

# The Guide

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



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**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**  
Pastor

**Madeline Queen**  
Director of Christian Education

**Toni Sheffer,**  
Music Director/Organist

**Max Gise**  
Guitarist

**Talia Zoll**  
Vocalist

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Custodian

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Photos by Edward Goode

## A Tale of Two Peace Poles *Let Us Be Peacemakers*

So this first picture is part of the peace pole that used to stand out front at the church. As you can see, just from this small segment, it has had a long and tough run. The wood, which formerly was sanded, smoothed, and sealed, is now worn, faded, and rotting. Years of sun, rain, wind, frost, snow, freezing, and people hitting it as they go by (yes I’ve seen it happen) has worn it down. The panels with the statement “May there be peace on Earth) are discolored and the screws holding them on are rusty. The base of the pole (not pictured) literally rotted through which caused it to fall over.

The work of peace is HARD. When Jesus spoke of peace in the Sermon on the Mount, he said, “Blessed are the peaceMAKERS.” There’s a big difference between being a peace-KEEPER and a peace-MAKER. Both are important but a peace-KEEPER tends to be more

just trying to get things settled down, getting parties to stop yelling or fighting or to simply go to their “separate corners.” Think of the referee in a boxing match.

A peace-MAKER, however, is actively working to create the conditions and environment for peace to flourish. It isn’t simply getting people to go to their separate corners or to stop yelling at each other but instead it is trying to see about hearts and minds being changed.

A great way of thinking about what a peace-MAKER does is reflected in these words from Martin Luther King Jr., “[The reason] why we should love our enemies is that love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. We never get rid of an enemy by meeting hate with hate; we get rid of an enemy by getting rid of enmity.

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By its very nature, love creates and builds up. Love transforms with redemptive power.”

That is peace-MAKING.

Peace-MAKING is staying in relationship, in conversation, in love, in sacrifice, in truth. Jesus doesn't just call us to live in some kind of uneasy truth, but instead to be transformed into brothers, sisters, siblings with one another where we are in deep and lasting covenant with one another.

And that leads up to the second peace pole. This one, as pictured here, hasn't faced a thunderstorm yet or the bite of a hard freeze. It is smooth, clean, and solid. The language panels are still covered by protective tape until it is installed. But in a few weeks, it will be placed outside and it will stand higher than the previous one and speak a message of peace-MAKING in eight different languages – Arabic, English, French, Hebrew, Mandarin, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, and Swahili. *May Peace Prevail on Earth.*

As we dedicate this pole, I hope it stands well and long outside Christ Church and, while I hope that it doesn't look as worn as the previous one, I hope that our work of Peace-MAKING as a community looks like it has been well at work. I hope that our peace-MAKING work doesn't look like it has been ignored but that it is more than a bit worn but still standing strong as we live out this prayer – *May Peace Prevail on Earth.*

Grace, PEACE, Love, and Joy,



Pastor Ed

## Music Ministry Transitions

**From Debbie Paillette**

As we have all heard, our wonderful Director of Worship and Music, Toni Sheffer has made the decision to move into a well-deserved retirement with her last Sunday here at Christ Church being July 21. There will be a time after worship that day to celebrate her ministry and to give thanks for the ways that God worked through her in beautiful ways here at Christ Church.

While we will be celebrating what Toni has done, we are also moving forward on how we will continue the work of leading in worship through music. The Personnel Team will be first setting up a time with the current members of the choir to hear from them about what their hopes are for the next person who will serve in this ministry. From there, a team will be formed to begin the process of interviewing and hiring that next person(s).

It is possible that we will proceed with a different staffing model than we have had for the last 12+ years. Toni was amazingly gifted to be both the director and accompanist (organ and piano) but we will be open to the possibility of hiring both a director and an accompanist.

We are also working on the short-term filling of this position in the immediate after Toni's last day. We do not anticipate having hired the "permanent" person in this role by mid-July but instead want to take our time to be sure we are listening to the Spirit's leading to hire the person called to this position.

In the meantime, we invite your prayers of guidance for this transition ahead and also to be willing to say yes if you are called to serve on the search team.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me or Pastor Ed.

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## Success Story Photo



**New curtains were put in the History Room.**

# Christian Education Update

*From Madeline Queen*

Hello Summer! Our children's ministry is piping hot with all kinds of fun learning opportunities this summer! We will continue having our normal Sunday school and we hope to see you all at our God Goes Green nights!

Throughout the month of June, we have come together in fellowship to celebrate God's creation!



During our God Goes Green nights we have learned how every living thing needs water, food, and shelter and how God provides for us as well as how we can help



others! During Sunday school we had the opportunity to celebrate our fathers on Father's Day and continue to learn about the different fruits of the spirit!

We still have 3 more nights of fun, don't forget to sign up! <http://bit.ly/godgoesgreen>  
**Tuesdays, July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd, dinner at 5:30, presentation at 6:30.**

## Mission Happenings

*From Christ Church Mission Team*  
Friends, it has been a busy last month for the Mission Team with some wonderfully busy and beautifully sharing opportunities ahead!

• **Hosea House:** First, we have committed to serving at Hosea House twice this Summer. First on Sunday, July 21 and the second on Sunday, August 11. Signups for both have been emailed out or you can sign up at <https://bit.ly/cc-hosea721> for July 21, <https://bit.ly/cc-hosea811> for August 11, or by contacting Pastor Ed. Thank you for serving with us in this beautiful ministry!

• **St Vincent DePaul:** Your support of the mission ministries of Christ Church has allowed us to help two individuals with significant needs. In both cases, our assistance along with that of St Vincent and a few other groups will help these

individuals get over a challenge and have some stability for moving forward. We are so grateful for this partnership!

• **Back to School:** The team approved the purchase of approximately \$600 in school supplies to go in the back-to-school bags that we'll pack in August for Church World Service. More on that to come.

• **Washington UCC:** Washington's summer program is in full swing right now and the team gave \$2,000 to Washington to help pay salaries of those who are helping with the program. Continue to pray for this vital ministry in the Camp Washington neighborhood!

• **Brighton Center:** In addition to our regular giving to Brighton Center, thank you for your donations of dental care items the last few

weeks. In July and August, we'll switch over to peanut butter! Yum!

• **Kenya-Rubate Project:** On Sunday, June 16, Amy Weyand-Geise shared both in worship and with the team about the re-establishment of our work with the Presbyterian Teachers' College in Rubate, Kenya. She shared of how the center is working to change some of its focus to be a nursing school as well and that SONKA churches are being approached to help partner financially and with people-energy to this new effort. The team is reviewing the request and will be approving next steps when we meet next in July.

That's a LOT! And that's a GREAT thing! Thank you for your prayerful and loving support of this vital ministry of our congregation!

# Pastor Ed's Sabbatical

From Debbie Paillette

As was shared in the annual report earlier this year, per his terms of call and our personnel manual, the church council has enthusiastically endorsed a two-part sabbatical time for Pastor Ed as he approaches his sixth anniversary serving here as interim, designated, and settled pastor. This month, the council approved the first six-week period to be this year from September 30 - November 11 and the second from February 24-April 7, 2025. Pastor Ed will be here for Advent after the first segment and will be back for Holy Week and Easter after the second segment.

Sabbaticals are times of focused plans of renewal and recentering and Pastor Ed has developed a plan to do exactly that which will be shared below. Given all that has taken place during these last six years (45+ funerals, Covid-19, family life challenges, Open and Affirming process, and much more), the council is excited for Pastor Ed to get this time to renew for the years of ministry that we have together going forward.

During these times, Rev. Diane Vego (who has preached here many times and knows our congregation quite well) has agreed to provide Sunday worship leadership as well as days to be here in Ft Thomas for pastoral care and other ministry responsibilities. Pastor Ed will also be working to set up coverage for times when Rev. Vego is not present for needs that might arise. We will be sharing more about how this will all take place but we wanted to share this news with you all about these two times coming up and pray that you will bless Pastor Ed in this time as the Council already has done.



Photo by Edward Goode

## My Two-Part Sabbatical

From Pastor Ed

Let's just be sure this is said right up front. Thank you. I am so grateful for all that we have shared together in ministry for nearly six years together. I have been so blessed by each one of you and by our shared ministry together. God has been and continues to be at work as we continue to learn what it means that together we embrace all as we journey the way of Jesus. It has been a gift to serve with you the last six years.

This sabbatical period coming up is not happening because I am burned-out or anything like that. But instead, as Debbie shared, it is a time for me to intentionally step away from the day-to-day of ministry responsibilities and to recenter and to try to be deeply attentive to the still-speaking Spirit of God.

During these two times ahead, I will be traveling to places of deep beauty to take in the awe of God's amazing creation. I'll be spending several weeks in October in

Becket, Massachusetts and then in Acadia National Park in Maine where I'll be hiking, photographing, and writing. Amy will also be with me during the time in Acadia.

In the 2025 period, we will be visiting Zach and Zoë during their study abroad experiences in Spain and Ireland respectively and I will be doing a week-long pilgrimage walk on the Camino del Santiago in northern Spain.

During these times, I will be taking a break from writing on my blog and instead focusing my writing energies on a book centering on the practice of contemplative photography. This is something I've been noodling on for a while now and just haven't found the time to focus in on it (pun intended).

I am so deeply grateful for this time that you have offered me. I look forward to not only the time that I will have during these sabbatical periods but also to what the Lord will use these times for in our ministry together going forward.

## Thanks to Our Church Family

Dear Ones of Christ Church,  
Words cannot accurately express how much your concern and caring mean to me during my recent spinal surgery. Thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, **brownies**, combined with the love you bring have assisted me with recovery a great deal. Thanks to you all, and

to my wife Jean for her special nursing care, I am on the road to recovery! Now if I can recover from the loss of my little dog yesterday, things will appear brighter. God has blessed me with the finest gift of all. **You.**  
Gordon Braun

# Success Story Photos



**New windows were put in the church offices. New siding has begun.**



**Our collaboration with Reboot collected four bins of electronics!**



## Prayer Requests

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**  
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Gary Kennedy, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Susan Snyder, the family of Bonnie Jones, Beth Caby, Erin, Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, June Warriner, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & 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, the family of Judy Gadd, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla, Gregg Frank, Cathy Van Lierop, Gordon Braun, Howard Storm, Sharon Roach  
(Underline indicates request for anonymity)

Please call the office with changes.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kelly Kuhnhein  
Virginia Hall  
Cynthia Blau  
Michael Cook  
Debbie Paillette  
Jeff Searcy  
Sandra Hurtt  
Kristyn Lukjan  
Gordon Braun  
Barb Korpik  
Mike Randall  
Bernie Barre  
Janet Fischer

Emily Karrick  
Andrew Bach  
Stella Pendery  
Benjamin Kuhnhein  
  
Kelly & Scott Kuhnhein  
Betsy & Rob Beimesche  
Max & Anna Gise  
Janet & William Fischer  
David & Sarah Huelsman  
Guy & Jeanne Karrick  
Donna & William Wilson

## June Attendance

	In Person	Online
6/2/24	77	21
6/9/24	80	8
6/16/24	92	12
6/23/24	96	12
6/30/24	CNC Service	

## Changes to the Church Directory

Please contact the office if you have a change for the directory.  
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## Memorials

*Memorials for Nancy Besten*  
Bob and Nancy Witte

*Memorials for Dave Schwab*  
Steve and Fran McAllister

*Memorials for Doug Miller Sr.*  
Dave and Terri Jager



## Lunch and Learn

**Tuesday, July 23 at 11:30 a.m.**  
**What is AI? Should we be excited? Scared? Both?**

Christ Church's pastor and resident tech-guru will be sharing about all the fuss we're hearing about AI (Artificial Intelligence). Should we be excited about it? Should we be terrified? How has AI been used for decades now and what's different today? With the election coming up, how should we be aware of how AI might be used by all parties involved?

Pastor Ed has been a tech aficionado for his entire life. He has been doing a lot of reading on AI in recent years and has played around with some of the AI tools that are available. He will share some history of AI, what it is today, and will be able to answer questions you might have. (The preceding description was written by the AI chatbot, ChatGPT. The illustration was created by Canva's AI graphics software.)

### Please join us!

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

## Baby Shower for Madeline!

Don't miss the Baby Shower for our Christian Education Director, Madeline Queen.

**When: Sunday, July 28th, after church service**

**Where: Parlor**

**Gift ideas: Money, Amazon Gift Card, Gift of your choice**

Money towards a shower gift can be given to Amy Wainscott, Terri Jager, or Linda Gracey.

Or mail your gift to Amy Wainscott by **Sunday, July 21.**

**Diapers are also being collected in a bin in the Narthex.**



## Thanks to Our Church Family

Dear Ones of Christ Church,  
"Thank you" does not seem adequate to express my gratitude to you all for your cards, visits, meals, prayers, and rides to the hospital and appointments during and after my recent hip replacement surgery. As I've mentioned to some of you, I would have been absolutely lost without the good people of this church! A special thanks to Marcia Storm who had

to sit all day at the hospital on surgery day, and to Linda Gracey for, not only making all the arrangements for help and staying with me, but for organizing my kitchen! Of course, I can't forget our Pastor Ed who was and is a great spiritual support! I'm so glad I landed here at such a wonderful church!!!  
Thank you!!!  
Susan Gabbard



# Church Council Meeting Notes

## 6/17/2024

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

### • Gathering/Centering

Council discussed Chapter 1 of “Canoeing the Mountains” as we “navigate new waters.”

### • Approval of Minutes from May

Minutes approved.

### • Financial Report

Bert Baithiany, treasurer, submitted a written report. All is going as anticipated so far this year. Report approved.

### • Personnel Manual Changes

Debbie Paillette shared several recommended changes to the Personnel Manual centered on the makeup of the Personnel Team, clarifying the sabbatical policy, and handling transitions when staff members leave their positions. After discussion, changes were approved.

### • Resignation of Toni Sheffer

- Toni’s last Sunday will be July 21st after nearly 13 years of ministry.
- A search committee will be formed to look for Toni’s replacement. The committee will consist of 3-4 people, one of which will be a choir member.
- We are looking for an interim organist/pianist and candidates to fill the permanent position(s) of organist and choir director.

### • Pastor Ed’s Sabbatical

- Ed has requested to move 6 weeks of his sabbatical to Autumn 2024 (September 30-November 11) rather than Autumn 2025. His sabbatical would conclude with the other six weeks starting February 24, 2025.
- Rev. Diane Vego would be serving as pulpit supply and provide pastoral care for both six week periods.
- Council approved these changes and Rev. Vego’s coverage during the sabbatical periods in 2024 and early 2025.

### • Maintenance

- Barry is working with Murphy Concrete to re-seal and re-caulk the concrete on the Audubon Ave. side.
- The new windows have been installed in the office.
- The remaining sliding work will be completed by the end of July.
- A big THANK YOU! to all that helped on a very hot and humid day.

### • Gardening/Weeding

Smith and Jolly Landscaping will be trimming, mulching and weeding soon. (Done)

### • Pastor’s Report

Pastor Ed shared about the God Goes Green nights on Tuesdays and reaffirmed participation of council members each week.

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



# Schedules for July

### Liturgists

- July 7 Donna Hoffman
- July 14 Nancy Barre
- July 21 Jean Braun
- July 28 Jane Petracco

### Deacons

- July 7 Jack Hurtt
- July 14 Jean Braun
- July 21 Greg Vogel
- July 28 Marie Cunningham

### Ushers

- July 7 Jack Hurtt  
Ellen Turner  
Scott Turner  
Mike Evans
- July 14 Jean Braun  
Gordon Braun  
Jay Wainscott  
Audrey Bernhard
- July 21 Greg Vogel  
Carol Himes  
Marcia Storm  
Andy Borah
- July 28 Marie Cunningham  
Patti Miller  
Nancy Pinguely  
Jeff Pinguely

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”*

— Isaiah 6:8 NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous	<b>3</b> 10 am - UCC Clergy 12 pm- Green Team 3 pm- Small Group Zoom Link is: <a href="https://bit.ly/ccwednesday">bit.ly/ccwednesday</a> 3:30 pm- AA Group	<b>4</b> 12 pm - Study Group 6:30 pm - Choir practice 7 pm- Doll Group	<b>5</b> 3 pm - Talia-recital	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 am-Adult Discipleship 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Children's Christian Education 10:30 am-Worship and Communion	<b>8</b> 7 pm - Survivors of Suicide	<b>9</b> 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous 5:30 pm - God Goes Green 7 pm - Finance Meeting	<b>10</b> 10 am - UCC Clergy 3 pm- Small Group Zoom Link is: <a href="https://bit.ly/ccwednesday">bit.ly/ccwednesday</a> 3:30 pm- AA Group	<b>11</b> 12 pm - Study Group 6:30 pm - Choir practice 7 pm- Doll Group	<b>12</b> 3 pm - Talia-recital	<b>13</b> 8 am- AA Event
<b>14</b> 9 am-Adult Discipleship 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Children's Christian Education 10:30 am-Worship	<b>15</b> 6 pm - Church Council	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm- Art Group 5:30 pm - God Goes Green 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous	<b>17</b> 10 am - UCC Clergy 3 pm- Small Group Zoom Link is: <a href="https://bit.ly/ccwednesday">bit.ly/ccwednesday</a> 7 pm- AA Group	<b>18</b> 12 pm - Study Group 6:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> 9 am-Adult Discipleship 10:00 am-Fellowship 10:30 am-Children's Christian Education 10:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-baby shower	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm - Viva Voices	<b>30</b> 1:30 pm- Art Group 7 pm- Overeaters Anonymous	<b>31</b> 10 am - UCC Clergy 3 pm- Small Group Zoom Link is: <a href="https://bit.ly/ccwednesday">bit.ly/ccwednesday</a> 7 pm- AA Group			