Christ’s United Methodist Church
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Watch live at christsumc.org

9 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship

Pastor Chris Renick
Denise Blacketer, Secretary
Linda Kingry & Jane Remley, Music
Cheryl Everett, Organist

Bishop Mike Coyner
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1-317-924-1321

Rev. John Groves
ds.westdistrict@inumc.org
1-877-781-6716

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday
October 18, 2015
Meet at Christ's UMC at 1:45

Church Representatives:
Linda Melevage
Ruth Grant

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty
Linda and Ruth are asking each church member to donate if possible, $5.
A sign-up sheet is on the table in the education foyer. Payment is due at
the time of sign-up or the week after the walk.
October Scriptures & Sermon Titles

Subject to intentional or accidental change

Oct. 4 – World Communion Sunday / Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Mark 10:2-16; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 / "Sons and Daughters"

Oct. 11 – Lay Speaker, Rusty Carter

Oct. 18 – Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 104:1-9; Mark 10:35-45; Job 38:1-7, 34-41 / "Trust, When We Can't Understand"


October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries
1st – Chet & Amy Remley (1994)
29th – Bill & Loretta Whalen

Birthdays
2nd – Jenna Whalen
5th – Carter Tharp
6th – Jane Remley
8th – Mabel Grimes
22nd – Mark Whalen
28th – Sonya Sosbe
29th – Mike Sosbe
31st – Jason Cowherd

A little Fall festivity composed by our very own, Roger Taylor...

It's Fall

Well, it's Fall, so stay out of the Mall
Get out and enjoy your life
The leaves are falling
But the grass doesn't need much mowing
So old Rex will be glowing
Now life is getting short
Like a kid—you can build a fort.
There's pumpkin—the corn maize,
Hayrides, apples and popcorn balls,
Candy for the trick-or-treaters,
Spooks and witches.
Enjoy your life.
Keep a smile on your face
Your life will be better because of it.

A congregational photo of your very own...

You can get a current, 8 x 10 photo of the entire congregation. Yay! The cost is TBD, but would likely be $3 or less, payable when the photo is received. Email the church at, christsumc@mymetronet.net (put "church photo" on the subject line), or call, 362-2383, to let us know how many copies you want to order.

...in service and in love

Back in July, we hosted a youth group from West Des Moines UMC. They had been to D.C. doing mission work and were returning home, and needed to spend one more night away. We happily opened our church and provided games, snacks, a place to crash for the night, and a brown bag breakfast to take with them the next morning. Thank you for your generous service to them.

Please see their personal note of thanks that is posted on Pastor Chris' office window.

Sympathy

We received word that a former pastor, Leland Brett, had passed on September 21. Leland compassionately served this church from 1968-1979. The funeral was September 25, in Franklin, IN, and burial was September 26, at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Covington, IN.
This month we will once again be participating in the annual Montgomery County CROP Walk. This ministry has been a part of our community for over 30 years. But, I think there are still a lot of people who do not know what it is or why we do it. So here is a little information:

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, we’ve outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S.

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs – something CWS has learned through some 68 years of working in partnership around the world.

I know that we do not think alike when it comes to ministries. Some believe that we should first help those in our immediate community. Others have a heart for the world wide church and all people and believe it is important to do all that we can to help everyone. The Crop Walk is a ministry that allows us to do both. But there are also many other benefits.

It is a powerful image for our community to see “the Church” coming together and participating in ministry as one. Today, the church is so divided that when we speak to those outside the church about God’s love they think it hypocritical when they see these divisions.

Also, to participate, to be involved, and to re-create a shared experience can be powerful, meaningful and is a part of our heritage. Throughout Judaism God instructed the people to remember and celebrate certain events. These celebrations usually involved a re-creation of those events, like Passover and the Festival of Booths. To share the experience connected the people with those who came before, and gave them an appreciation for what others had endured and more importantly what God has done and will do. Before the Walk begins people will say, “Why do we walk? And the response is simply “because they have to!”

I know it is not possible for everyone to walk. But imagine living in an area in which you did not have a choice. Imagine if the only clean water was a mile from your home, what would you do? (The average family in the U.S. uses 400 gallons of water per day. That’s 80, five gallon buckets, weighing 41 lbs. each.) However, there are many ways that you can be involved.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Chris
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