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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

Have you ever felt like you've "started off on the wrong foot?" You never know what sort of curve balls life will throw your way. The Stark family's New Year got off to a *really* bad start (but things are looking up now). My wife is a "New Year's Baby," so we decided to go to a movie on New Year's Day to celebrate. Since our son Elliott was born at the end of December, it was the first time we had all decided to "go out" to do something together as a family. We stopped at the Oak Creek Target to get some movie snacks in order to avoid the 8-dollar-a-box candy at the theatre and as I parked my car I noticed a "gas" smell. It turns out that smell was actually oil and the rear-main seal in my engine had broken. I spent the next 2 hours in -8 degree weather on the phone with AAA trying to get my car towed while Sonia and the kids wandered around Kohls and Target to keep warm and occupied. The tow-truck driver wished me well, but he told me things didn't look good. The next day I found out things really weren't good at all. I learned that my engine was shot and would cost approximately \$7700 in parts and labor. Happy New Year? Happy birthday? No...not at all. All this has made me think about how fragile and unpredictable life really is. We all have our ups and downs. One day things can be good—really good—and the next, you or your family might face financial ruin, an accident, medical issues, or the loss of someone close to your heart. All this makes me think about Lent, which will be upon us in the next couple weeks.

It sometimes helps to think about Lent in contrast to Advent. However, both of them are seasons that have to deal with hope. Whereas Advent is the contemplative journey of God's people hoping and waiting for the arrival of the Messiah – Jesus' birth on Christmas, Lent is the spiraling journey of Jesus and his friends towards his inevitable end at the cross.

Lent marches us onward towards the Last Supper, the final meal Jesus had with his disciples before he was arrested, tried, and crucified.

Pastors Letter Continued

It is at that meal that they shared, I think, where the “car breakdown” moment really clicks for me. Everything seemed fine one minute for Jesus and his friends – and then the next, everything was upside down. They were friends, gathered around a table enjoying a meal as they always had – and then, in the backdrop, something was at work that would cause the breakdown – the betrayal, arrest, and so forth. All things can change in an instant. Though we might feel like God is distant in those moments – perhaps God is closer than we know. I know I didn’t feel like God was very close when I heard the service tech utter “\$7700” to me. However, I suspect that God was especially close, as Jesus experienced the ephemeral, life-changing-in-an-instant, world-changing moment as the authorities arrested him after the Last Supper. Happy New Year? I think not.

It is my prayer that as we engage Scripture which takes us on Jesus’ inevitable journey to the cross, that we can recognize our own “breakdown” moments and how they are, like the cross, not the end. There is hope. Like Advent taking us to the manger, the cross does not end Jesus’ story. It actually begins his story all over again. Would I like a fresh start on 2018? You betcha, but it is not possible. What is possible is recognizing that God is with us in the midst of the ick of breakdown moments – even if we don’t feel like it. These moments are not the end, but they are, in their own way, a new beginning. May you have a meaningful Lenten season.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan Stark

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Recently, two teenagers found themselves caught in a rip tide current while swimming off the coast of Canberra, Australia. Newly developed technology enabled the lifeguards to dispatch a drone that had been equipped with a floatation device. Within two minutes the teens were on their way to solid ground. The lifeguards reported that they were able to reach the struggling swimmers much faster, safer and more effectively than had they done a sea rescue in the conventional way.

Certainly a story with a happy ending. However, what of the years of training for the traditional rescue? What of the drills, practice and continual physical exercise the lifeguards endured to be mentally and physically prepared for the process of launching a boat, rowing as a well-coordinated team, equipped with floatation and medical supplies and the medical training? There are also questions if this is appropriate for all situations. Will the greater community fund the extra expense? Could this reduce the number of lifeguards needed? Is reducing the number of guards a good thing or a bad thing?

The church leadership and by extension, the congregation, had been dealing with these same questions for many years; not only new technologies but also the development of new process that challenge how we do things. While there have been many questions, many areas of uncertainty and much uneasiness with new and unfamiliar patterns, the question and concern over our effectiveness of leading people to a more solid spiritual ground must lead our thinking.

At the January meeting of the Church Council, the ground work was laid to begin an assessment of the effectiveness of our policies, practices and priorities. In light of the new technologies and processes available to us, are we as responsive and efficient at fulfilling our role of leading people through stories with spiritually happy endings.

The Presidents Letter Continued:

To that end, the council has begun to establish three committees. One will review and recommend updates and revisions our constitution and by-laws. Another will examine our practices in light of the 5 practices which are the hall mark an exemplary, focused and dedicated group of God's people. The third will focus on the church calendar, as the activities of the church are a reflection of the balance of church life as shared by the traits of hospitality, intentional faith development, worship, mission/service, extravagant generosity.

Perhaps you have noticed changes over the last several decades. There have been changes in the church, in the culture around us and within ourselves. That will continue. What we can do together is to effect changes that will lead to more stories with happier spiritual endings.

Paul Mayeshiba
Church Council President

WELCOME: NEW MEMBERS

On January 28th we welcomed the following people into membership at Christ Church. We are so very happy and blessed to have you in our Christ Church family.

Judy Borkowicz

Lauren Darling & Ethan Misleh (will be wed at Christ Church this fall)

The Franco Family:

Adan & Melissa, *Child:* Elias

The Perdue Family: Greg Perdue & Jennifer *Children:* Emma, Sam, Grace & Lily

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) 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.

OPPORTUNITY: FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Jennifer Harvey will be in Wisconsin to speak and share conversation on the subject of the church and racial justice.

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10 am to 12:00 pm, Calvary Memorial United Church of Christ, 4515 Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Dr. Harvey, Professor of Religion at Drake University in Des Moines, specializes in encounters of religion and ethics. She has spoken and led workshops for faith communities and academic audiences around the nation. Advanced registrations are welcome through the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ at wcucc.org. Persons are also welcome to register at the door. The cost is \$10. This presentation is sponsored by the Mutton Lectureship group of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with the Mission Team of the Southeast Wisconsin Association of the UCC.

Register for the Wauwatosa event on February 10

Jim Wick has agreed to buy lunch (Jim doesn't do this often so you might want to take him up on the offer) for anyone wishing to grab a sandwich afterwards and to briefly discuss the presentation. Church of Christ, 4515 Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, Wis.

OPPORTUNITY: CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL SEEKING PARTICIPANTS

The Church Council is seeking church members who would be willing to participate in the following ad hoc committees.

Please check off any of the ad hoc committees you would be interested in serving on:

_____ 1) Constitution and By-Laws review - review and suggest updates and revisions as needed and to accept input from the congregation.

_____ 2) 5 Practices Development - Identify specific changes to current practices or institution of new practices that focus the church activity upon the 5 Practices.

_____ 3) Church Calendar Planning (we need one member from each standing committee)

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

Please place sign-up sheet in the collection plate, turn it into the church office or Paul Mayeshiba. Thank You!

OPPORTUNITY: DONATIONS FOR SHARE AND CARE EASTER BASKETS

The Social Concerns Committee would like to give Easter Baskets to our Christ Church Share and Care members on behalf of Christ Church. Our goal is to collect at least \$150.00 to purchase and fill the baskets with goodies. We will also need assistance in delivering them. Those we can't deliver we will mail. If you would like to participate please put your donation(s) in the striped box in the chapel marked "Share and Care Easter Basket Donations". You may also give your donations to anyone on the committee. Thank You! The Social Concerns Committee.

~Debbie Behling, Deb Hansen, Sandy Miksic, Mary Ann Mowery and Sara Rogers~

FFF EVENT: CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR"

MARCH 16TH 6:30PM

Jesus Christ Superstar is a 1973 American musical drama film based on the rock opera of the same name. The film centers on the conflict between Judas and Jesus during the week before the crucifixion of Jesus. **The film will be introduced by our own Rich Tremarello, who as a musician and played in the orchestra for this Broadway play.** His insight will provide an interesting and entertaining backdrop to this film presentation. Details to follow, but a light dinner and snacks will be available for this Friday evening movie. Plan to add this event to your 2018 Lenten journey. See you there!

**OPPORTUNITY: VOLUNTEER AT CHILL ON THE HILL
CHILL ON THE HILL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On behalf of the BV Neighborhood Association, Paul Mayeshiba is organizing a list of volunteers to man a tent Tuesdays 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.

-----**CHILL ON
THE HILL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**

___ Yes I would like to volunteer for Chill on the Hill's BVCC food pantry collection tent Tuesday's at Humboldt Park June 5th-August 28th from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

___ Yes, I am available all of the Tuesdays from June 5th- August 28th 5:00pm-7:30pm.

___ Yes, but I am only able to volunteer the dates listed below from 5pm-7:30pm.

Name _____
Contact _____

Questions?? See Paul Mayeshiba. Thanks! *Please tear off and return to the church office.*

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 April. So why not join in the fun! Please see Ken Klockow or Jill Unglaub for details.

OPPORTUNITY: ALL CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Reminding all members of Christ Church and family and friends to join us for our next meeting of the Christ Church book club. We will be meeting Sunday April 8th after church to discuss "The Hiding Place " by Corrie Ten Boom. This book is a nonfiction autobiography of her life in the Netherlands particularly during the second world war. It details the story of how her strong faith lead her and her family to help friends hide from the Nazis. Books are available either at the library, Half Price Book or also online through Amazon. We hope you join us for fellowship and discussion of this great book.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Carol Borchardt, Carol Dohoney, Debbie Hansen or Mary Ann Mowery

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: Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, Kleenex and Laundry pods

NEED: BAY VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER COLLECTION SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

Canned proteins such as: Tuna, Ham, Spam. Canned fruits and vegetables.

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

NOW: 2018 Giving Envelopes and calendars are still 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.

February 1: Weekly announcement submissions by 10am, DI-Behling, Choir 7:00pm

February 4: BVCC Food Pantry Drive, "SOUPerbowl" food collection (cans of soup), Choir 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Confirmation & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Confirmation Class 11:00am

February 5: Dartball @ Christ Church vs. Calvary 7:00pm

February 7: Staff Meeting 10:30am

February 8: Cintas Kitchen Inspection 9:00am, Weekly announcement submissions by 10am, Membership Meeting 6pm, Choir 7pm

February 10: Crochet Class 10:00am

February 11: Transfiguration Sunday, 8:30am Adult Ed., Worship, Baptism, Confirmation & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Confirmation Class 11:00am

February 12: Property Meeting 7:00pm

February 14: Quilters 10am, Choir 6:15pm, Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm

February 15: Weekly announcement submission by 10am, DI-Scouts 5:30pm, Worship Meeting 7pm

February 16: Chronicles Newsletter Deadline 10:00am

February 18: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Chapel Communion 9:00am, Worship, Confirmation & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Confirmation Class 11:00am

February 19: Dartball @ Greendale 7:30pm

February 20: Council Meeting 6:30pm

February 21: Chapel Midweek Lenten Service 12:00pm, Praise Team 7:00pm

February 22: Weekly announcement submission by 10am

February 24: Crochet Class 10:00am

February 25: Praise Team 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Confirmation, Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour & Girl Scout Cookie Sales 10:30am, Confirmation Class 11:00am

February 26: Dartball @ Christ Church vs. Trinity 7:00pm

February 28: Quilters 10am, Chapel Midweek Lenten Service 12:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

March 7, 14, 21: Chapel Midweek Lenten Services 12:00pm

March 16: Church Movie Night "Jesus Christ Superstar" 6:30pm

March 25: Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am

March 29: Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm

March 30: Good Friday Worship 7:00pm

April 1: Easter Sunday Worship 9:30am & Easter Breakfast Time and Menu TBD

DARTBALL SCHEDULE

2018

2/5 Calvary @ home

2/19 @ Greendale

2/26 Trinity @ home

3/5 @ Calvary

3/19 Greendale @ home

LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

2/4 Don Antoniewicz	2/11 Jon & Noelle Simons	2/18 Dave & Nancy Wareham	2/25 Jim & Randene Wick
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma	2/4 Nancy Jonokuchi	2/11 Judy Borkowicz	2/18 Sue Steinhauer	2/25 Amy Cox
Lenox	2/4 Robert Kroening	2/11 Richard & Joan Gaeth	2/18 Jon & Noelle Simons	2/25 Dean & Mary Ann Mowery

USHER SCHEDULE

2/4 Joan Amich David Porn Mike Thomae Volunteer Needed	2/11 Renolle Volz Danette Volz Dick Gaeth Joan Gaeth	2/18 Cheri Boyle Brad Boyle Kaitlyn O'Brien Brian O'Brien	2/25 Noelle Simons Brian O'Brien Chris Urbaniak Amber Urbaniak
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COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

2/4 Volunteer Needed	2/11 The Miksics	2/18 Sara Rogers	2/25 Volunteer Needed
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PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	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	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	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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

2/4 Randene Wick	2/11 Diane Bingheim	2/18 Dick Gaeth	2/25 Dean Kothrade
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

2/4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	Mark 1: 29-39
2/11	2 Kings 2: 1-12	Psalms 50: 1-6	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Mark 9:2-9
2/18	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
2/25	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8: 31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all these wonderful folks!

FEBRUARY 1

Ashley Lisowski
Brayden Thomae
Joyce Ziemann

FEBRUARY 2

James Kaye
Michael Zvara

FEBRUARY 3

James Meyer
Randene Wick

FEBRUARY 5

Carol Dohoney
Tony Porn

FEBRUARY 6

Linda Koszuta
Matthew Miksic
Sophia Stezala
Kim Stezala

FEBRUARY 7

Joan Amich
Kathryn Seguin

FEBRUARY 9

Heather Antoniewicz
Ray Blankenberg

FEBRUARY 12

Presley Pisarek
Emily Porn
Charles Terlinden

Nancy Wareham

FEBRUARY 13

Michael Baran

FEBRUARY 15

Susan Klockow

FEBRUARY 16

Roland Senderhauf

FEBRUARY 17

Mallory Thomae

FEBRUARY 18

Sandy Oleson

FEBRUARY 19

Blair Goedel

John Popp

FEBRUARY 22

Greg Mitchell

Josh Stouff

FEBRUARY 25

Ellen Crass

FEBRUARY 26

Cyndi Kroening

FEBRUARY 27

Chelsea Clark

FEBRUARY 29

Nathaniel Stouff

THANKS:

With appreciation and thanks we accept a donation to the Church School Fund from Kathleen Schroeder in memory of her mom, Ann Schroeder.

Thank you to all who supported our 2018 Sisterhood Saturday Fundraiser event. With your generosity of funds, donations and time we were able to raise \$1,922.00. The most we've ever raised! This will go a long way to help Sexual Abuse Victims, local homeless and Christ Church. We would like to acknowledge the following businesses, friends and members for their contributions: Culver's Custard, David Seebach, Diva/Divo, From Hair On, Gold Rush Chicken, The Green Bay Packers, Klement Sausage, Kopps Custard, K.R. Mallaks, Miller Beer, National Bakery, Ned's Pizza, The Olive Garden, Rich's House of Cakes, Mike Behling, Judy Borkowicz, Ellen Crass, Carol Dohoney, Maggie Jorgenson, Mike Mantie, Dean Mowery, Brian O'Brien, Kim O'Brien, Katelyn O'Brien, Brooke O'Brien, Larry Savage, Judy Savage, Wally Unglaub, Jill Unglaub, Renolle Volz, Randene Wick.

We sincerely thank you for your support! The Christ Church Social Concerns Committee:

~Debbie Behling, Deb Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, and Sara Rogers~

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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