

# Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

We recently talked about the story of the “grumbling Israelites” in Exodus who desired to return to slavery Egypt because they were afraid about their uncertain future in the wilderness under Moses’ leadership and God’s guidance. At least under Pharaoh they had food, water, and a bed at night. I think with all the unknowns on the horizon for us as a church, city, and country – we can relate to the Israelites who wanted to retreat rather than forging ahead into the unknown. Have you ever wanted to go *backward* because you were too afraid to go *forward*? Sometimes I feel this way when I spend time with my kids.

It seems the most important thing to my kids these days is making it through the school day so they can play. They have a different set of priorities than me. They don’t worry about bills, student loans, and mortgages. They don’t worry about putting miles on the car, staying in shape, or whether the furnace needs a tune-up before the winter. They aren’t concerned whether there will be enough, too much, or if they can’t handle what comes next. They don’t sweat the small stuff. Or the big stuff. They live in the moment. They aren’t afraid of the unknown the same way an overthinking adult is. With this being said, when I turn on the TV, listen to the radio, or scroll through my social media and see the political mud being slung, I sometimes wish I could go back to being a kid again.

The Apostle Paul took Jesus’ movement all across the Roman Empire in the 1<sup>st</sup> century CE. He brought the message of the Risen Christ to people and places far away from the Jewish communities where Jesus taught and lived. People of all backgrounds across the Mediterranean were brought into communities founded by Paul. Conflicts arose within those communities about what constituted faithful practices. These conflicts might seem foreign to us today, but they were serious enough to tear communities of faith apart.

In Paul’s letter to the Romans, he *does not* take a side. However, he encourages everyone in the community to keep their eyes trained on what is important: faith to Christ, thanksgiving to God, leaving the judgement up to God.

Our issues may be different in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but the idea is that there are many different ways of following Jesus today.



We live in probably the most divided time in our country since the Civil War. The most consequential US election in modern history will happen on November 3, 2020 – and I have to tell you, I am concerned for the soul of our nation. I don't know what is going to happen – no matter which candidate wins or loses – and it scares me. While churches can take no partisan stands, we must pray and work for a just common life as a natural extension of our faith as Christians.

My prayer for us during this time of great unknowns, is that we can not be so afraid to go forward that we attempt to go backwards or retreat. I pray that you will do some deep soul searching and follow the moral arch of the universe this fall. I will leave that interpretation up to you. May you face into the unknowns about our schools, church, city, state, country with God's wisdom and with Christ's love.

With gratitude,

Pastor Dan



## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

As I get older I get a little melancholy while thinking about the past. I often think back to my younger years and things that were an adventure and fun to do. One of my favorite past times is to work on something mechanical. My brother and I grew up helping my dad work on things, including cars, and it became a lifelong hobby. The fascination for me grew from learning from my dad how things fit together and worked. I could then understand (some) mechanical concepts and really appreciate what these things did. It also made me admire who envisioned and designed such ingenious things to work the way they do. Every now and then I think back to my dad's stories about his 1927 Chevy (there's the melancholy tie in) and I just shake my head and smile at the incredible strides that have been made in automobile manufacturing.

Mechanical things are more familiar to me so I tend to use that as my point of reference but how about the unbelievable knowledge explosion in computers and electronics? Medicine? Space travel? No one can argue that the last 100 years has seen the database of human knowledge grow exponentially I'm sure. The more technical advances that we make as humans makes me realize and wonder about how much more we still don't know and why we can't learn to benefit from our combined knowledge by living peacefully with each other and sharing that knowledge. I'm astounded that anyone can completely deny the existence of God after we have discovered only a fraction of what there is to know and yet proclaim how brilliant we are. I suppose we (human beings) think we are so intelligent that now we are, or soon will be, equal to any assumed Godly existence. How can we have advanced so far through the centuries in every aspect of knowledge and endeavor and still land right back to the thinking that originated in the garden of Eden?

Everything we possess is only temporary, even our earthly existence. Everything we know is only a discovery that we made. We did not create anything, we only discovered how it could be modified and used. Everything we learn is new to us, but it is, and always has been available since the earth was formed. I would then liken the human race gaining knowledge to children gleefully opening Christmas gifts rather than being on an equal footing the One created all things and gave all those gifts. Let us follow the instructions Jesus gave: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, (A) baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (B) <sup>20</sup> and teaching (C) them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you (D) always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28: 19 – 20 NIV). If we could learn to do that, I'd say we would be superior beings.

Dean



## ONLINE GIVING IN LIGHT OF THE CORONOVIRUS

Online giving is essential during this time! You can pay with an existing PayPal account. For first time users just go to the church website and click on the donate button and you can donate with a credit card. Feel free to contact Pastor Dan [pastor@uccmke.org](mailto:pastor@uccmke.org) or contact the church for assistance at 414-481-3530 or [office@uccmke.org](mailto:office@uccmke.org). Thank You!

## SIGN UP: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, please contact Debbie the Church Administrator ([office@uccmke.org](mailto:office@uccmke.org)) to be added to the list (414-481-3530).

## ATTENDING WORSHIP DURING COVID 19

*(A recording of the Sunday service will be posted online late afternoon or early evening as possible.)*

\*Welcome! Please **enter using the Lenox St. door only**. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early.

\***Sanitize** your hands upon entry either at the stairway or landing of the Lenox St. entrance.

\*Have your **temperature taken** (must be below 100 degrees to attend worship).

\*If your temperature is 100 or over you will be asked to return home to care for yourself

\***Put on a mask** (You can bring your own or a disposable one will be provided)

\***Register** with the usher. Provide your name and contact information.

\*Using the **6ft social distancing** markers make your way towards the Sanctuary.

\*If you need to use the rest room please sanitize the room according to the posted instructions.

\***An usher will escort you to a seat**, (large print bulletins and hearing devices will be made available to those in need of them)

\***Offerings** and envelopes can be placed in the offering trays on your way in or out of the sanctuary.

\*On Communion Sundays you will be invited to take a **disposable wafer and cup** as you enter the sanctuary.

\*After worship, the **ushers will direct you out of the sanctuary** using the Lenox St. exit.

\*Please use the **hand sanitizer as you exit the Sanctuary**.

\*An **outdoor informal coffee** hour will be held outside of the Lenox st. entrance following worship.

## Additional Information

\*Video Screens will be used for worship.

\*Collection plates will not be passed. Donations should be placed in the trays upon entering or leaving the Sanctuary.

\*Communion trays will not be passed. Disposable elements can be picked up prior to entering the Sanctuary.

\*Prayer requests will be announced by the Pastor. Please submit them to Pastor Dan or Debbie during the week by phone or email.

\*At this time there will not be any childcare or nursery care available.

\*The only rooms currently open for use on Sunday mornings are the Sanctuary and restrooms.

\*The Chapel will only be opened by an usher for seating if all seating is utilized in the Sanctuary.



If your group/class would like to return to meeting at the church building, please do the following so we can properly sanitize and prepare the room.

\*Contact the church office to reserve a room for your desired meeting date.

\*You will be assigned a room that will fit the size of your group for proper social distancing.

\*Upon entering the building please wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer at the Lenox St. entrance.

\*Sign the attendance sheet on the clipboard that will be found in your room.

\*When your meeting is completed please clean all door handles, tables, chairs, and surfaces that were used or contacted during your meeting. Each room has a caddy equipped with wipes/spray, gloves and paper towels.

\*Initial the attendance sheet that the room has been sanitized.

\*Prior to exiting the building, once again, please use the hand sanitizer at the Lenox St. door.

## **NEED: BVCC FOOD & INFANT FORMULA PANTRY**

You can still donate to the pantry as the Food pantry at the BVCC remains open.

*All other activities and classes have been cancelled for the time being.*

They are in desperate need of the following: Peanut Butter, Jams & Jellies.

You can bring your food donations directly to the BVCC @ 1320 E. Oklahoma Ave.:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm.

**DO YOU NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE? THE BVCC FOOD PANTRY IS HERE FOR YOU!**

Typically, if you live in the following zip codes: 53207, 53215 (you must live south of Becher, East of 27th St., and your address must be 2000 and up), 53221, and 53235 you may come to the Food Pantry with a photo ID from someone in your household to receive food.



## **NEED: SHARING OUR SUPPERS (SOS) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Every Friday thru November 20th, our church is the food distribution site for 40 restaurant prepared meals, bottled water, and 45 bag lunches. Those who come for food are homeless or referred to us from Bay View Community Center. Since the pandemic, Divine Intervention has been unable to provide face to face services for the homeless in Bay View. Pastor Karen from Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church has coordinated this meal distribution through a variety of church contacts and organizations along with Jim Wick. The restaurant meals are provided through Meals Matter Movement and the lunches are prepared by individuals from churches in the support group for Divine Intervention.

### **How can you help?**

Be the Christ Church building representative. Responsibilities include: Disinfect and set up of the outside serving table, signage and cones for distancing; bring up the water from the refrigerator and coolers for keeping food cold/warm; assist with meal drop off and distribution; Disinfect and return coolers, signage, table, to the basement and sanitize the areas used before leaving the church. The time required is 4:45 PM to approximately 6:15 PM on a Friday night of your choosing.

Donate heavy duty disposable plastic forks and knives. Please drop them off at church during office hours or on a Sunday. They can be left outside of the church office.

If you would like more information please contact Jim or Randene Wick, 414-614-2622, wickrl.51@gmail.com.

## **UPDATE: NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBER CHARLOTTE JESKE**

Charlotte recently moved. Her new address and phone number are as listed below:

Presbyterian Homes & Services

700 Quinlan Drive Room #210

Pewaukee, Wi. 53072

1-262-695-5855

She is now settled and incredibly happy in her new residence.



## UPDATE: CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

We would like to have every reader able to enjoy our book club discussions. We are going to see how the reopening at church proceeds and also small group meetings. While we all miss our time together for now the book club will take a break. When we do resume we will give you enough notice so you can have time to read the book. Stay safe and healthy!

Carol Dohoney, Debbie Hansen and Mary Ann Mowery

## SCHEDULES FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP, EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thursday October 1st: Pastor Dan returns from military duty.

Friday October 2nd: DI SOS distribution at Christ Church 5:00pm-6:30p. Building Reps: The Kothrades

Sunday October 4th: World Communion Sunday, In person worship with communion 9:30am, Outdoor coffee hour 10:30am (weather permitting).

Monday October 5th: Tap lessons on fellowship hall stage 5pm-6:30pm

Friday October 9th: DI SOS distribution at Christ Church 5:00pm-6:30p. Building Reps: The Mowerys

Saturday October 10th: Virtual SE Association Annual Meeting 9:00am, Crochet class 10:00am.

Sunday October 11th: In person worship 9:30am. Outdoor coffee hour 10:30am(weather permitting).

Monday October 12th: Possible Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm, Tap lessons on stage 5pm-6:30pm.

Tuesday October 13th: Quilters 10:00am, Molly Pufall Brown Music lessons 4:30pm-7:00pm.

Friday October 16th: November Chronicles newsletter submissions by 10:00am please, DI SOS distribution at Christ Church 5:00pm-6:30p. Building Reps: Sara Rogers & Glen.

Sunday October 18th: In person worship with communion 9:30am. Outdoor coffee hour 10:30am (weather permitting).

Monday October 19th: Tap lessons on stage 5pm-6:30pm.

Tuesday October 20th: Possible Council Meeting 7:00pm.

Friday October 23rd: DI SOS distribution at Christ Church 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Building Reps: The Kothrades.

Saturday October 24th: Crochet Class 10:00am

Sunday October 25th: Reformation Sunday. In person worship 9:30am. Outdoor coffee hour 10:30am (weather permitting).

Monday October 26th: Tap lessons on stage 5pm-6:30pm.

Tuesday October 27th: Quilters 10:00am

Friday October 30th: DI SOS distribution at Christ Church 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Building Reps.: Volunteer(s) needed.

Saturday October 31st: Possible Orłowski Wedding

## QUILTERS

The Piece and Plenty Quilters will meet at church on Tuesdays at 10:00am on October 13th & 27th. Randene Wick, Gloria Konkel, Julie Oren and Joyce Zieman.



## CROCHETERS

Crochet class will be held Saturday October 10th & 24th at 10:00am in the music room. For information please contact Ken Klockow.



## SE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 10TH

This meeting will be held virtually with a brief prerecorded opening service by Pastor Dan.

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
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## USHER SCHEDULE

<b>10/4</b> Mary Ann Mowery Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<b>10/11</b> Greg Mitchell Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<b>10/18</b> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<b>10/25</b> Mary Ann Mowery Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

<b>10/4</b>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 & Psalm 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 & Psalm 80:7-15	Philipians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
<b>10/11</b>	Exodus 32:1-14 & Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Isaiah 25:1-9 & Psalm 23	Philipians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>10/18</b>	Exodus 33:12-23 & Psalm 99	Isaiah 45:1-7 & Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)	1Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
<b>10/25</b>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 & Psalm 1	1Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THESE WONDERFUL FOLKS!

<b><u>OCTOBER 2</u></b> Nancy Jonokuchi
<b><u>OCTOBER 4</u></b> Debbie Behling Darrell Rasch
<b><u>OCTOBER 6</u></b> Sara Rogers
<b><u>OCTOBER 7th</u></b> Amy Waldoch
<b><u>OCTOBER 8</u></b> Sue Fine
<b><u>OCTOBER 9</u></b> Tyler Strausbaugh Richard Tremarello

<b><u>OCTOBER 12</u></b> Gilbert Gwinn
<b><u>OCTOBER 13</u></b> Andrew Vail
<b><u>OCTOBER 15</u></b> Andy Behling Todd Hansen
<b><u>OCTOBER 16</u></b> Mike Behling Brian O'Brien Brooke O'Brien Marilyn Rasch Helene Rondorf

<b><u>OCTOBER 19</u></b> Susan Brewer Debbie Hansen
<b><u>OCTOBER 20</u></b> Paul Mayeshiba Duane Rondorf
<b><u>OCTOBER 21</u></b> Cliff Blake Cole Oleson
<b><u>OCTOBER 22</u></b> Peter Jorgenson

<b><u>OCTOBER 26</u></b> Richard Gaeth
<b><u>OCTOBER 28</u></b> Harvey Albertin
<b><u>OCTOBER 30</u></b> Mary Ann Mowery Molly Reigert Mary Veit
<b><u>OCTOBER 31</u></b> Nancy Kaye



## PRAYERS

**Hear Our Prayers, O God...For health & healing:** *God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Ps. 147:3 We pray for:

~Loretta Senderhauf and the whole family of Roland Senderhauf, as Roland passed away September 14th.

~Sandy Oleson and the whole family of Randy Oleson as Randy passed away September 10th.

~Joe and Laurie, son in law and daughter of Jackie Struck as Joe had to be readmitted to the ICU in the hospital Friday September 18th for water retention that is affecting his heart. He also needs wound care for blisters on his legs.

~Linda who resides in Connecticut, daughter of Jackie Struck who is getting wound care for bed sores she got while at in house rehab from surgery. Prayers for continued healing.

~Dawn, daughter in-law of Laurel and wife of Brad Dayton, as she has recovered well from having her toe amputated and still remains in the hospital for complications of Diabetes.

~Pastor Dan's mom Patricia and her family as she anxiously awaits her bone marrow biopsy test results.

~Bernie, friend of Nancy Kaye, who is in the hospital with lung cancer and has just been told she only has 2 months left. She will be entering hospice soon.

~Tracy, daughter of Nancy Kaye, who was released from the hospital is at home with Nancy awaiting Liver and Kidney transplants. She is doing well.

~Kathy, who lives in Sandy, Oregon and is an old friend of Andy Oren. Kathy is currently in level 2 which means they need to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Kathy has a hotel room booked just in case but hoping the fires do not reach her community.

~Laura's Smith's dad that he continues to get better at home and for her mom to be able to keep up her strength as she continues to care for him.

~Jean, mother of Klockow's son in law Karl, as she has stage 4 inoperable brain cancer.

~Emily, daughter of Paul and Doris Mayeshiba, as she will have radiation in October as a precaution. Thank you for your continued prayers as Emily received good news on her recent test results. Her blood levels etc. are all within the normal range.

~Nick, Brad and Nancy Charles nephew, who is battling heroin addiction, is out of prison and battling the difficult transition back into "normal life".

Prayers for his family as well.

~Sue Klockow's brother and Ken's sister who were both hospitalized and both have now been moved to rehab.

~Family of Ken and Sue who live in California close to where the fires are happening.

~Julene Flanagan's nephew who is dealing with Bipolar disorder and now out of the hospital struggling to get into a healthy daily routine.

~Julene Flanagan's husband's uncle from Alaska who is suffering from Kidney Disease and is now in assisted living and for his son who is going thru health issues as well.

## **THANK YOU**

~" Myself and my family would like to give thanks for all of the cards, calls and visits. It means so much to all of us. Thank you to Pastor Dan for a very special service. Several people said it was so Roland." From Loretta Senderhauf.

~We accept with appreciation and gratitude a donation made to Christ Church from Jon and Noelle Simons in celebration of the August 22nd marriage of their granddaughter Abby Simons to Dr. Sam Kortess.

~Thank you for all the prayers for our father/father in-law Duane Wielepski, as he successfully completed his chemo treatments and his cancer is gone.  
From Ryan & Jamie Wielepski.

~"Thank you for all of your prayers for daughter Jean to find a job back in the Milwaukee area. She was successful and is now working in Kenosha and able to be back with the rest of her family. Prayers for a safe trip for Jean, Shawn and Blair as they travel to Florida to see Brooke who is attending college there." From Joan Amich.



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