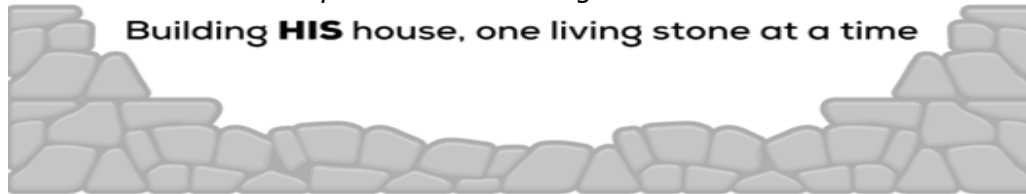


# CHRIST CHURCH

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

## Sticks & Stones

*"You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"*



How many of us can remember saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" as children? I can remember saying it a time or two. We, of course, know that words can, indeed, hurt us just as bad, if not worse, than sticks or stones. We must be careful about what we say, how we say it, and who we say things to. This is something we must be intentional about in almost every situation in life. I'm definitely guilty of saying the wrong thing from time to time, and it can be painful.

The passage above is our theme verse for our Building Campaign that we will be entering into in April. On April 12th, Rev. Michael will preach on Gratitude, on April 19th I'll preach on Ministry, on April 26th Sami will preach on Prayer, on May 3rd I'll preach on Sacrifice, and on May 10th (Mother's Day) I will preach on Commitment. We will all be afforded the opportunity to think and pray about a three-year giving commitment towards a new building.

As we talk about and preach on these topics, I don't want anyone to feel as if we're hurling sticks or stones; by that I mean I don't want anyone to feel pressured to give. I do want us all to be faithful to pray about this together as a family of faith. This is a big project, and we want everyone to be as much involved as they want to be. This process is an **invitation**, not an **expectation**.



## CHRIST



*Matt*

I also want everyone to know that Michael Gardner, Betsy Kullman, and I are happy to answer any questions anyone has about this process. We want everyone to be in dialogue around this entire process. Ultimately, we want all the sticks and stones to be used for building up, not tearing down. I humbly ask that you join us in this effort. I am so grateful for the wonderful conversations I've been able to have so far, and I look forward to many more. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you will participate in this!

God bless!

# April



## 2026

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We continue to meet on Sunday mornings during second service for ROCK, on Wednesday nights during WD2 groups and usually the second and fourth Sunday night for Children's Sunday Night. You can always check the bulletin or church calendar. Contact Angie Gordon at [angiecgordon@gmail.com](mailto:angiecgordon@gmail.com) to get added to the parent email, it's the best way to get all the details, be aware of any changes, and sign up for Sunday nights. We're looking forward to VBS which will be May 31st– June 3rd. Save the dates, invite, and be looking for sign-ups for your child to attend and for you to volunteer.



Angie



Join us for a fun, faith-filled week of games, crafts, music, and more!

May 31 - June 3, 2026  
Family Dinner at 5:30 pm  
VBS 6-8 pm

Open to children 3 years through 6th grade

Children must be potty trained

Register at [christchurchbg.org/vbs](http://christchurchbg.org/vbs)

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## SAVE THE DATE

Jon and Karen Sauerbrey invite you to save the date to celebrate their 60 years of marriage with a vow renewal ceremony. It will take place at Christ Church on May 9, 2026. More information to come in Thursday Things and the bulletin as the date gets closer.





## YOUTH MINISTRY



As April begins, I am still catching my breath (and perhaps a little sleep!) from our March 20th Lock-in. I am always so impressed by the energy our students bring to these nights. It was a joy to see them transition from silly, high-energy games to a time of sincere worship and community. A huge thank you to the adults who braved the sleep deprivation to make that night possible—it truly is a "marathon" of ministry and fun!

Speaking of leadership, I want to give a special shout-out to Josh Smith and Tara Gupton. They stepped in to lead our Wednesday Night Dinner and Discipleship (WD2) recently while I was away, and I am so grateful for their willingness to invest in our students.

*Michael*

I loved seeing our youth leaning into our mission of "connecting people to one another" this month. Recently, we've had some visitors join us for our time together. I was incredibly proud to watch our students step up and make "fast friends" with these new faces, embodying exactly what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. Our youth get our mission and that's beautiful.

**Looking Ahead to April:** As we move into April, our schedule looks a little different due to the Easter season and Spring Break.

**Easter Celebrations:** On Wednesday, **April 1st**, we **won't** have our usual WD2 rhythm. Instead, we'll join the whole church for the Egg Hunt and Meal. It's a great chance for our youth to connect with the younger kids and the broader congregation.

**A Time for Rest:** With Spring Break falling the week of April 6th–10th, we will not have Wednesday night activities on **April 8th**. I hope our students and their families take that time to rest and recharge.

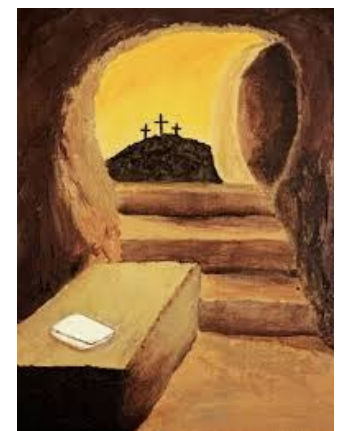
**Relay Worship:** On Sunday, **April 12th**, we are heading over to Relay Worship together. The event itself begins at 6:00 PM, so we will gather at the church at 5:00 PM to travel over as a group. This is a great opportunity for our students to connect God through worship and with other youth and adults in our community who are coming together to worship our same God!

**Staying the Course:** When we return to our normal rhythms on April 15th, we will be heading into the home stretch of the school year. We are continuing our "Bible deep dive" into the Minor Prophets on Sunday nights (SNG) and focusing on those core Christian disciplines on Wednesday nights.

Our goal for 2026 remains the same: to connect to God and one another by being a people of the Word. If your student hasn't been consistently jumping into the 2026 Reading Plan, April is a perfect month for a "fresh start" as we celebrate the Resurrection!

I am looking forward to a beautiful spring with all your students!

Grace and Peace.



## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Happy Easter, Happy April, Christ Church!

As we contemplate the beautiful news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter season, I want to encourage us with the words of Paul from Romans 6:4.

*“Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.”*



What a gift! To be raised to new life in Christ, that sin and death may no longer hold power over us! This is the news that leads our hearts, minds, and spirits to worship deeply and freely. With gratitude for the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, I encourage us to all to live out our worship - in our homes, in our jobs, in our errands, in our relationships - so that we, too, may walk in newness of life.



Nick

There are many opportunities throughout the month of April to join in corporate worship with the body of believers: throughout Holy Week at Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 12pm each day, Maundy Thursday service at Christ Church, Good Friday Tenebrae service at Christ Church, Easter Sunday at Christ Church, and Relay Worship's "Jesus is King" worship event at SKYPAC on April 11th and 12th. Let's lift the name of Jesus high this Easter! God Bless!



## THE LEARNING TREE

Looking for a way to serve? Have a book you love or that was a favorite for the little ones in your life? Sign-up to come read to the students in our PDO program! We will have story time at **10:40am on Tuesdays**. There is a sign-up sheet on the rolling board. We are also in need of subs on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Please reach out to Abby Seel if you are willing to sub. She would love to match your skills and abilities to the perfect class! Email Abby at [pdoatthelearningtree@gmail.com](mailto:pdoatthelearningtree@gmail.com)



## In Christian Sympathy

**In Memory of Johnny Douglas**  
Hutch and Kristie Kennedy



## SATURDAY MEALS

Looking ahead, Christ Church's next scheduled Saturday for MEALS is [May 16](#), so please mark your calendars. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or text Sean Kinder at 270-996-0890. We hope you will join us as we help those who are in need, serving the Lord as we serve others.

Thank you very much,

Sean & Val Kinder



## YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

On April 17th at 5pm we will be having an International potluck dinner! Bring a dish from your heritage or just bring a dish you like to eat. Italian, German, Mexican, English, Spanish, Russian, Middle Eastern. Whatever you want!!! I would recommend that you bring a label that gives the name and nationality of your dish! We will be meeting at the Eagle Stone clubhouse 2500 Crossings Blvd. There will be a sign-up sheet on the rolling board. We are looking forward to being together for a fun time of fellowship again! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Christy Richards at [wcrichards0427@gmail.com](mailto:wcrichards0427@gmail.com)



## FAITH FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry needs for April:

Peanut Butter

Pasta Sauces

Pasta

Rice and Rice Sides



# Network

**Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style, & God-given passion for serving in the Body of Christ**

Cost: \$10—Participant Guide

When: During Sunday School, May 3-June 7

To Register: email [sami@christchurchbg.org](mailto:sami@christchurchbg.org)



## Sami Says

It is a conundrum to me that during Lent we turn our hearts toward dying to self, just as the world around us is coming back to life with Spring. But it fosters in me a hope that dying to self is really a practice of coming alive, and I just don't know it yet. I hope this is what you have experienced this Lenten season. And I hope that the experience of Easter nestles itself deep within your soul, as you discover the Grace Jesus brings has come alive within. I offer this as prayer and blessing for me and you:



*Sami*

God, Asking Us To Practice Resurrection:

I am not asking for perfection;  
I am asking for a re-orientation.  
Let Me reorder the internal furniture of your soul.

Let Me save you from the Infernal ticking off of a list that heinous perfection beats you with.  
Let me save you From the harrowing pursuit of getting what you want that renders mute any gaining of empty treasure.

So instead, enter into Grace—the relationship of Eternity's measure—that whispers brightly into each soul's dark crevice.  
And then reach for Me, So you can know the truth-- I am always reaching for you.

Dear one, if you can do this, you are forever mine, and I am forever yours, your way, your truth, your life, To know this truly and deeply comes only through practice. So dear one, be brave! And practice knowing Me.



**Summer Griefshare Group coming in May:** Griefshare is a 13 week grief recovery support group designed to help participants find hope and healing when a loved one dies. The videos and conversations will bring insight from grief recovery experts, will give you the opportunity to meet with others who understand what you are going through, and will provide practical tips for navigating your grief. This summer session is intentionally scheduled to accommodate those whose work or responsibilities make daytime or afternoon meetings difficult to attend.

When: Tuesdays 6pm – 8pm, May 5 – Aug. 4

Where: Dorsey Classroom, Christ Church

Cost: Workbooks are \$20. They will be distributed to registrants at the first meeting.

To Register: Sign up through this link: [griefshare.org/groups/271299](http://griefshare.org/groups/271299)

For more info contact Pastor Sami at [sami@christchurchbg.org](mailto:sami@christchurchbg.org) or contact the church office at 270-842-4343.



# April Birthdays

4/1 Jack Orr  
 4/3 Lilia Compton  
 4/3 Charlotte Powell  
 4/4 Darlene Conrad  
 4/4 Rick Douglas

4/10 Hugh Winquist  
 4/14 Diane Bryson  
 4/14 Christy Richards  
 4/15 Sharon Anspach  
 4/15 Trey Turner  
 4/18 Kevin Compton  
 4/20 Bobby Berry  
 4/20 Marilyn Love  
 4/23 Susan Harmon  
 4/24 Barbara Hines

4/24 Jonas Romans  
 4/28 Bruce Allen  
 4/29 Willow Romans  
 4/30 Jay Dickison



## Stewardship and Attendance



Budget for the Year \$686,309.81  
 Needed Per Week \$13,198.27

Stewardship:  
 March 1 \$17,510.00  
 March 8 \$21,313.00  
 March 15 \$12,179.00  
 March 22 \$6,165.00  
 March 29 \$ TBD

Building Fund Received in  
 March \$2,230.00

Attendance:  
 March 1 203  
 March 8 206  
 March 15 234  
 March 22 214  
 March 29 TBD



## Sunday Worship Times

**Traditional Service 8:45 am**  
 Sanctuary

**Sunday School 10:00 am**

**Contemporary Service 11:00am**  
 Family Life Center

**Watch Online**

<https://www.christchurchbg.org/online/>

**Past Services**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA\\_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMk0w?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMk0w?)



**Rev. Dr. Matt Seel**.....Lead Pastor  
**Rev. Michael Romans** ..... Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Sami Wilson**.....Pastor of Congregational Care  
**Angie Gordon**..... Children’s Minister  
**Abby Seel** ..... Asst. Children’s Min. & Learning Tree Dir.  
**Lee Young**.....Traditional Worship Leader  
**Nick Winquist**..... Contemporary Worship Leader  
**Emily Romans**.....Administrative Assistant  
**Jeanie Orr** ..... Organist  
**Bonnie Hanes** .....Treasurer  
**April Taylor** ..... Nursery Supervisor  
**Tiffany Baker**.....Custodian



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