

June 2024

The Guide

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



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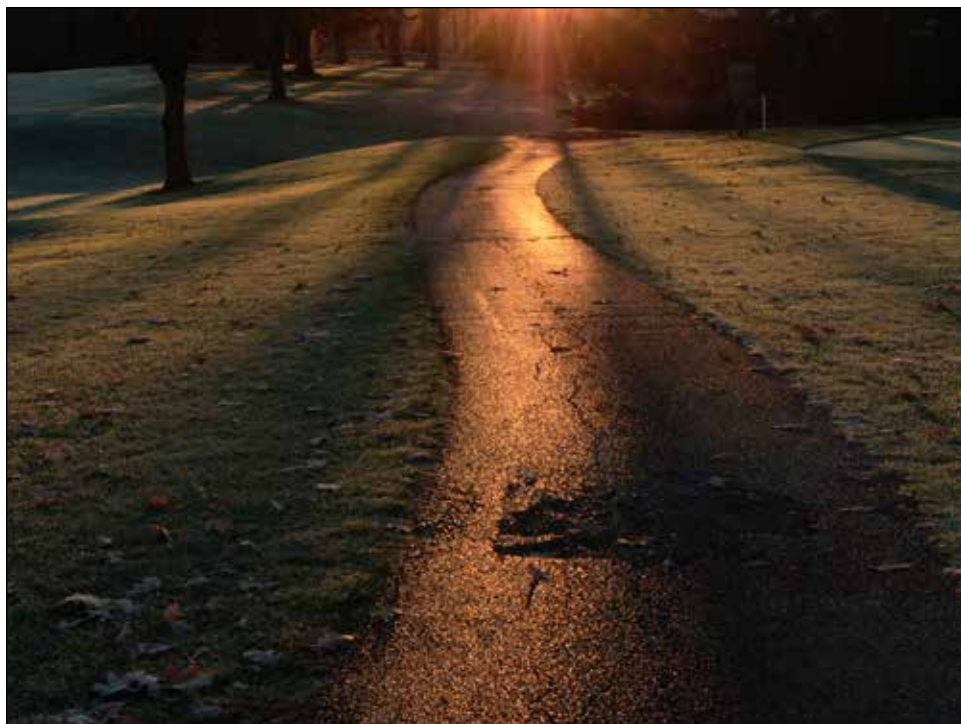


Photo by Edward Goode

Road Map of the Year So Far *And Now, a Life in the Spirit*

I just wanted to take a few minutes to trace a bit of a road map of where we've been this year in our worship life together.

We started the year with a foundational idea within Scripture and also within our United Church of Christ identity – covenant. Covenant is at the heart of what it means to be in relationship with one another and with God as we read the stories of the Bible. It is also very much at the heart of how we are to live out what it means to be together in this congregation and with the other settings of the UCC. We looked at several stories of covenant lived out beautifully in Scripture and several where...well...not so much.

From the stories of what covenant is we moved to the place of where we learn how to be in relationship with one another – at the table. Throughout the weeks leading to Easter, we looked at the table stories of Jesus and what they spoke to our covenant relationships. This included how big Jesus' table is, how we welcome people to the table, and how we learn from one another at the table.

At some point, however, we do need to get up from the table and that's where we have been the last several weeks since Easter. Our getting up from the table has been centered on where God calls us to once we get up and start moving.

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As we have looked at stories from throughout the Bible, we have been looking at the stories of crossing over from the known to the unknown and the possibilities (and perils that are a part of both). These have been stories of individuals like Abraham and Sarah, groups of people, as well as big crossovers like that from life to death.

And now we move to the next part of our journey together – a life in the Spirit. As with each of the previous, the final message in one of the segments provides the steps into the next one. For this, it is the day of Pentecost when the Spirit led Peter and the other early followers of Jesus to begin sharing the first messages of Jesus through the church. So in our times together, we will be listening and awaiting the Spirit's movement as we do a bit of "improv" in worship. We will be randomly drawing the passages you submit to Michele and trusting how the Spirit will speak through those in the message and also in music.

You can submit your Scripture passages to Michele (not to me, because I will not be seeing them until that Sunday) anytime throughout the month!

I am grateful to be part of this Spirit-led life with you!

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,



Pastor Ed

Thanks to Our Church Family

To Ed and our church family, Thank you for the support you have given my dad, my family and me, not just at the time of his passing, but throughout the years as he struggled with a variety of health issues. My heart overflows with gratitude when looking back on the steady stream of cards sent, food provided, continual phone calls/texts and countless prayers. Dad hadn't been able to attend service for a very long time but not once did he ever feel forgotten by his Christ Church family! I smile wide thinking of the crowd of

people after Sunday services who would line up to ask me how dad was doing. In John 13:35 Jesus says "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The faith of our church is abundantly evident by how well you loved my dad. Your love and support has given us strength that we would have never possess if we had to have walked this journey alone. We will forever be grateful to our Christ Church family! The family of Al Rice: Julie, Dan, Annelise, Sara and Christian Mai

More Gratitude for Our Church Family

Thank you so much to our church family for all the love and support these past few months. The cards, prayers, visits, memorials, and bereavement meal will be remembered and appreciated forever. Mom and Dad loved Christ Church and we are so blessed to be a part of such a faith filled community of believers. We are rejoicing that they are together again.

Love, Steve and Pam Weber, Nancy and Jeff Pinguely, Connie and Jim DeLong and families

I want to offer my thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you who has stood by me these last several years of Doug's health struggles. The cards that we received on a weekly basis and the continuous hugs I was given each week in church are a testament to your kindness and compassion. The outpouring of love in the form of cards, food, text messages, flowers and donations in memory of Doug these past few weeks has helped to soften the loss. To Rev Ed, Toni,

Kristen and Michele... thank you for the wonderful service that you all helped put together.

I am blessed to be a part of such a loving and generous church family! Patti Miller and Family

Please let me extend a very heartfelt thank you to Pastor Ed and our wonderful congregation. Shelley and I appreciate all of the prayers and cards you have sent over the last few months. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church.

Thank you again and God Bless, Steve and Shelley Kappesser

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

– 1 John 4:7-8 NRSV



Christian Education Update

From Madeline Queen

As May comes to a close, those in the Children's Ministry have learned many ways to go about sharing God's love with our friends, family, and neighbors!

We honored our mothers and mothers of the church on Mother's Day, by passing out the beautiful flowers provided for us by David Hosea. We continued to watch our Earth Day grass grow! We compared Jesus to whipped cream, and how in the same way whipped cream can help us remember how much we love pumpkin pie or strawberries, so Jesus helps people like Peter, Andrew, James, and John remember how much they love God!

As we head into summer I want to welcome our children and youth as well as our adults to join us in our exciting summer program, **God Goes Green**



God Goes GREEN

nights. Throughout this program we will come together as one to learn how to care for this beautiful world God has given us! There will be dinner, games, lessons, stories, beautiful music, and incredible fellowship as we embark through this program! God Goes Green aims to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world. During our six-night program we will explore the different necessities for every living thing and how they relate to scripture! We can't wait to see you there!

Please don't forget to register at bit.ly/godgoesgreen



Mission Team Update

300+ lbs! That's how much Spaghettios (and other varieties) you brought to church! Thank you thank you thank you! We've now shifted into collecting dental supplies for **Brighton Center** – tooth brushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. Don't forget to ask your dentist when you're in about whether she has any she can donate to the cause! We may not think that this is a big deal but study after study shows that the healthier a person's teeth are, the healthier their body is. There's a lot behind those studies, but there's definitely a connection. So thank you for helping out in this beautiful way!

We had a wonderful group of people serving at **Ronald McDonald House** on Monday night, May 6. We had some folks who had served before and others for whom this was their first time.

Our next serving day will be at **Hosea House on July 21**, so watch for a sign up for that in June!

The team has been distributing our budget to various agencies with our most recent being an additional \$2,000 donation to **Washington UCC's** summer program to help pay some of the summer staff salaries for their amazing program for young people. The team will also be reviewing some other requests that have come and we'll report back on how our funds will be used in our local communities and beyond.

Thank you for your giving and generous hearts! We are grateful for you!



Memorials

Memorials for Jack Weber

Michael & Mary Ann Romito
 Gordon & Jean Braun
 Marian Dibert
 Donald & Mary Draper
 Duncan & Tina Draper
 Linda Gracey
 Bill Hitch
 Joe & Christy Stevenson
 Gary & Nancy Hunter
 Larry & Donna Stinson
 Joe & Christy Stevenson
 David & Nancy Wefer
 Jan Kushniroff
 Mike & Laura Randall
 Steve & Deb Ader
 Bette Ament & Bob Perry
 Michael & Mary Ann Romito
 Steve & Fran McAllister
 Arthur & Linda Berkley

Memorials for Doug Miller

Nancy Barre
 Linda Gracey
 Dan & Cyndi Jones
 Dave & Mary Pratt
 Ed & Dianne Ginter
 Ruth Rowe
 Joe & Christy Stevenson
 Larry & Donna Stinson
 Bob & Nancy Witte
 Joe & Mary Lorenzen
 Randy & Barbara Rechten
 Marty & Linda Malloy
 James & Sylvia Liles
 Karen Granger
 Gary & Nancy Hunter
 Elizabeth Combs
 Bill Hitch
 Bernard & Theresa Spencer
 Steve & Fran McAllister
 Kenny & Carolyn Honchell
 Ronald & Nancy Derrick
 Gordon & Jean Braun



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner: Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Gary Kennedy, Kent, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Bonnie, Daryl, Susan Snyder, the family of Bonnie Jones, Susan Gabbard, Beth Caby, Erin, Nancy H., Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, June Warriner, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie and Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, John Thomas Flynn, The Flynn Family, the family of Phyllis Clark, the family of Evie and Jack Weber, the family of Rev. David Schwab, the family of Doug Miller, David Garcia, the family of Judy Gadd, Chris, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla, Gregg Frank

(Underline indicates request for anonymity)

Please call the office with changes.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

— Philippians 4:6-7

Memorials Continued

Memorials for Dave Schwab

Gordon & Jean Braun
 Bill Hitch
 Linda Gracey
 Tom & Amy Pendery
 Bob & Nancy Witte



Schedules for June

Liturgists

June 2 Bert Bathiany
 June 9 Jean Braun
 June 16 Janet Fischer
 June 23 Donna Hoffman
 June 30 Shelley Kappesser

Deacons

June 2 Marie Cunningham
 June 9 Jack Hurtt
 June 16 Greg Vogel
 June 23 Marie Cunningham
 June 30 Jean Braun

Ushers

June 2 Marie Cunningham
 Debbie Paillette
 Thierry Paillette
 Jay Wainscott
 June 9 Jack Hurtt
 Nancy Pinguely
 Jeff Pinguely
 Audrey Bernhard
 June 16 Greg Vogel
 Debbie Paillette
 Thierry Paillette
 Patti Miller
 June 23 Marie Cunningham
 Nancy Pinguely
 Jeff Pinguely
 Carol Himes
 June 30 Jean Braun
 Ellen Turner
 Scott Turner
 Marcia Storm

Quilt Project, 1934-1935

From Nancy Witte and Linda Gracey
Have you noticed the beautiful, framed quilt hanging on the north wall in the Narthex? If you have not, please take some time to view it and also to read the history of it in a book that was created in 2008. (It too is in the Narthex on the coffee table.) The Ladies Aide Society of 1934-35 took it upon themselves for this "quilt project." At that time, as in later years, women of many churches had one day a week set aside to quilt in their churches. Not only were lovely quilts created but it was also a time for a social outing.

In 1926, Rev. Alfred Schnake was called to a small congregation on Forest Avenue. In 1927, he and his wife, Edna, with those faithful members, laid the cornerstone of our present church.

Through those years, as now, financing was never easy and so it was during the depression years of the 1930's. The two Schnake daughters, Elizabeth and Marga-

ret, wrote in a 2007 letter, "...the Ladies Aid Society created their 'Quilt Project' in 1934 and completed the quilting in 1935. This truly was a gift that just kept on giving; the monies made from the project went to the debt fund." In 2007, the girls gave the quilt as a gift of remembrance.

This relates so much to our present time as we are faced with many repairs, as listed by our treasurer, Bert Bathiany in the May newsletter, These repairs are needed to maintain our beautiful church. (Please read the necessary repairs.) As in 1926-1927, it is now up to us to help fund these projects so Christ UCC Church continues for generations to come.



Please take time to view this beautiful quilt and read about its creation and the women who made it. It provides a wonderful history of Christ Church.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Marilyn Chapman
Bert Bathiany V
Kelsey Thomas
Barry Petracco
David Huelsman
Jeri McMath
Jeffrey Pinguely
Michael Luken
Adam Tenhunfeld
Sallie Schmidt
Susan McDonald
Megan Abner
Betsy Beimesche
Russell Laake

Ken & Carolyn Honchell
Larry & Donna Stinson
Michele & Randall Wright
Gary & Rebecca Plummer
Joshua & Erin Vogel
Kevin & Sharon Siple
Snezana & Adam Tenhunfeld
Bernie & Nancy Barre
Terri & David Jager
Jack & Sandra Hurtt
Gregory & Ramel Vogel



Odds and Ends

Brighton Center

We are now collecting **toothpaste and toothbrushes**. Dental floss is also appreciated. Next time you're at the dentist, ask them if you can have some extra toothbrushes or toothpaste samples. They might give you the whole box!

Open and Affirming Process

If you have any questions about our Open and Affirming Process, please contact **Beckie Borah**

Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

- **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**
- **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**

Both our Sunday and Thursday group will be watching and discussing the series, "The Chosen" which covers Jesus' chosen followers.

- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m.** (Online)
We're reading and discussing the book, *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

Our New Peace Pole is Coming

Late summer of 2018, on the night of my first interview with the interim search committee of Christ Church, I saw something that made me say, "I like this place." In front of the building was a peace pole that looked...well-loved. It was weathered but still standing.

That said to me that it had been there for a while. I would love to know the history of it if anyone can share that with me.

Well, a few years later, the peace pole fell over from something — storm, someone bumping into it, who knows. It was able to be put back up but that lasted only until a few months ago when it fell over and was done. The base of it had pretty much rotted completely through. It was time to let it go.

I am grateful for the generosity of several people in the church who reached out to me to share that they wanted to donate the amount to replace it with a new one which was purchased in mid-May and will be installed up front once it arrives. It will say "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in eight different languages – Arabic, English, French, Hebrew, Mandarin Chinese, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, and Swahili. These languages represent languages spoken on every continent and also languages spoken within Christ Church. To those who donated anonymously to this needed project, thank you.

The idea of peace poles started with a Japanese man named Masahisa Goi in 1955 who was led to try to further the cause of world peace after living through the destruction in his country caused by World War II and the destruction of Hiroshima and



Our old pole after many years of service.

Nagasaki. His message of "May Peace Prevail On Earth" spread to many places in Japan and then eventually started appearing in the early 80s on peace poles in various parts of the world.

Today, there are well over 200,000 across the world, including one at the magnetic North Pole. And did you know that the largest peace pole (by weight) is at Beech Acres Park in Cincinnati! And ours will be one of those 200,000+!

Each one is a reminder that the work of peace begins with each one of us. Yes, we need our leaders to be working towards peace but it ultimately is you and me and each person who needs to live as people of peace.

Once the new pole arrives and is installed, we will dedicate it on a Sunday morning and together speak the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" and we will join together and sing "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."



Church Council Meeting Notes

4/14/2024

In Attendance: Pastor Ed Goode, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Bert Bathiany, Beckie Borah, Jenny Herrmann, Donna Hoffman, Jen Korpik, Debbie Paillette, Jane Petracco, Sallie Schmidt, Marcia Storm, and Greg Vogel.

• **Gathering/Centering**

Pastor Ed talked about the book we are going to read "Canoeing the Mountains." Assignment to read Chapter 1.

• **Approval of Minutes from March**

Minutes approved.

• **Financial Report**

- We are balanced
- Giving is up \$5000 over pledging.
- Expenses remain lower than expected.
- Jen made a motion to approve the April financial report and Jane seconded. **Report approved.**

• **Building and Grounds**

- Ed to contact Murphy Concrete to complete the concrete pad on the Audubon Ave. side of the church. They said they could fix the leaking window issue and will submit a bid.
- Greg said that members of the church will be installing vinyl siding on the side of the church.
- Two anonymous families have offered to replace the Peace Pole in the front of the church. The pole will be 4-sided cedar and contain 8 different languages.
- Church work-day will be May 14 to help weed and trim the grounds

• **Worship for the Summer**

- "Let the Spirit Speak"
- In June and July Pastor Ed will pick scripture passages submitted by the congregation out of a hat every Sunday and preach on it.
- Please submit your scriptures to Michele Wright: michele@christchurchft.org

• **Pastor's Report**

- "God Goes Green," a program for adults and children will meet on Tuesday evenings starting on June 11 and continue until July 23, with a break on July 2. Kids and adults will come together to have a great time and learn how we can care for this beautiful world God has given us. Dinner is included! There will be fun and educational times for children while adults will hear from local community groups. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6:30 to 7:30ish. Look for an invite in your email. You will have to RVSP for each week at bit.ly/godgoesgreen It will be hosted by Christ Church, First Presbyterian, and St. John UCC.
- Ed will be on vacation from May 22-28.

• **Meeting concluded with prayer for church members and their family and friends.**

May Attendance		
	In Person	Online
5/5/24	76	25
5/12/24	112	12
5/19/24	99	15
5/26/24	81	NA

No Lunch and Learn in June. July is Pending

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Many congratulations to the following graduates who have worked hard. Congratulations to their supportive families as well! Ella Clark, Brynn Draper, Eldra Goode, Katie Gorski, Ben Hack, Mattie Healy, Taylor Hosea, Dylan Honchell, Austin Huelsman, Evan Stuart



Art in Parlor
Don't miss the beautiful paintings in the parlor by Jack Weber. The one over the cradanza is of our beautiful sanctuary. Christ Church is lucky to have so many talented artists!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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