

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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When This Is Over

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay that way -- better
for each other
because of the worst.

--- Laura Kelly Fanucci
Submitted by: Alice Lyle

Julie's Journal

Wow! What a crazy time that we are living in! I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy. It seems like this last month has gone on for a couple of years! If you need some help such as a grocery or pharmacy delivery or a ride to a medical appointment, please let me know and we'll find someone to help you. If you are experiencing cabin fever, financial concerns, loneliness or too much time with loved ones, please send me an email with some times that you are available for telephone pastoral counseling. Please also include your phone number. If you just need to vent, I'm available for that, too. We are all in this together! Of course, we all need to continue practicing social distancing or as I like to say socializing distantly. I have just learned that someone in Henry County has tested positive for the coronavirus. Try to stay home as much as possible.

We give thanks for a God who is always with us and will lead us to the other side of this

pandemic. This time must be so much worse for those who do not have faith. Remember to keep them in your prayers.

We want to give special thanks to everyone who is continuing to leave home to work during this crisis. We are especially grateful for those in the medical field who take chances with their own health daily; the entire supply chain of food workers from those planting seeds and helping to birth baby animals to wholesalers and distributors to truck drivers to supermarket workers to delivery personnel, to those preparing takeout and delivery orders at restaurants; those who keep our utilities and the Internet in working order; our governmental leaders who are faced with unprecedented challenges; first responders who never know what a day will bring; those working at gas stations; trash, cleaning, and sanitation workers who keep our world as clean as possible; and a myriad of others who make this crisis bearable.

We also want to remember all of the teachers and students who are teaching and learning online as well as all of the parents who are homeschooling. We especially want to remember the seniors who will not have an in-person graduation, prom or other senior activities.

We will continue to worship together on the Campbellsburg Christian Church Facebook page for the foreseeable future. Many thanks to Cheri Simpson and Patrick Schrader for assisting with our weekly services. Thanks also for the many messages of support as we learn how to do this.

For Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we will have traditional services with considerably less emphasis on the pandemic. The scripture for Palm Sunday is Matthew 21:1-11 and the scripture for Easter Sunday is Matthew 28:1-10. I will pre-record messages for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and will post to Facebook. After Easter, I will choose scripture appropriate for what is happening at the time.

If you are able, please remember to mail in your tithes and offerings. Remember also to co-create something with God during this time. We will have a silent auction of these items at our first potluck after we are together again in person. It can be crafty, artsy, poetic, musical, agricultural or anything else that you can co-create with God. Have fun with it! I'm looking forward to seeing all of your creations.

Keep praying for everyone who is sick, those who have passed away, and their family and friends.

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

Julie

Editor's Note: Julie still plans to be at the church on Fridays between 1:00 & 5:00 p.m. If anyone would like to meet with her or needs to drop anything off, she is willing to come earlier or stay later.

Musical Musings

Last week I ordered a new book of hymn arrangements for solo piano. I'm certain that I looked at the song list before placing my online order, but I had forgotten which titles were in the book. When I opened it to begin practicing, I was thrilled to see that "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" was included in the table of contents! This hymn, along with "It Is Well with My Soul," seems to be one of the hymns of choice during these uncertain times in which we find ourselves.

I was hoping to be able to play "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" for the prelude this past Sunday morning, but it still needs a little more work. As I was practicing on Saturday, I could hear the birds singing outside my open windows, which immediately reminded me of the following words spoken by Jesus:

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are?" (Matthew 6:25-26).

In addition to having more time to play the piano, the extra time I have been given recently has also allowed me to enjoy more walks through my neighborhood. It gives me so much joy to see the flowering trees... Bradford pears, weeping cherry blossoms, and tulip trees... as well as the beautiful daffodils and hyacinths. Regarding the flowers, Jesus says, *"And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?" (Matthew 6:28-30).*

Telling someone not to worry is an easy thing to say, but actually following that advice is much more difficult. I think we often worry more when we feel out of control, which I would say definitely applies to our present situation. However, if we think about it, how much control do we truly have over our lives?

Sometimes we might say that we have worked hard and earned everything that we have, but didn't God give each of us the ability to work so we could earn money to provide for ourselves and

our families? If our profession required us to have a college degree, wasn't He the One who provided us the funds to attend college as well as a brain to retain the information that was taught? If our job did not require a college education, didn't God give us the skills to provide whatever service we offer? For those of us who are still working, doesn't God give us good health so we can get up and go to work every day, even if it's only from one room to the next?

I think it's fitting that we will be celebrating Easter during the midst of COVID-19. As we look toward Resurrection Sunday, we can find hope in knowing that we serve the risen Christ and there is nothing on this Earth that can compare to the glory of heaven when we will see Him face to face. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us the promise of eternal life with Him. I can't think of another place I would rather be than in His hands.

In His service,
Cheri

From the Chair

It hardly seems like a month has passed but here I sit again writing my next newsletter article. Time really does seem to fly these days. When I was younger I wouldn't have believed that, but now I sure do. You know, I have come to believe time is more precious than money. Which would you rather donate money or time? You see what I mean? Our time has become a scarce and treasured item for numerous reasons. To make time available we need to look at priorities. (Yeah, yeah, I know my fans out there knew I would have to get that word in sometime. Ha! Ha!) Even with that I know we are all still busy people and that is why I would especially like to thank the people who have agreed to serve on committees this year, as chair or as members. I also know there are those who do many things for this church without getting any recognition and I also thank you for your time and effort.

As I think about being thankful I have to remember our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Is there anything to be more thankful for? We are beginning the Easter season and as we do so it seems sad in one way. It is sad because our beloved Savior died a terrible death. But then again that is not really what Easter is. Is it? Jesus was crucified but he arose. He lives and the story of Jesus has continued on all these years. In the marketing world, Easter and Christmas have become big holidays that are thought about and planned out for months in advance. Well, they are big holidays but the really important reasons have to do with God and Jesus. Let's start this Easter and make these holidays something we think about and plan for all the time even months in advance.

When I began writing this article, I was considering what to write. I even gave thought to

the old doorknob story. (The one I've mentioned before from high school days.) As I have sat and written this article, time has moved right along again and now I have come to a close. Thank you everyone for what you do and be sure and make time for Jesus this Easter.

In Christian Love,
Les

Scripture of the Month

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Financial Info

As of March 31st:

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| Balance in the Checking Account: | \$ 43,472.88 |
| Total Offerings for the Month: | \$ 3,986.00 |
| Balance in the Memorial Fund: | \$ 17,999.90 |

Calendar

The calendar is listed as it normally would be, but all events are subject to CDC guidelines for gatherings. In other words, they won't be happening until those restrictions are lifted.

All Worship Services will be posted on Facebook Live until we are able to meet again in person.

April 1st: **April Fools' Day**

April 3rd: **Happy Birthday** – Carson Douglas
Lawrence

April 5th: **Palm Sunday**
Matthew 21:1-11
Call to Worship – Les Lyle
Elders – Kevin Mullikin
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Becky Bush
Ben Lyle
Acolyte – Ava McKinley
Happy Birthday – Missy Coombs

April 6th: **Happy Birthday** – Cathy Lawrence

April 8th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

April 9th: **Maundy Thursday**
Video message posted at 10:00 a.m.

April 10th: **Good Friday**
Video message posted at 10:00 a.m.
Happy Birthday – Amy Coombs
& Jerry Rankin

April 11th: **Happy Birthday** – Linda Wolfe

April 12th: **Easter Sunday**
Matthew 28:1-10
Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin
Elders – Tracy Carpenter
Les Lyle
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
Jennifer Rankin
Acolyte – Jake Moore

April 14th: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –
Our Best – 11:30 a.m.
Happy Birthday – Sue Jones

April 15th: **Tax Day** – extended to July 15th
Team Courtney/Mattick/Wolfe packing
bags for Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

April 16th: **Happy Birthday** – Lisa Hoffman

April 18th: **Happy Birthday** – Kristin Benham

April 19th: **1st Sunday of Easter**
Call to Worship – Alice Lyle
Elders – Alice Lyle
Kevin Mullikin
Deacons – Isaac Schwarz
Tina Spencer
Acolyte – Matti Tillett

April 20th: **Happy Birthday** – Cheri Simpson

April 22nd: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday – Doug Lawrence
Happy Anniversary – John & Pam Ball

April 25th: **Happy Birthday** – Karen Osborne

April 26th: **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Call to Worship – Gina Lyle
Elders – Les Lyle
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Jill Bohman
Ben Lyle
Acolyte – Logan Bush

4th Sunday Potluck Luncheon following Worship
Happy Anniversary – Joe & Suzanne Edelstein

April 28th: **Happy Birthday** – Charlotte Macy Kelly

April 29th: A.D.M.er's –
Claudia Sanders Dinner House –
Shelbyville – Noon
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

April 30th: **Happy Birthday** – Robert Bush

May 1st: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

May 2nd: **Happy Anniversary** – Scott & Angie
Southworth

May 3rd: **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Call to Worship – Tina Spencer
Elders – Chet Lawrence
Alice Lyle
Deacons – Becky Bush
Patricia Carpenter
Acolyte – Adam Lyle
Happy Birthday – John Ellegood

Outreach & Evangelism

Kids' Kitchen

Even through all the craziness, bags are still being packed on a weekly basis for the Kids' Kitchen. Our church is responsible for the following items: *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.* At last count, we were serving 42 children. If you

wish to contribute, items can be dropped off when Julie is in the church on Fridays.

Spring Break bags will be packed on April 1st. Our church was responsible for 5-packs of *Ramen Noodles* and 1 box of *Pop-tarts* for each child for these bags. Due to not being at church, we were short on these items. Kim Mullikin was able to purchase the items (even though there were some critical looks and comments about not being able to purchase that many!) and took them in on March 25th.

Team Courtney / Mattick / Wolfe is scheduled to pack bags on **April 15th**. Our next packing date will have *Team Lyle* pack on May 20th (*maybe*; dependant on the last day of school there may be other dates as well).

Soldier Boxes

Kim Mullikin received a brief message on Wednesday, March 25th from the recipient of our last boxes. She was beginning to get concerned that he wouldn't get them as the tracking said they had been available for pick-up since March 15th.

"I just got the care packages! Thank you very much. It was amazing to receive that surprise. Thank you and thank you to your church for everything. Hopefully will see you soon. Hope all is well on the home front as well. Trying times for everyone."

Thanks so much to everyone that contributed – with a special thanks to Betsy Carpenter, Ava McKinley and Kim Mullikin for the homemade goodies!

Luncheon

If we are able, our 4th Sunday Luncheon for April will be held on Sunday, April 26th, following our worship service. Everything will be potluck with tea, water and coffee provided.

A.D.M.er's

Due to the cancelation of our March A.D.M.er outing, we will plan once again to go to *Claudia Sanders Dinner House* located at 3202 Shelbyville Road in Shelbyville on April 29th. Provided we are able, the group will meet at the restaurant at noon.

Cookbook

Almost all of the recipes that have been turned in have been typed into the cookbook website. If you would like to include any additional recipes, please see Patricia Carpenter or Kim Mullikin. We definitely could use more!! 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. We are hoping to have it completed soon.

Prayer Concerns

Please See Newsletter in Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

It Is Well With My Soul

Today our country and other nations are facing uncharted territories. During these unprecedented times of uncertainty, we KNOW that our LIVING GOD will see us through. We have a faith that allows us to say at all times, "It is well with my soul."

- Ray Hendrickson President/CEO
Christianbook

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Submitted by:
Alice Lyle