

Happy Saturday WFMC Family!

[Link to Morning Worship Live-stream \(becomes live at 8:20a\)](#)

**Morning Worship:** We continue with our "normal for now" Sunday schedule, with in-person worship gatherings at 8:30a and 11:00a, and Sunday school, and Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships at 9:45a. Inside the buildings on the church campus, please wear masks when you're within six feet of others and while singing.

**A Special "Welcome Back"** to the increasing number who have been vaccinated and are now comfortable returning to in-person worship. We are getting closer to our real, actual "normal" every week.

**At-Home Worshippers** will find a copy of the worship folder and songs attached / below as usual.

**Society (Membership) Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon, 5:30p, Sanctuary.** The Nominating Team's ballot is attached / below. We will also be electing two new members to the Nominating Team. Following the meeting, we'll enjoy a return to "sidewalk socials" with ice cream on the south lawn, weather permitting.

**Children's Time Materials** Hey parents! Please print off the prayer grid (attached / below) for your children to use. It will be explained in this week's Children's Time.

#### **A Few Plans / Policy Changes Related to Covid:**

**1) On Masks and Social Distancing:** Our staff and BOA have considered the mask issue in our present environment and have decided that as of Sunday, June 6, we are making masks optional in our gatherings. We will continue to keep the seats in the sanctuary and classrooms distanced, and encourage distancing as those around us are comfortable.

The rationale behind the decision?

- A) As of February 1, vaccines were made available to adults 70 and over. As of March 29, vaccines were made available to adults 40 years old and older in Kentucky. Vaccines were also available to those age 16 and over beginning April 5. The June 6 date marks over two months after the latest of those dates, which means that most who were planning to do so have likely been, and are now fully vaccinated.
- B) The number of people who have already had Covid and are carrying antibodies.
- C) The proven effectiveness of the vaccines.
- D) The low infection rates in our local area.
- E) Our continuing of distanced seating (enjoy the legroom for now, but don't get too used to it. Imagine you've been bumped to first class, but remember - you can't afford it all the time.)
- F) Our reduced amount of congregational singing.
- G) The very small number of documented cases of Covid that can be traced back to appropriately distanced worship gatherings.
- H) The number of people who are fully vaccinated, yet continuing to choose online worship.
- I) The ongoing loosening of restrictions in our state / area.
- J) The national trajectory toward returning to normal.

Of course should the local situation dramatically change, we'll certainly revisit this issue.

A pastoral word here: please remember that it is quite incorrect to politicize, or jump to conclusions about others regarding, the wearing of masks. As has been the case from the start of this, one can easily find a doctor or scientist somewhere who will verify one's opinion, no matter what it is. If nothing else, the past year ought to serve as an exercise in humility for Christ-followers – no matter the opinion, we have all been wrong about something having to do with this virus. It's good to remember that none of us know as much as we likely think we do about these things.

**2) On Sunday Evening Worship:** Some have wondered about our handling of, and plans for, Sunday nights. Let me split this into several questions and answer each.

**A) Why Haven't We Restarted Sunday Evening Worship?** If you'll remember, when we first returned to in-person worship, we were not singing, we were not touching common things (microphones, for example,) we were not stopping and visiting with each other, we were airing out the sanctuary before and after services, etc., because there were lots of unknowns about how to meet together safely. It was determined that, since so much of what we couldn't do characterized our Sunday evening gatherings, and since so many were reticent to meet at all – and especially our older population who were most vulnerable, we decided to hold off on Sunday nights.

**B) When Will We Return to Sunday Evening Worship?** Our plan is to begin regular Sunday evening worship on September 12, when we'll begin all the other ministries, as normal, for the fall. We are, however, going to have special "First Sunday" evening worship services on July 4 (as part of the community Independence Day celebration,) August 1 and September 5. These will be half-hour (or so) times of singing, sharing and brief devotional thoughts at 6:00p, and then we'll move into a time of fellowship, food, fun and games – indoors or outdoors (hopefully outdoors.) Even when we return to "normal" evening worship in September, we may well continue the special "First Sunday" evening gathering format – we'll see how it goes.

**C) Why Are We Doing It This Way?**

1) Over the course of a year, our Sunday evening services are made up of special services (missions, music, dramas, holiday observances, VBS, etc.) more than a third of the time, and almost none of the ministries that lead to those services have happened, are happening, or would typically happen over the coming summer.

2) We've been able to accomplish some of those special purpose gatherings in other ways - on Wednesday nights, for example, and that has worked pretty well.

3) Attendance at all gatherings is typically down over the summer, and especially so on Sunday nights, and due to people's limited ability to travel over this past year, people will likely be travelling even more this summer.

4) People are very tired and need a day of rest...maybe more than they ever have. As I've mentioned previously, anyone who has been in decision-making roles this past year is quite tired, including parents...and your church staff and key volunteers. Part of my role as pastor is to take those needs into account in the interest of long-term health.

For those of you who love Sunday evening worship, please know that your church leadership does too, and fully intend it's restart. In the meantime, I'd encourage you to use Sunday evenings as opportunities to foster more intimate fellowship – invite people to your home, get to know new church folk or neighbors, and make connections in ways not easily done in corporate worship settings.

**3) On The Plumblin Newsletter** You may have noticed that you've not received a Plumblin from the church for a while. No, you have not been removed from the mailing list. Due to two things happening at the same time (the resignation of our editor, and, frankly, the lack of news due to COVID) last spring we stopped publication. We hope to find a new editor and resume publication this fall. The Saturday Pastor's Update – what you're reading right now – was intended to fill that void in part, since the information we needed to communicate was changing faster than our bi-monthly newsletter could handle. Should we stay on our present track with Covid, we'll be discontinuing the Pastor's Update in the next couple months.

**Newsletters Now Available Electronically:**

[Light and Life Weekly Magazine](#)

[Weekly Financial Newsletter from the Free Methodist Foundation](#)

[Free Methodist Pastors' and Leaders' Newsletter](#)

**And Finally, In The Interest Of Keeping Our Senses of Humor (Thanks to Amy Cooper)**

A theology student, when writing a term paper, accidentally wrote "God will take away our quilt," and his spell checker couldn't help. When the professor caught it, he wrote: "That's OK. He promised to send another comforter."

Optimist: noun. A person who starts gathering his/her stuff when the pastor says, "In conclusion. . ."

Peace and Blessings, Sisters and Brothers,

Pastor Daryl

Presented by the 2020-21 Nominating Team:

Carol Blankenship, Daryl Diddle, Mark Evans,  
Ruth Gouge, Keith Madill, Hannah Miller  
Faye Montgomery



### Nominating Team Ballot, 2021

Election of WFMC officers will be held at our annual Society (membership) meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. All may attend and speak, but only members may vote.

The Nominating Team presents these nominees and their answers to the questions:

How long have you attended WFMC?

In what capacities do you serve / have you served the Lord through WFMC?

What is / was your vocation?

How has the Lord been working in your life recently?

### Board of Administration: Three Year Term



**Name:** Katie Diddle

**Years in Attendance:** 21

**Service:** Children's SS teacher: 2004-2016, Church Treasurer: 2007-2016, Handbell Coordinator: 2009-current, Children's Worship Jr Teacher: 2017-current, Head Teller: 2020-current

**Vocation:** Non-profit accounting

"Parenting has taught me much about Christ's love and discipline, His expectation of obedience and the difference between His perspective and mine."



**Name:** Jenny Madill

**Years in Attendance:** 19

**Service:** I have served in the church nursery, VBS, Children's Worship, youth leadership, Friendship Company, and Bible quizzing.

**Vocation:** I stayed home with our children for 15 years, but am now back in the classroom, teaching second grade.

"In recent days, weeks, and months I have been very thankful for God's steady hand in the midst of constant change. There have been parts of the pandemic that have been wonderful, such as having our family together, home from college, and spending lots of hours together. Other things have been very difficult, like teaching remotely, and cancelled events. But through all of the extremes, God has been faithful. He has been an encourager, strength giver, listener, and comforter."



**Name:** D Simpson

**Years in Attendance:** 12

**Service:** Mainly served in the music ministries at WFMC: Worship Team, Adult Choir, Blessings Handbells; substitute Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School volunteer, vacuuming ministry, home-bound communion coordinator.

**Vocation:** This is my 15th year of teaching middle school special education at West Jessamine Middle School.

"Recently, the Lord has been dealing with me about the excesses in my life. The restrictions of the last year have allowed me time to reflect on the ways that I have dealt with stress over the last decade: spending too much money, acquiring too many things, and keeping too busy."

## Pastor's Cabinet, One Year Term



**Name:** Joy Ireland **Years in Attendance:** 14  
**Service:** Mentor for Local Ministerial Candidates, Pre-marital counseling coach/mentor, soloist, co-teacher of the 4-5-year-old Summer Fun class, Welcome Center attendant, Wednesday card ministry coordinator, Bible quizzing prayer partner team, Landscape team, Youth Pastor Task Group.  
**Vocation:** Adjunct professor at Asbury Theological Seminary. Previously, I was the Assistant Chaplain at Asbury University for 9 years.

"Over the course of this COVID season, the Lord has been gracious in the provision of increased family time in our home. The result of this time has been a wonderful growth of familial love (what the Greeks called storge), which has been a true gift of God. It is hard to encapsulate all the details & dynamics of this gift in this brief space, but I was grateful to share in much greater depth by way of testimony at Prayer Meeting on March 24th."



**Name:** Diane Munoz **Years in Attendance:** 25  
**Service:** I've served in many, many capacities through the years...except: grounds, trustees and Men's Ministries. :-)  
**Vocation:** I have served as a hospice Chaplain with Bluegrass Care Navigators for 15 years.

"The Lord continues to open my eyes to see my utter dependence on Him. To "be blessed to expect nothing and enjoy everything" (Francis of Assisi) along the way is my goal."

## Trustees, Three Year Term



**Name:** Dave Coulliette **Years in Attendance:** 21  
**Service:** Carol and I taught the Café Berea class for several years, then the College Ministry for about 10 years and we now teach the Young Married Class with Paul and Sue Hamann. I've served on the Board of Administration, Trustees and Pastor's Cabinet.  
**Vocation:** Military officer prior to Wilmore and math professor at AU since 2000.

"Learning to listen to His leading and His timing on life and work!"



**Name:** Kevin Ezell **Years in Attendance:** 3  
**Service:** I have been active in the choir and with worship team and mowing team, and have attended Home Builders and Café Berea ABFs.  
**Vocation:** I work for Lexington Fayette Urban County Government as a Residential Building Inspector. I did this work for 26 years in New York and retired from there. I hope to retire from Lexington within a year .

"The Lord has been showing me He is concerned with my daily life to be open to Him changing my schedule. He has done this by dropping items in my work

life that would frustrate me and then using them to show me His plan. I am learning to let Him have more control of that time. I continue to read His word daily and find it to be more of a relaxing time and not just a part of my schedule. I continue to spend more time in prayer and do this when driving a lot of the time.

## Delegates to Annual Conference, Three Year Term



**Name:** Keith Madill **Years in Attendance:** 19  
**Service:** VBS worker, Youth worker, Children's Worship worker, Mowing team, BOA, Trustee, Usher, Youth Pastor Task Group  
**Vocation:** Elementary teacher and principal

"I am thankful for God's steady hand throughout my life and in awe of the blessings that have been poured out on our family. I continue to seek God's will for next steps as I transition out of full-time public education."



**Name:** Adam Schell **Years in Attendance:** 21  
**Service:** Nursery, 2s and 3s, VBS, Bible Quiz coach, volunteer for VBS and on youth/kids camps and retreats as well as in various ensembles and on the music team, Young Adult Ministry Team Leader.  
**Vocation:** Customer service and sales representative and also attending Asbury Seminary beginning an M. Div degree.

"I've recently found myself able to re-center in my relationship with God, pursuing Him more fully as He leads me daily. He has opened doors to build relationships with Christian leaders in our church and community as well as to find an avenue to serve where I feel passionate. His plan has not lined up with mine in many ways in the past few years as life has taken many unexpected turns, but he has blessed my marriage with Jenna and given us a beautiful daughter Avery who has changed our whole world for the better. I can't wait to see what He has planned next."

## Reserve Delegates to Annual Conference, One Year Term



**Name:** Erin McLaughlin **Years in Attendance:** 21  
**Service:** I currently volunteer in youth ministry, teach Sunday school, serve in music ministry, and host a women's small group.  
**Vocation:** Federal employee

"The Lord has been reminding me often of His faithfulness, and that His arm is not too short to meet any need. Recently in my Bible reading He has also helped me to see some of the parables in a new way with fresh application for my life."



**Name:** Ben Riffell **Years in Attendance:** 25  
**Service:** Briefly helped with 2 & 3 yr olds & youth; served on the BOA & Pastors Cabinet; ABF class teacher/leader for many years  
**Vocation:** Operations Manager at a local sportsman club (20yr)

"Reinforcing the importance of Biblical truth in days of societal change."



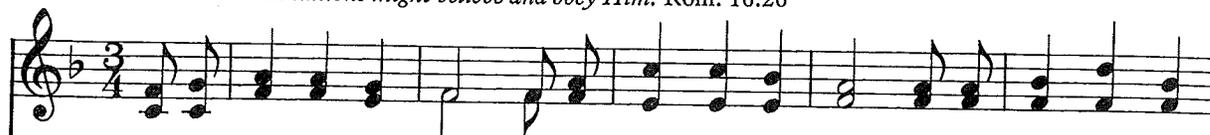
# I WILL PRAY TODAY



<b>Pray For</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Su</b>
<b>Family</b>							
<b>Friends</b>							
<b>Teachers</b>							
<b>Help with Something</b>							
<b>Forgiveness</b>							
<b>Someone Who Is Sick</b>							
<b>Someone In Need</b>							
<b>Pastor</b>							
<b>Neighbors</b>							
<b>Protection</b>							
<b>Thanks To God</b>							
<b>Leaders</b>							
<b>Salvation For Someone</b>							
<b>Wisdom</b>							

# 349 Trust and Obey

... that all nations might believe and obey Him, Rom. 16:26



1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad-ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
3. Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev-er can prove the de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. Then in fel - low-ship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a - bides with us still,  
drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,  
rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,  
al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows and the joy He be - stows  
side in the way; What He says we will do, where He sends we will go -



## Refrain



And with all who will trust and o - bey.  
Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.  
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's  
Are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.



TEXT: John H. Sammis  
MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner

TRUST AND OBEY  
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*Slowly*

Oh, how He wants to come in.  
wants to come in.

# Only Trust Him 330

*Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved. Acts 16:31*

1. Come, ev - 'ry soul by sin op-pressed—There's mer - cy with the Lord,  
2. For Je - sus shed His pre - cious blood, Rich bless - ings to be - stow;  
3. Yes, Je - sus is the Truth, the Way, That leads you in - to rest:

And He will sure - ly give you rest By trust - ing in His Word,  
Plunge now in - to the crim - son flood That wash - es white as snow.  
Be - lieve in Him with - out de - lay And you are ful - ly blest.

*Refrain*

On - ly trust Him, on - ly trust Him, On - ly trust Him now;

He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now.

# C 30 Christ Beside Me

Unison

1. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be -  
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3. Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me, Christ be on  
 4. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be -

hind me - king of my heart; Christ with - in me,  
 round me - shield in the strife; Christ in my sleep - ing,  
 all tongues tell - ing of me; Christ be the vi - sion  
 hind me - king of my heart; Christ with - in me,

Christ be - low me, Christ a - bove me - nev - er to part.  
 Christ in my sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing - light of my life.  
 in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.  
 Christ be - low me, Christ a - bove me - nev - er to part.

WORDS: Adapt. James Quinn, 1969, alt.; from *St. Patrick's Breastplate*  
 MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927  
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