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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to you! I was listening to a segment on NPR the other day that talked about how this time of year everyone comes up with lists. Robert Siegel said its no coincidence that at the year's end we start to see and hear about "best of" or "worst of" the year lists. As I look upon my 2017 calendar now on the last page with just a couple weeks left in December, it looks like a warzone of pencil lead and ink. This year has been filled with ups and downs. I wonder what sorts of things might make your "best of" list in your personal, family, communal, or church lives? I'd like to touch on some of the "best of's" I've experienced as your pastor that I want to take away from 2017. I am hopeful that they can inspire you for the year ahead.

In January I began my journey with the New Generation Leadership Initiative – a group of 14 20-30 something year old pastors whom I will be paired up with for the next 10 years. We met in Arizona for a class and worship. This was a meaningful and really outstanding experience. I also got to get out of the cold for a little while. In March I traveled to Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota for my first assignment as a military chaplain. It was great to connect the base with our church. However, it was challenging to not be present for a funeral. This is the struggle of having a chaplain as your pastor.

This year I got to attend the UCC's General Synod in Baltimore. I got to learn about our national setting and represent us as a delegate. It was challenging to hear about some of the ways our congregation doesn't always intersect with the national setting of the UCC – but it was encouraging to connect with colleagues and old friends.

During the fall our congregation was very involved in the South East Clergy Covenant Association's Interfaith Picnic at Humboldt Park. This year I was tasked with leading the team in charge of this event.

I was really impressed with how involved our church was with the picnic. We helped bridge some connections to our neighboring churches and faith communities.

This fall Confirmation kicked off with 12 students – which is incredible! I have enjoyed working with our students so far and they surprise me every week.

This is a far cry from two years ago when I worked with a much smaller group. Because of the tireless work of many people at Christ Church—staff, musicians, volunteers, and folks from the community—we had an incredible Christmas Concert. I look forward to working with our musicians and worship team in the future to plan more concerts. Finally, my son is due to be born in just a couple days. I can only imagine this one will top my “best of” list!

With this being said, it has been a full year but a *tough* year for many of us. Our congregation lost some very special people. We have had some growing pains together. However, I think there have been a lot of “best ofs” when it comes to this church. I love working with you and serving as your pastor. I am hopeful that you can think of some “best ofs” in your own life or your families life – OR your church life! What will you remember 2017 by? If it wasn’t your year – what might you do to make 2018 a better one? Might the new year be a time for goal-setting? Might it be a time of renewed commitment to your family, friends, church, or the communities where you live, work, and play? I am hopeful that you and your families have a Merry Christmas and that you have an even better New Year! God bless you and keep you.

With joy,
Pastor Dan Stark

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

"Hey! What do you know?" Back in the day that was a very common phrase of greeting among friends, acquaintances and even among strangers. After seeing an unusual or unexplainable sight, often one might be heard to say, "Well, what do you know about that?" People wanted to know something new, perhaps hoping to gather some new bit of helpful information. There was a desire to explore and new perspective, compare their own knowledge with the aim of bettering themselves. Not so much today.

After studying in the fields of Psychology, Social Work, and doing focused work in the area of addictions, I received my Bachelors Degree in Social Work. Later I attended Bethel Seminary for 4 years, taking classes in theology, preaching, teaching, organizational change, church leadership and disciple development. I started out at Christ Church as "the guitar guy". After some 10 years, I am president of the Church Council. In all my time at Christ Church has anyone ever asked me "Hey! What do you know"? I don't think ever.

Times have changed. People don't care about what you know. Fancy letters at the end of your name don't carry the weight it used to. Past achievements and experiences are not important. I think that people have stopped asking. They know what they know from their own life and that is enough. While people have stopped asking, I've found that people have not stopped watching. People want to know things that one can't answer for themselves.

I've found that people want to know if head knowledge, creates a fierce desire to worship passionately... if knowing that God is faithful is enough to free one up to be extravagantly generous.

Nowadays it's all about the experience. Whether it is in a restaurant, a store or a church, people want the genuine experience. The reasoning is that if people feel strongly about the things they know, we will see radical, passionate, intentional, risk-taking, extravagant behavior being driven by that knowledge .It's what Jesus was and what we are called to be.

I pray that you will partner with the Pastor, me, the Church Council, and the Church Staff in creating a place where meeting with God is an everyday experience.

"What do you know?" "Not much, you?"

Paul Mayeshiba, Council President

2018 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Christian Education: Judy Savage
Membership/Events: Cheri Boyle
Personnel/Pastor Parish: TBD
Property/Insurance: TBD
Social Concerns: Sara Rogers
Stewardship: Joe Rogge
Worship/Music: Rich Tremarello

EVENT: "WONDERS OF MAGIC" BY DAVID SEEBACH" AT SISTERHOOD SATURDAY FUNDRAISER JANUARY 13, 2017

Attendees will enjoy and participate in a show that is filled with entertainment: drama, humor, surprise and mystery.

Tickets are now on sale (chapel & fellowship hall) for \$15.00 which include:

*Show, Soup & Salad Buffet, Refreshments, Gift & Door Prizes

*Silent Auction Bidding and Dessert Dash (extra cost)

Exciting Auctions Items: Hand stamped Green Bay Packer Football & memorabilia, Badgers Package, Olive Garden, Ned's Pizza, Behling Fish Fry Evening for 4, Garden Package, Beautiful jewelry and much, much more!!!!!!

Sisterhood Saturday proceeds benefit:

The Healing Center: A local center supporting m/f sexual abuse victims

Divine Intervention: A program of almost 60 organizations, including Christ Church, that assist the local homeless to be functioning members of society again

Christ Church: To continue our Christian presence in Bay View and beyond

EVENT: FFF ACTIVITY KICK-OFF JANUARY 20, 2017 4:00pm

Everyone is invited to join us for the FFF (Fantastic, Fun, Festivities) kick off Saturday January 20th at 4pm in the fellowship hall. The membership committee will provide Pizza & a Salad Bar and the rest of the meal will be pot luck. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. There will also be the entertaining Take Away Bingo too! Please join us! The Membership Committee: Chair-Cheri Boyle, Bill Borchardt, Julene Flanagan, Dean Kothrade, Judy Savage, Lynn Schmeling, and Pastor Dan

EVENT/OPPORTUNITY: NEW MEMBER SUNDAY-JANUARY 28, 2017

Christ Church is an exciting and meaningful community to be part of. There are opportunities of outreach, worship participation, church leadership, committees, coffee hour, the music program, crafting groups and so much more. Also, we are a family that support each other as much as we can. Are you interested in becoming a member of Christ Church? We'd love to have you. We will be celebrating new member Sunday on January 28th and invite anyone interested in participating to contact Pastor Dan or the church office. 414-481-3530 or christ-church@att.net

OPPORTUNITY: 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.christchurchbayview.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.

OPPORTUNITY: A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IS HERE

Have you ever showed up to church on Sunday and forgot about something happening that weekend? Maybe it was a special offering, donation, or event. Have you ever forgot that you signed up for something? We've all been there. Beginning in late September a weekly e-newsletter went out on Fridays via email to remind you about what's going on at church. You can also see who's signed up to read, greet, usher, or if there's a need for volunteers. If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the [Church Administrator \(christ-church@att.net\)](mailto:christ-church@att.net) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). Sign up sheet are also available information areas at the church entrances, then just drop it in the collection plate. It's that simple.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK FROM DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

*Sunday School classes meet weekly Sept-June during worship

*A picnic is held at the end of the year in June at Humboldt Park

*Teacher's select and run the children's Christmas Program

*Teacher's and Pastor select the curriculum

*Meetings 1-2x per year

*Alternating Sunday's and team teaching are also possibilities

*Currents Sunday School Teachers:

Kim O'Brien, Allison Thomae, Laurel Dayton and Sandy Oleson

Please contact a current teacher, Pastor or the church office if you would be interested in working with the Sunday School program. We'd love to have you!

PRAYER CHAIN

*2 "chains" of people that pray for those who submit prayer requests

*New comers would be added to 1 of the 2 chains

*Each chain has a leader Debbie Behling & Carol Polachowski

*Leaders are contacted by church members, Pastor or other chain members with prayer requests and requests are passed down the chains.

*Via phone, you update the next person on your chain of any prayer requests

*Prayer Chain members and prayer requests are kept confidential unless requested

*Simply pray on your own schedule in your own way.

*Interested? Contact Debbie Behling at 414-587-1559 or christ-church@att.net

OPPORTUNITY: VOLUNTEER AT CHILL ON THE HILL

On behalf of the BV Neighborhood Association, Paul Mayeshiba is organizing a list of volunteers to man a tent Tuesday's at Humboldt Parks "Chill on the Hill" June 5th-August 28th from 5:00pm-7:30pm. The tent is for collections for the Bay View Community Centers Food Pantry. Duties would be to set up the tent which would be placed at our spot by event staff and supervise collections. Other volunteers will pick up donations and deliver them to the BVCC. This would be a good opportunity to help our community while giving exposure to Christ Church. Interested persons should contact Paul Mayeshiba. Thank You.

OPPORTUNITY: DI- SOS (Sharing our Suppers) WITH THE HOMELESS

Christ Church will be providing meals and fellowship at Tippe church to the homeless the 1st & 3rd

Thursdays January '18-March '18 in conjunction with Tippe's Winter Warming Room:

Date still available for sign up for hosting or helping: Feb. 1st. Please see Debbie Behling if you're interested in participating or if you need information. You will be partnered with a mentor(s) if it is your first time. Please consider joining us in this partnership and community service.

OPPORTUNITY: CROCHETERS (AND KNITTERS TOO!)

The crochet group is starting a project and would like to invite any and all who crochet (and knit) to join in on the fun. We are making a blanket(s) made up of small squares. The colors and amount would be of your choosing. You can make one or one hundred. It is a great way to use up your scraps and small amounts of yarn. It must be #4 worsted weight yarn. We do have some yarn available if you do not have any of your own. Remember winter is long and cold and this would be something to do to keep you warm. We would like to have the squares finished by the end of March. So why not join in the fun! Please see Ken Klockow or Jill Unglaub for details.

OPPORTUNITY: ALL CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

We had our first meeting Sunday November 19th and it went well. If there are people who read the book and were unable to make that discussion we could certainly schedule a second discussion if there is interest. Going forward we will be reading our next book over the winter and discussing it on April 8th. That book is called The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom. We look forward to more members joining the group.

Contact Carol Borchardt, Carol Dohoney, Debbie Hansen or Mary Ann Mowery to let us know about your participation.

OPPORTUNITY: EARN POINTS THAT TURN INTO \$\$\$ FOR CHRIST CHURCH AT GFS (GORDON FOOD SERVICE)

Christ Church now has an account with GFS. GFS is similar to Restaurant Depot where they sell bulk foods and food related supplies and offer points when you make a purchase. Here's how you can help:

*Shop at any of these these locations: 6919 S 27th St., Franklin, 2064 Miller Park Way, Milwaukee, 1025 S. Green Bay Road, Racine

*When checking out ask that the points from your purchase go to Christ Churches account. (The cashier will look up our account and credit Christ Church with the points)

*If you're making a purchase for a Christ Church event contact Debbie in the church office for our member card and any cash on the account can be used towards your purchase.

NEED: DIVINE INTERVENTION & LARRY UNDER THE BRIDGE

Most urgent needs are: air freshener, cough syrup - daytime and nighttime, bandaids, breakfast cereal, kleenex, decaf coffee, sugar, garbage bags (13 and 30 gallon), and orange juice. Donations can be put on the "DI" table next to the stage in the fellowship hall, perishable food in the kitchen freezer labeled "DI" or dropped off directly at Tippe Church at 125 W. Saveland.

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

NOW: 2018 Giving Envelopes and calendars are available on the table outside of the Parlor. If you are unable to pick them up please contact the church office and we will arrange to get them to you.

January 1: Happy New Year!

January 3-9: Pastor Dan out of town for New Generation Leadership Initiative in Arizona

January 4: Weekly announcement bulletin deadline 10:00am, DI (Behlings & Mowerys)

January 6: Epiphany

January 7: Choir 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30, Worship and Church School 9:30am (no confirmation),
Un-decorate the church 10:30am, Sisterhood Saturday Tickets on Sale \$15.00

January 8: Property Meeting 7:00pm

January 9: Sisterhood Saturday Set-up 4:30pm-6:30pm

January 10: Quilters **Cancelled**, Endowment Meeting 7:00pm,
Sisterhood Saturday Set Up 4:00pm-7:00pm

January 11: Weekly announcement bulletin deadline 10:00am,
Sisterhood Saturday Set Up 4:00pm-??

January 13: Sisterhood Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm (Tickets available at the door)

January 14: Adult Ed. 8:30, Worship, Baptism, Confirmation & Church School 9:30am,
Membership Meeting 11:00am (parlor)

January 15: Dartball at Calvary 7:30pm

January 16: Council Meeting 6:30pm

January 17: Staff Meeting 10:00am, Praise Team 7:00pm

January 18: Weekly announcement bulletin deadline 10:00am, DI (Mayeshibas)

January 19: Chronicles Newsletter Deadline 10:00am

January 20: FFF Kick-Off 4:30pm

January 21: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Chapel Communion 9:00am, Worship, Elliott Stark Baptism &
Sunday School 9:30am

January 22: Dartball at Christ Church vs. Greendale 7:00pm

January 24: Quilters **Cancelled**, Praise team 7:00pm

January 25: Weekly announcement bulletin deadline 10:00am, Choir 7:00pm

January 27: Crochet Class 10:00am

January 28: Praise Team 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Confirmation &
Sunday School 9:30am, NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

January 29: Dartball @ Trinity 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

DARTBALL SCHEDULE

2018
1/15 @ Calvary
1/22 Greendale @ home
1/29 @ Trinity
2/5 Calvary @ home
2/19 @ Greendale
2/26 Trinity @ home
3/5 @ Calvary
3/19 Greendale @ home

LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

1/7 Tom & Carol Dohoney	1/14 Bill & Carol Borchardt	1/21 Judy Borkowicz	1/28 Paul & Doris Mayeshiba
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma	1/7 Randy & Sandy Oleson	1/14 Judy Borkowicz	1/21 Todd & Debbie Hansen	1/28 Leone Krueger
Lenox	1/7 The Pfeiffer Family & Ruth Buenger	1/14 The Berger Family	1/21 Jack & Tiffany Buell	1/28 Dick & Joan Gaeth

USHER SCHEDULE

1/7 Julene Flanagan Judy Savage Chris Urbaniak Amber Urbaniak	1/14 Tom Dohoney Carol Dohoney Debbie Hansen Joyce Ziemann	1/21 Cheri Boyle Brad Boyle Mary Ann Mowery Fred Passow	1/28 Chelsea Clark Ben Clark Debbie Hansen David Porn
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PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	1/17/2018 7-8:30pm	1/24 7-8:30pm	2/7 7-8:30pm	2/21 7-8:30pm	3/7 7-8:30pm
	3/14 7-8:30pm	4/4 7-8:30pm	4/11 7-8:30pm	5/9 7-8:30pm	5/16 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	1/28/2018 8:15-9:15am	2/25 8:15-9:15am	3/18 8:15-9:15am	4/15 8:15-9:15am	5/20 8:15-9:15am

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	1/25/2018 7-8:30pm	2/1/2018 7-8:30pm	2/8 7-8:30pm	3/1 7-8:30pm	3/8 7-8:30pm	3/15 7-8:30pm
	3/22 7-8:30pm	4/26 7-8:30pm	5/3 7-8:30pm	5/24 7-8:30pm	5/31 7-8:30pm	
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	2/4/2018 8:15-9:15	3/4 8:15-9:15	Easter Sunday 4/1 8:15-9:15	5/6 8:15-9:15	6/3 8:15-9:15	
Special Service Rehearsal	Ash Wed. 2/14 6:15pm	Maundy Thursday 3/29 6:15pm				

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

1/7 The Boyle's Aaron Boyle Confirmation student	1/14 The	1/21	1/28 The Membership Committee
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LITURGIST SCHEDULE

1/7 Bill Borchardt	1/14 Jill Unglaub	1/21 Doris Mayeshiba	1/28 Michael Miksic
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

1/7	Genesis 1: 1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19: 1-7	Mark 1: 4-11
1/14	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20)	Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20	John 1:43-51
1/21	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	Psalm 62: 5-12	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31	Mark 1: 14-20
1/28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8: 1-13	Mark 1: 21-28

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all these wonderful folks!

January 1

Sonia Stark

January 2

David Wareham

January 3

Bill Scheske

January 6

Elly Bingheim

January 10

Kim O'Brien

January 11

William Kroening Jr.

Jordan Mowery

January 12

Joseph Heino

January 14

John Whiting

January 19

Loretta Hoedel

January 22

Michael Key

Evangeline Tremarello

January 24

Rosemary Czerwinski

James Wick

January 25

Kenneth Miller

January 27

Dennis Boretsky

January 28

Barbara Heino

Beau Oleson

January 30

Kristen Mayeshiba

Eric Schmidling

If we have missed your birthday in the monthly Chronicles newsletter or weekly birthday list this year please let the church office know so we can update our records. Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pastor Dan, Sonia and Charlotte as they welcomed the newest member of their family and ours, Elliott James Stark, in the wee hours of the morning on December 19th. He was just over 9lbs. & 21" long. Baby and mom are doing well.

THANKS:

With appreciation and gratitude we accept a gift from Jon & Noelle Simons in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Thank you to all who helped decorate Christ Church inside and out for the Christmas season. It looks beautiful! Special thanks go out to the Klockow's for always heading up the indoor decorating and Brian O'Brien for running the outdoor decorating!

A big thank you goes to our very own "Christ Church Christmas Carolers!" Your gift of Christmas Joy was appreciated more than you'll ever know. Pam Kothrade, Choir Director

THANKS:

Hello Christmas Concert Participants,

Thank you and congratulations on a stunningly successful Christmas Concert last Friday! It exceeded all of my expectations thanks to your talents and preparations. I'm sure that we are all confident that we will have another Christmas Concert next year on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

These type of events are what church is all about as we make joyful noises beyond Sundays and open our doors to our greater community. It was sure great to see our large audience in the pews and balcony. I know some of us were worried or nervous... ..but we did it! And it was great! We've also learned what to do and what not to do in the future. Our feet are wet now and I look forward to taking the plunge with you all again next year.

Thanks again for your hard work and great performance.

Sincerely, Richard Tremarello, Christ Church Council and Chair, Music/Worship Committee

On behalf of the Christ Church Congregation, a big Thank you goes out to Pam Kothrade and Joe Menard for carrying out their wonderful idea of a Christmas Concert at Christ Church! It was wonderful! We appreciate all of the hard work and time it took to gather all of the other musicians and church choirs to be part of this special event. Thanks also goes out to our Choir, Praise Team, musicians and Music & Worship committee who made this truly a joyful season for us at Christ Church.

A thank you was received from the Wisconsin Humane Society for the funds collected at the Ladies Advent Tea held at Christ Church Saturday December 2nd. They say, "By supporting WHS, you are immediately and forever entwined in the hearts, and in the lives, of animals and people whom you may never know. On behalf of them, we extend our heartfelt gratitude."

Thanks to all who donated cookies, purchased those delicious treats and worked at the Quilters Cookie Walk. They were able to raise \$537.50.

Thanks also to the Quilters for their hard work in organizing this wonderful annual event. We all really enjoy and appreciate it!

The Bay View Community Center thanks and offers appreciation to all who participated in the 33rd annual Holiday Toy/Gift Distribution for low income families. We were able to share our blessings and give gifts to 30 children and 15 older adults as well as over 12 dozen homemade cookies this year. You can pick up a "Thank You" from the community center at both entrances of church.

A thank you was received from the Bay View Community Center for 9 bags of food sent from our December monthly collection. "Thank You so much for your kindness and all you do for others". Linda Nieft, President/CEO

A thank you was received from Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church for our Endowment donation to Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless. "Our mission is sustained through the support of fellow faith communities-like yours!" Best Regards, Erin

REMINDER:

Lost and Found: Located in the church office on the front counter. Currently there are some gloves, a sweater and small fabric purse. Please come and check it out if you've misplaced something.

Information Racks: Located across from the Giving Tree of Life by the Lenox Street Landing and 1 will soon be placed near the parlor doorway. Please find Christ Church and UCC information as well as the monthly newsletter, liturgist & usher schedules, meditations and other pertinent information and announcements.



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