

The Guide

We embrace all
as we journey
the way of Jesus



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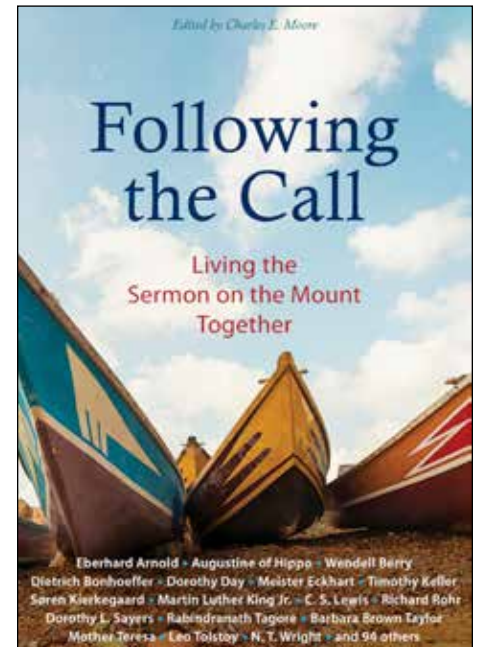
Following the Call

Living the Sermon on the Mount Together

I want to ask you to dig deep for the next few months here at Christ Church. Now, you may be thinking I am going to ask about money. After all, lots of pastors talk about digging deep when we’re talking about giving to the church. But this is not specifically about money; it is about digging deep in following the call Jesus has given to all of us.

There is perhaps no part of Jesus’ teaching that has had a greater effect than the Sermon on the Mount. These three chapters of Matthew 5, 6, and 7 have been called “the most luminous, most quoted, most analyzed, most contested, and most influential moral and religious discourse in all of human history.” It has guided the life and ministry of Christians throughout the centuries and it has spoken to people outside the Christian faith as well. It has been the driving force for world-changing movements such the nonviolent resistance movements of Gandhi in India against the British Empire and those of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others in the Civil Rights movement in the United States. It gives us insight into what the Christian community is supposed to look like and the effect it can have (and should have) on the world as a whole. It is truly a transformative message.

So, in the coming months, we are going to walk through this message in depth. It is going to take a while but good and necessary things sometimes do take time. We’ll be using



the book *Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together* as our guidebook. We’ll be centering upon it in worship and also in discipleship groups (Sundays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at noon, and Wednesdays on Zoom at 3:30 p.m. But I would love to start some more. I will have copies of the guide book for you to pick up or you can order it on your own. The print books are \$17.25 but if you can’t afford it, we have a member who has generously donated to be sure that people have the book.

I look forward to digging deep with you.

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,

Pastor Ed

UCC 101 – Part 3, The Larger Body

From Pastor Ed

This summer, Indianapolis will host the UCC's 34th General Synod. Delegates, representatives, and visitors from across the settings of the UCC will become Hoosiers for a few days as they gather to do the work of the larger body of the church. The General Synod will be doing the regular work of the body as they deliberate and take action on a variety of proposed resolutions (which you can read about at this link: <https://generalsynod.org/proposed-resolutions>). There will also be actions taken upon changes to the UCC's national bylaws and the election of a new General Minister and President. The national board of the UCC has recommended the election of Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson to serve as the first woman and first person of color in that role. I'll share more about this upcoming General Synod in a future issue of *The Guide* but I wanted to give you this overview of General Synod before sharing my experience at a similar event in 2018.

In 2018, I was elected to serve as a delegate for the Presbytery of Cincinnati to the national General Assembly (GA) of the PCUSA in St Louis. I had never been to a GA before and I honestly was a bit snarky leading up to it. It did not excite me to be sitting in meetings going over parliamentary procedures focused in plenary sessions that sometimes go well past midnight. What I experienced, however, was a profoundly moving experience.

My initial role was as a member of the committee overseeing the work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. While there was a lot of administrative work, we also took actions that sought to further new



forms of ministry and outreach locally and worldwide, directed funds and other resources to Native American faith communities who were struggling to be able to call pastors and maintain buildings and ministry on reservations, and called upon congregations to join the denomination in rejecting the centuries-old ideas in what was known as the Doctrine of Discovery.

As we moved into plenary sessions, I saw a living and breathing example of the Body of Christ at work and all the delegates from across the country (and others from around the world) came together to worship, to pray, to listen, to speak, and ultimately to seek to discern God's will for the

future of the church. While there were plenty of times of disagreement and some contentiousness, it was beautiful seeing how this one body, made up of many members (see 1 Corinthians 12), functioned together to do God's work.

But we also moved outside the walls of the convention center as the assembly raised over \$50,000 in person and online to march together to the City Justice Center to bail out people in jails because they couldn't afford the required cash bail. Missouri had a law requiring cash bail payments for even the most minor of misdemeanors. We partnered with an organization called *The Bail Project* which pre-screens individuals who should be released and helped to literally set the oppressed free as Jesus called us to do (Luke 3:16-19).

So as the national setting of the UCC gathers in Indianapolis in June, please be praying for how God's still-speaking Spirit will move among the delegates and give us wisdom of how we receive what the General Synod shares as we are covenanted together in common ministry.

Western Kentucky Mission Trip

From Ken Weidinger

Our next work trip to Western Kentucky is planned for **June 5-9, 2023**.

We will be working in cooperation with the Indiana/Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Mayfield Longterm Recovery Group.

Our accommodations will be at the Pentecostal Tabernacle in



Water Valley, Ky, the same place we stayed last June.

For more information, please contact **Ken Weidinger**.

Mission Team Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

The mission team continues to meet monthly to thoughtfully consider the needs of local and global communities. The month, the team heard from Barb Korpik's brother, Bruce Bailey, about his upcoming mission trip to Greece. Bruce shared information about an organization dedicated to giving shoes to those in need called Samaritan's Feet. Our team would love to hear from you with any ideas or if you just want to learn more about what we do, please join us on the 3rd Sunday after the service in the conference room. Our next meeting is May 21.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Church World Service (CWS)**

Period Packs — Susan Gabbard will head this project and we

hope to engage your support as well. The team approved \$500 and Susan is working to secure an additional \$250 in grant funds from the UCC. This will be used to purchase items for CWS to put together packs for women in need of these essential items. ***Please plan to stay after the service on May 21 to help get them packed.***



- **Washington UCC**

Summer Program – the team voted to give \$1,500 to WUCC for their summer programming

which serves many children through day camps.



- **Brighton Center:**

Thank you for bringing in pasta and sauce. We collected 52 jars of sauce and 60 boxes of pasta! Let's keep it going! **April/May: Canned vegetables and fruit** You will notice a new shelf in the parlor to make donating easier.

- **Ronald McDonald House (RMH)**

We will serve at RMH on **Thursday, May 25 from 4-8 p.m.** Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. **If you can help prep and serve on that date, please reach out directly to Barb Korpik.**

Christian Education Update

From Kelly Kuhnhein

This month we continued to learn about the final days of Jesus' life and then celebrated the resurrection on Easter Sunday with the congregation.

It was wonderful to be together on Easter as a church family. We had fun with an Easter egg hunt following the worship service and helping lead the congregation in song during the service.

As the month progressed, the children continued to work through the days following Jesus' resurrection through books, crafts, and discussion.

We've begun separating the older elementary-aged children to allow them time to dig deeper into the lessons each week and



offer alternative activities and games. It is amazing how each of them absorbs the information and asks questions to better understand these stories from the Bible and connect with them.

As we look ahead to the summer, we are determining plans and working to offer meaningful activities for all ages. If you have any ideas or would like to share your time with the children, please reach out to Kelly.

New Members Gathering

On May 7, after the service, we will be holding a gathering for anyone interested in exploring what it means to become a covenant member of Christ Church. This is a time to learn more about Christ Church — where we've been, what God's doing now, and where we feel led by the Spirit to go — and a time to learn about how membership is lived out here. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ed.

New member recognition will be on May 21.



Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be Wayne Onkst, former State Librarian for the state of Kentucky. He will be discussing his book, *The History of Kentucky Bookmobiles*. The state of Kentucky boasts the largest fleet of bookmobiles in the U.S. dating back to the WWII era. The book traces the history of these mobile libraries from the pack-horse librarians of Appalachia, to book wagons, and then to the earliest bookmobiles. **Please join us!**

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

Open and Affirming Process

In August of 2019, with the blessing of the Council and the affirmation of the congregation, Christ Church formed a team to facilitate the congregation working through the Open and Affirming (ONA) journey of the United Church of Christ. This was done as part of the transition time after Pastor Ryan Byers' departure and in the interim/designated process with Pastor Ed Goode. It was felt this was an important process for us as a congregation to better understand who we were and prepare us for conversations we would have with potential candidates for the pastoral position. While the pastoral process was an impetus, it was not the sole reason for entering this process. In a time where understandings of gender, sexuality, openness, and welcoming are shifting, the council believed that it was essential for Christ Church to have clarity in these areas.

The team began its work in August of 2019 and continued its work in earnest through March of 2020. In those first seven months, the team went through the early steps of exploring who we were as a congregation and had started to move into having one-to-one conversations with individuals in the congregation to hear about their experiences as a part of Christ Church as well as help to understand what questions might be present around issues of LGBTQ inclusion.

Unfortunately, with the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic, Council felt it was not a good time to continue given the difficulties of how people could meet and that conversations (one-on-one and group) via Zoom were not ideal. As a result, the process was put on hold until Council felt we were in a better place.



We have come to that point. In February of this year, the Council affirmed the re-gathering of the ONA team. At the April meeting of Council, it was shared that the team would have its first meeting on April 19 and that Christ Church would be partnering with St Paul's UCC in Alexandria in this process as well.

In the coming months, the team will be communicating via *The Guide*, in worship, and in other ways about the process. This is not a fast process but instead one that is deliberate and is built upon conversation, relationship, listening, and ultimately discerning how the still-speaking Spirit is moving. The team welcomes your prayers and also your input and questions as we resume this process and also ultimately your participation as we move into wider conversations and learning together.

Yours in Christ,
Christ Church Open and Affirming Core Team: Beckie Borah, Melissa Cox, Carol Himes, Donna Hoffman, Jen Korpik, Susan & Jeff McDonald, Joe Stevenson, Larry Stinson, Marcia Storm, Ken Weidinger
Staff representatives: Rev. Dr. Edward Goode and Toni Sheffer



Thanks to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family and Friends,
My appreciation runs deep from within my heart for all the love and support you have given to Jim and me through the years. The last month, you have continued your love for our family and me in so many, wonderful ways: cards, food, messages, gift cards and just enclosing us with your thoughts, prayers, and love. A special thank you to Ed who was a constant source of comfort; to Toni and her musicians for the beautiful music during the celebration service; to Jenny and Nancy and all those who helped with decorating, food, and service in Hoffman Hall; and to all of you for being such wonderful, loving friends. Thank you! Blessings and Love,
Linda & Family



Serve God with Singing!

From Toni Sheffer
We are continually looking for those with musical talent, both vocal and instrumental. If you have a love for music and would like to participate in the music program at Christ Church, please let me know. (859) 653-2728.

If there are people you would like to hear sing/play or hymns/songs you would like to hear our congregation sing, please see me after any service.

Many thanks to all the dedicated choir members and soloists who diligently work to contribute to our weekly services. Please let them know when their music has spoken to you.



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH
Faye Gately, Joy, Genee Lyons, Margi McKenna, Pierce, Ev & Jack Weber, Don Spaulding, Tom Cox, Marie Shields, Barry Bordenkircher, Allan Smille, Jean Lacalley, Amber Schmidt, Bobby Grim, Roman, Lyuda & Natalya Shostak, Tim, John Jr., Sheila Mains, Sue, Judy & Greg Gadd, Kristen Bender, Mike & Laura Randall, Marcia Hosea, Emma Hamann, Lori Collins, Mary Ellen Harvey, Sallie Schmidt and family, Barb Walkenhorst-Derby, Landon Schmidt, Jesse Clayton, Liz Hotz, Bill P., Don Seifert, Raenon Justice, Dale Ann Wight, The family of Bonnie Hitch, Sarah, Kim Schnier, the family of Jim Gracey, Chris
(Underline indicates request for anonymity)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kathryn Lukjan	5/1	Elizabeth Beimesche	5/29/2015
Jack Hurtt	5/4	Doug Miller Sr.	5/30
Anna Gise	5/6		
Gregory Vogel	5/9	Doug & Patti Miller Sr.	5/2/1975 48 yrs.
Stanley Grau	5/11	Shannon & Hunter Thomas	5/10/2003 20 yrs.
Judy Land	5/12	Ellen & Scott Turner	5/12/1979 44 yrs.
Jill Draper	5/20	Steve & Dana Pendery	5/12/1990 33 yrs.
Mary Hertzman	5/22	Gordon & Jean Braun	5/15/1976 47 yrs.
Ken Honchell	5/22	Greg & Susan Houben	5/17/1986 37 yrs.
ZsaZsa Bach	5/24/2011	David & Donna Pendery	5/27/1978 45 yrs.
Rebecca Borah	5/27	Andrew & Jessica Bach	5/27/2006 17 yrs.
Terri Jager	5/28	Ken & Tammy Weidinger	5/30/1981 42 yrs.



Schedules for May

Liturgists

- May 7 Bert Bathiany
- May 14 Donna Hoffman
- May 21 Katie Leftin
- May 28 Barry Petracco

Deacons

- May 7 Marie Cunningham
- May 14 Jack Hurtt
- May 21 Melissa Cox
- May 28 Jean Braun

Ushers

- May 7 Marie Cunningham
Shelley Kappesser
Steve Kappesser
Jay Wainscott
- May 14 Scott Turner
Marcia Storm
Jane Petracco
Carol Himes
- May 21 Steve Weber
Debbie Paillette
Thierry Paillette
Patti Miller
- May 28 Jean Braun
Nancy Pinguely
Greg Vogel
Andy Borah

If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

— 1 Peter 4:11 NIV



Memorials

Memorials for Bonnie Hitch

- John Borches & Julianne Baumer
- Bonnie B. Davies
- Nancy Hunter
- Jen Korpik
- Dan & Julie Mai
- Wayne & Donna Oetgen

Memorials for Jim Gracey

- Dale & Amy Arlinghaus
- Tony & Betty Asher
- Anthony Arnzen
- John & John Michael Asher
- Brandon & Ashley Barlow
- Clay & Kathy Beekley
- Ruth Blair
- Mike & Lisa Bowman
- Gordon & Jean Braun
- John & Cathy Burt
- Gary, Lori, & Nicholas Crawford
- John & Ann Dahl
- Mark & Pam Dowling
- Barb Duncan
- Sandy Eubanks
- Bill & Janet Fischer
- Jeff & Erica Fritsche
- Stan & Joyce Grau
- Joey & Mandy Haigis
- Norman & Janice Harden
- Joyce, Michael, & Brian Harris
- Bill Hitch
- Ted & Donna Hotz
- Nancy Hunter
- Steve & Shelley Kappesser
- Barb Koehler
- Jen Korpik
- Jim & Barb Korpik
- Chris & Julie Kuhnhein
- Judy Land

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Prayer Chain

Nancy Pinguely has graciously volunteered to head up the Prayer Chain. If you have prayer requests, please contact Nancy.

N. Kentucky Youth Group

End of the Year Picnic!

Sunday, May. 14

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sheehan Pavilion -
Devou Park

There will be a special celebration for the last regular meeting of the year. Enjoy an evening of food, games, and maybe even some s'mores!

RSVP at: <https://lakeside-church.org/index.php/nkyyouth/>

- HelenAnn Listerman
- Dan & Julie Mai
- Steve & Jeri McLane
- Jean Mettens
- Scott & Nicole Meyers
- Doug & Patti Miller Sr.
- Doug Miller Jr.
- Jerry & Vanetta Mohr
- Jan Morris
- Jim Myers
- Matthew D. Owen
- Gary & Becky Plummer
- Jeff Searcy
- Kenney & Marie Shields
- Shelby Smith
- Sara Staab
- Roger & Janine Walz
- Jeff & Lisa Waxman
- Bill & Donna Wilson
- Mike & Janine Wilson
- Bob & Nancy Witte



Church Council Meeting Notes

4/17/2023

In Attendance: Pastor Ed Goode, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Jen Korpik, Betsy Beimesche, Donna Hoffman, Nancy Hunter, Kelly Kuhnhein, Debbie Paillette, Sallie Schmidt, and Council Elect, Greg Vogel

Legacy Committee members:

Larry Stinson, Andy Luken and Tammy Weidinger

Finance Committee member:

Ken Honchell

• **Legacy Committee Report**

Larry Stinson presented the report on behalf of the Legacy Fund Committee. The current balance of the Legacy Fund is 1.53 million dollars with an additional \$113,000 that was set aside as earnest money for the Cornerstone Fund. 1.5 million dollars is as low as the balance of the fund is allowed to go.

• **Approval of Minutes from March and Annual Meeting**

Both Minutes approved.

• **Financial Report**

We are \$7,000 behind for giving and our expenses were up due to the payment of yearly insurance premiums. This is not unusual for this time of the year.

Report approved.

• **Gathering/Centering**

Ed read from 1 Corinthians

• **Opening Prayer** Lead by Ed

• **Belize Community Center**

Howard Storm, Tammy Weidinger and Ed Goode will travel to Belize June 6-13 for the dedication of the new building and help with administrative matters. A generous donor is funding the trip.

• **Western Kentucky Mission**

Ken Weidinger will travel to Western Kentucky (Mayfield, KY) to continue with the tornado relief and recovery work.

• **Updates on Building Projects**

Kitchen and Hot Water – Nancy Hunter reported on bids and plans for better hot water and for dishwasher updates. Council approved up to \$15,000 to fund this project.

• **Pastor's Report**

– **Open and Affirming Process:**

The ONA team will resume its work with the first meeting on April 19 while also coordinating with St Paul's UCC in Alexandria in their process.

– **Staff update:** Jeff Searcy will have surgery on May 11 and will be out for approx. one week.

– **Guest Preachers Scheduled:**

April 16 (Rev. Jim Korpik), June 18 (Rev. Melissa Stephens of Washington UCC) and Sept. 17 (Rev. Chad Abbott of Indiana-Kentucky Conference Minister)

– **New Members:** A New members class will take place in May.

– **Time Away:** Pastor Ed shared he will be away in May for moving kids home from college and then vacation time in late June/early July. He also reminded the council that per his terms of call, he is eligible for a 3-month paid sabbatical after September of this year but does not anticipate taking that time until 2025.

• **Meeting Closed with Prayer:**

April Attendance

	In Person	Online
4/2/23	101	25
4/9/23	182	30
4/16/23	100	5
4/23/23	100	17
4/30/23	87	21



Green Team News for May

If you would like to donate a plant to the Lois Basham Butterfly Garden in honor or in memory of your mother for Mother's Day, there will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary. Please note, these plants will be for the Butterfly Garden, not to take home.

Job Openings Youth Program

June 5 - July 28, 2023

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.

Flexible hours Friday

Washington UCC in Cincinnati has several positions available for the Summer Youth Program. Positions include a Kitchen Assistant, Recreation and Health Educator, Creativity Leader, and Assistant Director.

For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Stephens, at melissa@washingtonucc.org or Laurel Humes at, laurelh@zoomtown.com.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 am - Bloom Homeschool 6 pm - Open and Affirming meeting St Paul's-Alexandria	2 12 pm - Bible Study 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous	3 12 pm - Green Team 6 pm - Open and Affirming meeting Christ Church 7 pm- AA Group	4 6:30 pm - Choir	5 3-8 pm - Talia Zoll Student Recital	6
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