I am continually amazed at how quickly time flies by. I know, by many standards, I am still a 'young pup', but the older I get the faster time seems to move. Susan and I were looking at pictures of the boys just last night and commenting on how their appearances haven't changed much, but their height and weight sure have! Time moves fast!

However, in the grand scheme of things, our time here is just a blip. I've really become quite fond of quoting 2 Peter 3:8, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." God is an eternal God. He has always been. He will always be.

Yet just over 2000 years ago, I'm sure time seemed to stand still for God. On that day, God sent his one and only Son to earth to become one of his creations. He sent Jesus in a very quiet, humble setting. No trumpets. No fanfare. No parades. Just a mother, father, some shepherds and some barn animals. He came!

Through the month of December here at Community, we are going to be looking at how he came. He came quietly. He came miraculously. He came humbly. And finally, he came willingly. Jesus came! He came to heal, to love, to serve, to save. He came to teach us a new way, a better way of life. He came for you! He came for me!

He came!

See you Sunday!

In His steps,

Tim

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia order forms are available from Brad or Debi Knipp. Poinsettias are used to decorate the auditorium during this season. The cost is $8 each. Checks should be made out to Community Christian Church and placed in the notes area labeled "Poinsettia" by December 11. They can be purchased in honor of or memory of.

Harvest Offering

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Proverbs 3:9

Thanks to your generosity $4187 was raised for the Harvest Offering to go toward carpet for the auditorium or building fund.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you interested in receiving Love Notes via e-mail? If so, please e-mail Susan Davis at hotdogfan1966@gmail.com. Pictures are available only in the e-mail version.

December 1
Christmas Parade - Meet at Church at 2 p.m.

December 2
Congregational Vote
Noon - Thank you luncheon for Worship Ministry

December 4
6:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Committee
6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry Meeting

December 6
6:30 p.m. - Men’s Meeting

December 8
2:30 Women meet at Church to visit Dull’s Christmas Farm and Dinner at 5:00 at Stookeys

December 11
6:00 Family Fellowship

December 14
6:30 p.m. Friday, Food & Fellowship - Mountain Jacks

December 15
1:00 p.m. Caroling for Youth - Meet at church to decorate cookies. Leave to Carol at 1:30 p.m. return at 2:30 p.m.

December 16
9:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Breakfast
6:30 p.m. Annual Christmas Program

December 24
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Elderly Expressions
By Steve Woods

OUR HOLIEST EXAMPLE

"I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" Ps. 16:8

This is the way to live. With God always before us, we shall have the noblest companionship, the holiest example, the sweetest consolation, and the mightiest influence. This must be a resolute act of the mind. "I have set," and it must be maintained as a set and settled thing. Always to have an eye to the Lord's eye, and an ear for the Lord's voice -- this is the right state for the godly man. His God is near him, filling the horizon of his vision, leading the way of his life, and furnishing the theme of his meditation. What vanities we should avoid, what sins we should overcome, what virtues we should exhibit, what joys we should experience if we did indeed set the Lord always before us? Why not?

This is the way to be safe. The Lord being ever in our minds, we come to feel safety and certainty because of His being so near. He is at our right hand to guide and aid us; and hence we are not moved by fear, nor force, nor fraud, nor fickleness. When God stands at a man's right hand, that man is himself sure to stand. Come on, then, ye foemen of the truth! Rush against me like a furious tempest, if ye will. God upholds me. God abides with me. Whom shall I fear?

From the book: Faith's Checkbook.

We have nothing to fear with the right Guide on this journey we call life.

Steve Woods, Servant

Annual Christmas Program

The Annual Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet located on the counter at the Welcome Center. "Keeping Christ in Christmas" is our theme this year. If you have an instrumental special, group singing, a solo, a drama, a reading, etc. Please sign up as soon as possible. There will be punch and cookies following the program.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS OFFERED

Skip Davis is offering a four week course on photography, each Thursday, January 10-31, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Those with digital cameras will benefit most. This is a student participation class focusing on the rules of thirds, framing, lighting, etc. Students should bring their camera and user’s manual. Students will also be asked to submit two pictures weekly demonstrating what they learned the previous week. Students will also learn how to critique each picture, pointing out what they like about each picture and each picture’s weakness.

Please contact Skip Davis at ssdavis4@comcast.net to secure your space.
Ministry Moments:

Sign-up sheets for the various ministries of the church are in the kitchen area. Areas to serve include Children's ministry, Family Fellowship, Finance, Men's Ministry, Missions, Outreach, Women's Ministry, and Worship. Please prayerfully considering being part of one of these ministries.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

We had 10 kids go to corn maze and 5 adults all had a great time! Miss Brenda lost bus keys and we prayed our prayers were answered and keys were found by maze attendant. And we all praised God.

We had a great time packing 77 shoeboxes. See pictures on page 5. We had an estimated 10-12 kids and just as many adults pack boxes. We will be giving updates as we watch the tracking of our boxes and will announce destinations of the boxes.

27 lap blankets were made by several children and adult helpers and sent to Clinton House residents to keep warm.

**December upcoming events:**

Christmas parade December 1 meet at church @ 2pm. Theme Storybook Christmas

Carolining and cookies December 15, Time 1:00 p.m. meet at church to decorate cookies and we will leave at 1:30 TO CAROL and return at the church at 2:30. Please sign up with Brenda by December 9th if going Caroling.

Anyone that wants to be in Christmas program see Brenda Kingsolver. Times and dates for practice t.b.a.

Attention Children's Ministry Leadership Committee meeting changed to Dec. 4 @ 6

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

**Christmas Casseroles**, Sun. December 16th @ 9:00. Enjoy Breakfast and fellowship. Everything provided!!!!!!!

Family Fellowship will have a meeting on Tues. Dec. 11th @ 6:00.

**MISSIONS**

Hanging Rock Christian Assembly is another mission that is supported by Community Christian Church. Their goal is to "Disconnect to Reconnect with God." Hanging Rock is a camp that is located in West Lebanon, Indiana. They offer a variety of camps from traditional to specialty camps such as sports camp, paintball camp, wilderness camp to connect with all groups of children. Last year they gave out 47 scholarships to kids not connected to any supporting church. They had a "faculty" of volunteers that numbers around 467 last year. During the 2012 camping season, Community Christian sent 12 adults as counselors and 13 students to Hanging Rock. Early registration for the 2013 camping season runs from January to March 15. In 2012, the camp supported the Christian Mission of South Haiti. In 2013, they have started an alliance with the Zimbabwe Outreach Ministry. Gary Baker, Director will be traveling to Zimbabwe to help them rebuild some of their areas. The counselors and campers at Hanging Rock will begin constructing an African village during mission times to learn about the African culture. Hanging Rock is more than a summer camping program. They also host winter retreats for grades 1-8, Men's and Ladies retreats, and their annual "Celebrate Good Times" Family Day. If you are interested in more information on Hanging Rock, contact Tim Grasham.
To The Church:

I want to thank ALL who participated in this year’s Fall Fest. I think it was a great way to share our LOVE to our community. I have been told that we had over 300 people on our grounds that evening. Some kids at school are still talking about our fall fest. My personal thanks goes to my hubby “BILL” who worked beside me, and our daughter Carrie who made label forms and ran them off. A big thanks goes to her. And I am always so proud to see everybody getting involved and helping out to make it all come together. Kay at the prayer table, Joan my time keeper, Miss Kelsey taking care of the youth, and of course” The Country Bumpkins”, just ask Grant. Thanks Brenda D. for the Bumpkins entertainment. We don’t want to forget the cooks and kitchen helpers and Bill Jasper for taking pictures. Thanks to all who helped!!!!

THANKS SO MUCH:
From THE OUTREACH and Vicki Cleaver

The Teens will be having a Christmas party, but date is not yet firm. Please listen for announcements or check with Mason Morrision.

By Susan Grasham

It's coming to that time of year again when we reset the ministry teams at Community. This year we're looking for a few good women!! I, Susan, am stepping off of the Women's Ministry team to allow for some new ideas and enthusiasm take over!! Fran Lanum has already signed up to plan the Tuesday evening Bible studies:) We need a couple of ladies who will help plan a couple of events every year to connect our women, to be a "Connecting Point" at Community.

We have a Christmas Party plan in the works, thanks to Brenda Dunham and Vicky Woods taking the initiative to get things going! It involves pretty decorations at Dull's and a delicious meal at Stookey's in Thorntown. Don't miss it!

Another change of plans to report, The Women's Retreat has been canceled as we know it for this year. We would like to offer an opportunity to sign up to just go for a getaway at Turkey Run Inn, Friday, January 11th. Go, relax, sit by the fire, play games and sit by the indoor pool!! There will be a sign up sheet. All food will be purchased in the restaurant individually and the rooms will be reserved in a block for those who sign up. Don't forget that no matter what our differences are, our love for Jesus is our Connecting Point!! Susan <3

In January, the women will begin a study by Beth Moore on the Life and Ministry of Paul. For more information, contact Fran Lanum.
**Women’s Christmas Dinner:**

The annual Women's Christmas dinner will be held Saturday, December 8. We will be car pooling to Dulls Christmas Tree Farm and then on to Thorntown to eat at Stookey's. Meet at the church at 2:30 sharp to head to Dulls and then we will travel from there to Thorntown to eat at 5:00 p.m. There is no charge at Dulls and everyone will be on their own for Dinner. Come and enjoy the fellowship and the Christmas lights!

A signup sheet will be on the Welcome Desk! If you have any questions please see Brenda Dunham or Vicky Woods.

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**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

Sandy Street, Worship Coordinator

The purpose of “Worship Ministry” is to develop and lead the congregation through a meaningful worship service (through music, prayer, communion and offering and special music). Other duties of the Worship Ministry include preparing the monthly server’s list (for communion and greeters for the door), plan weekly worship services with Tim and plan special services such as the Christmas Eve Service and Easter Sunrise Service.

Currently those on the Worship Ministry are: Lisa Burke, Deana Dinsmore, Fran Lanum, Sandy Street and Tim Grasham. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Area at church for anyone who would like to be on this ministry.

**Upcoming Events are:**

An **Appreciation Luncheon** for all the volunteers who help with the worship service each Sunday which will be held on Sunday, December 2 following the BIGS/Sunday School hour.

The **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24th.

**Something to Think About:**

“Worship matters. It matters to God because He is the one ultimately worthy of all worship. It matters to us because worshipping God is the reason for what we were created.” (Bob Kauflin, author of the book *Worship Matters.*)

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**Opportunity for Service:**

Community Christian Church sent 77 filled shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child to be shared with the less fortunate in the world. For the past year, the youth of the church has been saving their Sunday School monies to pay the postage for these boxes.

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**Community's Fitness Club**

**Holiday Schedule:** We will not have Zumba from December 24th until January 2nd! On Wednesday, January 2nd we will resume with our regular schedule, minus Gold.

We will not be having any Zumba Gold after December 20th. It is moving out to Wesley Manor after the New Year! It looks like Monday and Wednesday Mornings around 9:30. Check with Shannon for more details!!

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**SMALL GROUP NEWS**

Empty Chair Bible Study Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the church. We are studying "Heroes of the Old Testament." December 2 - lesson Jacob - read Genesis 25:15 - Genesis 50:14; December 16 - No Group because of Christmas Program. January 6,- lesson on Joseph - Read Genesis 30:24 - Genesis 50:26. For more information see Bill Cleaver.
During the month of December, we will be heading to Mountain Jacks on **December 14**. If you are planning on attending, you must let Susan Davis or Joan Tarkington know by December 7 so reservations can be confirmed!!!

**2013 Restaurants**

- **January** - Main Street - Frankfort
- **February** - Arnis - Frankfort
- **March** - Parkey's Lebanon
- **April** - The Other Pub - Lafayette
- **May** - Little Mexico - Lafayette
- **June** - 9 Irish Brothers - Lafayette
- **July** - Stookeys - Thorntown
- **August** - Stats Lebanon
- **September** - Stone Creek - Zionsville
- **October** - McGraw's Lafayette
- **November** - Spageddies - Lafayette
- **December** - SUGGESTIONS???

**Church Building Fund Up-date**

As an update to the church, we have raised $14182.15 of the amount needed to proceed to the next phase of our building plans.

We ask your help as the season is changing and the weather will be changing also. Please leave the closer parking spots and handicapped areas for our older members and those who are having health problems. More handicapped spots will be added. Thank you for your consideration.
FALL FESTIVAL 2012

The "Cat in Charge" - Vicki Cleaver

Zumba on the Lot

Country Bumpkins Entertained

TERRIFIC JOB - THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE!

Games were played and candy passed out.

Line waiting to get into the "Bouncy House"

Special guests - Chester Cheetah and Cracker Jack

Pictures taken - Thanks to Bill Jasper

Food passed out and enjoyed
The Friday, Food, and Fellowship group meets the third Friday of each month at various restaurants. The list of restaurants for 2013 is in this newsletter. Please consider joining us for an evening of fun, great fellowship and good food.

Thanksgiving at Community 2012

Lord,
For Family, Friends and Food, we are truly thankful!
COMMUNITY SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Alice, Sky, and Hunter Seward help fill meal boxes.

Fran Lanum hands out pies for the people delivering to shut ins.

Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army At Schulz

Mallory Woods (Center) and Friends

Danny and Sandy Street

Bill Cleaver and Donny Hackerd
OUR A-MAZING KIDS AND THEIR SPONSORS!