

Welcome to the Christ United Methodist Church Athletic Ministries basketball program.

- ❖ Coaches will contact their team members no later than November 1.
- ❖ Sorry, but there are no refunds once teams are divided and uniforms are ordered. Prior to that, a \$25 administrative fee will be withheld.
- ❖ Team Divisions: All teams are required by the leagues to be divided equally by grade level and player ability.
- ❖ Friend Request: Requests must be typed or written in the comment box provided on the registration form. This request must be reciprocal between the players requesting each other. Sorry, but we cannot honor requests received over the phone or by e-mail.
- ❖ Practices begin the second week of November. Most teams will practice between the hours of 4:30-8:30 p.m. at CUMC. (Younger teams will receive the earlier practice times.) Practice times are selected by the coaches and will be on Monday-Friday, with one or two practices each week until the season begins. Once the season begins, teams will practice once a week. Junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten will not practice once the season begins.
- ❖ There are no practices Thanksgiving weekend, November 23-27, or during Christmas break, December 19-January 2. Exceptions are PAA teams and those teams in holiday tournaments.
- ❖ Each player will receive a non-returnable basketball jersey the week of November 15.
- ❖ 5th-6th grade teams will receive returnable uniforms (jerseys, warm up and shorts).
- ❖ 5th-6th Grade PAA Teams: These teams are commitment teams—we commit to your son/daughter as coaches to be at all activities, games and practices, and we require that all participants also attend all practices and games. Exceptions: illness, family vacation and emergencies
- ❖ The season begins Saturday, December 3 and ends approximately March 10. All games are played on Saturdays, except for PAA teams, which also play one night during the week.
- ❖ Games will be played at CUMC and at other churches and schools in the community.
- ❖ Please do not send water bottles to practices or games—we have drinking fountains, and the coaches will give water breaks if needed. No food or drinks are allowed in the gyms.
- ❖ Athletic shoes must be worn on the court at all times—no sandals, Crocs, Merrills, etc.

- ❖ Parents must drop off and pick up children inside the Beaty Center—children are not allowed to leave the gym without a parent or older sibling.
- ❖ For safety reasons, the practices are closed—only coaches and players are allowed in the gyms during practice.
- ❖ No pets allowed in the Beaty Center or any other PAA/MCRA facility.
- ❖ If you have questions, contact the Athletic Ministries office at (901) 683-6887.