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The Guide

*We embrace all
as we journey
the way of Jesus*



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Ch-ch-ch-changes! *Changes in Life*

If there was a song that reflects the current state of my life right now, it is the 1972 David Bowie song, *Changes*. Not necessarily all the lyrics but more just the sense of changes happening in life.

As I write this, I'm about three weeks away from the week where we'll be taking our oldest children to their respective schools for their first years of college. Many of you have been in this same position and know some of what we're going through. Right now, there's just a lot of to-dos around the house, lists of what needs to be purchased,

deadlines to submit information, and so on. But the bigger thing is that a major change is just around the corner. We'll be going from five people in the house to three of us. (Our house is going to feel a lot bigger!) Our dog, Scout, will undoubtedly be very confused as well. There's a lot of excitement but there's also grief. We are excited for what is ahead and we are excited for what God is going to do in and through these wonderful young people but we are also grieving the fact that our lives will not be the same ever again.

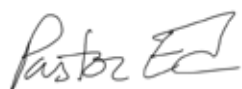
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There's the cliché that says that change is the only constant in life. So very true. In fact, there's no such thing as "the same." Every moment is a new moment and the old moments can never be repeated. Change is happening all the time, everywhere. One of the truths about change is that every change involves two things — something new and something lost. Those two things can be positive or negative but rarely neutral. And with those two things, it is okay to celebrate and it is also okay to grieve — sometimes even doing both at the same time.

As I reflect upon these changes taking place right now in my life, I think of the stories of Jesus and how Jesus assured his followers that, even as things were going to change dramatically (see John 14 specifically), his presence would continue to be with them. In Matthew 28 where we read the story of his ascension, his final words are "And I will be with you always..." The Psalms are filled with assurances such as those in Psalm 46 that even if "the earth should change, the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, and the waters and mountains tremble with tumult," that "God is our refuge and strength and our very present help."

And it obviously isn't just my kids where changes are taking place. It is in all of our lives. It is in our world, our country, our city, our relationships, and our bodies. And whether they are changes we celebrate or changes we grieve (or both), be assured that we are never alone.



Email Safety Update

While the church has shared this information via email and in worship, we want to remind you about some Internet safety basics.

As many of you know, a scammer has been impersonating Pastor Ed via fake email addresses and sending messages to people in the church. The method this person is using is being used against many other faith communities in our region and our country. The scammers haven't hacked any computers but are simply using email addresses and information available on church websites. As a result, we are changing what we are posting online to hopefully help stem this. However, please keep in mind a few simple basics: If you receive a message from "me"

(or anyone else on staff) asking you to help with purchasing gift cards or to send them money, **always, always, always make direct contact with the person.** Do not reply to the message but instead call me or the church office to ask if it is a legitimate request.

If a message "feels weird," trust your gut because it probably is. Whether it is something connected to the church, your bank, an online company, or anything else, **never ever send personal information in a message.** Only share this information if you know that it is **absolutely** legitimate. The best way you can guarantee this is to initiate the contact rather than just reply to a message.

Green Tip of the Month

From Pastor Ed

Thank you for your great work on helping with our recycling efforts! Keep it up and keep inviting others to participate as well! Estimating what we've recycled so far...300 or so communion cups, 150 BIG bags of styrofoam, 500+ gift cards, 500+ medicine bottles, and at least 200+ pairs of shoes! Keep it up!

Your tip of the month is to invite you to look at an online service called Blueland.com. Blueland sells plastic-free products for your home. Household cleaners, dishwasher tabs, laundry tablets, toilet cleaning tabs, and more. Everything they sell comes in compostable packages and are simply tabs you use for cleaning around your house. The cleaners and hand soaps are tablets you put into warm water and they dissolve and then you use them as you would any other cleaner.



The laundry tabs just go in where you would normally put detergent and the toilet cleaner tabs are just ones you drop in the toilet and then scrub a few minutes later. None come wrapped in plastic and there's no plastic in them that ends up in the environment. In our house, we have a subscription for the toilet cleaners, the household sprays, the laundry tabs, and the hand soaps. They work great and they are not significantly more expensive than what you can get at the store. But the beauty is that there are no plastic bottles that get thrown out and everything is organic. If you want to try any of them, let me know and I'll be happy to share for you to check them out!

Mission Team Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

It is because of the generosity of our church that our team can support meaningful missions both globally and locally. Please take a moment to review our current projects below and get involved where you are able. We always accept new members or anyone who has an idea to share and our next meeting is August 21 following the service at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room.

LOCALLY

- **Back to School Kits:** Please plan to stay after the service on August 28 to assist in assembling and packing the kits. The kits will be taken to a local church that delivers them to the Church World Service Depot where they are shared



with those in need around the globe. **Thank you to Susan Gabbard** for leading this mission and sewing all the bags as well as completing all the shopping for the kits. We are grateful for her and the dedication to this important project.

LOCALLY

- **Brighton Center and Hosea House:** Thank you for supporting our efforts to collect items for Hosea House and Brighton Center on the new shelf placed in the Narthex. We will continue collecting the items below for another few weeks and hope to have a large supply to deliver to each agency. This will be an ongoing effort at church to stay engaged in the needs of our local community.

- **Hosea House: Shampoo**
- **Brighton Center: Toilet Paper**

- **Hosea House:** On July 17, Christ Church volunteers prepared and served a meal at Hosea House. This was our first time to serve since the start of the pandemic and it was great to be back. We are grateful for those that made brownies, donated cut fruit, prepped and served. We couldn't continue this mission without the support of our wonderful congregation!



Just a few of our Hosea House volunteers.



Christian Education Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

Summer is a fun time for children, and we have enjoyed being together the last few months. I enjoy hearing about their activities such as swimming, vacations, and watching fireworks for the Fourth of July.

We try to integrate some of those activities into our lessons and tried painting fireworks with forks. While they didn't quite turn out like the pictures on Pinterest, it was still a fun way to talk about sharing God's light.

This month, we started a series on Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 with the congregation. It is a great way to round out our summer of learning all about God's love and ways to live it out in our own lives.

The children have enjoyed several new volunteers and I'm so grateful to each of them. If you would like to volunteer in the coming months, please reach out to me.

Singing to God

From Toni Sheffer

It is to God and about God that we sing! Singing has such a unique way of bringing your heart, soul, and mind together to focus entirely and completely on God. "Singing and making melody to God with your heart."

— Ephesians 5:19

If you love to sing, would enjoy a small group experience within our church, and would like to be a part of leading the congregation in weekly services, come join the choir this fall.

Talk with Toni if you have questions or concerns. You will be welcomed with open arms. The



ability to match pitch would be necessary. The rest you will learn.

Question: *Who is the first singer in the Bible?*

Answer: *Come to choir and find out!*

The choir's first rehearsal is Thursday, September 1, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Appreciation for Our Church

Many thanks for the beautiful cards and prayers that have been sent to my mother, Maxine Noble. She misses all of you and loves Christ Church deeply.

Your prayers are appreciated and I know they are what gets me through each day. Our Lord has been so good to us and we have many blessings.

Peace be with you as we journey through this time on earth. Our heavenly Father is always with us to help us through these difficult times. I lean on him.

*Blessings to all,
Deborah Zai,
daughter of Maxine Noble*

The Footprints of Those Before Us

From Pastor Ed

Sometimes the muse waits to speak. I am grateful that I have grown to allow myself the space to just share when it feels like the time is right — when the Spirit/muse/inspiration is right. I started writing about this image a few days ago and it just didn't feel like the right thing at the time. But it feels a bit more so now.

I experienced this moment the day after we arrived in Virginia for a week away on one of my regular hikes out at the Manassas Battlefield whenever we come out here. I've walked this raised path many times before but something new stirred for me this time that echoes what I read in Romans 4 a few days ago. Paul shares about the faith of Abraham and how he was justified by faith not by works. As I read that section, I also thought of how Abraham was included with so many others in the beautiful section of Hebrews



11-12 of the great cloud of witnesses who showed the way of following God.

Tuesday morning, it felt like I was the only one out at the Battlefield that morning. Mine was the only car in the parking lot and I didn't come across anyone else before getting to this path. Yet, the timing was such that the morning sun reflected a bunch of other footprints of those who had walked that way before. Even

though I hadn't seen any of them, they were there.

We do not always see those who have gone before us in life and faith but they are there. But there are moments when the timing and the conditions are just right that we see the footprints of that cloud of witnesses. And even if we don't see them physically, we know they have passed that way before us.

Thanks be to God.



Memorials

Memorials for Marvin Cox

Paul & Connie Bertram
 Gordon & Jean Braun
 Frederick Dittrich Jr.
 Jim & Linda Gracey
 Bill & Bonnie Hitch
 Judy Land
 Steve & Fran McAllister
 Jan Morris
 Ruth Rowe
 William Schemmel
 Kenney & Marie Shields
 Joe & Christy Stevenson
 Richard & Lynnette Stuart
 Pam & Steve Weber
 William & Donna Wilson

*"I am the resurrection
 and the life. The one who
 believes in me will live,
 even though they die."*

— John 11:25

July Attendance

	In Person	Online
6/26/22	87	13
7/3/22	80	18
7/10/22	80	17
7/17/22	72	12
7/24/22	87	12
7/31/22	78	18

Lunch and Learn

Join us on Tuesday, August 23 at 11:30 a.m. Please have your reservation in by the Sunday before so we can ensure we have enough food for everyone.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. For lunch reservations call or email Nancy Hunter by Friday, July 22.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

— 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
 Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Faye Gately, Jim Gracey,
 The Himes family, Margi McKenna,
 Al Rice, Mary Strange, Linda
 and Tara, Amber Schmidt,
 Dan Atkinson, Chris Witt,
Marsha, Jeff Waxman, Roman,
 Lyuda and Natalka Shostak,
 Samantha Mecamp, The family
 of Lois Basham, Mike and Laura
 Randall, Thomas, Tice & Yon Cox,
 Jeff Searcy, Dave Schwab,
 Genevieve Lyons, Bill Hitch,
 Robert Neace, Marcia Storm,
 Jean Mettens, The family of
 Marvin Cox, Marissa, Tim,
 Ev & Jack Weber, Jan Lacalley,
 Susan Gabbard, Brenda Swan
 and family

*(Names underlined indicate request
 for first name usage only)*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dee Bathiany
 Andrew Hack
 Michael Long
 Jennifer Korpik
 Sharon Siple
 David Hosea
 Joe Stevenson
 Emma Hamann
 Brenda Swan
 Joseph Houben

Jim & Barb Korpik
 Bert & Cindy Bathiany IV
 Krista & Joseph Hack
 Stephanie & Brian Laake
 James & Linda Gracey
 Gary & Nancy Hunter
 Jeffrey & Susan McDonald
 Dave & Jill Draper

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ken Honchell as he retires from the Newport Police Department. During his career, Ken has served several Northern Kentucky Police Departments and provided Security for St. Elizabeth Hospital and other facilities. Thank you, Ken, for your dedicated service!

Schedules for August

Liturgists

Aug. 7 Jane Petracco
Aug. 14 Laura Petracco
Aug. 21 Marcia Storm
Aug. 28 Carolyn Tyler

Deacons

Aug. 7 Jack Hurtt
Aug. 14 Marie Cunningham
Aug. 21 Amy Thornton
Aug. 28 Jean Braun

Ushers

Aug. 7 Jack Hurtt
Audrey Bernhard
Steve Weber
Jay Wainscott
Aug. 14 Marie Cunningham
Shelley Kappesser
Steve Kappesser
Carol Himes
Aug. 21 Amy Thornton
Greg Vogel
Marcia Storm
Andy Borah
Aug. 28 Jean Braun
Debbie Paillette
Thierry Paillette
Patti Miller

A Movie Review about a Brick (and Far More)

From Pastor Ed

The following is an article I was asked to write for the Presbytery of Cincinnati's newsletter. Each pastor in the presbytery was asked to share upon Dr. Martin Luther King's, The Beloved Community concept. Mine came out of watching a movie called *In and Of Itself*.



Yes, this is a brick. Nothing fancy about it. Just a brick sitting on a sidewalk. But if you watch the movie *In and Of Itself* on Hulu streaming service, the brick has significant meaning. I cannot explain more than that without spoiling the film but as my wife Amy and I watched the film, I thought of the idea of The Beloved Community.

In the film, a widely diverse group of people gather around a story that unfolds during the performance. The story is told in some unique, beautiful, and moving ways which culminate in a deeply meaningful conclusion.

There are some parallels to what I think of when I reflect on the idea of The Beloved Community. The Beloved Community gathers together – it is not an individual experience but something that happens with one another. The story of God in the Scriptures unfolds not primarily to individuals but to communities and groups of people who come together from varying backgrounds and histories.

The Beloved Community also gathers around a story that took place thousands of years ago but is still a story that continues to be written today. We gather around a story of the Living God who is still speaking into our lives and into our world. The story is not static but dynamic and moving.

When people gathered for the performance, they might have thought they were going to be entertained. What they experienced, instead, was something that involved literally every one of them. It brought in their stories, their hopes, and their wounds. And all were a part of the whole. The Beloved Community is also one that is not for spectators but involves all of our stories and each of us is a vital and necessary part of where the community goes.

Finally, there's one thing that came up after we watched it a second time (this time with our kids). After the film, one of them said, "Did you see _____" (spoiler not included). So we went back and sure enough...there it was. And once you see it, you cannot unsee it. God's Beloved community it like that as well... sometimes it isn't something we see or are looking for but once you see it, you cannot unsee it and there's an ongoing heart to help others see and experience the fullness of God's Beloved Community.

There's a bunch more that I could say about these connections but I invite you to take 90 minutes and watch this film. As you watch, prayerfully reflect on what it says for us as one branch of the Beloved Community that God is still working on.



Church Council Meeting Notes

6/27/2022

In Attendance: Pastor Ed Goode, Becky Borah, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Debbie Paillette, Jen Korpik, Sallie Schmidt, Jenny Hermann, Nancy Hunter, Betsy Beimesche, Donna Hoffman

- **Gathering/Centering:** Pastor Ed had us read/discuss "Courage" by David Whyte
- **Prayer:** Pastor Ed gave us an update on several members that need our prayers and we added others. Pastor Ed then led us in prayer.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes reviewed and approved.
- **Financial Report:** Since Bert was unable to attend, Ed gave the report on his behalf. Giving is down and utilities are over the budgeted amount. Ed to talk to the Budget and Finance committee in August about 2023's budget. Report approved.
- **Pastor's Report: Illumination Youth Ministry and new group:**
 - The LLC for Illumination will remain but Christ Church will not be the fiscal agent, Lakeside Presbyterian will be.
 - They will ask all the churches involved to contribute \$4000 a year. We already have \$6000 a year budgeted for Illumination and we can use the remaining \$2000 for Christ Church only youth events.
 - A gift of appreciation was given to Melanie for her hard work and dedication.
- **Update on Building Improvements and Maintenance Processes:**
 - Ed and Michele met with Bill Hitch and Barry Petracco about triaging building issues.
 - The plan is for Barry to be the point person for non-urgent matters with Ed and Michele dealing with immediate problems. Bill will manage the major projects like the concrete work, the History room remodel and the kitchen remodel.
- **Mission Team:** Sallie reported that the Mission Team approved \$2,000 from the Global Fund to be used for Ukraine Aid.
- **Personnel:** Debbie Paillette reported that Jeff's temporary replacement, Susan Lohstroh, is working out well. Jeff is progressing and is hoping to return after 12 weeks.
- **Kitchen remodel**

Nancy Hunter reported that she and Jenny Hermann met with Bill Hitch to prioritize items that need to be done in the kitchen. Nancy handed out a list of Short Term and Long Term issues that they are going to start to tackle.
- **Master Calendar**

Snezana talked about the need to organize a master agenda for each month.
- **By-laws Review**

The council reviewed Articles I, II and III of the Christ Church by-laws. Changes are being tracked so we can present the revised version to the congregation at the next Annual Meeting.
- **Meeting Closed with Prayer**

Our Finances

Greetings from the Finance Board. Since the first of the year, we have been committed to keeping the congregation informed of the financial status of the church. First, Christ Church is stable financially. We have reserves that we have not needed to access yet. Second, we are behind in pledged giving by about \$18,000. If you are behind and have not kept up, I understand. We are only six months into the year and most people catch up by the year end. If you are having financial difficulties due to the economy, health issues, or something else, then take care of you and your family. Christ Church will be fine. We have such a supportive church family that comes together to help. If you need help and feel there is no place to turn, please contact Pastor Ed or me. That is what families do.

Blessings,
Bert Bathiany, Treasurer

Appreciation for Our Church

*To our dear church family,
We are deeply grateful for the many kind expressions of sympathy and love you shared with us after Marvin's (Dad's) death.
Your prayers have sustained and comforted us. We know you will continue to uphold and care for us and we thank God for the blessing and strength you are to us.*

*With Love,
Melissa Cox & Jane Cox*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 pm - Cincinnati Scots	2 12 pm - Bible Study 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous	3 12 pm - Green Team 3:30 pm - Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm- AA Group	4 10 am - UCC Clergy	5	6
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