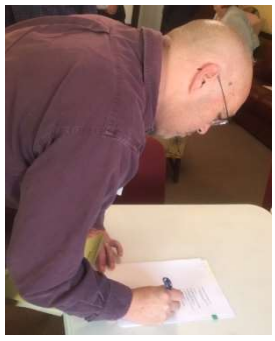
January2019

PREVUES

The Monthly e-newsletter of St. John United Church of Christ
Bellevue, Kentucky

Illumination Youth Ministries, LLC Celebrates 10 Years of Collaboration



On Sunday, December 2, 2018 the leaders of the four congregations of Illumination Youth Ministries, LLC (IYM) gathered to sign official documents, renewing their covenant to share a diverse and engaging youth ministry. This took place at the tenth anniversary mark of the ministry which began in 2008 with a confirmation class of youth from Christ Church United Church of Christ (UCC) of Ft. Thomas, KY; St. John UCC of Bellevue, KY and St. John's UCC of Newport, KY. The class was designed to end in January 2009 with the hopes of having a solid base of youth to begin an ongoing ministry. It worked! This model has strengthened relationships with UCC congregations as well as provide an opportunity for youth to cross lines of congregations, counties, states, and school districts. There were 12 youth in that first group. Events over the years have included attending the UCC National Youth Event and Ohio Conference youth gathers, with a host of other off-site experiences. When High School graduations came around for those first 12, they didn't want IYM to end. That surged efforts to develop a sustainable program. Confirmation classes still happen, as well as a full schedule of learning, service, and faith formation. Over the years congregations have come and gone. At one point there were six congregations involved with IYM. On December 2 we celebrated the return of St. John's UCC of Newport, KY. IYM also crossed denominational lines when a few years back First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Ft. Thomas joined in the effort. (Continue on p.2)

This past Fall we finally obtained a full Youth Advisory Board (YAB) with every position filled. We also have nine "Second Adult Leaders" who have volunteered from each congregation to secure the presence of at least one additional adult, with our Director, Melanie Sorrell for every event. We are currently developing a Safe Conduct Policy. Funds are slim, but the ministry lives on with determination and much hope.

This model of ministry is how the church *should* operate; working together, expanding our local programs and strengthening the church in every location as we collaborate and use our gifts and skills.

Each of the four congregations provide financial and leadership support to IYM, a non-profit Limited Liability Company (LLC) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The LLC status was set in place several years ago to make sure the ministry was equally protected, providing a safe Church ministry to youth and adults. Legal documents were set in place with the assistance of Karl Ulrich thru SONKA (Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association of the United Church of Christ) – Thanks Karl!.

We are very grateful to all who have helped form and sustain this ministry. Pastors, lay people, neighbors, friends, parents and our congregations. A special recognition to those who have served as our Directors: Rev. Linda Kemp-Baird, Rev. Noni Gordon, Robin Pruitt, Ken Johnson, Rev. Ken Weidinger, Alicia Taylor-Byers, Nancy Bargett, and our current director, Melanie Sorrell.

Melanie Sorrell, IYM Director

We continue to ask you for your prayers. We are nowhere near to being a sustainable ministry, nor do we have the needed resources for promotion, leadership training, website management, etc. Thus, the gifts and skills you can offer are greatly needed to keep this ministry going. And most of all, please invite the youth in your life (grades 6 thru 12) who may benefit from a ministry like this one.

If you would like to financially support IYM you may do so by sending a check, payable to:

Illumination Youth Ministries
c/o Christ Church, United Church of Christ
15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075.

If you like to volunteer (background check required) contact Melanie Sorrell call or text: 859.468.8076
Email: melaniemcb@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about Illumination Youth Ministries you may pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table in the rear of the Sanctuary or click https://stjohnchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Youth-at-St.-John.pdf .

Illumination Youth Ministries Updates

On December 2, a couple of us gathered to enjoy a Christmas meal (Mateo really enjoyed the mac & cheese!) and watch Elf.

Thank you for sharing your young adults with me for the past year. I love working with and getting to know our pre-teens and teenagers. For those that don't know, I spend my days working with high schoolers as a school psychologist. I spend my evenings with my own two boys, who are still little (Graham is 2 and Elliott is 5). It seems that I can't get enough of hanging out with youth, but I definitely have a preference for the "taller people." I love the feedback they give and the conversations they have.

Our winter scripture is taken from Romans 15:13-- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Wednesday, January 2-- 5:30 PM-7:30 PM at First Christian Church (1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas): Remember the fun we had placing jokes and encouraging notes around St. John UCC Bellevue? Let's brighten some spirits at First Christian Church! We'll also make some tacos for dinner. Please RSVP with your favorite taco toppings.

Tuesday, January 15-- 5:30 PM-7:30 PM at Christ Church UCC (15 S Ft Thomas Ave, Fort Thomas): Time for bowling and pizza! Winter can be hard for everyone, with decreased sunlight and cold temperatures keeping social activities to a minimum. Let's enjoy some laughter and pizza together. Please RSVP with your favorite pizza topping. Cost for this event is $5, but please let Melanie know if that presents a hardship.

Wednesday, February 6--5:30 PM-7:30 PM at First Christian Church (1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas): February is a great month to let people know you care and nothing says you care quite like a cookie. Let's practice our cookie decorating skills! You'll get some cookies to keep and some to share. We'll have a quick spaghetti dinner tonight. RSVP with your favorite color.

ADULTS: We are always looking for adults who want to hang out with us. We're a pretty fun (and energetic) bunch. We usually stay in for our Wednesday meetings and enjoy a meal together. You're likely to find us out in the community on a Tuesday. We need interested adults to go through a background check. After that, you'll work with Melanie to schedule as many or as few dates as your availability allows.

Illumination Youth Group

Illumination Youth Ministry is a shared youth ministry of St. John UCC-Bellevue, Christ Church UCC- Fort Thomas, and First Christian Church-Fort Thomas. Middle School and High School Youth (Grades 6-12) are invited and encouraged to attend. Our regularly scheduled meetings are on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month. Friends are always welcome—we just ask that everyone sign in for meetings with appropriate emergency contact information.

For more information contact the Illumination Coordinator: Melanie Sorrell
Call or text: 859.468.8076 Email: melaniemcb@gmail.com

From the Corner: *"Service and Opportunities"*

By Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor and Teacher

What a blessing it is to serve at St. John United Church of Christ. This is a unique and wonderful congregation of people from all kinds of backgrounds, with a variety of gifts, talents, abilities and generosity for the gospel of Jesus Christ; sharing the good news of God's love for all the people and raising awareness for those in need.

In this January edition of *Prevues* I want to raise our attention and mindfulness of the ministries that we share. There are a lot of ways to volunteer and many opportunities to grow in faith, spirituality, and service to help make our Mission and Ministry Action Plan materialize and become an even more vital tool to offer God's hope, love peace and joy. If you are not engaged in a program of some sort at St. John Church, I invite you to begin the new year with a commitment to become active in some way. I'm always happy to talk with anyone who may want to know more about how they can become involved in their faith community. Feel free to contact me and make an appointment to discover together how you might engage.

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Building Use & Maintenance
Gardens
Ushers and Greeters
Acolytes
Liturgists
Congregational Care Team
Welcome Table Host
Hospitality
Pastoral Relations
Pastoral Leadership
Stewardship
Strategic Leadership Council
Prayer Chaplains
Hand Bells
Chancel Choir
Children
……and more.

Happy New Year!

The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock
Pastor & Teacher

Typical office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9a to 4p

Always available by appointment

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Website: www.StJohnChurch.net

Welcome new Covenant Members!

Received on Sunday, December 9, 2018

Carol J. Rich
Carol is a Social Worker, former Bellevue City Council member and Gateway Community and Technical College board member, Chair and member of Bellevue School Board. She found her way to St. John Church because "It's close to home!"

Dan Henning
Dan is a Certified Public Accountant. He is going part time December 1st. He enjoys reading, sports, listening to music and travel.

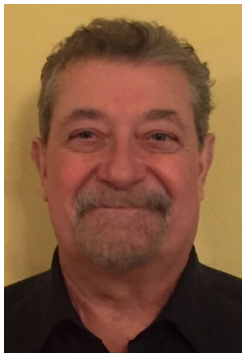
Shirley Gregory
Shirley worked in the Business world – Administrative Assistant at CG & E, Cincinnati Income Tax Bureau, and the EPA in Clifton. She is interested in people having fun, music, books, thrift shops, foods, travel, Friendship Center, quiet devotion, sharing dinners, theatre, lectures, worship, and art. Shirley has a son, Christopher and daughter, Cynthia. She was born in Cincinnati and a member at Fleming Road United Church of Christ. She says, "I'm a local Tri-state gal. I have lived in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky." Her hobbies are NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) and learning to play the Concertina. Shirley found her way to St. John Church by attending a Christmas Eve service, and thru an Ad in the Bellevue News about the Friendship Center .

Georgia W. Dahlberg
Georgia has been Registered Professional Structural Engineer since 1970, and still current Simi-retired as of 2007. Married 28 years – divorced in 1996. Raised two children in Malden, Massachusetts. Norwich University, 1963 BSCE, US Army Corps of Engineers Verdun, France. Georgia enjoys reading, speaking French, history, shooting, wood carving, master model railroader, and public speaking. She has three sisters. Her parents are deceased. She plays the Concertina and is the Vice President of Grant County's Historical Society. She found her way to St. John Church thru and invitation from Nancy Haigh.

Matthew Southerland
Matthew is 55 years old. He began life as a Baptist, graduated Belle County High School and attended Northern Kentucky University, and currently lives in Bellevue. Works as a forklift operator. Matthew found his way to St. John Church thru the internet/website.

Michael Roy Brown
Michael grew up in the military. He has four grown children and is married to Mark W. Ullrich. A retired school teacher with a Master in Education, specializing in Autism. Michael found his way to St. John Church thru Theo Baldwin and Dale Sexton, who kept talking about St. John Church and how much it meant to them. One of them posted an upcoming event on Facebook.

Welcome new Covenant Members (continued)



Mark Ullrich
Grew up in small town upstate NY Methodist denomination. Retired from the airlines and traveled the world. When time permitted involved in (MYF) Methodist Youth Fellowship. Helped for ten years at the Los Angeles Mission for the needy. I'm also trained and ready for the Care Team with Southwest Airlines and with Delta for crash situations (helping families that have lost family members). Married to Michael Brown. Degree in International/Business Marketing.

Mee-Shew Cheung (Mia)
Migrated from Singapore to the U.S. 20 years ago. Currently teaching full time at Xavier University. Mother and 3 siblings (and their families) live in Singapore. I have 2 grown children (ages 26 and 28) living in CA and MI. Hobbies photography and traveling.

A2A needs your help!

We are asking YOU to help us as we examine our current facility and practices at St. John United Church of Christ so that we have direction, communication and action that will result in Accessibility to All (A2A). If you have a visible or invisible disability, be it temporary or permanent, or if you know someone with a disability, help us by sharing your insight. We want to know what we can do better at St. John so that persons with disabilities are full participants in our St. John community. What needs improvement? What have we not considered? What issues concern you? How can we help? How do we support those who do not participate because of a disability so that they can and want to come be with us? All ideas and concerns are welcome!

In December there will be a bulletin board at church for you to post a note with your thoughts. You can also contact anyone of us on the task force (see email addresses/phone numbers below). You do not need to tell us who you are but it will be helpful to know so we can talk with you more if needed. We seek answers; YOUR help is important.

We promise to report back to you what we discover and what we are doing. We will always respect the privacy of all we talk with and individual names. Thank you. Contact us: Dale dalesexton@aol.com, Marvin marvinsnodgrass@hotmail.com Connie brneydsuzy@fuse.net, Jan jhoeweler@fuse.net, Sandy sandyleek@hotmail.com or 859.491.3515, Keith pastor@stjohnchurch.net.

Around the Table Luncheons

A new ministry to serve community needs through developing spiritual relationships

The Strategic Leadership Council (SLC) has approved the proposal for a new ministry with hopes of strengthening the Church, building spiritual relationships, and impacting our growth and mission in our local communities. It's called Around the Table Luncheons.

This new ministry is based on the premise that when we share relationship with one another in the Church we are more likely to live out the Church's mission together. When we know others in the Church by face or limited acquaintance we are less likely to engage in the Church beyond attending worship services. By adding a monthly luncheon option, St. John congregants, and everyone we invite, will have the opportunity to meet new friends, get to know each other, discover common interests, engage in conversations, and establish relationships.

AROUND the TABLE

Sitting around the table is only the beginning. When we eat together we begin to know each other and make friends. Out of those friendships come a willingness and motivation to work together. The opposite is true also. When we invite and include others from the Church and outside of the Church to work with us in serving the needs of the communities, we become connected at a deeper level; having a human impact on the needs in our communities and meeting the people behind those needs. Around the Table luncheons has the potential of widening our welcome, expanding our invitation, and acting out our mission while growing the Church.

So, either way, eating together and working together, it's all about welcoming, inviting, and including everyone, not only around the table, but around faith, friendship, and care for our neighbors.

Also, Around the Table luncheons are luncheons that impact our communities thru *Center Table Catering*, a fully licensed service with the State of Kentucky and the Health Department. Not only does contracting *Center Table Catering* allow us to be around the table to enjoy a meal, conversation, and new friends, by attending a luncheon after worship on Sundays at St. John Church we are supporting recovery efforts and culinary arts training programs for women with addiction. Transforming lives right in our own neighborhood. About 43% of the women in Phase II of Brighton Recovery Center seek employment in the food service industry. *Center Table Catering* is here to insure their careers in the industry are long and successful.

CENTER TABLE
Catering with a Purpose

Learn More Here: http://www.centertable.com

Center Table, *Catering with a Purpose* is a social enterprise catering company that uses fresh, house-grown, seasonal ingredients to create delicious food for all occasions.

The first luncheon is scheduled Sunday, January 20th, 2019. Get your tickets by Sunday, January 13 at the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary. Checks, cash and credit cards are all excepted.

If you need financial assistance in purchasing a luncheon ticket, please inform us when you order your ticket and assistance will be provided.

Cherie Draper, and Cathy Howes, Around the Table Co-directors, are looking for people to help briefly before and after each luncheon with: beverage set up, ticket taking, food presentation, clearing tables, etc. If you are willing to help contact: Cheriedraper@rocketmail.com or 425.971.4703.

2018 / 2019 Spiritual Growth Series

About the 2018 / 2019
Spiritual Growth Series

St. John United Church of Christ
"A Place of Learning"

Welcome!

The purpose of the Spiritual Growth Series is to encourage each member, guest, and friend of St. John Church to listen for the word of God through faithful study of the Bible, prayer, service, and experience. By gathering together in small groups throughout the year we meet new friends and strengthen relationships with one another, and with God. We also build a sturdy foundation that enables each person to ask the tough questions, struggle with the difficulties and joys of life, engage in dialogue, and respond faithfully to things that really matter.

If you have a topic, book of the Bible, service project, or book you would like to suggest for a future study please contact me.

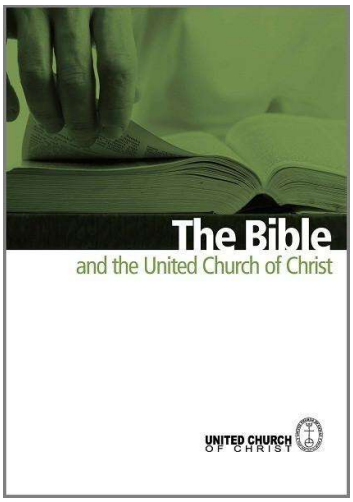
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome, invited and included to participate in any or all these spiritual growth opportunities at St. John United Church of Christ.

For more information about the series or financial assistance to participate in one or more of the opportunities contact: Pastor and Teacher, Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor@StJohnChurch.net

See pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 for classes/opportunities remaining in this series.

Rev. Keith M. Haithcock,
Pastor and Teacher

For a copy of the full 2018/2019 brochure click https://stjohnchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-2019-Spiritual-Growth-Series-COMPLET-BROCHURE.pdf



One Session Study Bible 101

The Bible and the
United Church of Christ

One 4-hour session
Saturday, January 26, 2019 (Snow date, February 2)
9:30a to 2p, Room 102 Bring a bag lunch

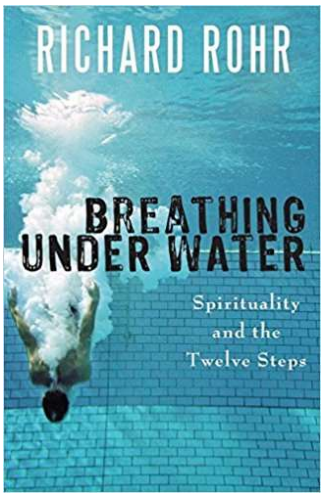
"The Bible and the United Church of Christ" is a collection written by members of the Writer's Group in response to requests for this kind of resource. You will find several essays on our approach to the Bible, some FAQ's about the Bible, suggested passages to commit "to heart," an essay on the hard parts of the Bible, and a list of some of the Bible's most interesting and arresting stories.

We do understand that the Bible has sometimes, perhaps often, been misused. But the answer to misuse is never disuse; it is always better use; to listen deeply to the Scriptures for the God who is still speaking.

Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required. Bibles are available.

Register by January 20, 2019 by calling 859.261.2066, ext. 202; emailing: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; signing up at the Welcome Table; or using your Sunday Information Card.

At least 7 registrants are required for session to take place.
Books are provided - Return at the end of the session.



2019 Lenten Study

Breathing Under Water Spirituality and the Twelve Steps *-By Richard Rohr*

A five-week book study
Wednesdays: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10
Time: 7p to 8:45p, Room 102
Facilitator: Keith M Haithcock

Register by March 3, 2019 by calling 859.261.2066, ext. 202; Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; Welcome Table sign up; or your Sunday Info Card.
At least 7 registrants are required for session to take place.

Order your own book: through a book store, public library or Amazon.com.

We are all addicted in some way. When we learn to identify our addiction, embrace our brokenness, and surrender to God, we begin to bring healing to ourselves and our world. In *Breathing Under Water,* Richard Rohr shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from any addiction – from an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin.

We cannot stop the drowning waters of our addictive culture from rising, but we must at least see our reality for what it is, seek to properly detach from it, and build "a coral castle and learn to breathe under water." The New Testament called it salvation or enlightenment, the twelve-step program called it recovery.

Covenant Membership Class

(If this date doesn't work for you contact the Pastor about an alternative date.)

Saturday, May 4, 2019
9a to 2p

In room 102, enter using the accessible door off the parking lot.
Lunch ordered in from a local restaurant.
Teacher: Pastor Keith Haithcock and others.

Topics include:
Introduction to St. John United Church of Christ, Statement of Faith, Spirituality, Baptism, Holy Communion, the Bible, What we believe, What does it mean to be a disciple, the six marks of discipleship, and more.

Becoming a member of the church is more than adding your name to a list. It is a matter of faith and promise (covenant) with a local faith community and the universal church. Attending class does not mean you must join. The class may help you see if you are ready for this step in your faith journey.

Registration deadline: Sunday before class date

Register by calling 859.261.2066, ext. 202; emailing: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; signing up at the Welcome Table; or using your Sunday Information Card.

Begin your day with Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday at 8a in the Sanctuary

Morning Prayer is a 30-minute period of guided prayer, intercessory prayer, meditation and silence using *The Living Book of Daily Prayer* (The Pilgrim Press) as a guide.

Enter the accessible door off the parking lot is open at 7:45a
Please enter the Sanctuary quietly.

If you would like to know more about this ministry
contact Pastor Keith at Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext. 202.

Weekly Bible Encounter

A Bible Study for Youth and Adults
Sundays @ 9a - Room 102

The purpose of the Weekly Bible Encounter is to encounter the Bible through prayer, reading, study, scholarship and inquisitive community.

No registration, no sign up, no commitment, no fee, no frills! Attend when you are able.

Let's face it, for most of us would not read the Bible at all if we didn't have a plan. Well, here is your plan!

Led by a team of preachers, teachers, saints and sinners.

Invite a friend to come with you!

Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required. Bibles are available.
Everyone: members, guests, friends, family, and neighbors are always welcome.

Simple and Important Ways to Serve:

If you would like to serve as a Liturgist, Acolyte, Welcome Table Host, Usher, Congregational Care Team member, please let the office know. If you are currently serving in one or more of the positions and are willing to continue to serve for 2019 please let the office know. We are currently updating schedules and your response will help greatly. Please let us know by Sunday, January 14th. Email or call: office@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext. 201.

Thank you!

Pastor on Vacation Pastor Keith will be away on vacation (and New Year's holiday) from Monday, December 31st thru and including Tuesday, January 8th. If there is a pastoral need, hospitalization, or death, please leave a voice mail at 859.261.2066 extension 202 with full details, including phone numbers. Voice mail will be checked several times a day. A member of the Congregational Care Team and/or the Pastor-On-Call will be contacted as needed. If there is a critical emergency or death, Pastor Keith will be contacted

Prevues is published monthly. **FEBRUARY ITEMS DUE JANUARY 10TH**
Email your submissions to: Prevues@StJohnChurch.net.
All repeat submissions should be revised.
Requests for the Prayer List are due on Mondays. Email to PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net.
Editor: Keith M. Haithcock; Publication Assistant: Debbie Cummings

Music on the Avenue

20th Annual Recital Series

Free to the Public!

February 1, 2019 - 8 pm
Mix of classical and popular arrangements
Young Professionals Choral Collective
Innovative choral ensemble

February 8, 2019 - 8 pm
Beethoven Trio and Dvorak Quintet
Phillips-Hofeldt Piano Trio & friends
Classical music for strings and piano

February 15, 2019 - 8 pm
Jazz standards from the American Songbook
Camille Saba Smith & friends
Jazz vocalist with piano, bass, drums

February 22, 2019 - 8 pm
Variety of popular bluegrass tunes
Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Band
Top Cincinnati-area bluegrass band

March 1, 2019 - 8 pm
Beloved solos from Mozart to Gershwin
Michael Chertock
CCM faculty solo classical pianist

Please consider a donation to *Music on the Avenue* !

Please return this form with your donation by January 9, 2019 in order to appear in the program. Checks should be payable to **St. John United Church of Christ** (designate **Recital Series** in the check memo).

For online giving, go to https://stjohnchurch.net/grow, check "For a Mission" under Type of Gift, then select ***Music on the Avenue*** from the drop-down list of Missions.

Major Donor	Cornerstone Fund	$500+
Featured Sponsor	Recital Sponsor	$250 - $499
Friend of Music on the Avenue	Gold Level Silver Level Bronze Level	$150 - $249 $75 - $149 $25 - $74

Please list **Donor Name** as _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

Rides to Worship - *New Ministry*

We are seeking to begin a new ministry at St. John Church for congregants who need rides to and from worship services. If you are willing to use your vehicle and assist those who need a ride safely to and from worship services or if you have administrative, communication, and management skills and would like to help coordinate such rides, please contact Pastor Keith as soon as possible (Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066).

Financials & Attendance Thru December 25, 2018

Offering Total: $17,472
Worship Attendance
Average Attendance for December: 81
Average Attendance for 2018: 65

Online Giving

At St. John Church

A simple way to give and support your Church.
Click https://stjohnchurch.net/donate-online-2

Christmas Shoppe and Holiday Rummage Sale

was a *huge success*! After paying our advertising expense, we netted $1, 627.50. Thanks to all church friends and anonymous donors who contributed holiday decorations and household goods for us to sell. We couldn't do it without creating a good quality inventory with your donated items. We also extend a personal heartfelt appreciation to the people who helped with the hands-on tasks setting up, taking down, and greeting our many shoppers: Bruce H., Melissa A., Diane C., Chuck T., Linda N., Willie T., Carol G., Jan H., Karl F., Doug, B., Greg M., and Bill M. You each made a priceless contribution with the many hours you gave helping us. We look forward to everyone's support for our next sale on Saturday May 11, 2019. Hint: Begin saving up household donations now!

-Dale Clark and Steve Phillips, Co-Chairs

Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund

-Helping those in need-

December Update

The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

4 Kroger Cards for food were distributed.
40 Blessing Bags (individual-meals) were distributed.
4 households were served by PDAF.
Your over-and-above gift to the PDAF
will go to those in our congregation and
community who need food, housing, utilities and amenities.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Pat Giglia
2 Marlene Vossmeyer
3 Bruce Horn
4 Sandy Ruck
5 Codi Kindoll
13 Charles Giglia
15 Marc Bruin
22 Kat Casteel
Marlene Hayes
Tom Vossmeyer

25 Nancy Haigh
26 Chelsea Clemons
28 Jim Colding
29 Joe Cox

Anniversaries

12 Theo Baldwin & Dale Sexton
27 Doug Baldridge & Karl Frey

Prayer by Pastor Keith - Wreaths Across America

Evergreen Cemetery – Southgate, KY - December 15, 2018

Guiding Spirit,
We come together on these hallowed grounds to place evergreen wreaths of your everlasting love and grace. We join with others across America and around the world who also lay wreaths at the graves of those who have served their country.
We stop today in silence to remember and honor all who have fallen and those who continue to serve. May your hand guide us as we continue to protect democracy. And let us not forget what we read in the sacred writings:

> "… you were called to freedom; but be careful or this freedom will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Rather, serve one another in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarized in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5.13-14 NRSV)

In the seasons of light celebrated by the world's religions, we are reminded of a greater way than self-indulgence, a way of the common good for all people. Help us, Guiding Spirit, to follow the light that illumines your path so that all may be free. **Amen.**

January 2019 Calendar

Wednesday, January 2
8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries
First Christian, 1031 Alexandria Pk, Ft. Thomas

Thursday, January 3
10:00a UCC Clergy Group
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

Sunday, January 6
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Sunday Worship with Holy Communion & Sign Interpretation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 8
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203
6:30p Cub Scouts, LL100

Wednesday, January 9
8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, January 10
➔DEADLINE FEBRUARY PREVUES
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5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, January 16
8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, January 17
8:30a Staff meeting, Rm 101
10:00a UCC Clergy Group
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
4:30p Youth Advisory Board
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

Sunday, January 20
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
11:30a Around the Table Luncheon
LL100 & kitchen

Tuesday, January 22
1:30p Staff meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Cub Scouts, LL100
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, January 23
8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, January 24
10:00a UCC Clergy Group
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
6:00p Strategic Leadership Council, Rm 102

Thursday, January 17
8:30a Staff meeting, Rm 101
10:00a UCC Clergy Group
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
4:30p Youth Advisory Board
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

Saturday, January 26
9:30a Bible 101 Session #2, Rm. 102
11:30a Free Senior Meal, LL100

Sunday, January 27
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 29
1:30p Staff meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, January 30
8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, January 31
10:00a UCC Clergy Group
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

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