

Christ Church **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

The 40 days of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. If you know anything about the liturgical season of Lent, it's that people often give stuff up for it. We do this to symbolically remember and relive Jesus' 40-day fast in the Judean wilderness by "giving up" some of our creature comforts. This speaks to the ascetic nature of Lent as a time of spiritual training. The gospels tell us that Jesus was tested in the wilderness by the Devil (*ha-Satan* means "The Adversary" in Hebrew). His fasting and praying in the wilderness was a time of spiritual training for his journey to the cross. When we give up or give away something or some part of ourselves during Lent, the hope is that we, too, grow in our spiritual fitness for our own crosses in this life.

This Lent I want to invite you to participate in several activities as a way of training your spiritual muscles. First, we have a 40-day Lenten activity booklet called the "Love Builds Up" challenge. Each day during Lent you are invited to read a scripture, talk about it with someone, and then commit to one spiritual practice a week. You can request these booklets from the church office or pick them up from the table near sanctuary. We also have Lenten coloring posters on the seven last words of Christ available for you to color. You can enjoy these wonderful illustrated devotionals during worship in the small chapel *or* afterwards in the fellowship hall. Coloring can be a meaningful way to nurture your creative spirits. The theme for our worship services during Lent this year is *The Wilderness*, so you will no doubt observe that our sanctuary has been adorned with wilderness items to immerse you in a different worship experience than you may have ever experienced.

It is my hope that this Lenten season can be a meaningful time of reflection and growth for you and your families. If you choose to exercise your spiritual muscles by giving something up or giving some part of yourselves away – then my prayer is that it can be meaningful. I am hopeful that you grow during this 40-day wilderness season. The days may be dark as we inch towards the cross and the tomb, but we do it together and in confident hope of the resurrection.

With gratitude,

Pastor Dan Stark

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have to admit sometimes it's difficult for me to be really inspired about "church" because our lessons from church involve people we've never met, places we'll never see, and things we've never experienced. Under those circumstances it's difficult to relate to the lessons being taught. That combined with the cultural differences between our teachers (the people who wrote the Bible) and our 21st century lives may cloud our ability to truly absorb the fundamental truths conveyed to us in the Bible. Still, the Bible is a timeless book and it will always be so.

Our celebration of Easter is approaching and will be here in a few weeks. Easter is, most likely, the greatest celebration in the Christian church as we proclaim our Lord's death, resurrection, and our belief in both. Since our public proclamation and worship celebrates Jesus' resurrection we tend to concentrate on only that aspect of Easter and not the promise that Jesus made to us saying "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19).

Jesus says many things in the Bible but I have to admit this one promise really stands out in my mind. So, when I stand in church on Easter morning (any Sunday morning for that matter) and proclaim Jesus resurrection and praise God for it I am also (pre)celebrating my own resurrection as well. Right? So are you. No one can truly have any concept of the overwhelming tears of joy that will flow when we again meet our parents, siblings, spouses, special friends, and hopefully pets, in a world we do not yet know, or could even imagine, but one that we long for everyday of lives.

Let's enter and worship through the Lenten season with that promise from Jesus that John wrote about.

Dean Kothrade

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

Worship & Music Committee liaison: Rich Tremarello

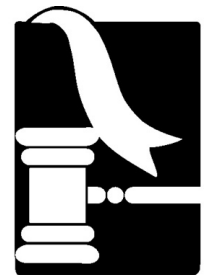
Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations liaison: Dean Kothrade

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.**

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

Your 2019 Giving Statements are now available in the hallway by the name tags. Please stop by and pick yours up to save the church postage costs. These statements do not include Pay Pal contributions, please contact the office if you need those figures.

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.

PASTOR /PARISH/PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (PPRC)

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 will only accept **WRITTEN** compliments/concerns to discuss. Please submit **signed** 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.

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



NEED: BVCC FOOD & INFANT FORMULA PANTRY MONTHLY DRIVE SUNDAY MARCH 1ST DONATION DROP OFF IS IN THE CHAPEL

Requested items: *Canned Soups (both cream and broth) *Canned Vegetables *Canned Fruits *Canned Meats *Pasta *Rice *Peanut Butter *Jelly *Cereal

NEED: DONATIONS FOR CHRIST CHURCH SHARE AND CARE EASTER BASKETS

The Social Concerns committee is assembling Easter baskets for our "Share & Care" members. We could use the following brought to church no later than Sunday 3/22. Non-perishable items can be dropped off in the silver refrigerator in the basement across from the kitchen:

SIGN UP:

- ___ *Monetary donations-memo line "S&C Easter Baskets"
- ___ *Decorated Hard boiled Easter Eggs-13
- ___ *Frosted/Decorated Sugar Cookies-13
- ___ *Soft Candy-13
- ___ *Homemade Jelly/Jam-13

Name: _____ Contact info. _____

This sign-up sheet can be dropped in the collection plate, mailed to church or dropped in the black mailbox outside of the church office near the Lenox St. entrance.

For information or questions please see any Social Concerns Committee Member: Debbie Behling, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Sara Rogers & Randene Wick.

NEED: USHERS, GREETERS & LENOX ST. HELPERS

Friends, at Christ Church we have always been welcoming to both members and visitors who enter our lovely building. We would really like to continue this form of hospitality. We are in need of some people to step forward and volunteer for these opportunities of community service. If you would be interested in extending a welcoming handshake on a Sunday morning, helping those in need with the elevator, handing out bulletins, taking the collection and/or helping to distribute communion please contact Debbie Behling in the church office at 414-481-3530 or office@uccmke.org. These sound like simple small things, but they are very important. We hope to hear from you.

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

Hoodies - medium & large, sweatpants, paper towels, facial tissues (i.e. Kleenex), napkins, hand soap, dish soap, dryer sheets, laundry pods with stain remover, coffee - decaf and regular, creamer, sugar, jelly! jelly! jelly! over-the-counter NyQuil & DayQuil, over-the-counter cough drops

If none of those items strike your fancy, the Arts & Science Literacy Camp is always in need of healthy snacks (year round). Be sure to mark the items for ASLC. Thanks!

Nut-free, gluten-free snacks, pretzels, crackers, breakfast bars, real fruit fruit snacks, string cheese
"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!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00 PM

Midweek Lenten services will be held Wednesdays March 4th-April 1st at noon in the chapel. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

BINGO

We will be playing Bingo during coffee hour the 3rd Sundays of the month: March 15th, April 19th, and May 17th during coffee hour.

Please contact Katelyn O'Brien if you would like to be a caller or donate prizes.



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 Dohoney, Debbie Hansen or Mary Ann Mowery. Happy reading!

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN MARCH

March 1: BVCC monthly food pantry drive, *Last day to order Easter flowers*, Share & Care donations, Choir 8:15am, Worship with Communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am.

March 3: Staff Meeting 10:00am.

March 4: Midweek Lenten service 12:00pm, Weekly Announcement submission by end of day please, Praise Team 7:00pm.

March 5: AA Meeting 7:00pm.

March 6: World Day of Prayer.

March 8: Daylight Saving Time Begins, Spring Ahead! Worship with Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Share & Care Easter Donations.

March 9: Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm.


March 10: Quilters 10:00am.

March 11: Midweek Lenten service 12:00pm, Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please, Praise Team 7:00pm.

March 12: AA 7:00pm.

March 14: Crochet Class 10:00am.

March 15: Praise Team 8:15am, Worship with Communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour with Bingo 10:30am, Share & Care Easter Donations.

March 17: Happy St. Patty's Day!  Council Meeting 6:30pm.

March 18: Midweek Lenten service 12:00pm, Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please.

March 19: Choir & AA 7:00pm.



March 20: April Chronicles submissions by 10:00am please.

March 21: Karaoke Night & Dinner 6:00pm.

March 22: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Worship & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, *Share & Care last day for donations.*

March 24: Quilters 10:00am.

March 25: Midweek Lenten service 12:00pm, Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please.

March 26: Choir & AA 7:00pm.

March 28: Crochet Class 10:00am.

March 29: Worship with Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Share & Care Easter Baskets available for delivery.

SAVE THE DATE

April 5: Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am

April 9: Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm

April 10: Good Friday Worship 7:00pm

April 12: Easter Sunday! Children's Easter Egg Hunt 8:45am-9:15am, Worship 9:30am

April 25: UCC Southeast Association Annual Meeting at Christ Church



CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	3/19 7-8:30pm	3/26 7-8:30pm	4/2 7-8:30pm	4/9 7-8:30pm	4/23 7-8:30pm	4/30 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal & Service	3/1 8:15-9:15am	4/5 Palm Sunday 8:15-9:15am	4/12 Easter 9:00am			
Special Rehearsal & Service Maundy Thursday	4/9 6:15pm					



PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	3/4 7-8:30pm	3/11 7-8:30pm	4/8 7-8:30pm	4/15 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	3/15 8:15-9:15am	4/19 8:15-9:15am		



LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

3/1 The Pisarek Family	3/8 The Tremarello Family	3/15 The Wicks	3/22 Chuck Terlinden	3/29 Don Antoniewicz
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma Street	3/1 The Pfeifer family	3/8 Nancy Kaye	3/15 Don Antoniewicz	3/22 The Hansens	3/29 The Gaeths
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USHER SCHEDULE

3/1 Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Katelyn O'Brien Mike Thomae	3/8 Ben Clark Chelsea Clark Brian O'Brien Chuck Terlinden	3/15 Debbie Hansen Fred Passow Chuck Terlinden Mike Thomae	3/22 Debbie Behling Mary Ann Mowery Danette Volz Renolle Volz	3/29 Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Katelyn O'Brien Fred Passow
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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

3/1 Doric Chapter Demolay	3/8 Volunteer Needed	3/15 Volunteer Needed	3/22 Volunteer Needed	3/29
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LITURGIST SCHEDULE

3/1 Doris Mayeshiba	3/8 Jim Wick	3/15 Diane Bingheim	3/22 Paul Mayeshiba	3/29 Dean Kothrade
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

3/1	Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
3/8	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
3/15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
3/22	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
3/29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all of these wonderful folks!

<u>MARCH 1</u> Joyce Jakimczyk
<u>MARCH 5</u> Neil Feest Jerald Veit
<u>MARCH 3</u> James Meyer Randene Wick
<u>MARCH 6</u> Darren Stezala
<u>MARCH 7</u> Ken Klockow
<u>MARCH 8</u> Keira Buell Kay Rollert

<u>MARCH 11</u> Judy Borkowicz
<u>MARCH 14</u> Benjamin Pfeifer
<u>MARCH 15</u> Sandra Blackwood
<u>MARCH 16</u> Gloria Konkell
<u>MARCH 17</u> Gloria Henke Jackson Stezala
<u>MARCH 18</u> Samuel Rondorf

<u>MARCH 20</u> Robert Engstrom Brooke Goedel
<u>MARCH 21</u> Nathan Scheske
<u>MARCH 23</u> Nicholas Wegner
<u>MARCH 24</u> Maria Porn
<u>MARCH 25</u> Isabelle Berger
<u>MARCH 27</u> Lorraine Zabler
<u>MARCH 30</u> Dean Mowery



THANKS

~We received a thank you for an Endowment Donation to Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church Divine Intervention Program, "On the behalf of the Members and Session of Tippecanoe Faithing Community, our Divine Intervention collaborators and volunteers, and most importantly our Guests, thank you for the \$1,000.00 donation toward Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless mission! With the snow and cold this weekend, we are grateful for these donations that allow 22 folds safe shelter for the night. Please know this mission as a shared, collaborative ministry of over 56 faith or community groups guided by Tippe. Together we are changing lives in our greater community. Your continuing generosity and support is deeply appreciated! Thank You! Within God's Abiding Grace, Jerry Watkins Clerk of Session"

~"Everyone for the prayers, notes, cards and concern that have been extended to me following the death of my brother, Elgie. I look forward to being back with my church family." Sincerely, Barb Wells

~We accept with thanks and appreciation a donation to Christ Church from Kathleen Schroeder in memory of her mother, Ann Schroeder's March 3rd birthday.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Hear Our Prayers, O God...

For health & healing: *God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Ps. 147:3*

We pray for:

~Barb Wells and her family as they settle her brother's farm property after his passing.

~Pastor Dan's mom as she navigates health problems.

~Robert Kroenig as he navigates health problems. Correction-he has not yet had his surgery.

~Joyce Zieman who is healing from injuries from 2 falls.

~Dan Vail as he recovers from surgery and receives treatment.

Easter Flowers

*Decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning
with a Spring plants.*

***Please use the order form below and remit your payment when placing your order.**

***Please make you check payable to Christ Church with "Easter Plants" on the memo line.**

***You may drop your order form in the collection plate or in the black mailbox outside of the office.**

***Deadline for orders is March 1st**

Please list plant choices, \$ amounts, and if they are to be dedicated to someone.

This years' choices are-6 1/2" pots @ \$11.00 each:

___ **Cyclamen** In Memory of _____ In Celebration of _____ In Honor of _____

___ **Gerbera Daisy** In Memory of _____ In Celebration of _____ In Honor of _____

___ **Mum (Easter Egg-3 colors per pot)** In Memory of _____ In Celebration of _____ In Honor of _____

___ **Rieger Begonia- (choose a color) _Red _Pink _Yellow**

In Memory of _____ In Celebration of _____ In Honor of _____

___ **Caladium** In Memory of _____ In Celebration of _____ In Honor of _____

Your Name _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

You are invited to take home your plant after the Easter Worship Service.

Thank you for decorating are Sanctuary with the beautiful colors of Spring!



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