

Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

I was on my regular evening run a couple days ago and experienced something peculiar. I was bundled up like the Michelin Man to keep warm and I had my earbuds in tightly. It felt like my senses heightened as I departed from my driveway. The aroma of woodsmoke filled my nostrils and Christmas lights danced in my peripheral vision. I could hear the crunch of my earbuds within my ears as I weaved between patches of ice. I felt the warmth of my breath and the wet condensation on the scarf that was wound around face. When I got a couple blocks from my house, I looked up at the sky and was blown away by the brightness of the night. I stopped in my tracks, turned my music off, and stood in awe of the stars. The light was amazing. This experience reminded me of the importance of the star which led the Magi to the Christ Child after his birth.

The season of Christmastide begins with the light of the stars. Matthew's Gospel tells us that during the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, the wisemen (Magi) from the East came to Jerusalem, seeking out the child whom would be the Messiah. These foreigners came from another continent to see Jesus. King Herod sent them to get tabs on the newborn Messiah, but they refused to participate in his plans to locate him. The light of the stars led them to Christ, and they became light bearers for the world by refusing to be complicit in Herod's plan.

In the new year we will begin Epiphany – a season of light and revelation of who Jesus was. During Epiphany we will remember the Magi, who remind us of the diversity of Christ's church and people. We celebrate Jesus' baptism and we are invited to remember our own baptisms. We also recall Jesus' first act of public ministry – the miracle of the wedding at Cana. All these events shine a light on the person and ministry of Jesus.



Perhaps looking up at the stars will remind you of the importance of the faithful Magi who traveled from another continent to see Jesus. As 2019 comes to its end and 2020 begins, I wonder what the light of Christ might bring to us this year. My prayer for you and your families is that the light of Christ shines in your life. I also pray that somehow and someway you might also be a light-bearer of Christ for someone.

Have a blessed Christmastide and a meaningful Epiphany.

With gratitude,
Pastor Dan



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I've always liked the analogy that every Sunday is a mini Easter. It's truer I guess that every Sunday is actually an Easter anniversary isn't it? If we didn't set certain days aside to celebrate like birthdays, New Years' Day, or Easter's anniversary, all the days would start to blur and become the same. As human beings we tend to become complacent and easily bored, no matter what situation we are in or what/how much we have. We take our good health, our good wealth, and our loved ones for granted. Countless times when I've left a funeral I've thought, "boy that's a wakeup call. We never really know how long we will be on earth. I'm going to really appreciate my life, health, loved ones, and all my blessings more". One week later I'm complaining about not getting the coupon price on my double stuff Oreos. I have completely forgotten about all my blessings already and I'm worried about something so ridiculously irrelevant that I'm not focusing on the day itself.

New Year's Day makes us all stop and think about time doesn't it? We think about times past, times we anticipate are coming, and what we will do differently. A fresh start. A new outlook. A refreshed attitude. By January 4th I bet most of us are worried about the coupon price of the double stuff Oreos though, aren't we?

What if we celebrated every day as New Year's Day? After all every day is New Year's Day isn't it? Every day we're given a fresh start, we're allowed to take on a new outlook and refreshed attitude. We have a calendar that numbers days but if we didn't have that calendar what would differentiate one day from the next? Only the sunrise, right? Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may never come.

All we have is today. Celebrate it!

Dean Kothrade

2019-2020 COUNCIL OFFICERS & COMMITTEE LIAISONS

OFFICERS:

President: Dean Kothrade

Vice President: Sara Rogers

Recording Secretary: Chuck Terlinden

Financial Secretary: Dean Kothrade

Congregational Treasurer: Rich Tremarello

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Property/Insurance liaison: Chuck Terlinden

Membership Committee liaison: Katelyn O'Brien

Christian Education: Kim O'Brien & Jennifer Perdue

Worship & Music Committee liaison: Rich Tremarello

Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations liaison: Dean Kothrade

Stewardship Committee liaison: Barb Wells

Memorial Committee liaison: Rich Tremarello

Social Concerns Committee liaison: Sara Rogers

IT/Tech: Chuck Terlinden

SIGN UP: ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now a possibility! If you're in the pew and you'd like to give something other than cash or a check, you are encouraged to use your phone to visit www.uccmke.org and tap the donate button at the bottom. You can pay with an existing PayPal account or with any credit card. It's easy and it saves your information for the next time you visit! Wondering what one of these weird scanny codes in the bulletin is? Give them a scan with a QR reader app on your phone and it will bring up the donation page! Want more information about online giving? See Pastor Dan or contact the church office at 414-481-3530. **Please only donate with a credit card using a Pay Pal account so the church doesn't incur costly fees.**



SIGN UP: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the Church Administrator (office@uccmke.org) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). Sign up sheets are also available at the information racks at the church entrances, then just drop it in the collection plate.

? CONCERNS/? COMPLIMENTS

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPRC) has been revitalized at Christ Church. The purpose of this committee is to create an opportunity for congregational feedback in the form of compliments or concerns regarding the Pastor or any church staff member. The committee consists of Randene Wick, Dick Gaeth, and Dean Kothrade.

As of June 1, 2019, the committee will only accept **WRITTEN** compliments/concerns to discuss. Please submit communications to: pprc@uccmke.org. If you prefer regular mail, there are pre-addressed envelopes available in the chapel and the plastic media rack located at the top of the Lenox Street steps to use when mailing a paper document.

All comments must be plainly stated, include dates and details of what the person would like to see more of or what they disagree with and how it could be done differently. We always seek constructive criticism in order to improve. The communication can only address a single compliment/concern.

All communications **must be signed and** sent directly to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee in order to be reviewed by the committee. After meeting to review compliments/concerns, the committee will reply to the person who presented a communication to us in the format received (e-mail/U.S. Mail). If you prefer that your name is withheld from the staff member you have a concern with the committee will honor that request. Only the PPRC members will know who sent the communication.

Thank you for your support in making this procedure succeed in strengthening our church family. We look forward to hearing from you.

Submitted by the PPRC Randene Wick, Dick Gaeth, and Dean Kothrade

UPDATE: ENDOWMENT DISBURSEMENTS

The Endowment Committee met on December 8 to review the grant requests submitted to the committee. We were able to provide \$4250, which are the accumulated dividends available from the invested funds. The organizations that received funding were: United Church Ministries, DIVO, Bay View Community Center Roof fund, Divine Intervention, Advent Tea, Sisterhood Saturday, and Christ Church intergenerational supplies .

NEED: BVCC FOOD & INFANT FORMULA PANTRY MONTHLY

DRIVE SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH DONATION DROP OFF IS IN THE CHAPEL

Requested items: Canned proteins such as: • Canned Soups (both cream and broth) * Peanut Butter * Jelly * Creamed Soup *Canned Vegetables * Canned Fruits * Cereal * Canned Meats *Pasta





NEED: DI SOS-DIVINE INTERVENTION SHARING OUR SUPPERS

We once again have the opportunity to serve, support and share fellowship with the neighborhood homeless in our community beginning in the month of December. The meals are served at Tippecanoe Presbyterian church at 125 W. Saveland Ave. as part of their "Winter warming room-overnight Prayer vigil" in a safe and organized program every night from December -March.

We're looking for volunteers for the following dates: Thursday March 5th.

If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Debbie Behling 414-481-8454 or dbehling10@wi.rr.com.

NEED: LARRY UNDER THE BRIDGE (LUTB), DIVINE INTERVENTION (DI) & LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Bathroom air freshener spray
Paper towels
Hand soap
Laundry pods with stain remover
Dryer sheets
Margarine
Cereal
Foot powder
Shoes and boots
Winter coats

"Items can be dropped off at the door on 1st St at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church at 125 W. Saveland. Please DO NOT ring the bell - that connects with the Arts & Science Literacy Camp. Jay, Tim, and Larry check multiple times during the day, so we find things that are left there." Thanks!

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN JANUARY

- January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Weekly Announcement submission by end of day please
January 2: AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 3-9: Pastor Dan in Arizona for NGLI (New Generation Leadership)
January 5: BVCC monthly food pantry drive, Sisterhood Saturday Tickets on Sale, Choir 8:15am, Worship with Communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am
January 6: Epiphany
January 7: Sisterhood Saturday set up 6:00pm-8:00pm
January 8: Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please, Sisterhood Sat. set up 2:30pm-5:00pm
January 9: Sisterhood Saturday set up 5:00pm-until needed, AA meeting 7:00pm
January 10: Sisterhood Saturday set up as needed
January 11: Sisterhood Saturday "Game Day" Fundraiser Doors open @ 8:30am, Crochet class cancelled.
January 12: Worship with Sunday School 9:30am, Undecorate the Church & Coffee Hour 10:30am
January 13: Property Committee meeting 7:00pm
January 14: Staff Meeting & Quilters 10:00am
January 15: Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please.
January 16: AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 17: February Chronicles by end of day please.
January 18: Karaoke & Pizza Night 7:00pm
January 19: Worship with communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour with Bingo 10:30am, Endowment meeting 11:00am
January 21: Council Meeting 6:30pm
January 22: Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please.
January 23: Choir & AA 7:00pm

January 25: Crochet Class 10:00am
 January 26: Worship & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am
 January 28: Quilters 10:00am
 January 29: Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please.
 January 30: Choir & AA 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE(S):

February 26: Ash Wednesday worship 7:00pm

JANUARY 11TH SISTERHOOD SATURDAY

The Social Concerns Committee will once again be hosting the Sisterhood Saturday Fundraiser event on January 11th. We are fortunate this year to have entertainer and "Game show referee", Brian Wismer who will lead a very interactive fun show including games like, Family Feud, Simon Says, Trivial Pursuit, Heads or Tails and much more. Tickets are currently on sale for \$15.00 which includes entry, breakfast treat, gift, show, lunch and door prizes. Also, back by popular demand, the "Dessert Dash" and Silent Auction! Bring 2 non-perishable food items for the BVCC and receive a gift. We welcome donations of Silent Auction items and scrumptious desserts for the event.

Thanks! The Social Concerns Committee. Please see Debbie Behling for tickets and to donate items.

JANUARY 18TH CHRIST CHURCH KARAOKE AND PIZZA NIGHT!

Saturday January 18 at 7:00pm Christ Church will be having a pizza night featuring Karaoke. Come for some awesome pizza, salad, dessert, and singing! You can sign-up in the fellowship hall or you can see Katelyn O'Brien (414) 840-6373." 

CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Inviting all Christ Church members and friends to join us on April 26th after church in the fellowship hall for our next book club discussion. We will be reading "Running for my Life" by Lopez Lomong with Mark Tabb. This is the true story of a Sudanese child refugee who became an Olympic star. His life story is one of courage, hard work and having hope where there is hopelessness. Please join us for thought provoking discussion and fellowship. Books can be obtained through the library, ebay or Amazon. If you have any questions ask Carol Borchardt, Carol Dohoney, Debbie Hansen or Mary Ann Mowery. Happy reading!

LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

1/5 The Behlings	1/12 Chuck Terlinden	1/19 Don Antoniewicz	1/26 The Wicks
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma Street	1/5 The Mayeshibas	1/12 The Tremarello Family	1/19 The Vail Family	1/26 Don Antoniewicz
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USHER SCHEDULE

1/5 Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Katelyn O'Brien Mike Thomae	1/12 Ben Clark Chelsea Clark Danette Volz Renolle Volz	1/19 Debbie Behling Fred Passow Chuck Terlinden Mike Thomae	1/26 Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Debbie Hansen Mary Ann Mowery
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MUSIC NOTES

Did you know that the Prelude music that is played prior to the service is not only a signal that the service will begin soon but can also serve as a time to quiet and center ourselves to prepare for worship?

As the Sanctuary doors close at this time please be mindful to keep your voices soft while socializing to allow everyone to enjoy the peaceful time while the Prelude music is being played.

The Psalmist writes in Psalm 46, “Be still and know that I am God.”

The Music and Worship Committee



CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	1/2 7-8:30pm	1/23 7-8:30pm	1/30 7-8:30pm	2/13 7-8:30pm	2/20 7-8:30pm	2/27 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal & Service	1/5 8:15-9:15am	2/2 8:15-9:15				
Special Rehearsal & Service Ash Wednesday	2/26 6:15pm					



PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	2/5 7-8:30pm	2/12 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	2/16 8:15-9:15	



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

1/5 Volunteer Needed	1/12 The O'Briens	1/19 Volunteer Needed	1/26 Volunteer Needed
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

1/5	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Sirach 24:1-12	Psalm 147:12-20 Solomon 10:15-21	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-9, 10-18
1/12	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
1/19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
1/26	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1,4-9	1Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

1/5 Randene Wick	1/12 Jill Unglaub	1/19 Dean Kothrade	1/26 Andy Oren
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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all these wonder folks!

JANUARY 1

Lily Mitchell
Sonia Stark
JANUARY 2
Dave Wareham
JANUARY 3
Bill Scheske
JANUARY 6
Elly Bingheim
JANUARY 10
Kim O'Brien

JANUARY 11

William Kroening Jr.
JANUARY 12
Joe Heino
JANUARY 14
John Whiting
JANUARY 18
Emma Mitchell
Sam Mitchell

JANUARY 22

Evangeline Tremarello
JANUARY 24
Rosemary Czerwinski
Jim Wick
JANUARY 25
Kenneth Miller

JANUARY 26

Cheri Boyle
JANUARY 27
Dennis Boretsky
JANUARY 28
Barb Heino
Beau Oleson
JANUARY 30
Kristen Mayeshiba
Eric Schmidling

THANKS

~With appreciation and gratitude, we accept a Christmas memorial in memory of mother Ann Schroeder from Kathy Schroeder.

~Thank you to all the bakers and those who purchased cookies at the Quilters' Cookie Walk on December 15. There was an amazing assortment of Christmas treats. Your efforts raised \$442.00 which has been donated to Christ Church. In addition to the money we collected, we were able to provide Christmas treat bags of cookies for the shut-ins who were visited on Sunday afternoon by the carolers. Divine Intervention was grateful for the tray of cookies we delivered on Sunday afternoon. Peace and Plenty Quilters.

~Thank you to Pastor Dan and Andy Oren for arranging for us to have Santa as our special visitor on Sunday December 15th. Many children and "big kids" took advantage of getting a picture with Santa!

~Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the BVCC Giving Tree. We were able to bring gifts for 30 kids and 15 adults to the BVCC on Friday December 14th. Thank you also for your nice cookie donations that will go to the elderly in our community.

A big thanks goes out to Mike Behling for delivering the gifts and cookies to the center on Friday December 14th.

~Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who hosted a table and provided delicious dishes to share at this year's Advent Tea. Your tables were beautiful, and all the had a wonderful time. Sincerely, Carol Dohoney

~Thank you to Carol Dohoney who chaired this years Advent Tea. The door prizes were very nice, and the speaker was humorous and thought provoking. It was a wonderful time!

~Thank you to everyone who donated food supplies and who helped assemble the Larry Under the Bridge (LUTB) bag lunches in December. We will continue this project in 2020 quarterly. Watch for announcements. Need information, please contact Jim Wick.

PRAYER REQUESTS

~For Howard Fritsch as he remains at St. Luke's Hospital. He is appreciative for all your cards and visits.

~Sue Steinhauer as she navigates health issues. She has been released from the hospital and is currently at home.



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