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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

A few weeks before Christmas, one of my neighbors put up lights and garland on his house. It looked great. When I came back from a run one evening, I noticed that the wind had blown down the garland and a strand of his lights. I realized that although he put them on his house – he never once turned them on leading up to or after Christmas. It seemed like a waste of all that effort that went into his wife bravely going up on their roof. It seemed like a lot of lost potential. Everything was there for a light show that would have lit up the neighborhood and complemented the lights on the whole neighborhood, but instead – their potential went unrecognized.

I spent the first week of January this year in Arizona where I took a class on leading an evolving church in the 21st century. One of the most fascinating topics we covered had to deal with volunteer and leadership development. Our facilitator essentially said that a pastor can ask for people to participate in stuff every Sunday from the pulpit, and most of the time – because the ask is so general – nobody will respond. However, she said that if the pastor personally asks someone to do something, people have a much higher tendency to participate. A personal touch leads people to participate more than a general ask. This is not a novel idea. Jesus personally asked his followers to follow him and this is how disciples of Jesus are developed into empowered leaders.

Perhaps one of the only things that makes churches unique from other institutions is that we are meant to empower and develop disciples (leaders) for Jesus. Nobody else gets to do that in the sense that we do. A couple months ago I wrote about gifts and talents. This year I want you to think hard about ways that you might be willing to serve in our community. I would also ask that you be open to these experiences. I want to help you develop as a leader by giving you experiences (based on your gifts) to serve. This is the year I want to start personally asking you to do things.



I don't want you to be like my neighbor's Christmas lights and garland. I don't want you to just hang out and not shine. As your pastor, I want you to be like the lights that pierce in the darkness and bring illumination to our whole community. Be prepared. In the world of church, we all have a role to play. This is going to be a great year.

With gratitude,

Pastor Dan Stark



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I heard something today that made me think quite a bit. It was a neat analogy. It compared things we have and things we value. Just as God gives us our sustenance (money) he gives us our lives (time). We are then given free will and choice over how we spend both.

When we say everything we have comes from God our materialistic minds turn that "everything" into possessions like money, houses, cars, jewelry, boats, etc.. Very rarely do we think of time as a valuable gift from God but isn't time one of the most precious gifts we receive from God? Everything else, except good health, (another God only gift), can be purchased with money. Think about it. The poorest person in India along with the richest person in America are both given 24 hours every day. The poor person has nothing with which to pay for that gift. The richest person cannot buy 1 more second of the day no matter how much money they possess. No earthquake, hurricane, wildfire, stock market crash, or divorce settlement ever shortened a day. They all have 24 hours.

So, the question now becomes do we hoard our gift from God or use it to further His kingdom? Do we watch TV instead of helping our neighbor? Do we spend time internet surfing instead of volunteering for an organization that helps people or animals? Do we even simply sleep a little longer on Sunday instead of attending worship? While all of us need "me" time our desire should be to use the gifts we have been given and spend time in prayer, helping our neighbors, and growing in our faith so we can be a blessing to ourselves and others. Do not procrastinate as that thief of time will surely haunt you later. God has freely given us this gift. Let us freely use it to Hi

s glory.

Dean Kothrade

2019-2020 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.**



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 Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPRC) has been revitalized at Christ Church. 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 JANUARY 5TH 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: DI SOS-DIVINE INTERVENTION SHARING OUR SUPPERS

We once again have the opportunity to serve, support and share fellowship with the neighborhood homeless in our community beginning in the month of December. The meals are served at Tippecanoe Presbyterian church at 125 W. Saveland Ave. as part of their "Winter warming room-overnight Prayer vigil" in a safe and organized program every night from December -March.

We're looking for volunteers for the following dates: Thursday March 5th.

If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Debbie Behling 414-481-8454 or dbehling10@wi.rr.com.



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
laundry pods with stain remover, dryer sheets
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!

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SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN JANUARY

February 2: BVCC monthly food pantry drive, Choir 8:15am, Worship with Communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Groundhog Day

February 4: Staff Meeting 10:00am

February 5: Weekly Announcement submission by end of day please, Praise Team 7:00pm

February 6: AA Meeting 7:00pm

February 8: Crochet Class 10:00am

February 9: Worship with Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am

February 10: Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm

February 11: Quilters 10:00am

February 12: Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please, Praise Team 7:00pm

February 13: Choir & AA 7:00pm

February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!



February 16: Praise Team 8:15am, Worship with communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour with Bingo 10:30am

February 17: President's Day!

February 19: Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please.

February 20: Choir & AA 7:00pm

February 21: March Chronicles submissions by end of day please.

February 22: Crochet Class 10:00am

February 23: Worship & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am



February 25: Quilters 10:00am, Council Meeting 6:30pm

February 26: Ash Wednesday, Weekly Announcement submissions by end of day please, Choir 6:15pm, Worship 7:00pm

February 27: Choir & AA 7:00pm

February 29: Happy Leap Year Day!



2020 SISTERHOOD SATURDAY UPDATE

The Social Concerns committee hosted our 8th annual Sisterhood Saturday Fundraiser event on January 11th. This year we were fortunate to have entertainer and “Game show referee”, Brian Wismer who led a very interactive fun show including games like, Family Feud, Simon Says, Trivial Pursuit, Heads or Tails and much more. He kept us laughing and thinking all morning!

We had 44 guests in attendance even with the questionable weather! Thru these guest’s generous participation, we were able to raise \$2,400.00 and collect a half of a cart full of groceries for the BVCC! We also need to mention the businesses & individuals who supported our fundraiser: The Green Bay Packers, The Milwaukee Admirals, The Princeton Club, The Olive Garden, Gold Rush Chicken, Kopps Custard, Grebe’s Bakery, Riche’s House of Cakes (6 desserts!), Haven Salon & Day Spa, Legacy Salon & Spa, Southshore Bowl, Custom Grown Greenhouse, Diva, The Healing Center, The Christ Church Endowment Fund, Julie Oren, Jill Unglaub, Danette Volz, Renolle Volz, Mike Mantie, Brian O’Brien, Don Antoniewicz, Dean Mowery, Chuck Terlinden and Mike Behling who without his support Debbie wouldn’t be able lead this event.

It should also be noted that the delicious food served for lunch on the soup and salad bar were all donated and homemade by the social concerns committee members.

Sisterhood Saturday is not just an event, it is a calling and passion of the heart. The causes of abuse and homelessness are very important. If we can just help 1 person or introduce 1 new person to these causes it is all worth it! If you are in need or know someone else who is, there are Healing Center flyers in our information racks and around the building with information regarding childhood and/or adult sexual abuse.

We hope that we will see you again next year! With gratitude and appreciation! The Social Concerns Committee: Debbie Behling, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Sara Rogers & Randene Wick

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

USHER SCHEDULE

2/2 Katelyn O’Brien Fred Passow Danette Volz Renolle Volz	2/9 Ben Clark Chelsea Clark Brian O’Brien Chuck Terlinden	2/16 Debbie Hansen Mary Ann Mowery Katelyn O’Brien Volunteer Needed	2/23 Joan Amich Julene Flanagan Danette Volz Renolle Volz
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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

2/2 Volunteer Needed	2/9 Volunteer Needed	2/16 The O'Briens	2/23 Volunteer Needed
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MUSIC NOTES


Did you know that the Prelude music that is played prior to the service is not only a signal that the service will begin soon but can also serve as a time to quiet and center ourselves to prepare for worship?

As the Sanctuary doors close at this time please be mindful to keep your voices soft while socializing to allow everyone to enjoy the peaceful time while the Prelude music is being played.


The Psalmist writes in Psalm 46, "Be still and know that I am God."

The Music & Worship Committee

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	2/13 7-8:30pm	2/20 7-8:30pm	2/27 7-8:30pm	3/19 7-8:30pm	3/26 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal & Service	2/2 8:15-9:15am	3/1 8:15-9:15			
Special Rehearsal & Service Ash Wednesday	2/26 6:15pm				

PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	2/5 7-8:30pm	2/12 7-8:30pm	3/4 7-8:30pm	3/11 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	2/16 8:15-9:15am	3/15 8:15-9:15am		

LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

2/2 Chuck Terlinden	2/9 The Behlings	2/16 Don Antoniewicz	2/23 The Wicks
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma Street	2/2 Joan Amich	2/9 Judy Borkowicz	2/16 Lauralei Schmidling	2/23 Judy Borkowicz
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LITURGIST SCHEDULE

2/2 Doris Mayeshiba	2/9 Andy Oren	2/16 Randene Wick	2/23 Jill Unglaub
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

2/2	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
2/9	Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9(10)	1Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
2/16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
2/23	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or 99	2Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all these wonder folks!

FEBRUARY 1

Ashley Lisowski
Brayden Thomae
Joyce Ziemann

FEBRUARY 2

Michael Zvara

FEBRUARY 3

James Meyer

FEBRUARY 5

Randene Wick
Carol Dohoney

FEBRUARY 6

Linda Koszuta
Matthew Miksic
Sophia Stezala
Kim Stezala

FEBRUARY 7

Joan Amich

FEBRUARY 9

Heather Antoniewicz
Ray Blankenberg

FEBRUARY 12

Presley Pisarek
Chuck Terlinden
Nancy Wareham

FEBRUARY 13

Michael Baran

FEBRUARY 15

Susan Klockow

FEBRUARY 16

Roland Senderauf

FEBRUARY 17

Mallory Thomae

FEBRUARY 18

Sandy Oleson

FEBRUARY 19

Blair Goedel

John Popp

FEBRUARY 22

Greg Mitchell

FEBRUARY 26

Cyndi Kroening

FEBRUARY 27

Chelsea Clark



THANKS

~A great big Thank you to all the elves who helped put up and take down the greens. Without your help it would not have been accomplished and our church would not have looked so festive.
Sue and Ken Klockow

~Thank you to all of you who donated Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Mittens for the students at Humboldt Park, Parkside & Zablocki neighboring MPS schools. It is nice to know with your thoughtful donations the kids in our community will stay warm this winter!
The Social Concerns Committee

~Jean Duermeier sent a Thank you, "To Christ Church-Sending a heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the blessings received in 2019. I appreciate the ways I have been kept in contact with church services and activities. Best of wishes to all for the coming year."

~ With gratitude and appreciation, we accept a memorial donation from Laurel Dayton in memory of Marion Schoenfeld.

PRAYER REQUESTS



~We pray for Howard Fritsch and his son and daughter in law as they navigate Howard's release of care to them in their home. May God be with all of them during this adjustment period.

~We pray for Joyce Ziemann as she heals from injuries sustained in 2 falls.



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