

# Christ Church

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## PASTOR'S LETTER



Dear Church,

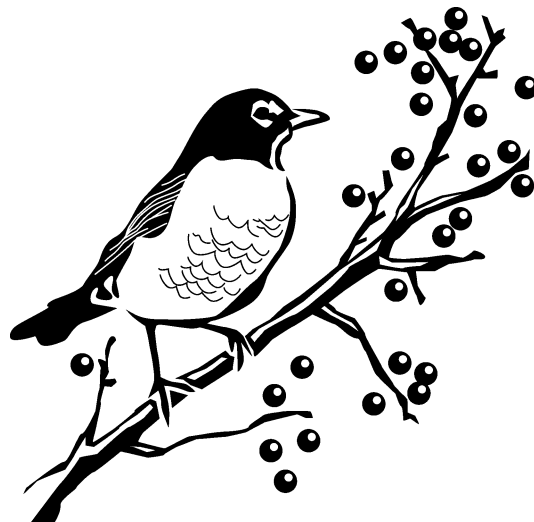
April showers bring May flowers—and lots of weeds, too. Now that the snow is gone (I hope), we have started to get some nice rainstorms. After one particularly good soak a couple weeks ago, I ventured into my flowerbeds and weeded as much as possible. There is no better time to do this than after the rain in the spring. I say this because the bugs are not out, the thistles have not grown to a prehistoric size, and the soil is soft. In a way, that's kind of the season we find ourselves in as a church.

We reopen for worship in person on June 6<sup>th</sup> this year. This may seem quite far off – but it really is right around the corner. The time between now and then gives us a unique opportunity to accomplish things as a congregation before we meet in person. Kind of like weeding a garden in the spring, there is no better time for you to get in touch with your church leaders, committee members, sign up to volunteer, help out with some spring cleaning (figuratively and literally), pitch a project or idea to the Council, or commit yourself to serving your church and God.

So Church, the bugs aren't out, the thistles are still tame, and the soil is ripe for picking. We've got a lot of work to prepare before we meet again this summer. I hope to hear from you and see you soon.

With gratitude for you,

Pastor Dan Stark



## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

I wonder if we've prayed the Lord's Prayer so many times that we have lost its meaning and zeal. Let's think about this. In the prayer we pay homage to our Creator, ask for blessings, ask for guidance, ask for God's will to be done on earth. That's the confusing part. Are we asking God to do God's will or are we really wanting God's will to be done on earth? There is a huge difference. If we're waiting for God to do God's will that means we're sitting by idling and simply waiting for that to happen. If we really want God's will to be done on earth we have been equipped and given instructions to do that, in His place, haven't we? We are told we are made in the image of God. We are told we are wonderfully made. We are told "greater is He that is in you (each of us) than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). We are told "this is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). We were given the example of Jesus' life to follow. We were given the assurance that we would have a Companion to "the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). We were given the Bible, the inspired word of God, to be our reference and constant source of instruction, solace and comfort.

In my mind God has done a great job in equipping a world wide army to do his will. He's given us many of His attributes, made sure we had instructions (Bible), and an example to follow (Jesus), a constant companion (the Holy Spirit) to guide all generations, and a promise of life eternal for all who believe in and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and yet fall short of following that perfect example every day of their lives. Think about that. Eternal salvation isn't promised to perfect Christians, it's promised to all practicing and flawed Christians.

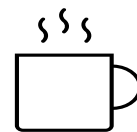
So, are we waiting for God's will to be done on earth or are we wanting to do God's will on earth? We have been given everything we need. Let's get going knowing we have a heavenly reward when we try our best. We don't have to be perfect, or succeed every time, just believe in Christ Jesus and continually try to do our best.

We are getting ready to gather again as a family of faith for in person worship on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The many months that have separated us physically cannot separate us spiritually. While corporate worship is not the only way to worship it is meant to nurture our need to socialize and build each other up. It is my sincere hope and desire that all our congregation members return to worship. We will still practice covid prevention measures (i.e. the sanctuary will be cleaned every week, we will allow for social distancing, face coverings will be required at least for the first several weeks of in person attendance.) Joan and Dick Gaeth along with Randene and Jim Wick have already planned a celebration social hour after church with good food and delicious goodies. Please consider returning to in person worship if your comfortable in doing so. You will make Someone happy with your appearance. Guaranteed.

Dean Kothrade



**Welcome back to in person worship!**  
**Come One!! Come All!!**  
**Join in the Celebration!!!**  
**In-Person Church is Open!!!**  
**Beginning: June 6, 2021**



The excitement is building!!! We can worship together after sooooo many months. It will be so wonderful to see each other and pray together as a community!

Please join us after church for an "in-person" light lunch during coffee hour. Being served: ham and rolls with individually wrapped chips and pickles. Yes, of course, there will be Canfora's famous sweet rolls along with coffee and juice.

Weather permitting coffee hour will be outside at the Lenox Street entrance. The fellowship hall will be available for inclement weather. Please remember to "social distance". "Elbow bumps!!!"

Can't wait to see you! *Submitted by: Jim and Randene Wick and Dick and Joan Gaeth*

## PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pastor Parish Personnel Committee wishes to extend a big "Thank you" to Debbie Behling for the job she has done for Christ Church and congratulations on her retirement from the Office Administrator position. Debbie has been very actively involved with many programs at church and has been a faithful church council member and hard working church council president. She has done everything from coordinating rummage sales to initiating the very popular "Sisterhood Saturday" event at church that benefits victims of abuse. Her attention to detail and dedication to Christ Church will be missed. Debbie's last day will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please wish her well by a note or call if you are able.

While we are sorry to see Debbie leave the personnel committee is happy to tell you that we have a new Office Administrator. Our new Office Administrator is Paula Zarling. Paula has previous church office experience working at Bay View United Methodist Church. Paula left that position to pursue another goal however the recent covid pandemic financial setback affected the company she was with. The personnel committee is sure Paula's many talents and pleasant disposition will enable her to transition into this position without any issue. While the office hours for Paula have yet to be determined they will be fairly close, if not identical, to the current office hours. If you happen to see Paula in the office or talk to her on the phone please introduce yourself and welcome her to our family.

The Pastor Parish Personnel Committee  
Randene Wick  
Dick Gaeth  
Dean Kothrade

## 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- [www.uccmke.org/donate](http://www.uccmke.org/donate). 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).

## CLASSES AND MEETINGS DURING COVID 19

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 with the supplies in your room caddy & initial attendance sheet.
- \*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 BVCC as the Food pantry at the BVCC remains open. The community center is requesting the following donations:

Jams & Jellies, Pasta & Sauces, and Black Beans & Rice.

Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

*Donations can be dropped off at the BVCC @ 1320 E. Oklahoma Ave.:*

*Tuesdays thru Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm.*



## **NEED: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DI SOS FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

It would be helpful if we could get 2 more sets of Building Reps so that volunteers will repeat about every 6-8 weeks. Just 1.5 hours on a Friday evening starting at 4:45pm. Please contact Jim Wick for information and/or to sign up. Thanks.

If you would like more information please contact  
Jim or Randene Wick, 414-614-2622, [wickrl.51@gmail.com](mailto:wickrl.51@gmail.com).



## **NEED: DI SOS DONATIONS NEEDED**

Please help by donating the following for our Friday night meal distribution:

\*Prewrapped plastic knife, fork and napkin packets (please tie or tape shut)

\*Fruit Breakfast/granola Bars (any flavors)

Donations can be dropped off at church during office hours Tuesday-Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm.

## **NEED: PLEASE SUPPORT JIM DANDY'S PUB & GRILL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO DI-SOS**

Jim Dandy's Pub & Grill

**Address:** 8900 S 27th St, Oak Creek, WI 53154,

**Phone:** (414) 304-8136

**WEB:** <https://www.jimdandysgrill.com/>

Jim Dandy's Pub & Grill has graciously provided Divine Intervention – Share Our Suppers (DI-SOS) with 45 hot meals each Friday evening, since early July, to be distributed at Christ Church through the DI-SOS ministry. Any support you can provide to this restaurant during these difficult times would be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Consider ordering online for pick up or mask up and socially distance at their restaurant. Also, mention that you are thankful for their support of DI-SOS.

Jim Wick

## **OPPORTUNITY: PRAYER CHAIN VOLUNTEER**

You are invited to join the Christ Church prayer chain to support members, family and friends of Christ Church in their time of need for support. Please contact Paula in the church office if you feel called in this mission. Thanks!

## **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 IN APRIL**

Sunday May 2nd: Online worship 9:30am.

Monday May 3rd: Tap lessons 5:00pm.

Thursday May 6th: Debbie's last day.


Friday May 7th: DI 4:45pm, Building reps.:

Saturday May 8th: TBD Crochet class 10:00am.

Sunday May 9th: Mother's Day! Online Worship 9:30am.

Monday May 10th: Tap lessons 5:00pm.

Tuesday May 11th: Quilters 10:00am.

Thursday May 13th: Ascension Day. 

Friday May 14th: DI 4:45pm, Building reps.:

Sunday May 16th: Online worship 9:30am.

Monday May 17th: Tap lessons 5:00pm.

Friday May 21st: DI 4:45pm, Building reps.:



Saturday May 22nd: TBD Crochet Class 10:00am.  
 Sunday May 23rd: Pentecost. Online Worship 9:30am.  
 Monday May 24th: Tap lessons 5:00pm.  
 Tuesday May 25th: Quilters 10:00am.  
 Friday May 28th: DI 4:45pm, Building reps.:  
 Sunday May 23rd: Trinity Sunday. Worship 9:30am.  
 Monday May 24th: Tap lessons 5:00pm.  
 Tuesday May 25th: Quilters 10:00am.  
 Friday May 28th: DI 4:45pm, Building reps.:  
 Sunday May 30th: Online worship 9:30am.  
 Monday May 31st: Memorial Day! Tap lessons 5:00pm.

## QUILTERS

The Peace and Plenty Quilters will meet at church on Tuesday May 11th & 25th at 10:00am.  
 Randene Wick, Gloria Konkel, Julie Oren, and Joyce Ziemann.



## CROCHETERS

Crochet class will be held Saturday May 8th & 22nd at 10:00am in the music room.  
 For information, please contact Ken Klockow.



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

<b>5/2</b>	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
<b>5/9</b>	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
<b>5/16</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	Luke 17:6-19
<b>5/23</b>	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 104: 24-34,35b	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
<b>5/30</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THESE WONDERFUL FOLKS!

### MAY 1

Tom Albertin  
Joan Gaeth

### MAY 3

Patti Roginski

### MAY 5

Colton Zvara

### MAY 6

Judy Faja  
Kathleen Schroeder

### MAY 7

Emma Bingheim

### MAY 9

William Kroening

Leone Krueger

### MAY 11

Betty Budzien

Michelle Vail

### MAY 18

Stacey Bergeman

### MAY 21

Andrea Blankenberg

Scott Schmeling

Debbie Wells

### MAY 23

Patricia Freitag

### MAY 24

Ben Clark

Sophie Malecki

### MAY 28

Pam Kothrade

### MAY 29

Sandra

Wegner

### MAY 30

Kirstyn Heino

Jacob Heino

### MAY 31



## PRAYERS

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

We pray for:

- ~Betty B who is healing from injuries from a recent fall. She has returned to her residence and is receiving 24hour nursing care.
- ~Ken and Susie K. as Ken recovers from recent surgery. Prayers for healing.
- ~Katie, a young mom was hospitalized for septic shock. She is currently out of ICU. Prayers for her recovery. From Andy Oren.
- ~Dean M. as he recovers from surgery for a ruptured Achilles tendon.
- ~Nick, nephew of Nancy & Brad who has been using heroin again for about 6 months.
- ~Ian, that continued chemo and upcoming radiation will continue to work as hoped and side effects can remain minimal.
- ~Continued prayers for David Rothe, friend of John Helt who is rehabbing after a serious infection.
- ~Kim and her husband, friends of Mary Ann M. who is now back home and is still not able to eat (has a gastric feeding tube), very weak and unable to walk without assistance but very happy to be home. Her husband is assisting with all her care in addition to PT, OT and speech therapy.
- ~Rick, Uncle of Laura P who recently had a "routine" heart procedure that did not go well and is now in critical condition. Prayers for the whole family.
- ~Prayers for strength, understanding and healing for Jack and his family as the bone marrow transplant has been postponed. He will go through another round of induction chemo. Dick and Joan Gaeth
- ~Judy, niece of Ken K as she is on chemo for breast cancer.
- ~Kathy, Ken's sister who was moved to hospice at a nursing home and has a serious chronic infection and vascular dementia.
- ~Susie K's Aunt Evelyn who is in hospice and Aunt Eleanore who had a stroke and is in home hospice, also for her daughters and granddaughters who are taking care of her.
- ~Dan, friend of Molly as he and his young family navigate his illness.
- ~Joe and Laurie, son in law and daughter of Jackie S as they navigate Joe's medical issues.
- ~Dawn & Brad D, daughter in-law and son of Laurel as she manages diabetes and dialysis 4 times per week for her kidneys and Brad as he heals from a broken arm that required several surgeries.
- ~Tracy, daughter of Nancy K, who is at home with Nancy awaiting a liver transplant.
- ~Continued prayers for Julene F's nephew, who is struggling with mental health issues.
- ~Bernie, friend of Nancy K who has end-stage lung cancer and is in a nursing home in hospice.

## THANK YOU

- ~ "Thank you so very much for the beautiful butterfly and the card. It's so very nice to be remembered. May God Bless each of you. Love Jackie Struck".
  - ~ "I want to thank my friends at church for the get-well cards and prayers. I am starting to feel better. I felt like the caterpillar ready to die, but now I'm starting to feel like the beautiful butterfly you sent. Thanks again for all of your well wishes and prayers. Betty Budzien"
  - ~ "Thank You to the members of Christ Church UCC, Milwaukee for your 2020 contribution of \$229.51 for Basic Support of Our Church's Wider Mission Changing Lives!"
- Franz Riegert Conference Minister  
John C. Dorhauer General Minister and President of UCC



# A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. To plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sharp part of a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is harvested. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. To dry up and shrivel . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Person who plants . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. The earth a plant grows in. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

"But the \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2</sub> falling on good \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8</sub> refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub>, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3</sub>n."

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

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