



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost, November 9, 2025
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Stephen Bond

Musical Prelude

“The Rejoicing” Fr. Fireworks” by G.F. Handel

Eric Dickey

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Hymn

“How Small Our Span of Life”

ELW 636

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C And also with you.**

Refrain

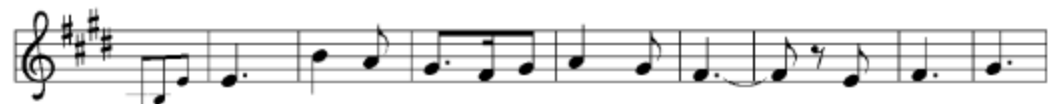
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



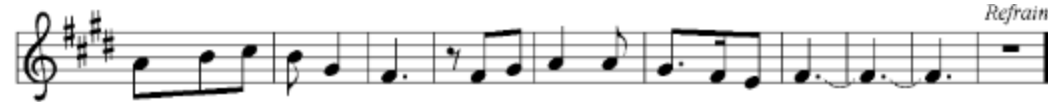
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



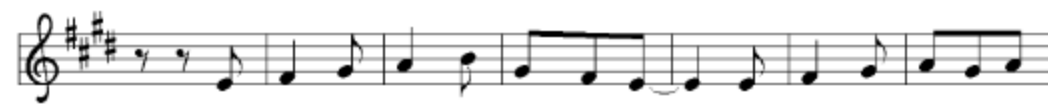
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

L The Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God!**

The Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus

Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to....C Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

P The Gospel of the Lord! C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“Good News to Flatlanders”

Pastor Stephen Bond

Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW 619

VS 1-4

(8:00 a.m.)The Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(10:00 a.m.) Affirmation of Baptism--Reception of New Members

P Julie and Kevin, we rejoice to receive you, members already of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for peace and justice in all the earth? If so, I ask you to respond,

"I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ, to receive these new members of our church family as your own sisters and brother and as God's beloved, to rejoice with them in their joy, and to weep with them in their sorrows as part of the one body of Christ, and to encourage these new members in living out the covenant God has made with them in baptism?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in these brothers and sisters the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body; **Tom Jennings, Larry Battles, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O'Konski, Luke Holtz, Ron Hetherwick, Jake Cope, Virginia Dillon, Staci, Martina Benton, Laura Reimer, Greg Urbanski, Matt Jurrus, Sally, Tom Druschel, Cindy Hartbarger, Phyllis Sturgeon, Albert Preston, Paul Ladd, Greg Ganelli, Jessica Queen, Nancy Englehardt, David Reimer, Marlene Cox, Stacy Huffman, Carol Borkowski, Rita Dusseau, Pamela, Betty Lewis, Wello & Holly & their girls** and all others whom we remember in silence. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** And also with you!
Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

Our Tithes and Offering *Bring your gifts to the Altar, or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Offering Prayer

AM God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these, your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

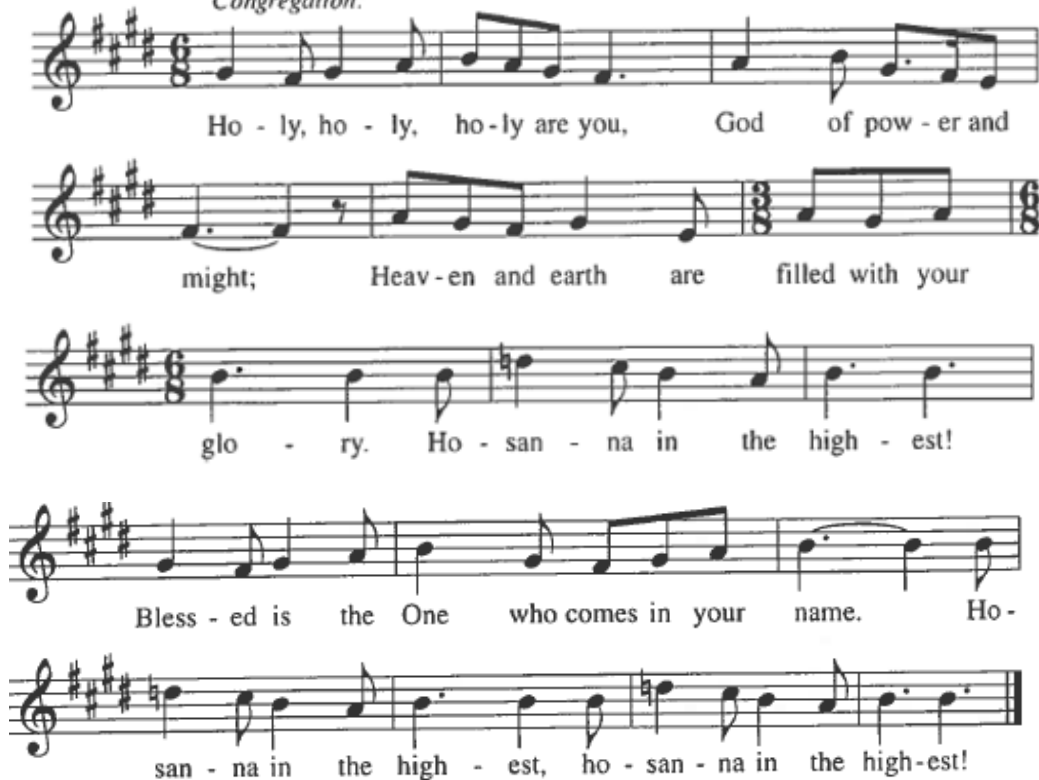
The Lord be with you. And al - so with
 you. Lift up your hearts. We
 lift them to the Lord. Let us give



****Eucharistic Prayer Continues**

HOLY

Congregation:



The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in

my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

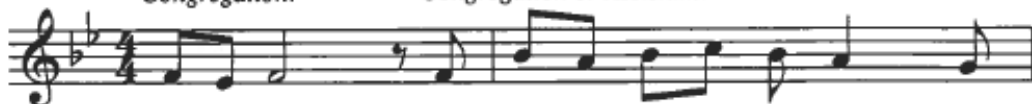
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world:
fear:
peace:
love.

have mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us,

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



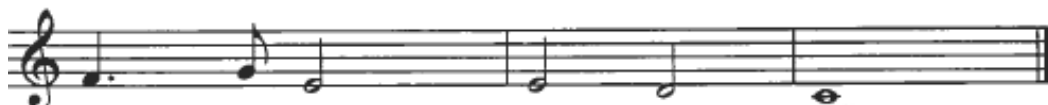
mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn Sung Three Times)

“Don’t Be Afraid”

ACS 1027



Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your
fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and
I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

ELW 494

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you **✝** and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW 439

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

Postlude

“Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! We welcome YOU to worship with us at one of our TWO worship services. Join us at **8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.** in person or on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing you, and as always, **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

New for Fall Adult Forum: The Church’s Song: Music that shaped the church and faith traditions. Music has been used as a spiritual practice throughout the life of the church as a way to praise God and communicate who God is, what has been accomplished in the cross of Jesus Christ, and the mission of the church. Throughout the years, that message has been communicated and shared through various musical styles, techniques, and genres. Join us on Sundays during Faith Formation through November 30th to learn about church music throughout the centuries and listen to various musical examples.

- Session 3 (Today, November 9th): Mass Settings (G. Machaut, J. Haydn, W.A. Mozart, G. Fauré, L. Bernstein)
- Session 4 (November 16th): American Church Music (Bay Psalm Book, Spirituals, Shaker Music, Gospel)
- Session 5 (November 23rd): 20th Century Voices (Samuel Barber and Duke Ellington)
- Session 6 (November 30th): 21st century hymnody and contemporary music

New Thursday Bible Study Looks at Wisdom Literature

Our next Thursday Afternoon Bible Study series starts on October 30 at 1:00 p.m., as Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie delve into the Wisdom Literature in the Bible. These are a set of writings in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament that offer perspectives for daily living and the meaning of life, community, work, and goodness. They can be as short as a fortune-cookie fortune (like the Proverbs), as expansive as a philosophical treatise and memoir (like Ecclesiastes), as dramatic as the saga of Job, and as romantic as the poetry of Song of Songs. So, think of this series like a charcuterie board—a sampling of the different flavors and textures of all these kinds of wisdom literature in your Bible, which you might be led to study and read more in depth on your own. Join us on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study/Council room, with weekly video summaries up online on our church Facebook and YouTube as well. See you around the table!



This month in our Sunday School classrooms, children will begin a new series called *God Speaks*. Together, we'll discover stories from Scripture where God spoke to His people and learn that He still speaks to us today! Through the experiences of Samuel, David, and Elijah, kids will explore how God's voice can come in many ways: through His Word, through wise guidance, and even in a gentle whisper. Our hope is that each child will come to recognize that God knows them, loves them, and is always ready to speak with them. "Come near to God, and he will come near to you." James 4:8



LAST DAY TO ORDER!!! It's that wonderful time of year again!

We know it seems early, but to meet our required deadline, we're inviting you and your family to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Please fill out your envelope (available on the table in the gathering space or at the back of the church) and submit your payment today! You may pick up your flowers after our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. **Poinsettia Order:** \$10.00 per plant. **Color Options:** Pink, Red, or White. **Deadline:** TODAY! **Sunday, November 9th** (orders cannot be accepted after this date). Thank you for helping make our worship space beautiful this Christmas season!



Pastoral Note: In addition to when people are hospitalized or homebound, sometimes folks would just like a visit from the pastor for no special reason at all other than to catch up or share what's on their heart. If you would ever want Pastor Steve to set up a

visit with you, whether at your home or at the church, during the daytime or on an evening, please just let us know at the church office, and we can get that scheduled! Feel free to call the church office at 419-877-0607 or email Pastor Steve directly at pscbond@gmail.com. He'll be glad to arrange a time to visit!

Save the Date!!! On Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Vicar Natalie, along with Becky King, Heather Boytim, and Tina Baden from our congregation, will be hosting a Women's Retreat here at Community of Christ. Please look for more details to come, and don't forget to mark your calendars!!

"Christmas Eve Prelude" Eric is looking for our musically gifted members to help sing or play a musical instrument at one or all of our Christmas Eve Services! Please let Eric know if you are willing to sing or play an instrument at our 4:00, 7:00, or 11:00 service!



Amanda Worthington Releases Heartwarming Holiday Album: *Christmas with Amanda Worthington*—Join us TODAY, November 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Community of Christ

Amanda Worthington is delighted to share her love of music and the spirit of the season with a special concert at Community of Christ to mark the release of her second album, *Christmas with Amanda Worthington*. A lifelong member of Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Amanda's musical journey began early, singing in her first choir at the age of 4 with the Community of Christ's Kids of the Kingdom choir. She credits her church family for nurturing her passion for music and faith throughout her life.

A graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and Bowling Green State University (Class of 2009 and 2014), Amanda brings both warmth and professionalism to her performances. Outside of music, she is a dedicated 2nd-grade teacher at Frank Elementary for Perrysburg Schools, where her students inspire her every day. An avid performer, Amanda has appeared in more than 35 community theatre productions since 1999, showcasing her talent and love for the stage. When she's not singing, teaching, or performing, she enjoys reading, playing cards, snuggling with her beloved poodle, and traveling with her wonderful husband.

With *Christmas with Amanda Worthington*, listeners can expect a joyful blend of classic carols and heartfelt favorites—perfect for celebrating the season. Join us for a free concert at 3:00 p.m. today at Community of Christ, where a free-will offering will benefit the Community of Christ building fund and the Anthony Wayne Community Food Ministry. You will also be able to get a copy of Amanda's new album, featuring songs she will have shared with us today!



Help Fill Thanksgiving Boxes for Local Families



We've been invited to partner with the Anthony Wayne Community Food Ministry as they prepare Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need. Last year, over 200 households received groceries and a Thanksgiving meal through this effort!

We're collecting the following items to help again this year:

• Instant potatoes (box) • Stuffing mix (box) • Gravy (can or jar) • Canned pumpkin

Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, November 16th** so we can get them to AWCFCM by Wednesday, November 19. Let's share God's love by helping make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors!



****Deadline Announcements****

Deadline for Newsletters**

Looking ahead, due to the busyness of the holiday season and upcoming vacations, the firm deadlines for the next newsletters will

be:

- **December newsletter: Tuesday, November 19**
- **January 2026 newsletter: Tuesday, December 17**

Deadline for Annual Meeting Reports**

Attention Committee Chairs and Council Liaisons: Please note that, due to the timing of annual report components and the way the November/December calendar falls, the busyness of the holiday season, all annual committee reports should be submitted to the church office by **Wednesday, November 19**. Your reports should summarize the key accomplishments of your committee over the past year and your goals and objectives for the upcoming year. To make this easier, you can copy and paste highlights from your previous month's reports. Additionally, please include your committee's description or mission, the chairperson's name, and a list of committee members. If you have any questions or need a template for your report, don't hesitate to get in touch with Michelle at secretary@commofchrist.org. Thank you!

*****Mark Your Calendars! Our congregation will host an Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 7, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will receive the proposed budget for 2026 and elect four members for the church council. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you!**

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members! We're thrilled to welcome Julie Paulsen and Kevin Steinman to our Community of Christ family!



**Altar Flowers given by Marlene LaChine in memory of
husband, Bill ❤️**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Day and Time</i>
Amanda Worthington Concert	Today , Sunday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.
Youth Group @ COC	Today , Sunday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
Christian Education	Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.
Outreach	Monday, November 10, 7:00 a.m.
Office Closed in observation of Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11
Ladies Bible Study	Tuesday, November 11, 8:30 a.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study	Thursday, November 13, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir	Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.
Conversations and More	Friday, November 14, 1:00 p.m.
Advent Art Works	Saturday, November 15, 1:00 p.m.

180TH AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

FOOD PANTRY NEED

**CANNED TUNA AND
CHICKEN
SOUPS
PEANUT BUTTER
SPAGHETTI SAUCE AND
PASTA
TACO KITS: SHELLS,
REFRIED BEANS, SALSA**

**VELVEETA CHEESE
SNACKS FOR KIDS
CRACKERS
MAC N CHEESE
CEREAL
PANCAKE MIX
SYRUP
COFFEE
PET FOOD**



If you are interested in helping to support these families, feel free to drop off supplies at the church and place them in the donation area marked 180th Food Pantry. If you have any questions please contact Wayne King at 419-349-4873.

Thank you and God Bless

