

# Campbellsburg Christian Church

## Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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### Julie's Journal

Welcome to "The New Normal!" It has been such a blessing to reopen the sanctuary for worship. Many thanks to everyone who is wearing a mask and keeping six feet apart. For those who are not ready to come to church, we will continue to record the worship service on Facebook Live. Many thanks to Patrick Schrader and Adam Lyle for their expertise in recording recent worship services.

The safety and health of the congregation and those whom we come into contact with is a top priority. We will continue to follow CDC and statewide guidelines as we deal with the pandemic.

Let's continue to pray for the doctors and scientists who are working in the lab to create either a cure or a vaccine for Covid 19. We also need to pray for the "essential workers" as well as those who are sick and the families of those who have passed away. At the time of this writing, the plans for school openings have been announced. Let's also pray for the students and school personnel who will be going back to school in August.

I will lead a book study on Black Lives Matter beginning in September. If you are interested in joining the group, please let me know which day of the week and time of day work best for you.

I have decided to shake things up a bit and will be planning a "special" Sunday each month prior to Advent. For July, we will have *Christmas in July* on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The message will be centered on Christmas and we may even have a few decorations up. If you want to dress in red and/or green, it will be even more festive. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, we will *Go to Camp* during worship. Wear whatever you would wear to camp (extra casual) and be prepared to sing *Kum Ba Yah* as well as other camp songs.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, I will be preaching a sermon on reconciliation for a seminary class.

At the time of this writing, I am planning to take a one-day training course on June 27<sup>th</sup> from the Creation Care Alliance to become a Disciples' Ecumenical Ambassador.

I will continue to have office hours on Wednesday afternoons in the Pastor's Study. I'm also planning to have a *Lawn Chair Ministry* on Wednesday mornings. I will be visiting with members near their homes as we sit six feet apart in lawn chairs. I will call ahead to make sure that it is a good day for you. If you want to be near the top of the list, let me know. Otherwise, I will just go down the membership roster.

If you have a prayer request or need some pastoral counseling, I am just a phone call or email away. Some of the local hospitals are relaxing their rules for ministerial visits during the pandemic. If you

are hospitalized, please let me know. As a reminder, my phone number is 502-419-8874 and my email address is julietonerccc@gmail.com.

If you plan to travel over the next few weeks, please be especially careful with hand washing, face masks, and exposure to those who may be sick.

Scriptures for worship in July including the following:

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Romans 7:15-25

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 55:10-13

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Luke 2:1-20

July 26<sup>th</sup> – II Corinthians 5:16-21

Remember to be grateful and find joy everyday even though we are living through unusual times.

*Blessings,  
Julie*

### Musical Musings

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him." (John 3:16-17 NIV)*

One day last week as I was having my prayer time while walking my dog through our neighborhood, I was overcome with anger and grief over the recent killings of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Ahmaud Arbery. Not just their deaths, but the lack of accountability for the people who took their lives. I was talking to God about the state of our country with all the riots, racism, violence, and destruction and asking Him to make it stop.

As I was praying for the families of the people who had been killed, I was reminded that God loves the men who committed the murders...Derek Chauvin, who knelt on George Floyd's neck until he could no longer breathe; Brett Hankison, who fired eight shots into Breonna Taylor's body; Gregory and Travis McMichael, who chased down and shot Ahmaud Arbery while he was jogging in the park. Obviously, God doesn't love what they did, and I believe that He would want them to be held accountable for the crimes they committed, but each of these men was created by God and I believe that He does not want them to perish any more than He wants me to perish.

A few days ago I was reading a post on Facebook and decided to look at some of the comments, which is not always a good idea. I don't even remember what the post was about, but someone I know who claims to be a follower of Christ had commented, "I hope he rots in hell!" Wow! I have seen that written so many times, and it always shocks me that anyone would say that, much less actually

mean it. I can't imagine anything worse than being separated from God for all of eternity, and I'm guessing that it makes God very sad when He hears one of His children say this about someone else that He has created.

Many of us tend to categorize sins. We think we are better than those who have committed crimes, yet we go about our days being critical and judgmental of others, talking about people behind their backs, not speaking out for those who are marginalized, etc. We read in Romans 3:23-24 "*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*" ALL have sinned...but that's not the end of the story!

Jesus gave His life for you and for me. He gave His life for Derek Chauvin, Brett Hankison, and Gregory and Travis McMichael. He took the sins of the whole world on His shoulders...every sin that was ever committed and ever will be committed...so that we can be forgiven and spend eternity with Him in heaven. I am so thankful that there is nothing that can separate me from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39) and that my salvation is freely given by His grace.

In His service,  
Cheri

## From the Chair

Well, we have made it to July. Believe it or not that means half the year is now behind us. Now in some ways that is a good thing with the kind of year we have had, but still I don't want to wish time away. The older I get, the faster it moves. I look back in time and think of when our boys were little and it just seems to have gone so fast. I am blessed to have a great family and I try not to take them for granted.

Another thing I don't want to take for granted is the freedom we have in this country. It has felt a bit restricted with the COVID quarantine stuff going on but we really have way more freedom than many other countries in the world. So many other countries do not have the liberties that we do. I am afraid a lot of Americans may not really realize the blessings we have. I have often thought we should all have to go to another country to serve as humanitarians sometime after high school just so we will appreciate all that we have.

Many people have served America to keep our freedoms. Some have even given their lives for us. July the fourth is a time to remember this but we should remember it every day. Even when our liberties are restricted, we have much more freedom than most. We are truly blessed to be able to live the way we do where we do. I thank everyone who has served the United States of America in any way!

Everyone on this earth is also truly blessed to have the ultimate freedom given to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. That is another blessing we do not want to take for granted. One of the best ways to remember God and to make Him happy is to spread Christianity. Even though our church has been restricted by Covid-19, I am proud that we have still managed to stay active and spread Christianity. We have talked about getting our sermons on the Internet

for years and now we have actually gotten the whole service online! That is awesome! I think it has gone really well. New people have watched our service because of this. I want to thank Julie, Cheri, Patrick, and Adam for getting our online service going.

Thank you all for your patience during these times.

In Christian Love,  
Les

## Scripture of the Month

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Galatians 5:13-14**

## Financial Info

As of June 25<sup>th</sup>:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 43,142.48
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 5,631.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,999.90

## July Calendar

July 4<sup>th</sup>: **Independence Day**

July 5<sup>th</sup>: **Independence Sunday**  
*Romans 7:15-25*  
Call to Worship – Amy Lyle  
Elders – Alice Lyle  
Les Lyle  
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter  
Tina Spencer  
Acolyte – Ginny Lyle  
*Happy Birthday – Truman Simpson*

July 10<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Dylan Rankin*

July 12<sup>th</sup>: *Isaiah 55:10-13*  
Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence  
Elders – Chet Lawrence  
Kim Mullikin  
Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney  
Ben Lyle  
Acolyte – Ava McKinley

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –  
*Our Best – 11:30 am (Maybe?)*

July 17<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Allison Bickers Jesse*

July 19<sup>th</sup>: *Christmas in July – Luke 2:1-20*  
Call to Worship – Gina Lyle  
Elders – Tracy Carpenter  
Kevin Mullikin  
Deacons – Jill Bohman  
Jennifer Rankin  
Acolyte – Jake Moore  
*Happy Birthday – Patricia Carpenter*

July 21<sup>st</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Carl Rucker*

July 25<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Mary Ann Courtney*  
Ben Lawrence

July 26<sup>th</sup>: *II Corinthians 5:16-21*  
Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence  
Elders – Chet Lawrence  
Les Lyle

July 26<sup>th</sup> (continued):

Deacons – Becky Bush  
Tina Spencer

Acolyte – Matti Tillett  
*Happy Adoption Day – Ginny Lyle*

July 28<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Emily Masters*

July 29<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Anniversary – Les & Gina Lyle*

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Call to Worship – Les Lyle

Elders – Alice Lyle  
Kim Mullikin

Deacons – Patricia Carpenter  
Isaac Schwarz

Acolyte – Logan Bush  
*Happy Birthday – Jim Wolfe*

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Matt Sprague*

August 6<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Alice Lyle & Ben Lyle*

August 7<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Erin Bush*

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

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We will not have our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon for July. Hopefully, we will be able to resume our fellowship luncheons in the near future.

## A.D.M.er's

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We will not have an A.D.M.er outing this month as restaurants are still restricted on the numbers allowed to dine in. Hopefully, we will be able to resume outings in the near future.

## Cookbook

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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 can still 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.

## Among Our Own

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Chris Crowe (Perfect Painting) has begun work to remove the covers from our stained glass windows, paint and seal each window, then replace the protective covers...

**Many thanks...**

... to **Chet Lawrence** for the recent parking lot weed eradication! And the acquisition of cleaning supplies...

... to **Pleasant Hill Farm Supply** for the hand sanitizer...

... and to **Alice Lyle** for handmade masks...

... Posted to our Facebook page by **Regina**

**Stratton: Thanks to all who donated to Lucia's Seizure Assistance Service Dog! Your church has truly blessed our family. ♥ ♥ ♥ ...**

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy** go out to **Chet and Doug Lawrence** and the rest of the family of Elsie Ewbank, their very close cousin. Elsie passed away Sunday, June 13th. A memorial service was held

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Floydsburg Cemetery (also known as Duncan Memorial Chapel) in Oldham County. Along with her "two special first cousins," Elsie is survived by one daughter: Virginia Ewbank of Warsaw, KY; one brother: Clifton Brown "C.B." Cooper, Jr. and his wife, Karen, of Grant Co., KY, and many nieces and nephews. May God Comfort all those who mourn...

**Jim Chambers** had an EEG last week due to his tremors. Everything came back normal!

Please email the editor at [mullikink@seidata.com](mailto:mullikink@seidata.com) for additions to the *Among Our Own* column, or any other newsletter items.

## Prayer Concerns

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*Please See Newsletter in Church*

*For Specific Prayer Concerns*

*Due to Confidentiality*

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

**WORLD PEACE**