

Why A Second Campus?

I can think of five reasons why we need to launch a 2nd campus of Christ UMC. The first is pretty obvious – Jesus tells us to **go** make disciples. That is reason enough. “No, Lord” are two words that don’t go together. We are a church that is **Saying Yes to Jesus**.

Our vision is to reach new people with the gospel by launching a new worshipping community near Laurel Rd and I-75. Reaching new people is the second reason.

Third – a new campus is an answer to prayer. There are people we don’t know and may never meet, that are praying for a church that preaches the Word of God and is filled with the Holy Spirit near where their parents, grandparents, or children are moving. (Perhaps you have prayed a similar prayer for your loved ones.) The new neighborhoods are filled with people that are being prayed for by loved ones across the country. We get to be an answer to that prayer.

Fourth – starting a new campus will be a tremendous step of faith for our church and a return to our roots. We will have to trust the Lord in ways many of us have not before and watch Him come through in ways that will only be described as miraculous. Our church started 40 years ago with a small group of people who stepped out in faith and trusted the Lord in ways they couldn’t foresee. We are the direct result of that faith and those steps. It’s time we plant the seeds of faith that will bloom forty years from now.

And finally, we are launching a 2nd campus because it would be easy and comfortable not to. Churches that want ease and comfort are unhealthy and dying. We want to be a church that is alive, growing, and on mission!

It’s Go Time! We are holding an **Interest Meeting on Monday, August 7th at 7pm**. If you want to be part of our launch team, are looking for an adventure, or are just curious enough to see what might happen, please come. We will be talking about our plan to move forward. If you want to be a part of this adventure, but can’t make the meeting, please email me, mike@christvenice.com or call the church office.

Yours in Christ,

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NEW WOMEN’S MINISTRY FORMING!

Women With Purpose is a new women’s ministry being formed. The new ministry mission is: *“Providing an opportunity for women to grow in their faith, deepen their relationships and share their gifts, so that they may discover and fulfill their purpose.”* Women With Purpose follows Acts 17:28: *“For in Him we live and move and have our being.”*

Lora Hapin and Katie Kramer are the co-leaders of the ministry. A college and young professional women’s small group Bible study led by Jonetta Hapin is leading the first venture for the new ministry, with a calendar established for the remainder of this year and throughout next. Watch for more women’s simulcasts, conferences, retreats, ministries and small groups to be announced!



Fall Kickoff



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**ATTENTION:
PARENTS OF YOUTH & CHILDREN, K-12th GRADES:**

**Fall Kickoff Party
Sunday, August 20, 5-7pm**

*Through
the
Decades*

Celebrate the start of our Youth and Children Ministries' school year at a *Party for the Decades* on Sunday, August 20, from 5:00-7:00pm. Plan to bring your family and find out what's being planned for students here at Christ UMC during the coming year. Meet the Youth and Children's Ministry staffs, get to know other families, enjoy a meal, and gather lots of information to help you plan and stay informed.

Join in the fun by wearing clothes, hats, or accessories from one of your favorite decades. We'll recognize the best individual outfits and most festive family, dressed for one of the decades. We'll be covering the many opportunities for students to make friends, grow in faith, worship, serve, and have fun in a loving, supportive environment. Please plan to join us! Watch your email for information on signing up so we know you can come.

Some Scenes from VBS . . .



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Cierry, Barbara	8/1	Giblin, Garnet	8/10	Peterson, Carole	8/21
Eaton, Tessa	8/1	Greene, Elaine	8/10	Reintsema, Zachary	8/21
Garron, Glenn	8/1	Vis, Ken	8/10	Rodgers, Jacquie	8/21
Green, Terry	8/1	Woodcock, Dean	8/11	Wolf, Fred	8/21
Haley, Bob	8/1	Cain, Laura	8/12	Farley, Abigail	8/22
Shehorn, Emily	8/1	Evans, Clare	8/12	Frerk, Larry	8/22
Bond, Marian	8/2	Peterson, Shery	8/12	Huggins, Nora	8/22
Winston, Dee	8/2	Carpenter, Jo Ann	8/13	McKenna, Marilyn	8/22
Olliff, Larry	8/3	Erickson, Marita	8/13	Pence, Allie	8/22
Shrader, Rick	8/3	Fye, Delores	8/13	Pence, Nic	8/22
Affeldt, Mia	8/4	Moran, Joan	8/13	Wallin, Carmen	8/22
Baxendale, Esther	8/4	Smith, Harry	8/13	Jackson, Kari	8/23
Cierry, Gary	8/4	Whipple, Liana	8/13	McCain, Vollie	8/23
Davis, Susan	8/4	Kresse, Charles	8/14	Corey, Suzanne	8/24
Lockwood, Joyce	8/4	Bingman, Marjorie	8/15	Haas, Jeri	8/25
Martinez, Christian	8/4	Boisclair, Pat	8/15	Schuman, Marvin	8/25
Shockey, Chris	8/4	Skinner, Angela	8/15	Usher, Brian	8/25
Jones, Bob	8/5	Curry, Ruby	8/16	Bennett, Dick	8/26
Kramer, Susan	8/5	Jaehne, Skip	8/16	Davenport, Don	8/26
Allen, Brad	8/6	O'Neill, Robin	8/16	Gardner, Rebecca	8/26
Laubisch, David	8/6	Warner, Bea	8/16	Ebersole, Ruth	8/27
Mooney, Patricia	8/6	Kresse, Helen	8/17	McGregor, Priscilla	8/27
Bortle, Lynn	8/7	Purdy, Shirley	8/17	McKenna, Jim	8/27
Luchs, Suzanne	8/7	Pinkerton, Stacy	8/18	Skinner, Gerald	8/27
Martinez, Sandy	8/7	Warman, Sarah	8/18	Caves, Chris	8/29
McClelland, Donna	8/7	Farley, Gwen	8/19	Hendrickson, Ruth	8/29
Moghina, Alexa	8/7	Kern, John	8/19	Yandell, Emily	8/29
Reese, Gavin	8/7	Lewis, Paul	8/19	Gammon, Joy	8/30
Koenig, Elizabeth	8/8	Murdock, Marjorie	8/19	Jacob, Chase	8/30
Kuypers, Marge	8/8	Watkins, Jeff	8/19	Lewis, Pam	8/30
Schuetz, Marilyn	8/8	Gish, Cheryl	8/20	Thorne, Debbie	8/30
Shelton, Ruth	8/8	Grant, Linda	8/20	Watkins, Jane	8/30
Chadwick, Joan	8/9	Long, Claire	8/20	Wilson, Nancy	8/30
Kotkiewicz, Donna	8/9	Breitwieser, Karen	8/21	Coleman, Holly	8/31
Pressly, Bev	8/9	Drobisch, Glen	8/21	Fierce, Roland	8/31

**Sunday Worship
Schedule**

7:30 & 11:00am
Traditional

9:00am
Contemporary

**ChristVenice
STAFF**

LEAD PASTOR

Rev. Michael Hudson

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Dervil Farley

ASSISTANT PASTOR

Robert Haley

MUSIC MINISTRY

Cheryl Smith

ADULT MINISTRY

Nancy Kinney

FAMILY MINISTRY

Jeff Dunn-Rankin

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jonetta Halpin
Marcia Schaberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Becky Diefenbach

**MEDIA MANAGER &
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

Will Sledge

TREASURER

JoEllen Whipple

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Michele Morley

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CTR

Anita Burton



Ralls, Gordon & Nancy	8/1	Hoffman, Tom & Rae Ann	8/1
Tarala, Marty & Mary	8/5	Parrish, Bob & Virginia	8/23
Norris, Richard & Peggy	8/14	Royston, Buddy & Susan	8/2
Claessens, Eric & Melissa	8/18	Henschell, Evan & Barbara	8/14
Ratcliffe, Ken & Ruby	8/25	Bauer, James & Carol	8/10
MacKay, Jim & Catherine	8/23	Lewis, Paul & Pam	8/4
Pack, Gaybord & Jane	8/1	Sabrosky, Dick & Pat	8/17
Stebbins, Gil & Marilyn	8/13	Garron, Glenn & Val	8/1
Frerk, Larry & Peggy	8/31	Mazur, Rich & Sandy	8/21
Hunt, Gene & Pat	8/2	Whidden, Skip & Cheryl	8/11
Peterson, Pete & Carole	8/22	Kramer, Mike & Susan	8/18
Thompson, Jerry & Ruth	8/15	Safford, Bob & Myrna	8/26
Roberts, Ron & Audrey	8/19	Waters, John & Carol	8/11
Jewell, Douglas & Amy	8/8	Sullivan, Patrick & Renauta	8/12
Collins, Harold & Penny	8/15	Gammon, Ross & Joy	8/31
Diehl, David & Polly	8/21	Long, Randy & Claire	8/16
Corey, Brent & Suzanne	8/2	Walz, John & Joan	8/21
Sparrow, Ronald & Sally	8/19	Baublitz, Don & Marilyn	8/25
Reiter, William & Edie	8/19	Hudson, Jack & Chris	8/14
Schuetz, Wayne & Marilyn	8/3		

Please consider celebrating a birthday or anniversary by "gifting" the ChristVenice Scholarship Fund with a \$2.00 or more donation!



Youth Go To Wilderness Trail

This summer the youth at Christ Venice had a great opportunity to participate in a hiking and adventure ministry called Wilderness Trail. Our church sent 19 students and 5 adults to Troutdale, Virginia where they hiked over 40 miles over a span of 4 days. The youth would like to take this opportunity to say thank you so much for supporting them on this adventure. Many students came back feeling refreshed in their relationship with Jesus and having grown a deeper dependence on our Savior. Read how this trip impacted one of our student's lives:

Wilderness Trail is an amazing ministry that takes your group up a mountain, hiking with a staffer and your group of 8 students, for 4 to 5 days. You sleep outside and whatever you have on your back is what you have for the week. Now this might not seem like fun, but trust me, it was one the best experiences of my life. If I could go back tomorrow I would!

At night, we made campfires, worshipped, and said our "little foxes and holy grounds". Little foxes are something that happened that day that kept you away from God and holy grounds are someway that you saw God that day. One thing that was amazing in my group was that most of our little foxes changed into holy grounds. During this trip I saw God in multiple ways! Whenever I would get tired, He would give me a big boost of energy or whenever I would get hurt, He would take my mind off of the pain so I could still keep hiking! Another amazing way I saw God was when we all came together at night around the campfire, it felt like we were all family!

*I loved this trip and I would like to go back every year! Thank you so much for sending our youth group and helping us grow in our relationships with Jesus. Sincerely,
Megan Blevins*



Wilderness Trail

Electronic Giving

Christ United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can soon be debited automatically from your checking account or processed using your credit or debit card. We even accept rewards cards to help achieve your rewards' goal.



Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Visit our website at www.ChristVenice.com and click on the 'Give Now' button to get started.

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Second Campus Info Session, August 7

There will be an informational meeting for adventurers and anyone else interested in learning more about our 2nd Campus Launch. We are looking to start a small group Bible Study in the Laurel Rd/I-75 area that will grow to become a worshipping community by October 2018. **Our informational meeting will be Monday, August 7th at 7pm.** If you feel the Lord leading you to be part of this adventure, or are just curious about it, please plan to attend.

PANAMA July '17



BLS Ministry Women's Retreats

There are still openings for the upcoming Small Group Women's Fall and Winter Retreats. These little "get-aways" are designed for a small group of ladies who want to rest, reconnect with the Lord, get into the Word, and experience meaningful fellowship with each other.

Consider being a part of these great retreats at a beautiful resort and come away refreshed and renewed. For more information, pick up a brochure in the church office or call Lenee Schroeder at 941-497-1088. All women are welcomed!

October 2 – 6 at Daytona Beach
November 6 – 10 at Daytona Beach
November 13 – 17 at Daytona Beach
February 4 – 8 in Orlando



SAFE Joyful Outing

Join us for our exciting August outing on Tuesday August 15. Actually, we will be staying at the church for a painting on wood project. An instructor will be coming to teach us how, and all supplies will be provided. Seating is limited, so please call 941-485-2616 to register.

SAFE is a ministry of Support and Addiction Family Education. Our confidential support group meets every Monday evening at 6:00p in Memorial Hall room 24. Childcare is available when requested in advance. Anyone who has an addicted family member or loved one is welcome to join us for sharing and support, education, prayer, and good fellowship.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Just a reminder. Our Stephen Ministers are commissioned to serve communion to you if you are homebound or in a nursing facility. You may request Holy Communion by asking any Stephen Minister or by calling the church office at 493-7504.

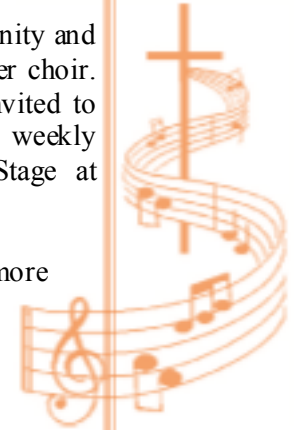
We are also available to listen, pray and share, in complete confidence, any problem you may be facing. To see how we may be able to help you please call a Stephen Leader, Don Paull 497-5597 or Jane Watkins 9989 859-0712 for more information.

Music Notes!!!

SUMMER CHOIR IS HERE!!!

If you have always wanted to sing in a choir but never had the opportunity and you love to praise the Lord, come and check out our CUMC summer choir. ANYONE who is high school age (9th-12th Grades) or OLDER is invited to sing during June, July, August and September. There are NO weekly rehearsals for summer choir. Just come to the Memorial Hall Stage at 10:15AM on Sunday morning to run through the anthem for that day.

Please contact Cheryl Smith if you are interested in, or would like more information on, any of our music ministries, 493-7504 or Cheryl@christvenice.com



Ladies Summer Salad Night, August 2

Come join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! Wednesday August 2nd 6:30-8:30pm in Memorial Hall. Bring a large salad item to share OR \$5 at the door. Sign up at the welcome desk and childcare can be provided by reservation.

Keep Saving Cancelled Stamps

Remember to keep collecting your cancelled postage stamps for Alliance Stamp Ministry. Stamps of every kind are needed, foreign as well as domestic, old issue or current. Neatly trim around each stamp about 1/4 to 1/3 inch, bring to church and drop in the collection boxes in either the Family Life Kitchen or Memorial Hall Kitchen.



Faith Promise to Missions

Have you turned in your Faith Promise card yet? How much will you agree to share with our missionaries for this year. The needs are so great. Can't find your card? Just ask in the church office for a new one. The need for pledged giving: \$90,000.

When life gets challenging, here are some encouraging words from Scripture that should help us see who we really are in God's eyes!

"As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." I Peter 2:4-5 NIV

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control; will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body." Philippians 3:20-21 NIV

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." I Peter 2:9 NIV

Can we really believe it? As someone accepting Christ as our Savior, God really sees us as His creation to be a member of His "royal priesthood," a chosen people of His holy nation, and having a citizenship now in His kingdom? What a gift!

Love you,

Nancy

RE-TIRE OR RE-FIRE? That is the question!

Where does the time really go? The past six and half years in my position on staff here with you have gone so quickly! It's with mixed emotions that I will be leaving as a member of the staff on August 15. During this time, I have enjoyed serving along with you at Christ UMC, the most of all of my working life. This time has brought me the most personal joyfulness of experiencing our church growth under Christ-honoring pastors and a wonderful staff who all have "put up with me!" Thank you for helping as we worked together, made changes and prepared our lives for where ever God leads us, whether new adventures, illness, or claiming the address of our heavenly home.

It's time to experience another "re-fire" moment as I continue here as a member and volunteer in a church that honors Jesus as its headmaster. Just know that it is well with my soul. (Did you hear that John Wesley?!)

2017 FALL WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Men's is September 21-24 - Women's is October 10-15
All applications are turned in to the church office.
Any questions: Call John Brower 941-223-7130.



ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

The Adult Ministry Vision Team has made much progress and you will be hearing more about it very soon! They have been diligently praying for the Holy Spirit's leading, meeting, and researching material since early this year.

All adults in the church are invited to attend the Adult Ministries Launch, Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7. Richard and Leona Bergstrom, will again be here to lead adults in a special "Ig-Night Retreat!" We will have food, learning, relationship building and take some time to re-fire for where God leads us. More information and the sign-up will be coming in September.

NEED YOUR EMAIL! If you would like to receive the new Adult Ministry Newsletter starting with the September/October first issue, please provide your email address to Nancy Kinney, (nancy@christvenice.com) or call the office. Thanks!



Special Thanks

To Our Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and love you have shown to our family during Byron's illness and passing. Special thanks to Pastor Mike for the wonderful funeral service.

JoAnn Carpenter & Family

Dear CUMC,
With heartfelt gratitude, we thank the members at church for all your cards, prayers, phone calls, visits, and food. We've never been around better prayer warriors than at CUMC. The visits in the hospital and rehab were greatly appreciated as well. The anniversary congratulation cards were an added bonus. Thank you all for your kind thoughtfulness. God bless,

Gary & Marcia Pfleeger