

Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

In our 120-some year history, we've experienced a lot at Christ Church. However, our city, nation, and the world today face an unprecedented crisis: the novel coronavirus/COVID-19.

At times like this, a leader must lead – and sometimes, leaders must make difficult decisions to protect their people.

Following the guidance of the CDC, Wisconsin council of churches, UCC national office, and Wisconsin Conference of the UCC, I have made the decision to **suspend all in-person worship, activities, groups, and gatherings at Christ Church UCC until further notice.**

It is likely that public life at Christ Church will cease for some time – even through our beloved Easter holiday. This does not mean that our church is closed – but rather, our ministry, and my role as a pastor, will shift from public to a much more personal ministry. Let me tell you what is going to happen:

First, although the church will not be open for public worship, gatherings, and activities, our office administrator will still be answering phone calls and emails, picking up and distributing the mail, as well as putting together the weekly newsletter, contacting those not online and taking care of the day-to-day administrative business of the church to maintain operational continuity. Given the most recent guidance from the Governor, the Office Administrator will be in the office on a limited basis.

Secondly, I will send out a devotional prayer and poem every day on Facebook for your reflection. If you should need to be added to the Facebook group, please contact me via email at pastor@uccmke.org. I don't want you to miss out.

Third, even though we will not be conducting in-person worship at this time, you will receive a devotional bulletin and video via email, and the church Facebook group every Friday. This will be a familiar format to you – and will pick up right where we left off last Sunday about our wilderness journey through Lent. The sermons are always available on the website at www.uccmke.org. If you need assistance, please contact the office at (414) 481-3530.



Fourth, my ministry is going to be less about Sunday morning worship and more about maintaining connections and serving you. I will call, email, write, and reach out to every known member, friend, and visitor during this time in order to care for you. I would ask that you check with the office to see if we have the most up to date contact information for you and your family. Sometimes just having a phone call and a listening ear makes a world of difference. I invite you to check in on one another regularly as well, though I know much if this is already happening because we are such a caring community.

Fifth, a small team of parishioners on the council, including myself, has formed to assist those of you who might need help during this time – such as running to the grocery store for you, taking you to appointments, picking up prescriptions from the pharmacy, and other errands that you might not be able to do if you are particularly vulnerable to the virus due to age, health, or circumstances. Please let me know if you would be willing to help out on this team, and also, if we can serve you during this time.

Lastly, I am concerned about the financial impact of all this on Christ Church. I have been in communication with our Council and the Financial Officers of the Church. I know all of us are concerned about our personal finances at this time, but I ask you to consider maintaining your commitments to Christ Church even while we are not meeting publicly. An ad-hoc stewardship team is being established to promote digital giving and to help you maintain your pledges and financial commitments to our community. You can mail your offering to the church office at 915 E. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207. Or, give electronically through PayPal at www.uccmke.org. There's a donate button at the website.

I'll close with a story: When I was in the first year of my tenure there was some gang activity in Bay View and the side of the church got tagged with spray paint. I remember feeling angry and sad that someone would do that to the church. But then, after a time, I realized that the church didn't get vandalized – it was the building. The church was the people. The church is you.

Church, remember at this time, even though the body is not gathering – the body of Christ is not broken. The church doors may not be open for public life, but the church – me, you, have been trained through the lessons we've heard from Jesus' ministry for times such as these.

God bless you and thank you.

Pastor Dan



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

Committee TBD: Sue Pfeifer



ONLINE GIVING IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS

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@ucc.mke.org or contact the church for assistance at 414-481-3530 or office@uccmke.org.

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).

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, please mail to 915 E. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee, Wi. 53207 to the attention of PPRC.

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

You can still donate to the pantry as the Food pantry part of the BVCC will remain open.

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

They are currently making snack packs for kids and supplying food for families in need.

They request the following items:

*Applesauce *Granola Bars *Boxed raisins *Bread *Jelly

You can bring these donations directly to the BVCC Monday-Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm.



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!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS FROM CUSTOM GROWN-CANCELLED

Custom Grown has contacted Christ Church and regretfully has cancelled our Easter flower order.

If you ordered a plant(s) we will refund your money as soon as the church office is open again.

We have kept a list and will contact you regarding your refund in the future. Thank You!

PENDING: SCHEDULES FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP, EVENTS, MEETINGS & REHEARSALS IN APRIL

You will be updated via postal mail, email, facebook, phone etc. as to when worship, activities, rehearsals, meetings etc. will resume. The following are tentative schedules. They may or may not take place and may be revised.



PENDING: LENTEN SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK SERVICES

PENDING: COFFEE HOUR BINGO APRIL 19TH & MAY 17TH

PENDING: CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB MEETING APRIL 26TH



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!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

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| 4/5 | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalms 31:9-16 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 |
| 4/12 | Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 | Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 | John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10 |
| 4/19 | Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | Psalms 16 | 1Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31 |
| 4/26 | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 | 1Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35 |

PENDING: LITURGIST SCHEDULE

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| 4/5 Jill Unglaub | 4/9 Maundy Thursday Doris Mayeshiba | 4/10 Good Friday Andy Oren | 4/12 Jim Wick | 4/19 Randene Wick  | 4/26 Diane Bingheim |
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PENDING: CHOIR SCHEDULE

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| Rehearsals | 4/2 7-8:30pm | 4/9 7-8:30pm | 4/23 7-8:30pm | 4/30 7-8:30pm | 5/21 7-8:30pm | 5/28 cancelled |
| Sunday Rehearsal & Service | 4/5 Palm Sunday 8:15-9:15am | 4/12 Easter 9:00am | 5/3 8:15-9:15am |  | | |
| Special Rehearsal & Service Maundy Thursday | 4/9 6:15pm | | | | | |

PENDING: PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

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| Rehearsals | 4/8 7-8:30pm | 4/15 7-8:30pm | 5/6 7-8:30pm | 5/13 7-8:30pm |
| Sunday Rehearsal and Service | 4/19 8:15-9:15am | 5/17 8:15-9:15am |  | |

PENDING: LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

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| 4/5 Mike & Debbie Behling | 4/12 Don Antoniewicz | 4/19 Chuck Terlinden | 4/26 Dave & Nancy Wareham |
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PENDING: OKLAHOMA GREETER SCHEDULE

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| Oklahoma Street | 4/5 Judy Borkowicz | 4/12 Amy Cox | 4/19 Judy Borkowicz | 4/26 Nancy Jonokuchi |
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PENDING: USHER SCHEDULE

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| 4/5 Debbie Hansen Brian O'Brien Danette Volz Renolle Volz | 4/12 Mary Ann Mowery Fred Passow Chuck Terlinden Mike Thomae | 4/19 Julene Flanagan Katelyn O'Brien Danette Volz Renolle Volz | 4/26 Joan Amich Debbie Hansen Brian O'Brien Mike Thomae |
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PENDING: COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

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| 4/5 Volunteer Needed | 4/12 Easter Volunteer Needed | 4/19 Volunteer Needed | 4/26 Volunteer Needed |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THESE WONDERFUL FOLKS!

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| APRIL 1 Michael Miksic David Porn |
| APRIL 2 Selena Mayeshiba |
| APRIL 3 Rebekah Freitag |
| APRIL 7 Chris Whiting |
| APRIL 8 Denise Broberg Taylor Gilgenbach |

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| APRIL 10 Eloise Enright Ken Pisrek Ryenne Strausbaugh |
| APRIL 14 Grace Perdue |
| APRIL 15 Devon Jorgenson |
| APRIL 22 Lauren Darling Loretta Senderhauf |
| APRIL 24 Barb Wells |

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| APRIL 25 Melissa Franco Sue Steinhauer |
| APRIL 27 Dean Kothrade Isabella Wick Moreira |
| APRIL 29 Eric Bingheim |
| APRIL 30 Corrinne Valleskey |



THANKS

~"On behalf of the members and Session of Tippecanoe Faith Community, our Divine Intervention collaborators and volunteers, and, most importantly, our Guests, thank you for the \$601.00 donation toward Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless mission from your Sisterhood Saturday fundraiser! Together we are changing lives in our great community. Your continuing generosity and support is so deeply appreciated."

Within God's Abiding Grace, Christian Pavlock, Clerk of Session

~Thanks to Fritz Jorgenson for purchasing and donating our new "gently used" kitchen refrigerator.

~Thanks to Dan Vail, Don Antoniewicz & Mike Behling for the delivery and removal of the old and new kitchen refrigerators.

~Thank you to the generous donor who gave a gift for our choir. Your generosity is very much appreciated! Pam Kothrade



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:

~Everyone in our church community, family & friends, those cut off from loved ones, medical & emergency personnel, scientists, researchers, leaders, workers, manufacturers and patients in cities & states across our country and the world.

~Noelle Simons as she navigates health problems.

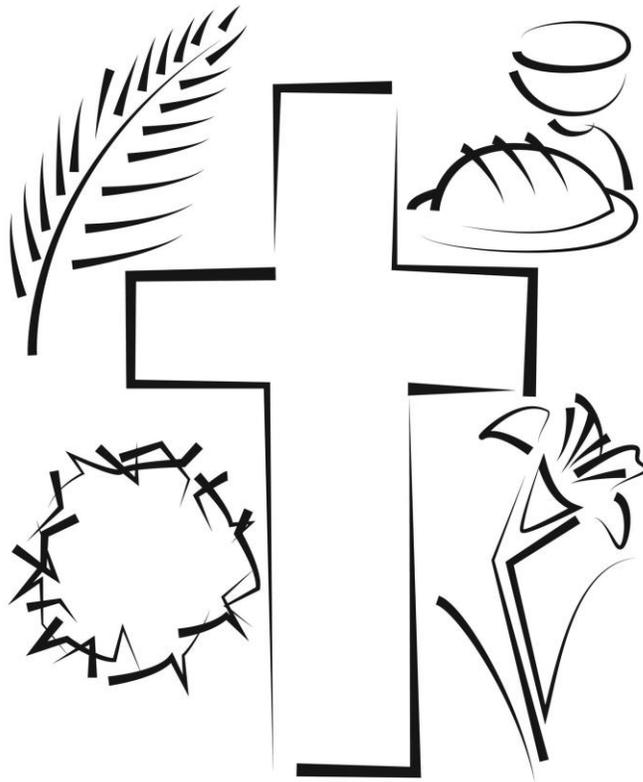
~Howard Fritsch as he recovers at St. Luke's hospital from a surgical procedure.

~Robert Kroening as he completes radiation for bone and prostate cancer while at Hales Corners Care Center. He appreciates all of the prayers and invites phone calls. 414-858-9068.

Please contact the church office with any additional prayer requests. Also see additional prayer requests listed in the weekly worship bulletin.



Happy Easter!! Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!



NEWSLETTER EASTER EGG HUNT

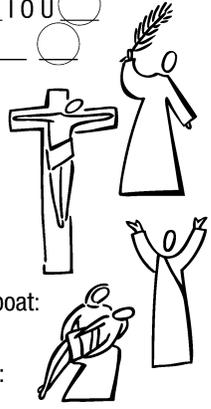
Can you find all 43 eggs pictured in this month's newsletter? Some are out in the open and others are hidden! **All** kinds of the eggs should be counted. Let us know on facebook, email or church phone message who finds them all!



Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

- Brave: ○ _____ E O U _____
- A dark profile: _____ O U E _____
- Circular: ○ O U _____
- Running away: _____ E E ○ _____
- Savage, fierce: _____ I O U ○ _____
- Odd or nostalgic: _____ U A I _____
- A person from the 50th state: _____ A ○ I A _____
- Compress, push together: ○ _____ U E E _____
- A large tree in California: ○ _____ U _____ I A _____
- Paddling in a small, narrow boat: _____ O E I _____
- Upright, moral and righteous: ○ _____ U O U _____
- Lining up in a row: _____ U E U ○ _____
- Gorgeous: _____ E A U _____ E ○ U _____
- Precipitation: ○ A I _____



Easter phrase:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14



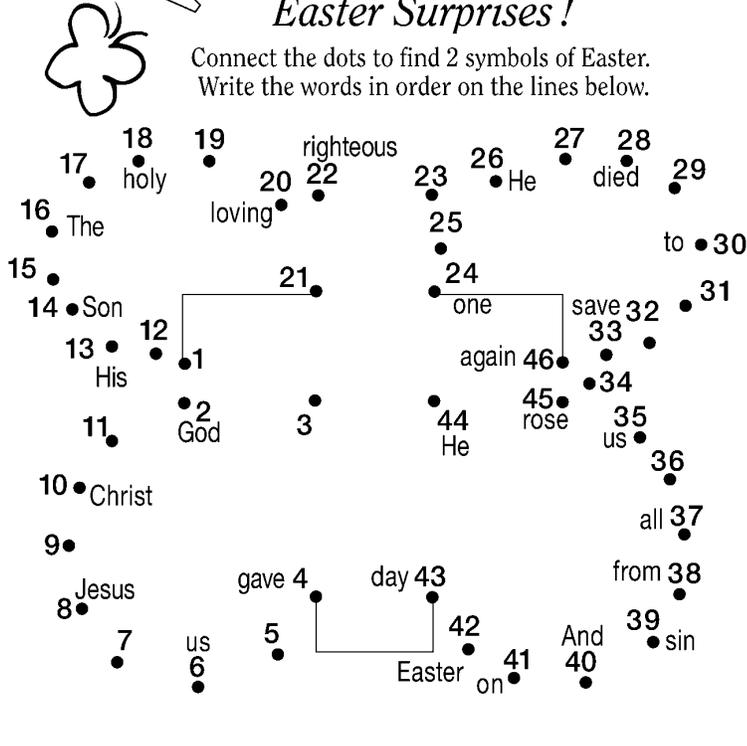
Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beauteous, 14. rain, Christ is Savior!



Just for KIDS

Easter Surprises!

Connect the dots to find 2 symbols of Easter. Write the words in order on the lines below.



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Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!



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