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## Worship Online

Anytime at  
[www.christumcnb.org](http://www.christumcnb.org)

## Worship In-Person Sundays

10:15 am—traditional  
Or 6 pm—RampUP  
Drive UP

## Being a Disciple in the Age of COVID

We have declared as a church that our purpose for existing is to be and to make disciples of Jesus. But, the world around us has shifted, the ground shaken, and we find ourselves having to relearn all the sort of things we used to just do without thinking. We used to touch things, hug, stand close, not have to remember to wear a mask, not worry about a mild fever, and go about our days with relatively little concern or fear.

COVID flipped all of that on its head. When you find yourself in a new normal it can be hard to "get back" to the ways things were before. Perhaps before lock down, having to work from home, not feeling safe in public spaces, etc. you had routines in place that helped you in your discipleship. Perhaps your daily routine included a time for prayer and meditation, or journaling, or Bible Study. Maybe it included gathering with a small group of friends and doing life together. How can we be disciples in this new normal? I have some suggestions for you.

1. Establish or reestablish a time where you can spend with Jesus. You can do this as a family or as an individual. This may look different from person to person. Some like daily devotionals. Some prefer scripture reading plans. Others connect with Jesus in nature or through art. Find a way that works for you and make it a part of your new daily routine.
2. Connection is harder to come by but still necessary. How can you connect with others? Perhaps venturing out to one of the church's activities that are socially distanced?

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## Pastor cont.—Being a Disciple in the Age of COVID

3. Perhaps you gather digitally or by phone? Families may feel more safe doing things together outside and socially distanced. Meet at a playground and connect with others.
4. Keep worship a part of your regular weekly routine. To be honest, our worship services are the places where I feel most safe through COVID. We have strict COVID guidelines in place (guidelines I don't see other places I have to go.) And our new RAMPUP service is the safest as you stay in your own car the entire service. I know it's hard to establish new norms—but worship is a vital part of our faith. It's important that we connect to God and each other. If you choose to worship through the worship booklet (no tech) or watch online, be sure to make it part of your weekly routine. I know from viewership trends that most do not watch Sunday at 10:15. That's okay. But, how can you make it a part of your routine, like it was before COVID? Perhaps every Sunday afternoon, or plan to watch on Thursdays when you have a gap in your schedule. The important thing is to engage in worship WEEKLY and make it a priority.
5. Reaching people, witnessing to our faith is definitely different. In COVID it means paying special attention to those relationships with people YOU ALREADY KNOW who do not know Jesus. Pray for them. Reach out to them. Share how Jesus is helping you through your struggles or how your faith has influenced you that day. Post POSITIVE messages on social media. There are lots of way to reach people

and the ones we reach the best are the people we already have a relationship with.

6. In our membership vows we said we will give our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. How are you giving in this new normal? How are you releasing what is entrusted to you? When we worshipped in person it was probably part of your routine to place your offering in the offering plate. Yet, we can't do that the same way in this new normal. How are you working giving into your new routine? Perhaps in this crazy time it is easiest to establish recurring giving through your bank or the church website. And how are you sharing your service? Where can you safely give your time and talent? Are there things you can do for the church or our partner ministries (BEAM, Mission House, the Children's Home, etc) at home?

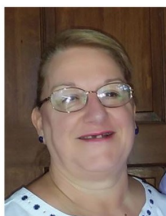
I hope you noticed a trend as you read through this. Your old routines are gone. It's time to find new routines. Make discipleship a part of your new normal.

Amazed by Grace, Pastor Bridget



## MEET YOUR 2021 LEADERS:

Ministry coordinators work with YOU to establish and do the ministries of the church. REACH / DISCOVER—this group helps people discover the church and helps us reach out to others.



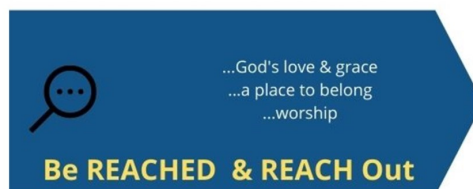
Kathy Scott



Aaron Brunner



Woody Wood



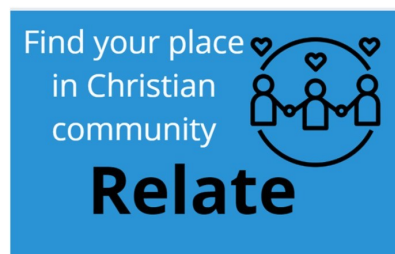
RELATE / CONNECT—this group helps new folks connect with the church and helps each of us relate to one another through fellowship.



Cindy Kastner



Shirley VanDuzer



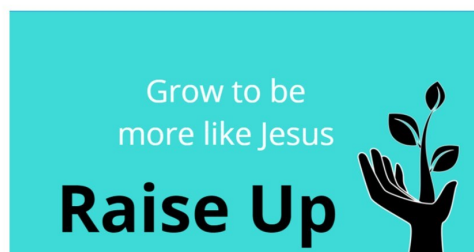
RAISE UP / GROW— this group helps us to be raised up as disciples, to grow in our faith through worship and study.



Nancy Russell



Carmen Johns



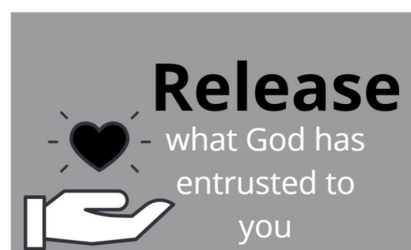
RELEASE—this group helps us by coordinating all the ways we give back to the community and world.



Sonni McEvoy



Shirley Church





Our Operations Team oversees the day-to-day operations of the church—finances, campus maintenance, security, personnel, communications, and nominations. This team is chaired by our Lay Leader. Leaders serve for 3 years.



Carol Boyd,  
Lay Leader

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**CLASS OF 2021**



Karen Long

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Teresa Romano

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Mike McEvoy

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**CLASS OF 2022**



Denise Pauza

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Wanda Lee

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Debbie Santacrose

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**Class of 2023**



Jim Ransom

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Jim Porterfield

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Nancy Rist

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The Preschool Board works with the preschool director, assistant director, teachers, parents, and Operations Team to oversee our Preschool.



Sonni McEvoy,  
Chair



Jaunita Crockett



Sue Keck



## LEADERSHIP you

Our Child and Youth Protection Policy requires all leaders, all key holders, and anyone who works with children (or who will be able to have access to children) to have an ANNUAL training on this policy. On January 30th, the Church Council will meet for an in-person and more in depth training. On that same date we will have an online training for all staff, and all who need the annual Child and Youth Protection Training. This will be on-line only and can be viewed on demand. Thank you for making the safety of our campus, of our children, and of our youth a priority.



**You are invited!**

**9 am Adult Sunday School in person in the Parlor.**

**OR—via Conference call. 717-275-8940 to join. The Access Code is 655-4436.**

## UMW Mission Study

This year's Study is the book Finding Peace in an Anxious World. It is not limited to UMW members. All are welcome. The study also uses the book of Proverbs and The Serenity Prayer as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry and fear and move towards God's peace, which surpasses all understanding. It will be offered in 4 sessions. You are welcome to attend all or part of the study. The study will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of January, February, March. and April, 10:00 -11:00 am in Wilson Hall.

## LENT 2021

Lent begins February 17. Lent is a 40 day period of reflection, not including Sundays. This year I encourage you to join me in using the book **40 days of Decrease** by Alicia Britt Chole. Every day of Lent there is a daily reading and a suggested fast. For those who don't want to or can't buy the book here are the daily readings and fasts:

<b>DAY</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Fast</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Fast</b>
2/17	JN 12:1-11	Fast Lent as a project & enter Lent as an experience	3/12	JN 18:1-11	Premature Resolution
2/18	JN 12:12-19	From Regrets	3/13	JN 18:12-14	Sound
2/19	JN 12:20-28	Collecting Praise	3/14	SABBATH!	FEAST DAY
2/20	JN 12:29-36	Artificial Light	3/15	JN 18:15-18	Fast from believing Jesus
2/21	SABBATH!	FEAST DAY!	3/16	JN 18:19-24	Neutrality
2/22	JN 12:37-43	Not having perfect	3/17	JN 18:25-27	Denial
2/23	JN 12:44-50	Speeding past sorrow	3/18	JN 18:28-32	Comparison
2/24	JN 13:1-7	A Meal	3/19	JN 18:33-40	Discontentment
2/25	JN 13:8-17	Fixing "It"	3/20	JN 19:1-6	Formulas
2/26	JN 13:18-30	Rationalism	3/21	SABBATH	FEAST DAY!
2/27	JN 13:31-36	Avoidance	3/22	JN 19:7-16	Intimidation
2/28	SABBATH	FEAST DAY	3/23	JN 19:17-27	Pride
3/1	JN 14:1-14	Underestimating people spiritually	3/24	JN 19:28-37	Mocking Jesus
3/2	JN 14:15-22	Isolation	3/25	JN 19:38-42	Addition
3/3	JN 14:23-31	Stinginess	3/26	JN 20:1-9	Willful Sin
3/4	JN 15:1-17	Spectatorship	3/27	JN 20:10-18	Criticism
3/5	JN 15:18-16:4	Spiritual Self-Protection	3/28	Sabbath!	FEAST DAY
3/6	JN 16:5-16	False definition of holy	3/29	JN 20:19-23	Seeing God/Faith as a
3/7	SABBATH	FEAST DAY	3/30	JN 20:24-31	Withholding
3/8	JN 16:17-33	Apathy	3/31	JN 21:1-9	Speaking
3/9	JN 17:1-5	Hypocrisy	4/1	JN 21:10-14	Escapism
3/10	JN 17:6-19	Revisionism	4/2	JN 21:15-19	Shame
3/11	JN 17:20-26	Leavened Bread	4/3	JN 21:20-25	Fasting

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY,  
2021**



Looking to make a New Year's resolution? Should teens even make New Year's resolutions? And what would be the best New Year's resolutions for teens? Do the options look more like a list of things you "should" do but don't really want to do?

Yes, make resolutions, or even better set goals. This year do something that inspires you. Something you actually want to do, something that fulfills a dream. By turning your New Year's resolution into something new and meaningful, you will empower yourself to live a healthier, happier, and stronger life. Guaranteed.

# Youth News

INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

1. Skip the (plastic) bottle. Save a life.
2. Think Outside the Box – Get Outside.
3. Optimize your screen time. Yes, you have to be online for school and work right now, but make the most of it, then get back to the real world.
4. Grab a friend and get fit.
5. Learn a new language.
6. Support a Cause.
7. Get a Voice. Speak up. Show Courage.
8. Be Yourself – Stop Comparing!
9. Commit to Church.
10. "Do one thing every day that scares you."

What will your resolution be? Tell us on Facebook and Instagram!

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## THANK YOU SPOT

### DIVINE Evening

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Drive-Thru Nativity. There were many folks who stepped forward to deliver Christmas posters advertising all our special services, assemble costumes, prepare luminary bags, set up the banners and manger and help with staging. It indeed takes a village to do so. We had a great volunteer cast and were especially grateful to Lindsey Smedley and Lulu Forde Wilcox both from our preschool, who played Mary and our angel.

Despite an extreme weather forecast for the evening, the storm stayed from our section of Neptune Beach. We believe this was one of our greatest attended Nativities yet, with nearly 200 cars filled with many children. Donations were over \$1,000, all of which will go to the Madison Youth Ranch. This was truly a Divine evening. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Sonni McEvoy



### Christmas Rummage

Thanks to all who supported the annual UMW Christmas Rummage sale. We are thankful we were able to figure out how to have the sale with little contact.

The UMW will accept any Christmas decorations or other Christmas items you may wish to donate during January. You may drop them off outside in the breeze way by the choir room Monday - Wednesday.

At this time there are no plans for a February rummage sale.

### A BIG SHOUT OUT!

Thank you everyone who delivered meals at the Beaches for Community Kitchen during the holidays in December.

Christ UMC delivers meals for Community Kitchen every 11 weeks. Call to deliver meals next time.

Edith Jenkins  
scheduler.

(904) 610-4107





## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

### Anniversaries in January

3 Richard and Ann DeVane  
4 Fred and Carol Boyd  
26 Charles and Michelle Forwood

### Birthdays in January

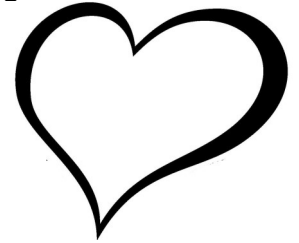
3 Vida McCullough  
5 David Crockett  
5 Jessica Conover  
8 Carolyn Galphin  
8 Erma Christian  
9 Barry Smith  
9 Ella Berry  
12 George Pringle  
13 Landyn Santacrose  
14 Rosie Tallent  
18 Claudia Cornwall  
21 Whitney Heer  
23 Jacquie Berry  
27 Heather Wood  
30 Krista Wood

### February Anniversaries

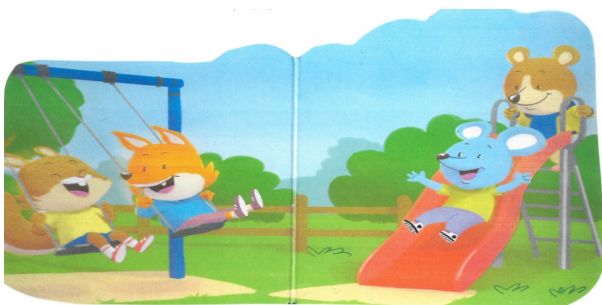
2 Rick and Teresa Terry  
16 John and Edith Jenkins  
19 Sally and Fred Dajero

### February Birthdays

1 Anne Ransom  
1 Howard Muzik  
1 Richard Hippensteal  
2 Kevin Thornton  
3 Avia Jones  
3 Cindy Hippensteal  
7 Del Ware  
9 Alice Korody  
10 Peggy Lampros  
13 Patrick Korody  
15 Jane Mezza  
18 Kelly Stoneberger  
21 Kristin Korody  
21 Paula Weisenborn  
24 Shirley Chamberlain  
26 Bob Kastner  
27 Shana Arflin  
28 Carla Philcox



## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Bless our friends with  
whom I play,  
Keep them safe from day  
to day. Amen

“Love one another.”

1 John 3:23

## MISSION AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES—JUMP IN!

Call Shirley Van Duzer to share the soup/love on Valentine's Day. (904) 891-855-7982.

Show up at 5:15 pm Sundays to help with setup for the RampUp worship service.

Show up at 7 pm Sundays to help close up after RampUp worship service.

Call the church office to volunteer:

- ♦ Become a weekly office volunteer
- ♦ Learn a few ProPresenter tips to help with minor changes just before a worship service. This would require you to show up about twenty minutes early for worship—either Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, or both! Your call.

Christ UMC delivers meals for Community Kitchen every 11 weeks. Call to deliver meals next time. Call Edith Jenkins (904) 610-4107

Release what you've been given and donate extra Christmas items in January to support UMW missions.

### ♦ *Small Group opportunities for learning and fellowship*

- ♦ Sunday School 9 am in person in the Parlor or via conference call
- ♦ Disciple Bible Studies Mondays at 10 am or 6:30 pm via conference call
- ♦ Pastor's Bible Studies, Thursdays 10 am by ZOOM or 6:30 pm in person in the Sanctuary
- ♦ Christ Quilters for those who enjoy sewing - all projects welcome. Thursdays 10 am Wilson Hall
- ♦ United Methodist Women
  - ♦ Unit Mtg/Mission Study, 4th Wed. of the month, starting Jan. 27th through April 28th, 10 am Wilson Hall
  - ♦ Circle One, 2nd Tues. of the month, 10 am Wilson Hall
  - ♦ Freedom Circle, 2nd Tues. of the month, 6:30 pm Wilson Hall
  - ♦ Hope Circle, 2nd Wed. of the month, 10 am Wilson Hall

## COMING SOON!

Circle One will be making their tasty Chicken Tetrazzini casseroles in March. Be on the lookout for the order form next month. They are yummy so be thinking of how many you need. Any questions? Call Carla Philcox, 372-4712.


# January 2021 Half month Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>17 9 am Sunday School Conf. Call/In person 10:15 am Worship In person/livestream 6 pm RampUp Drive Up Worship</p> <p>18 ML King Day Office Closed</p> <p>10 am Disciple II 6 pm BSA/Cubs 282 6:30 pm Disciple II (Conference call)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>20 10 am PS Chapel 5 pm Youth ZOOM 6:30 pm Chimers</p> <p>21 10 am Pastor's Bible Study ZOOM 10 am Christ Quilters 11 am Cong. Care 5 pm Knight Chess 6:30 pm Confirmation Class ZOOM 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study in person</p>	<p>22</p> <p>23 9 am Leadership U Wilson Hall and ZOOM</p>	<p>24 9 am Sunday School Conf. Call/In person 10:15 am Worship In person/livestream 6 pm RampUp Drive Up Worship</p> <p>25 10 am Disciple II 6 pm BSA/Cubs 282 6:30 pm Disciple II (Conference call)</p> <p>26 6:15 pm Operations Team Mtg.</p> <p>27 10 am PS Chapel 10 am UMW Unit mtg. &amp; Mission Study 1 pm Worship Design 5 pm Youth ZOOM 6:30 pm Chimers</p> <p>28 10 am Bible Study ZOOM 10 am Christ Quilters 5 pm Knight Chess 6:30 pm Conf ZOOM 6:30 pm Bible Study in person</p>	<p>29</p> <p>30 9 am Leadership U Wilson Hall and ZOOM</p>	<p>31 9 am Sunday School Conf. Call/In person 10:15 am Worship In person/livestream 6 pm RampUp Drive Up Worship</p>

# February 2021



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7 9 am Sunday School Conf. call/in person 10:15 am Worship In person and online  6 pm RampUP Drive Up Worship	1 10 am Disciple II (Via Conference Call) 6 pm BSA/CSA 282 6:30 pm Disciple II (via Conference Call)	2 3 pm Feed-Hungry	3 10 am UMW Board 10 am PS Chapel 5 pm Youth ZOOM 6:30 pm Chimes	4 10 am Pastor's Bible Study ZOOM 10 am Christ Quilters 5 pm Knight Chess 6:30 Confirmation cl. 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study in person	5 Office Closed	6
	8 10 am Disciple II (Via Conference Call) 6 pm BSA/CSA 282 6:30 pm Disciple II (via Conference Call)	9 10 am Circle One 7 pm R Coordinators 7 pm Freedom Cir.	10 10 am PS Chapel 10 am Hope Circle 1 pm Worship Design 5 pm Youth ZOOM 6:30 pm Chimes	11 10 am Pastor's Bible Study ZOOM 10 am Christ Quilters 5 pm Knight Chess 6:30 Confirmation cl. 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study in person	12 Office Closed	13
14 9 am Sunday School Conf. call/in person 10:15 am Worship In person and online 11:30 am Soup Lunch 6 pm RampUP Drive Up Worship	15 <b>President's Day</b> Office Closed  10 am Disciple II (Via Conference Call)  6:30 pm Disciple II (via Conference Call)	16	17 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10 am PS Chapel 5 pm Youth ZOOM 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	18 10 am Pastor's Bible Study ZOOM 10 am Christ Quilters 11 am Cong. Care 5 pm Knight Chess 6:30 Confirmation cl. 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study in person	19 Office Closed	20
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28 9 am Sunday School Conf. call/in person 10:15 am Worship In person and online  6 pm RampUP Drive Up Worship						



Ash  
Wednesday

