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building them up in Christ, and sending them out for Christ.
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listening to the lord

By Rick Baldwin

Corn Maze

I love fall! Leaves are changing, Footballs are flying, people debate over Pumpkin Spice or Apple Cider and there are corn mazes. Over the years, Tammy and I would take youth groups to the corn maze each fall. It was always a blast! I would take the group through the darker scary one with different obstacles and traps everywhere you go, and she would take a group through the easier one that is lit and has instructions for you.

Isn't that how life is? It is our own maze. We can chose to do it the hard way with darkness and trials at every turn. Jesus says in Matthew 7:13-14 that there is a path that leads to life and there is also a path that leads to destruction. Or we can follow God and His words and have our path made easier. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Even though God has given us the instructions (our Bible) we sometimes still can choose the wrong path. The easier road isn't always the right one, but isn't it great that we have a God with a big light to show us the way to get back on the right path!

2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."

So, lets read our instruction manual each day so that we won't be led down the wrong path and let's always keep God's light on our paths.

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Where Life Change Happens

2020 Annual Meeting Sunday, November 8

Due to COVID-19, UCC leadership is changing our Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2020. The dinner served following morning worship is cancelled because of social distancing and preparing/serving precautions.

There will be two (2) brief congregational meetings with identical agendas. The first meeting will immediately follow the first worship service, and the second will immediately follow the second worship service.

Those members not attending either of the November 8 worship services may request a paper or digital copy of the Absentee Ballot to complete and return to the church office by Friday, November 6, 2020.

Typically there is a motion for new active members to be allowed to vote. For this meeting, the Elders have approved all members as eligible to vote since the virus has prevented us from meeting together and using worship attendance as a measure of being active members.

There will be a condensed printed 2020 Annual Report which will include the ballot for offices and the proposed budgets. The ballot and budgets will be posted on the bulletin board at the church office for your review at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Those who are unable to come to the church to review these documents may request a digital or a hard copy from Laci. If you have any questions, please contact an Elder or Pastor.

Summary: Sunday, November 8, no noon meal, Annual Meetings following each of the morning services. Absentee ballots available.

IDOP INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Sunday, November 1
and throughout the month of November

Nearly 73% of the world's population
live under religious persecution.

ICOM Indy

International Conference On Missions 2020 is in Indianapolis November 20-21 in-person and virtual! The International Conference on Missions (ICOM) exists to encourage, equip, and enlist workers for the Harvest! ICOM is an annual gathering of missionaries, churches, and mission-minded organizations. You'll hear from dynamic speakers, attend engaging workshops, and peruse over 700 booths in the exhibit hall. UCC is registered so you can go free of charge! We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other believers who are passionate about seeing God's Kingdom impact the whole world. Visit theicom.org/register/attendees/ to register to attend in-person or virtually. Choose your registration type and then enter **indy2020** to attend in-person or **virtual2020** for virtual passes. If you plan to attend in-person and would like to receive a paper registration form please call Laci Carroll during office hours.



Get ready! Operation Christmas Child annual Collection Week is November 16 to November 23! If you haven't picked up a box to pack you can do so during office hours or on Sunday's from 9-11:30am. We are in need of special "wow" gifts for our church boxes, such as soccer balls and pumps (Walmart), nice dolls and stuffed animals, toy cars or trucks, and things for older kids like; small tool kits or pretty diaries. Donations can be brought in to the church during regular hours and Sunday's until Collection Week is over, or bring your items during a special drop off time on Sunday, Nov. 8th between 8:45am - 1:00pm. Remember, you can fill a box online at www.samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline. All-church box packing will be by appointment due to COVID19. You must attend a 30 minute informational meeting that will cover changes necessary do to COVID on November 15 at 1:30 if you plan to help during collection week.

Sunday Services

We love seeing more and more in attendance on Sundays! We continue to have two in-person services; one at 9am and one at 10:30am (children's programs available during 10:30am service only). The 10:30am service will be Facebook Live for those who prefer to stay home. The live service is recorded and then will be available on our website by the following Monday. If you plan to attend one of our Sunday services, please be sure to register online using the link below. You can also find the link on our website.

Website:

www.universitychristianchurch.com

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-christian-church-tickets-104454590492>

Remember:

- Doors open 10 minutes before service starts
- Please respect others and practice social distancing
- Masks are requested

This Month at UCC

Daylight Savings—November 1

OCC Mtg/Carton Distribution—November 1 @1pm

Men's Lunch (Puerta Vallarta)—November 3 @11:30am

Women's Journey—November 5 @6pm

Annual Meeting—November 8 (at the end of both services)

Elders Meeting—November 12 @7am

OCC Set-up & Meeting—November 15 @1:30pm

OCC Collection Week—November 16-23

Journeymen—November 16 @6pm

Full Praise Team Rehearsal—November 18 @7pm

Senior Saints—November 19, pick up 12-1pm

ICOM Indy—November 20-21

REACH Yorktown Food Distribution—November 21 @9am

Offices Closed—November 26-27

A Note from Steve



Last Saturday night I watched a GREAT football game as my Hoosiers defeated Don Taylor's 8th ranked Nittany Lions in a wild game, winning by one point in overtime on a controversial two point conversion. I was elated! But in church the next morning, as much as I wanted to brag, razz Don, and rub it in, I chose not to even bring up the game. Later, in an email on another subject, I mentioned how bummed out he must feel and that it was a great game. Even though we've both razed each other before over sports, it just seemed like this time any gloating I did might only add to any sting and disappointment Don may have felt. Why would I want to do that to my friend?

This is a good question to keep in mind when it comes to the 2020 election. Record voter turnout is expected, reflecting the strong opinions and emotions people have about who they want (or don't want) to lead our country. The Cultural Impact Team has made information available about where the candidates stand on issues of Biblical morality and religious freedom, and we have encouraged you to take all that into consideration as you cast your vote. But that doesn't mean we'll all reach the same conclusions and vote the same way. When the election is over, many of us will give a sigh of relief, praise God, and celebrate the fact that our preferred candidate won. At the same time, many others of us will be extremely disappointed, and perhaps even fearful for what the future holds since the candidate we thought would be best for our nation was not elected.

That means that, much like Don and me after that ballgame, we are going to have some VERY different emotions and sentiments following the election. So we will need to be VERY careful on how we treat each other in the days that follow. Those who are elated will need to be mindful of those who are grieving over the same election results. Don't gloat or knowingly add to the pain of others. And those who are disappointed in the outcome must be careful to avoid bitter feelings and unloving remarks about those who were elected or those who voted for them. Move on. Be hopeful in the truth that God is still on His throne, still in control, and still able to use even this leader to advance His divine plan. Show respect to your new leaders, regardless of their flaws. When Nero ruled over the Roman world, he burned Christians at the stake and fed them to the lions, yet Paul told believers at that time to offer prayers of intercession and thanksgiving for their political leaders (1 Tim. 2:1), And Peter added that we are to "Show proper respect to everyone... fear God, honor the king" even if that king was Nero (1 Pet. 2:17).

So no matter how the election turns out, let's be sure we "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another" (Rom. 12:15-16a). No matter the outcome, God is our ultimate leader and the one we must depend on. So if you are disappointed, don't respond with anger, bitterness, or a refusal to accept the outcome. Trust God's sovereignty. Pray for and honor our leaders. Show respect to those who voted differently. And continue to speak for Biblical morals and religious freedom, but without making personal attacks on others (Eph. 4:15).

All For Jesus,

Steve



Birthday Drive-by



Linda Rees invites you to a Birthday Drive-by for Phyllis Osborne's 90th Birthday on Sunday, November 1, at noon, at Morrison Woods.

SENIOR SAINTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
PICK-UP CHINESE DINNER BOX
FROM 12-1 PM

LET WALLY DRAPER KNOW YOUR ORDER BY MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 16



Andrew Cullen
Associate/Youth Minister

In Luke 12:51, Jesus said, "I have come to divide people against each other!" Are you sure that was Jesus? That sounds pretty harsh. After all, didn't he also say in Luke 11:17, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls"? Now that sounds more like the Jesus I like. We need to have unity if we are going to stand strong.

We live in an age of communication, which also means there is a lot of miscommunication that can divide people. So what do we do? Do we stop communicating?

Of course, the answer is "no." In Luke 12:51, Jesus was not advocating division. Jesus is saying that there are two teams. In Luke 11:17, Jesus is saying that a team cannot compete if it is not united. As Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment." (1 Cor 1:10)

To have this kind of unity we must remember there are two sides to the coin of division. One is the person initiating the controversy and the other is the person responding. So even if someone else "started it," our response is equally important. Retaliation breeds division. Paul tells the church at Rome, "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all" (Rom 12:17).

To put it practically, first, getting something off your chest is not an excuse to say anything you want. Second, gossip disguised as prayer requests does not make your words edifying. Third, just because it is simply your opinion does not mean your words are harmless.

No matter how much we study, no matter how much experience we have, and no matter who we know, we could be wrong. If we find ourselves getting easily upset, posting a response in anger, thinking critically of other people and their opinions, or ranting about our "opponent" to our spouse, perhaps we are not as humble as we think we are. Let's learn a lesson from Peter, a man who knew a thing or two about the downfall of pride, encouraged Christians to, "... have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind."



1. Teens during Kingdom Work Weekend.
2. Teen girls with Penny Warfel and Kayla Cullen listening to Andrew preach at the Ball State Campus House.
3. Andrew receiving his Master of Strategic Ministry at Johnson University.



Michael McDonough
Children's Minister



Coming Up in the Children's Ministry:

November 15th: Shoebox packing party - During Power Station, the elementary students will put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Every student will be able to fill his or her own shoebox.

God Sightings:

It brought such joy to my heart to be able to reopen the children's ministry on Sunday mornings (10:30am hour) in October! Thank you to all of the volunteers that have made it possible to run our children's ministry the way it should be run. Please check your schedule to see if you are supposed to be helping out in November and/or December. If you cannot help the week that you are scheduled, please let us know. We need to make sure that every volunteer slot is filled. The best way to keep track is to download the Ministry Schedule Pro app. When you are scheduled to volunteer, you should receive an email as well.

November Focus:

For the month of November, your child will once again receive something in the mail from the children's ministry. It is a reading/thankful challenge for the month. I will have different verses from the Bible that the child chooses to read by themselves and/or with their family each day. They will then color in the turkey that has that verse. Finally, they will write something in that day's box of what they are thankful for. If they are able to color in all of the turkeys by the end of the month, then they will receive a prize from me!

If there is anything I can do for your family, please let me know.

If you haven't already created your free KidCheck account, please do so by going to go.kidcheck.com. Or download the KidCheck Mobile App, from the App Store or Google Play Store. We look forward to making your check-in experience even better. Please let me know of any questions.

If you have any questions about what is going on with the children's ministry, please contact Michael at 765-516-3532 or at michael@universitychristianchurch.com.

Michael McDonough
Children's Minister



Download the KidCheck App today!



November₂₀₂₀



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Daylight Savings</i> OCC Mtg/ Distribute cartons 1-4pm	2	3 LC reserved— Voting Men's Lunch 11:30am	4	5 Woman's Journey 6pm	6	7
8 Annual Meeting	9	10	11	12 Elders Mtg 7am	13	14
15 OCC collection week Set-Up 1:30pm	16 OCC collection week Journeyman 6pm	17 OCC collection week REACH board mtg 7pm (library)	18 Ladies Bible Study 10am Full Praise Team 7pm	19 OCC collec- tion week Senior Saints 12- 1pm	20 OCC collection week ICOM Indy	21 OCC collec- tion week ICOM Indy Reach Yorktown 9-11am
22 OCC collection week	23 OCC collection week	24	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> —Offices Closed	27 Offices closed	28
29	30					

Birthdays

Nov. 1 Evelyn Tomlinson
 Nov. 2 Joyce Neese
 Nov. 2 Alyssa King
 Nov. 3 Bob Shipley
 Nov. 3 Tina Coston
 Nov. 3 Kayla Cullen
 Nov. 5 Jim Wasson
 Nov. 5 Emily Soules
 Nov. 6 Yolanda Velez
 Nov. 7 Phyllis Osborne (90)
 Nov. 8 Ruth Heberling (92)
 Nov. 8 Sharon Grubbs
 Nov. 9 Louis Lowe
 Nov. 9 Bobbie Turner
 Nov. 11 Sally Tyler
 Nov. 13 Melissa Devendorf
 Nov. 15 Arianna Cooper
 Nov. 16 Netha Wyman
 Nov. 16 Kristen King
 Nov. 17 Pam Vester
 Nov. 18 Paula Ice
 Nov. 18 Misty Kimbrough
 Nov. 22 Tony Coston
 Nov. 22 Amanda Daugherty
 Nov. 25 Linda Cook
 Nov. 28 John Strouse

Anniversaries

Nov. 14 Alan & Libby Brackman
 Nov. 16 Fred & Netha Wyman
 Nov. 17 Clark & Sharon VanTassel
 Nov. 19 Ron & Paula Ice
 Nov. 21 Charley & Janelle Gerber
 Nov. 23 Bob & Carolyn Hadsell

Happy Thanksgiving