

JANUARY 2021

The Messenger

In Loving Memory

The faith community of Christ United Methodist Church extends our deepest sympathy to the family of:

- **Gary Meyer**, who passed away on December 10
- **Colleen Weesner**, who passed away on December 13
- **Julia Elliott**, who passed away on December 20



The Worship Committee will continue to meet once a month, beginning back up on Tuesday, January 12.

Finance (6:30pm) and Ad Council (7:30pm) will meet on Wednesday, January 27.



“And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”

Colossians 3:14

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Message from the Pastor

It's been less than 6 months since becoming your pastor. I suspect no other pastor serving your church has seen such times. We have gone from worshipping in the sanctuary to online, virtual services, back to coming inside and now currently online.

I began visiting members in July and quickly was led to believe it would be better not to risk infection for myself and those I was visiting. As a result I'm anxious to get past COVID-19, return to the building to worship, and

meet more saints. I have been pleasantly surprised to be able to work with such an outstanding staff. They make working from the office a joy.

I am currently doing most study and research from home due to the warnings to remain inside for now. With the vaccines being distributed it may not be long until we can gather for Sunday School and worship once again in God's house.

Pastor Tom

Spiritual Event Coming in April

Christ Church will be hosting a **Spiritual Warfare weekend on April 23-25 with Reverend Dr. Jim Lo "Umfundisi."** This event includes a Friday evening introduction, a Saturday morning session, and concludes with Sunday worship at 10am.

"Umfundisi" Lo is an author, speaker and professor/campus pastor-intercessor at Indiana Wesleyan University. He served as a Wesleyan missionary in Southern Africa and Cambodia for 13 years. He plans to help us understand the spiritual war around us and equip us with disci-

plines to protect us from the schemes of Satan. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this enlightening experience that will leave you equipped with key elements to maintain victory in life, and in advancing the kingdom of God.





Prayer for the New Year

Lord, even though I woke up with the same troubles I had yesterday, I know there is great power in my choices. So today, dear God, once again, I choose to listen for your voice above everything else. Forgive me for not trusting you enough. Forgive me for spinning my wheels and trying to work everything out all on my own. Help me to truly let go of what you have asked me to release to you and to believe that you're at work in ways I can't fully see. Help me in my unbelief. Amen.

Looking to Help?

The L.I.F.E. Center is in need of donations. If you feel the calling to help out, their current needs are as follows:

Diapers —large sizes; formula (Gerber Gentle & Soothe); prenatal vitamins; snow boots; boy's coats (newborn to 5T); girl's coats (6m—4T); boy winter clothes (newborn—5T); girl winter clothes (6m—5T); gender neutral baby blankets—given out to each positive test

Thank you for your generosity!