

# Campbellsburg Christian Church

## Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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### Along the Journey

Along this Lenten journey, I have reflected a lot on my past and what brought me to who and where I am today. All of us have people who "crossed our path" in life and who had a tremendous influence on who we are. Here is the story of one of mine – Denise.

Denise and I were in management together at a large corporation, but she was a level above me. At my level, the odds are people would stay and make it a career. At Denise's level, there was usually no doubt. The money was good, and she would most likely be able to retire at an early age. Then, I heard she was resigning to go to medical school. The news shocked me. Why start all over? Why go through all those years to become a doctor when you are already set? So, I asked her what in the world she was doing!

She explained, "Deke, I've always wanted to do something more with my life. I took a long look at my life here and, yes, I've helped make the operation run better and all that, but what have a really done? So, I'm hoping to be a doctor to make a difference in people's lives, even if that means starting over."

How much did that one conversation affect my life? Well, I am not a corporate executive today. Instead, I am about to be installed as the Senior Minister of Campbellsburg Christian Church. Wow! That conversation was over 30 years ago, but what if God had not put Denise along my journey. I have tried unsuccessfully to locate Denise to let her know what her words meant to me.

Denise, wherever you are, thank you for steering us towards our common path at CCC. Thank you to all of those who have led us to where we are today.

– *Pastor Deke*

### Scripture of the Month

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **1 Peter 1:3**

### Financial Info

As of February 29<sup>th</sup>:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 36,642.79
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 5,327.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 27,890.90
(includes an additional \$375 in memory of Pam Ball)	

### March Calendar

- March 3<sup>rd</sup>: **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter  
Elder – Chet Lawrence  
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter  
Musician – John Ball
- March 6<sup>th</sup>: Packing bags for *Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen* – 5:45 p.m.  
Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.  
**"The Christian Story"** Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.
- March 10<sup>th</sup>: **Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Rev. Benedict "Deke" Rigor**  
**Installation Service**  
*Rev. Molly Smothers preaching*  
Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence  
Elder – Kevin Mullikin  
Deacon – Amanda Hornback  
Musician – Cheri Simpson  
Potluck Luncheon following Worship  
in Honor of Rev. Benedict "Deke" Rigor  
*Happy Anniversary – John & Jeannine Richardson*
- March 11<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Elijah Clark*
- March 13<sup>th</sup>: Supper Club A.D.M.er's –  
*Red on Main – 122 E Main St, Madison, IN – 6:30 p.m.*  
*Happy Birthday – Rob Shrader*  
*Happy Anniversary – Carl & Joann Rucker*
- March 17<sup>th</sup>: **St. Patrick's Day / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin  
Elder – Kim Mullikin  
Deacon – Linda Schulten  
Musician – John Ball

March 17<sup>th</sup> (continued):  
*Happy Birthday – Joan Ellegood & Barbara Ann Callahan*

March 18<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Erin Bickers Orr*

March 19<sup>th</sup>: **Spring begins**  
 Henry County Ministers Meeting –  
*Our Best – 11:30 a.m.*

March 21<sup>st</sup>: *Happy Anniversary – Tracy & Patricia Carpenter*

March 24<sup>th</sup>: **Palm Sunday**  
 Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin  
 Elder – Tracy Carpenter  
 Deacon – Jill Bohman  
 Musician – Cheri Simpson  
*Special Offering for Easter*  
 Easter Lily orders due  
*Kids’ Kitchen Spring Break items due*  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon following Worship

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Lunch Bunch A.D.M.er’s –  
*Ernesto’s Taqueria –*  
 18 West Cross Main Street,  
 New Castle – 11:30 a.m.  
 Choir Practice 🎵 – following Lunch  
*Happy Birthday – Ethan Bruther*

March 28<sup>th</sup>: **Maundy Thursday**  
 Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.  
 Musician – John Ball

March 29<sup>th</sup>: **Good Friday**  
*Happy Birthday – Patsy Price & Dorothy Brooks Thomason*

March 30<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Jeannine Richardson*

March 31<sup>st</sup>: **Easter Sunday**  
*Community “Son-Rise” Service –*  
 7:15 a.m. – Isaacs Farm  
 Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin  
 Elder – Chet Lawrence  
 Deacon – Patricia Carpenter  
 Musician – Cheri Simpson  
*Special Offering for Easter*

April 1<sup>st</sup>: **April Fools’ Day**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.  
**“The Christian Story”** Bible Study –  
 7:00 p.m.  
*Happy Birthday – Carson Douglas Lawrence*

April 5<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Missy Coombs*

April 6<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Cathy Lawrence*

April 7<sup>th</sup>: **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 Call to Worship – Linda Schulten

April 7<sup>th</sup> (continued):  
 Elder – Kevin Mullikin  
 Deacon – Amanda Hornback  
 Musician – John Ball

## 2024 Board

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### ELDERS (4)

Tracy Carpenter	Begins 2/23, ends 1/25
Chet Lawrence	Begins 2/23, ends 1/26
Kevin Mullikin	Begins 2/23, ends 1/26
Kim Mullikin	Begins 2/24, ends 1/27

### DEACONS (7)

Jill Bohman	Begins 2/24, ends 1/25
Patricia Carpenter	Begins 3/23, ends 1/25
Suzanne Edelstein	Begins 2/24, ends 1/27
Amanda Hornback	Begins 3/23, ends 1/26
Vince Moore	Begins 2/23, ends 1/26
Linda Schulten	Begins 2/24, ends 1/27
Linda Young	Begins 2/24, ends 1/27

### JUNIOR DEACONS (none)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tracy Carpenter	-----	Chairman
Kim Mullikin	-----	Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carpenter	-----	Secretary
Chet Lawrence	-----	Treasurer
(Kim Mullikin	-----	Assistant Treasurer)

Please see Tracy Carpenter if you would be willing to serve on any of our functional committees.

## Formal Installation Service

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**Rev. Benedict “Deke” Rigor** will be formally installed as our Senior Minister by our Regional Office on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Both **Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II**, Regional Minister, and **Rev. Molly Smothers**, Associate Regional Minister for Congregational Development, are planning to be in attendance. Rev. Smothers will be in the pulpit providing our message.

Please plan to be in attendance on this special day as we celebrate having Pastor Deke as our senior minister.

## Potluck Luncheon in Honor of Rev. Benedict “Deke” Rigor

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We will have a luncheon in honor of Pastor Deke following our formal Installation Service on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tea will be furnished with everything else potluck. It comes on good authority that he would

like to have beef and / or pork dishes, along with vegetable and salads, of course, and desserts that do not include chocolate or peanuts. Be sure to bring a little extra since we will be having guests.

Please plan to attend to honor our wonderful senior minister and to enjoy great food and fellowship.

## Outreach & Evangelism

### Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen –

Our church will be packing bags on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at Campbellsburg Methodist Church at 5:45 p.m. We are 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.* We are currently packing bags for 41 children.

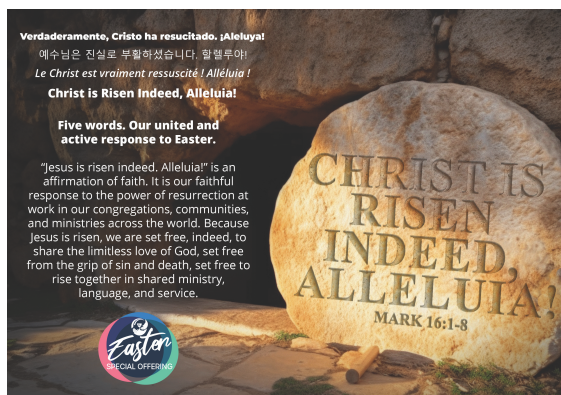
Our church is also responsible for 5-packs of *Ramen Noodles* and 1 regular box of *Cereal* for each child for the Spring Break bags. Spring Break bags will be packed on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, so these items will need to be at our church by **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks so much to all those contributing! Our next scheduled packing date will be **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### Special Easter Offering –

*Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These gifts are given above and beyond the regular core support of Disciples Mission Fund.*

*The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on March 24 & 31, 2024, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.*



**Verdaderamente, Cristo ha resucitado. ¡Aleluya!**  
 예수님은 진실로 부활하셨습니다. 할렐루야!  
 Le Christ est vraiment ressuscité ! Alléluia !  
**Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**  
 Received in most congregations  
**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 24 & 31, 2024**  
 Supporting general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

On Easter, we celebrate the power of the resurrection together with the whole body of Christ as one united church in multiple places with many gifts and languages.

Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. General Ministries of the Christian Church share the good news from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth through:

- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshipping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by conflict and climate change.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- And so much more.

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):  
 Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obras Hispanas), Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of General Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Beneficent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on March 24 and 31 in your congregation or make a gift at [disciplesmissionfund.org/give](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give).

## A.D.M.er's

This month's **Supper Club** outing will be held on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, at **Red on Main**, 122 East Main Street in Madison, Indiana at 6:30 p.m.

This month's **Lunch Bunch** outing will be held on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **Ernesto's Taqueria**, 18 West Main Street in New Castle 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. This is especially important for the **Supper Club** outing as the restaurant is small and tends to fill up in the evenings and a reservation will be made. Also be sure to speak up if you need a ride to either outing!

## Cookbook

**Last Call** to get your recipes in for our Cookbook project!!! We currently have 353 recipes and we are hoping to have 400! Recipes may be given to Kim or Patricia.

## Easter Lilies 2024



We will once again order Easter lilies in memory and / or honor of loved ones to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Lilies will be \$12.00

each and orders must be placed by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make all checks payable to *Campbellsburg Christian Church*. Order forms will be available in the church.

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon

Since it will be Palm Sunday, let's go with an Easter theme for our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon this month. It will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall following our worship service. As usual, the tea will be furnished with everything else potluck.

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### Holy Week Activities

We will host a community **Maunder Thursday Service with Tenebrae** on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

*Campbellsburg Baptist Church* will host a community **"Son-Rise Service"** at the farm of LaVerne & Tom Isaacs – 2896 Orem Lane – on the Turners Station end of Orem Lane – at 7:15 a.m. on Easter morning.

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### Thank you

*Dear Church Family:*

*I want to thank you all for the Generous gift that you gave me for Christmas.*

*I will use it for something special that I have in mind.*

*In all that was going on in my life, I suddenly realized that I had not Thanked you!*

*It is and was GREATLY APPRECIATED!*

*John Ball*

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### With Our Sympathy

The following is from the website of Prewitt Funeral Home.

**Velma Jo (Hopkins) Brown**, age 93 of Port Royal, passed away in her home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, March 2, 2024. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 73 years, Robert A. Brown and a sister, Donna Wilson. Velma was a self-taught and gifted musician, farm wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother. She was a member of Port Royal Baptist Church, where she served as organist for many years.

She is survived by: her daughters: Carol Ann Tingle (Alvin) of Eminence and Susan Brown (Terry Platt) of Nebo, NC; brother-in-law: Dalton Brown

(Anna) of New Castle; grandchildren: Lori Vegh (Eric) of Eminence, **Tony Tingle (Starr)** of Shelbyville, Jason Chilton of Port Royal, Holly Chilton (Jay Carpenter) of Richmond, VA, Lindsey Fox (Jason) of Blacksburg, VA, and Carrie Gothelf (Jeff) of Barcelona, Spain; great-grandchildren: Kate Doane (Matt), Emily Payton (Jared), Rachel Cruse (Robbie), Emma, Abigail & Caroline Tingle, Jake & Ellie Fox, Grace & Sophie Gothelf; great-great-grandchildren: Julianna, Emilia & Isla Doane, Jack & Ben Payton; niece: Janet Tirey (Paul); great nephews: Barrett Tirey (Lindsey) and Chase Lillard.

Memorial Service: 12 P.M. Noon on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Port Royal Baptist Church, officiated by Reverend John Inscore Essick and Reverend Amber Inscore Essick.

Visitation: 10 A.M. until the time of service on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the church.

A special thanks to her Hosparus caregivers who provided compassionate and exemplary care during the last weeks of her life. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Port Royal Baptist Church, P O Box 45, Port Royal, KY 40058.

Arrangements entrusted to Prewitt New Castle Funeral Home.

May God comfort all those who mourn.

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### Prayer Concerns

**Please See Newsletter in Church**

**For Specific Prayer Concerns**

**Due to Confidentiality**

**All our military personnel**

**Our Church**

**Our Nation**

**WORLD PEACE**

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### "Good Friday" Reminders To Keep for an Ordinary Day

by LYSA TERKEURST

*"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," He said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.'" Mark 14:34 (NIV)*

We all know what it's like to wrestle through those deep disappointments in life that linger on and on.

We've all had situations in which we've prayed countless prayers, pleading with God to intervene and make things different.

But what I am so quick to forget is that **even Jesus** lifted up tear-filled prayers of desperation for God to make things different.

First, let's look at the words from Jesus after He left the Last Supper with His disciples: "'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,' He said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch'" (Mark 14:34).

Jesus was now in the garden of Gethsemane, feeling the crushing weight of what He knew He must endure. He very much knew what He would soon experience during the crucifixion. Jesus knew that heart-crushing feeling. He felt it. He wrestled with it. He carried it.

During the Easter season, I have found such comfort in remembering the humanity of Jesus in this scene. Yes, Jesus was sinless, but He very much knew the overwhelming blows of being sinned against. Jesus understood betrayal, abuse and abandonment by people He should have been able to trust.

Later, in Mark 14:36, He said, "Abba, Father ... everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me" (NIV).

I so relate to these words of Jesus as He wrestled with thoughts like the ones I think all the time: God, everything is possible for You. So why aren't You fixing this for me right now? Why does this have to be the plan? I don't want this to be the plan. Let there be a different plan. I mean, God, everything's possible for You.

And isn't that part of what's so complicated in our relationship with God? What makes our faith so strong is that we're utterly convinced that God is capable of everything. But what makes our faith feel like it's falling apart is that we're so hyperaware that God is capable of everything, and we perceive He's not doing the one thing we've begged Him to do.

But here's the good news we can find on this Good Friday: The cross wasn't the end of the story for Jesus. Actually, it was only the beginning. And because of the resurrection power Jesus brings, Good Friday is only the beginning for us too.

Suffering may be a part of our story, but it doesn't have the final say in our story.

Heartbreak may be a part of our story, but it doesn't have the final say in our story.

Grief may be a part of our story, but it doesn't have the final say in our story.

Good Friday is our reminder that when everything feels lost, when darkness seems to take over, there is hope on the way. We know a better

ending because we know a victorious Savior. Darkness may last for a while, but joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:5)

Easter isn't just an annual celebration. It's a personal revelation for right now. It's where the unknowns of today feel less excruciating because of the certain victory of tomorrow. Oh, friend, take heart. Keep holding on to the hope you have in Jesus. He really does understand the depth of carrying sorrow and hope at the same time.

Keep these Good Friday reminders for an ordinary day when you need to be reminded you are not walking alone in your pain. Jesus hears you. He sees you. He understands you.

Lord, thank You for the truths I've been reminded of today. Thank You for raising Jesus from the dead so we would forever have a pathway to relationship with You. Give me the courage and strength to continue pressing in when things get hard. Remind me of these Good Friday truths when I get discouraged. There is always hope for this moment and joy for tomorrow. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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