

# Christ Church **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Christ Church,

My son was playing in this swampy part of our yard a couple days ago. He pointed to the ground and said, "Dad, look, a froggy." When I approached the dried-out headless amphibian that Elliott proudly identified as a frog, my heart sank. "No freaking way," I thought, as I picked up the frog's corpse and chucked it out of our yard like a frisbee. I held back my frustration in front of my kids, but I felt terrible. Despite taking all the precautions possible and mowing like my Grandpa driving his Buick on the interstate, I had somehow accidentally wacked one of God's creatures while tending to my lawn the day before. "How could this have happened when I was so careful?" I said to myself. Now, I do not know if you know this about me, but I have always had a soft spot for frogs and toads. It causes me a bit of anxiety to mow my yard because I do not want to accidentally hurt any of them. I grieve when I hit a frog or toad, because it means that despite my effort to keep them safe, they still got hurt by something I did.

Church, I love you, warts-and-all. (And for the record, I'm *not* calling you a frog or a toad.) However, I am aware that some of you might feel like the critter that Elliott found in my yard right now. I say this because our city is still shut down from COVID-19 and we are not able to gather together as a church. No matter how careful I have been in regard to keeping the church going over the past three months, some of you are deeply hurt that we are unable to be together. It hurts being apart and it is hard to be told what we can and cannot do. Sprinkle some political opinions and anxiety about the economy into the equation and things get even more difficult. No matter how delicately the staff, myself, and our church leadership have walked the tightrope of the Badger Bounce Back Plan, Federal Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, and the guidance from the Wisconsin Council of Churches – some of you have been hurt. Despite our collective efforts to keep one another safe from the virus and from contributing to the spread of disease, some of you have felt hurt in the process (or by the process).

I want you to know that I have read detailed pandemic related plans from our denomination and others this week.



Communities of faith have been wrestling to make sense of the political rhetoric, state and municipal orders, and our shared desire is ultimately to resume regular practices at church.

Every plan I have read has been creative and innovative. Most of the plans include ideas about coming together in small groups and doing things outdoors. Luckily for us we have a park right across the street from Christ Church. But here is the thing, folks. In the words of my colleague Rev. Cameron Barr, “even the biggest religious imaginations can't overcome the need for us to hit some unmerciful benchmarks.” These benchmarks are a sustained decrease in local infections in Wisconsin, widely available and rapid testing, and contact tracing before we can resume group activities.

Even after we meet these benchmarks, we'll have to carefully consider whether Christ Church is ready to come together. We do have an older community that is more at-risk than certain segments of the population. Therefore, we will have to weigh our tolerance for the risk involved with inviting anyone to come together, with strict sanitation and safety protocols. Some of our sacraments, singing, and fellowship time with food and coffee may be off the table until we reach a vaccine. I'll be honest with you – church without sacraments, singing, or community doesn't have a whole lot of meat on its bones.

With this being said, the Church Council and I will be developing a plan soon about reopening Christ Church sometime in the future. However, for the time being, staying home and “going” to church online will be the only responsible course of action for us for some time to come. As your pastor, I realize that this is a cautious move that will still result in hurt for those of you who want to gather in person for worship as soon as Milwaukee's stay-at-home mandate is lifted. I do not want you to feel like one of those frogs that I hit with my mower, but I also recognize that this is a sad and frustrating situation for everyone. But, my goodness, we've seen how resilient, creative, adaptive, and strong our little church is since March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for your church, its leaders, and each other as we develop plans for reopening. Remember that reopening is a ways off into the future and that as a church we have a lot of moving parts to deal with that go beyond worship on Sunday mornings. Just like when I cautiously mow my lawn, it is possible that someone or something might get hurt in the process. However, we will do our best to ensure that we do the most good and we keep as many people safe as possible when we do open up for public activities.

Stay healthy, strong, and resilient.

Pastor Dan



## **PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE**

At the start of this pandemic there was concern that church donations would have diminished greatly, and the funds needed to continue our ministry would have been scarce. Historically the months leading into summer, and the summer months themselves, are the periods of the least donations already. While giving is still less than usual it is better than anticipated. There have been members who have increased their giving by either dollar amount or frequency of donating. Those small increases have meant a great deal to our church financially. On behalf of our entire church I wish to thank all those people for their forethought and generosity. Hopefully the increased giving has impacted the givers themselves as positively.

I believe many of us have been stagnant in our giving, and more importantly in our perception worship and giving. To many it must feel like church is a mundane thing where we just show up pay our dues (offering). We have to be constantly reminded that everything we have is from God. Our homes, our health, and yes, even our money. Every day is a new day with changes occurring. Some changes are good, and some are not so good, but they all give us an opportunity to enjoy or improve the situation we find ourselves in.

The pandemic situation has caused radical changes in the way we worship, shop, bank, work, and just about every other way we interact socially. It has given us an opportunity to see that worship doesn't have to be "on site", that banking can be done online, and that meetings can take place with several people in distant locations, if the circumstances dictate that. It has also shown that church giving is not confined to only people sitting in a pew on Sunday morning. The gifts will allow the church to create new ways to conduct worship services and sustain our building until we can once again use it. Please consider a regular weekly/monthly offering either by mailing it directly to the church, or better yet, by electronic transfer means. If you need help with that contact your bank, credit card company, Pastor Dan, or the church office.

No matter where we physically are on a Sunday morning, we are all gathered in God's sight. The world needs God's gifts more now than before the pandemic started. Let's be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

Dean Kothrade  
Council President

### **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@uccmke.org](mailto:pastor@uccmke.org) or contact the church for assistance at 414-481-3530 or [office@uccmke.org](mailto:office@uccmke.org).

### **SIGN UP: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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

### **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 in desperate need of the following: Canned Meats, Soups, Ravioli & Spaghetios, Peanut Butter and Jelly.

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.

### **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 6TH VIA ZOOM**

Due to the COVID 19 situation the Wisconsin UCC Board of Directors made the decision to hold the required annual meeting via zoom. The current by-laws required in-person voting only. The board passed an Extraordinary Resolution on April 14th that temporarily gave the Board "control" of the Conference per the current Bylaws, and then as part of the Resolution, it declared to be in effect a new paragraph/clause to the Bylaws that will allow for participating in Conference meetings "by conference telephone, videoconference or similar communications equipment whereby all person participating in the meeting can hear each other." This paragraph had previously been unanimously approved by the Board and is now in effect, which will enable voting via Zoom. More information will be coming.

Susan Stein, Moderator

### **SE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MOVED FROM APRIL 25TH TO OCTOBER 10TH**

This meeting will still be held at Christ Church. Anyone who volunteered to help will still be needed for the October 10th date. Please contact the Mayeshibas if you are interested in helping.

## UPDATE UCC CAMPS: A MESSAGE FROM OUR UCCI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear UCCI Family –

Mother's Day comes on the heels of Easter. That is no coincidence. By remembering all of the important women in our lives...the ones that birthed us, those who loved us unconditionally, who taught us right from wrong, who nursed our wounds, built us up, kept us humble, and always did what was right for us...we get a small glimpse into how much God loves us. Frankly, it's hard to accept and even harder to imagine that which God did for us.

There is MUCH in life that is hard to imagine and accept. Three months ago, who could have imagined a pandemic would cause so much uncertainty and change? It is in a love response to this uncertainty that **UCCI is suspending programming at Pilgrim Center for Summer 2020.**

Our decision comes with great angst and after much discernment. Discernment rooted in science, safety, and love. The UCCI Leadership Team, with the unanimous support of our Board, believes there are too many risks associated with hosting a traditional summer youth program. As Rev. Nathan Athorp, Managing Director at Pilgrim Center put it; "It is very painful to come to this point, but we have no other alternative. If we truly are committed to loving all others, then we cannot run the risk of spreading this virus." **While the summer events at Cedar Valley and Moon Beach are still currently scheduled as these sites have the ability to more easily safely distance, they are under continual review based on current health and safety standards.**

All is not lost. UCCI has been awarded a Payroll Protection Plan Loan from the Small Business Association (SBA). With it, we will soon be able to "unfurlough" our year-round staff and bring in seasonal staff at all three locations. They will paint, prune, and clean in a safe and socially distanced way. We have projects at all three sites focused on better serving our guests once it is safe to return.

We will continue to monitor Department of Health standards and guidelines for reopening. We will continue to root our decisions in science and facts. We will continue to live our Mission Statement to love ALL others...those that come to our Sites...and those that are potentially impacted by people that visit our Sites.

Love of this magnitude is sometimes hard to understand and accept. We are doing the best we can to love. And we love ALL of you!

Yours in Christ,  
Glenn

Glenn Svetnicka – Executive Director UCCI [glenn@ucci.org](mailto:glenn@ucci.org)

**YOU can make a meaningful difference!**



We are grateful for the love and support of the greater UCCI family. Many of you have asked how you and your churches can help. If you give one gift to UCCI...please make it to the UCCI Fund.

Our Scholarship fund is well funded and will not be tapped until we reopen for business. The UCCI fund will ensure that the sanctuary, hospitality and ministry of Cedar Valley, Pilgrim Center, and Moon Beach remains strong and relevant through this pandemic and beyond.

If you have registered for an event that has been cancelled...we will refund your fees, apply them to a future UCCI event, *or please*, could you consider your deposit a donation to the UCCI Fund? We have many difficult financial questions to answer and your support will make our tough decisions easier.

Please follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to stay connected to this beautiful community! We invite you to "Like" and "Share"...and comment on...our messages on social media. The more our message gets out the better.

Importantly, as always, we are grateful beyond words for the impact of your heartfelt prayers!

## UPDATE: DIVINE INTERVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE AND OPPORTUNITIES

"I...we have missed you and each other! We didn't get to say a proper good-bye and thank you! It was so very hard to have had to so abruptly end our Overnight Prayer Vigil/Warming Room, LUTB, SOS meals, and Project Home. Takes our breath away. We are so grateful that all our Guests were placed by closing time in support of our greater community's well-being. And now...here DI goes again! While our housing efforts and usual ways of supporting those without homes need to necessarily be on hold, we let the part of DI that addresses hunger take the lead. We are pivoting Divine Intervention Ministry...for our hearts so long to keep serving those in God's community who have real needs! Can't take it any longer! And we know you want to be of real help!

We have launched ***DI Hungry Hearts Community Meals*** in collaboration with Amilinda, Damascus Gate, The Tandem restaurants, Tables Across Borders, and Hanan Refugee Relief. We will provide free of charge a restaurant prepared meal to 300 individuals Saturdays 11am - 2pm on-going, starting on May 23. Meals will be distributed at Damascus Gate Restaurant at 807 W. Mitchell St. This is a double "plus" -- feeding those hungry and helping sustain local restaurants at the same time. Halal meats will be used to support the Muslim and refugee local communities. Additional restaurants and organizations are already in process to collaborate with us.

***And we still need you!*** We need 4 (and maybe more) volunteers each Saturday to help distribute meals. This opportunity will support your continuing and gifted care of those in need making meaning during this "time of virus" in very holy and life-giving ways.

A covenant will be provided and a sign up process. Dates to sign up will be sent out tomorrow from the email address: [dihungryheartscommunitymeals@gmail.com](mailto:dihungryheartscommunitymeals@gmail.com). Please watch for it! You are asked to wear a mask, gloves provided. Those in line will be asked to practice safe distancing and also asked to wear a mask.

*And...*

Meals cost \$10 a piece to create and distribute and support restaurants at a basic level. At 300 meals a weekend, that means...well, do the math! Divine Intervention is seeding the ministry with \$6,000 for meals. And...

Is there any reason not to step up and join with us? Or, your family and friends?

Or, your place of employment? Or, your faith community?

A little goes a long ways! Would you please pray and consider feeding those who are hungry whether that's 1 person weekly at \$10 or 10 people at \$100 persons or more? Once or on-going? Remember together we will feed 300 hungry people each weekend.

Please personally or with friends or faith community make a tax deductible contribution to DI Hungry Hearts by sending a so designated check to Tippe (125 W. Saveland Ave., Milwaukee 53207).

Or, donate at [tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org)...or, click on this link: <http://www.tippechurch.org/donate.html>. Put an HH after your name so we know where to earmark it.

This mission will endure as long as funding allows and intends to support those who are are not are able to provide food for their families during this challenged time.

Together we make it through...a real and blessed new normal of care. Those hungry are fed and restaurants are able to stay open as our "Hungry Hearts" rise to the occasion. We are so blessed!"

Check out our facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/Hungry-Hearts-Community-Meals-113874983652794/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/Hungry-Hearts-Community-Meals-113874983652794/?modal=admin_todo_tour). There's more information for you on the page...please read, like, follow, share...and donate!

Within God's Courageous Care, Karen





## UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Pastor Dan and I thought you might be interested to know how the church office is operating during this virus situation.

I want everyone to know how much I have enjoyed one of the new parts of my job to reach out to our church community. It is nice to stay connected as well as get to know all of you better. I am on my second time around through our church directory. I am getting updated contact information and changing our records. As time permits, I will be creating an updated, non-photo directory for the congregation.

A typical day begins with doing a “walk thru” of the building to make sure everything is in working order. Most of the time it is, but there have been a few occasions that our property committee or custodian have had to come in and address. This is where it has been an advantage to continue to have me work on site.

Sanitation is next. While I work during the day by myself, there are a few other staff members as well as council members that must come in, mostly in the evening to keep our church running. I make sure to sanitize all areas I work in so that I can feel safe as well as anyone else who comes in and uses the facilities.

While Pastor Dan and I are getting settled in somewhat, it took us awhile to get here. Through speaking with members, we created lists for mailing hard copy and digital bulletins. This list grew as we connected with people by the phone so that we are now mailing out 36 bulletins weekly and have an email list of about 90 people. The hard copy bulletin is somewhat different than the emailed one.

In the last couple of weeks after consulting with our Christian Education teachers I am now sending out the weekly Sunday School lessons to our Sunday School age children. We have 3 different sets of curriculums that are age appropriate. We also heard that our students were having a difficult time, so we also sent out handwritten “hello” cards from our church community. We are looking into sending out VBS to the students as well sometime this summer.

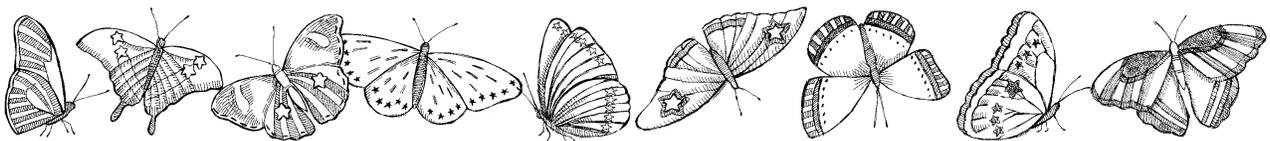
I created a list of youth for Pastor Dan for future confirmation classes and are considering how those groupings will work and how and when confirmation classes will take place.

Our prayer life at Christ Church is passionate. It is alive now more than ever because we are able to include prayer requests in our bulletins and weekly newsletters.

It was requested that we make devotionals available for members 3x per week. After much research we found that there are many wonderful options out there but because of copyright laws we are not able to publish them on Facebook. Pastor Dan decided it was best we use the UCC daily devotionals that have been created specifically for this time by a large group of many Pastors and spiritual leaders from the UCC.

I have gotten quite friendly with our local post office staff, because worship I am creating a lot of mailings. Because of that, I am constantly looking for sales and optimal times to purchase supplies. The PO offers stamped envelopes in large quantities that are more cost effective than purchasing stamps and envelopes separately.

I have tried to keep you up to date as information comes to me on the missions we support or groups we are connected to like the BVCC, DI, ASLC, UCC Camps etc. I contact the BVCC to get weekly updates of their most needed food donations. So, please check out the weekly newsletters for their most up to date needs.



Recently, there has been a lot of brainstorming taking place in anticipation of when our church will reopen. I am purchasing sanitizing products in the limited amounts allowed by stores. While we don't have any reopening date in mind yet, Pastor Dan and I have started the process of picking out signage and other items we will need to open safely and clearly so that when it is time everyone will be able to know what the protocols and expectations will be. This all takes a lot of time, consideration, and planning.

These are just some of the things that I have been working on.

It is an honor to work with Pastor Dan to support you during this difficult time. If you know of anything else that we can do to stay connected please contact me in the office Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm and Friday's 8:00am-12:00pm. We will not be observing summer office hours at this time so that I may continue to cover these extra responsibilities.

In community,

Debbie Behling  
Office Administrator



We're Proud of You!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 7TH**

Church, the season after Pentecost Sunday is known as "ordinary time." Today is anything but ordinary! For our high school students who will be graduating this spring, this year has been especially extraordinary. Graduation services have been held virtually or by drive-through. Graduation parties have been put on hold. Therefore, on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> we would like to recognize these extraordinary students who have grown up at Christ Church and have called our congregation home over the years. Join us for worship at [www.uccmke.org](http://www.uccmke.org) as we celebrate our graduating seniors! Congratulations class of 2020! – Pastor Dan

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY JUNE 14TH!**

We wish all the wonderful Fathers and people who have taken on a fatherly role in others' lives a Happy Father's Day! Your love and strength are a true blessing!



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

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: CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB MEETING DTBD**



Inviting all Christ Church members and friends to join us on DTBD 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!

**PENDING: USHER SCHEDULE**

<b>6/7</b> Ben Clarke Chelsea Clarke Brian O'Brien Chuck Terlinden	<b>6/14</b> Debbie Hansen Mary Ann Mowery Katelyn O'Brien Mike Thomae	<b>6/21</b> Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Danette Volz Renolle Volz	<b>6/28</b> Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Katelyn O'Brien Mike Thomae
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## PENDING: LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

<b>6/7</b> Volunteer Needed	<b>6/14</b> The Wicks	<b>6/21</b> Don Antoniewicz	<b>6/28</b> The Warehams
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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

<b>6/7</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalms 8	2Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
<b>6/14</b>	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) & Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 19:2-8a & Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
<b>6/21</b>	Genesis 21:8-21 & Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
<b>6/28</b>	Genesis 22:1-14 & Psalm 13	Jeremiah 28:5-9 & Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

## PENDING: LITURGIST SCHEDULE

<b>6/7</b> Dick Gaeth	<b>6/14</b> Jill Unglaub	<b>6/21</b> Jim Wick	<b>6/28</b> Randene Wick
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THESE WONDERFUL FOLKS!

### JUNE 1

Adan Franco

### JUNE 2

Samantha Blackwood

Jade Tremarello

Danette Volz

### JUNE 3

Julie Oren

### JUNE 4

Gerald Freitag

Bruce Krogstad

### JUNE 5

Jean Goedel

Susan Pfeifer

### JUNE 6

Julene Flanagan

### JUNE 8

Joan Billstrom

### JUNE 9

Joshua Zieman

### JUNE 11

Sandy Miksic

Jerome Zasada

### JUNE 12

Ruth Boretsky

### JUNE 14

Haley Broberg

### JUNE 17

Robert Kroening

Benjamin Scheske

### JUNE 22

Katelyn O'Brien

### JUNE 27

Don Antoniewicz

### JUNE 28

Ola Zyskiewicz

### JUNE 29

Lauralei Schmidling



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

🦋 Prescott Mayeshiba is graduating from Bay View High School and plans to study engineering at UWM. Congratulations Prescott!

🦋 Sarah Simons, granddaughter of Jon and Noelle Simons, who is graduating from the 8th grade at Horning Middle School in Wauwatosa. She plans to attend Wauwatosa West High School in the fall. Congratulations Sarah!

🦋 Brooke Goedel is graduating from Boca Raton High School in Florida this Spring. She will attend Florida State University in the fall studying Cardiac Rehab. with a focus on the elderly. Brooke has also made it on to their Dive Team. Congratulations Brooke!

 Leah Giese, granddaughter of Judy Borkowicz is graduating from Divine Savior Angels High School in Milwaukee. She plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall to study teaching with a focus on early childhood education. Congratulations Leah!

 Emily Simons, granddaughter of Jon & Noelle Simons is graduating from U.W. Steven's Point with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics this spring. She is 1 of 10 who has been accepted by Mount Mary College for graduate work in Dietetics and Nutrition. She will be doing an internship with the Hunger Task Force and Froedtert Hospital. Good Luck and Congratulations Emily!

 Brianna Luebstorff, granddaughter of Jon & Noelle Simons is graduating from Waukesha South High School this spring. She will be attending U.W. LaCrosse in the fall majoring in radiation therapy. Good Luck and Congratulations Brianna!

 Katelyn O'Brien, daughter of Brian and Kim O'Brien is graduating from Franklin High School this spring. She will attend the University of Eau Claire in the fall to study Physics and Engineering. Good Luck and Congratulations Katelyn!

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Roland and Loretta Senderhauf as they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup> from their daughter Debbie Wells. Best wishes to Roland and Loretta for many more happy years together!

## THANKS

~Thank you to Sonia Stark for bringing the "Happy Hearts project" to Christ Church by cutting vinyl hearts out with her Cricut and for hanging them on the glass block windows on the Oklahoma Ave. side of our building in the rain this week. Thank you, Sonia, for bringing color and life to our building and the community!

~Thank you for the prayers for Joe, son in law of Jackie Struck as he has now been moved to the Franciscan Villa for rehab after battling COVID 19 and having been Intubated, on a Ventilator and Dialysis and resuscitated.

~Thank you for the prayers for Jerrilyn as she is now home from the hospital but still faces a long recovery. From Paul & Doris Mayeshiba.

~We accept with gratitude and appreciation a donation from Kathleen Schroeder in honor of her mom, Ann Schroeder for Mother's Day.

~We received a thank you from Jon and Noelle Simon to the Sunday School children for the lovely Easter card they made. "They appreciated the card very much".

## 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:

~Frederick, father of Mary Ann Mowery's friend who is undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer.

~Dana, friend of Mary Ann Mowery who had surgery this week for ovarian cancer and will begin 6 months of chemotherapy.

~Carissa and her family, friend of Molly Pufall Brown who's father passed this past week after battling a slew of illnesses for the last 3 months.

~Julene Flanagan's nephew who is dealing with Bipolar disease and has recently been hospitalized for a setback.

~Those who suffer from anxiety and depression at this time. From Pam Kothrade

~Galen, friend and father of Sue and Ken Klockow's son in law who has been hospitalized for confusion and possible Alzheimers.

~Jean Goedel to find a job in the Milwaukee area. From Joan Amich.

~Julene Flanagan's husbands 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.

~Christopher, Paul and Doris Mayeshiba's daughter in-law's brother as he has been readmitted to the ICU following surgery.

~Greg, son of Paul and Doris Mayeshiba who continues to travel the state with the National Guard.

~Dawn, daughter in-law of Laurel and wife of Brad Dayton, as she continues to be hospitalized for rehab after a fall with a broken hip and pelvis. She also has diabetes and is not doing well.

~Amy Kempfer, high school friend of Nancy Charles who is battling Kidney disease.

~Hellen who needs prayers in these trying times from Sue Klockow.

~Keith Whiteside, friend of Brad and Nancy Charles, who is facing a health crisis.

~Joe and Laurie, son in law and daughter of Jackie Struck during his rehab process at the Franciscan Villa. He is slowly improving as he can now lift his arms.

~A troubled teen girl who recently, unexpectedly lost her mother who is a student of Melissa Nyklewicz.

~All of those who live alone, especially those with no spouse or children and may be the last surviving member of their family who may be struggling with loneliness many times leading to depression.

From Wally Unglaub

~All students who are struggling to cope with the "Safer at Home" restrictions, their teachers and loved ones.

~Newborn preemie siblings Millie and Margot born at 28 weeks, who are slowly improving and remain in a NICU for the foreseeable future and their parents who are the nieces of a friend of Sonia Stark.

~Duane Wielepski, father and father in-law of Ryan & Jamie Wielepski as his cancer has returned and will be treated with chemo.

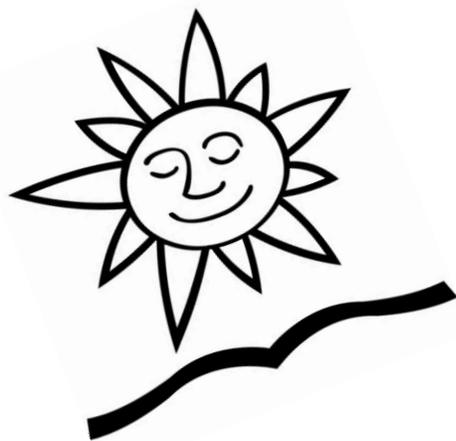
~Ernestine Faja, Mary Ann Mowery's mother, as she heals and the family hopes she can return to her memory care facility soon.

~The five healthcare workers within Gloria Konkel's immediate family.

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

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





# God's Creation

## SCAVENGER HUNT

You can easily spot God's beautiful creation not just in majestic mountains and vast oceans but also in the smallest bits of nature. Try this fun activity at a park, in your backyard or on a hike.

### What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils, pens or crayons
- Plastic cups or bowls



### What you do:

1. Write out the same list of items for each player. One person can do this ahead of time, or the group can determine what to hunt for. Items must be small enough to fit in the container provided. Suggestions include: flower, grain of sand or dirt, seed, blade of grass, feather, small stick, pebble, insect (preferably alive), leaf, thorn, berry and so on.
2. Give a list and a cup (or bowl) to each player.
3. Designate a place to search for items, as well as a time limit (for example, look in the backyard for 15 minutes).
4. During the scavenger hunt, enjoy seeing the beauty of God's creation in the tiniest things. Players should cross off items when found.
5. When time is up, compare items. Point out similarities and differences. Discuss why these items are so amazing. Share Bible verses or stories about some items (for example, Isaiah 40:8 talks about grass and flowers, 1 Corinthians 10:4 talks about Jesus' being our rock, etc.).



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