deacons – Ben Lyle  
Tina Spencer  
Acolyte – Ava McKinley

February 17<sup>th</sup>: **Presidents' Day**

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Matthew 5:38-48*  
Call to Worship – Gina Lyle  
Elders – Chet Lawrence  
Kim Mullikin  
Deacons – Jennifer Rankin  
Isaac Schwarz  
Acolyte – Jake Moore

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Luncheon following Worship  
Board Meeting following the Luncheon

February 24<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Chet Lawrence*

February 26<sup>th</sup>: **Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins –**  
*Drop-in Blessings and Ashes –*  
*10:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*  
A.D.M.er's – *Sweet & Savory Blessings –*  
422 Main Street, Carrollton – Noon  
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

February 27<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Ann Coombs*

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Call to Worship – Alice Lyle  
Elders – Les Lyle

Kevin Mullikin  
Deacons – Jill Bohman  
Patricia Carpenter  
Acolyte – Mattie Tillett

March 4<sup>th</sup>: *Team Rankin / Bush* packing bags for  
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen - 5:45 p.m.  
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>: KY Disciples Women's Chorus Retreat  
Jeffersontown Christian Church  
10631 Taylorsville Rd  
Louisville, KY

March 8<sup>th</sup>: *Daylight Saving Time Begins*  
Call to Worship – Tina Spencer  
Elders – Tracy Carpenter  
Alice Lyle  
Deacons – Becky Bush  
Mary Ann Courtney  
Acolyte – Logan Bush  
*Soldier Box items due*

## Outreach & Evangelism

### Kids' Kitchen –

The **Backpack Ministry** is continuing to bless children at Campbellsburg Elementary School; however, we are down a few children and are currently serving 42. The shelves are fairly well stocked currently, but that can change quickly! 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 will have **Team Rankin / Bush** packing bags on **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. *Team Courtney / Mattick / Wolfe* will pack on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Break bags will be packed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Our church will be responsible for 5-packs of *Ramen Noodles* and 1 box of *Pop-tarts* for each child for these bags. These items will need to be at our church by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Soldier Boxes –

When we packed our Christmas Soldier boxes, we had several bottles of hot sauce and some canned nuts left over that did not fit into the boxes we were sending. We decided that we would hold onto those items for the next time we packed boxes. That time has come! I recently learned that one of Andrew's good friends is currently deployed to Afghanistan. I would like to send those items and any other goodies that our congregation would like to contribute to this soldier and the others that are deployed alongside him. We won't ask for specific items this time – just bring in anything that you feel so

moved to send. The deadline for bringing in items will be Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanks again to everyone who continues to help with our Outreach efforts!**

Together we can make an impact on others!  
Kim

## Luncheon

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Our February luncheon will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> following our worship service. This luncheon will have a "Fat Tuesday" theme. What is Fat Tuesday and why celebrate? Fat Tuesday at its core is essentially the last day to enjoy all the meaty and fatty comfort foods we can gather before Lent, because we all know that 40 days is a long time to go without eating some of our favorite comfort foods. So with that if you feel inspired to step outside your comfort zone and prepare something you would see in New Orleans like jambalaya, a king cake, gumbo, Po'boys or beignets, we would love to try them. Of course we would love to partake in one of your own dishes that you are known for sharing with us during our monthly potlucks. We hope that everyone can come and celebrate. All dishes are welcomed!

Tina Spencer,  
Kitchen Committee Chairperson

## A.D.M.er's

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Our January A.D.M.er outing at *Lawson's Family Restaurant* had a great turnout with 15 people in attendance. We are planning for our February outing to be held at *Sweet & Savory Blessings*, 422 Main Street in Carrollton on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up so that we can give them a heads up on how many will be attending. You can check out their menu on the front pew next to the sign up sheet.

## Cookbook

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Work has resumed on our cookbook project. Recipes are currently being typed into the website. If you would like to include any more recipes, please see Patricia Carpenter, Ben Lyle, Kim Mullikin or Cheri Simpson. If you happened to provide a recipe for "Southwestern Onion Rings" or "Marshmallow Delights," please let Kim Mullikin know so your name can be included as the contributor.

## Among Our Own

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**Chet Lawrence** and **Ben Lawrence** will once again be participating in the Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Annual Retreat. This year's retreat will be February 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> in Pikeville, KY. It is Chet's 20<sup>th</sup> year and Ben's 18<sup>th</sup>!...

**Cheri Simpson** will be participating for the first time in the KY Disciples Women's Chorus Retreat. This year's retreat will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> at Jeffersontown Christian Church in Louisville. Some of our other ladies *may* be going as well...

**Many thanks to...**

... **Will Lyle** for delivering our message on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>...

... **Erin Orr** for delivering our message on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>...

... to **Chet Lawrence** for replacing the microphone at the communion table, working on the basement door lock and replacing the weather stripping on the double doors near the elevator...

... to **Chet & Cathy** for repairing loose basement tiles...

... and to **Chet & Doug Lawrence** for repairing the outside flood lights...

... Chet has been a busy fellow!!

FYI – The double doors near the elevator were found unlocked on a recent Friday. We all need to be very careful to make sure all doors are locked and lights are turned off when leaving the church!

## Prayer Concerns

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*Please See Newsletter in Church  
For Specific Prayer Concerns  
Due to Confidentiality*

**All those Serving in the Military**

**Our Church**

**Our Nation**

**WORLD PEACE**

