

# The Guide

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



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**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**  
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**Madeline Queen**  
Director of Christian Education

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Worship Coordinator

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Photo by Edward Goode

## I'm Not Just Being Lazy... *Let Me Explain*

So, in early June, you are going to notice two things about me. First, I'm going to be gone the first week in June (June 2-9) and then on June 8, 15, and 22, I am going to be sharing in worship on essentially the same passage of Scripture. I promise you these two things aren't just me being lazy! Let me explain.

First, I'll be away for that first week with my annual pastors' group gathering. It is actually our group's twenty fifth year of doing this and we planned this week a year ago as a special celebration. I recognize that it is far from ideal timing with my last Sunday coming up on June 22, but tickets and lodging were already purchased. BUT...even though I'll be gone on Sunday, June 8, I'll still be preaching on Pentecost Sunday!

Pentecost Sunday (June 8) is the first of three Sundays that I'll be sharing on (roughly) the same passage of Scripture. This isn't just me being lazy but instead that there is such a depth of meaning in the Pentecost story that it cannot be contained in just one morning. What I'll be sharing, starting that morning, are three interconnected ways of how God works in the world and how all three are seen in the Pentecost story.

When you look at the stories of the Bible, you often see a pattern repeated many times over. Order → Disorder → Reorder. And then that Reorder becomes Order and the cycle repeats itself. You see this in the stories at the opening of the Bible – The ordering of Creation moves to disorder with the story of *Continued on next page*

## May Attendance

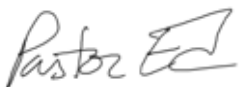
	In Person	Online
5/4/25	82	20
5/11/25	94	17
5/18/25	87	29
5/25/25	74	11

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Adam and Eve and then into reorder in where they go from Eden. The Noah story has a similar pattern. The pattern is seen again in the ending of Genesis with the Joseph story and into the story of the Exodus in the remaining books of the Torah. The pattern repeats itself over and over again in the Bible, but also in our own lives. Look back on the patterns of your life and I'm fairly sure that you'll see this same pattern at work.

I first began to recognize this pattern through the teaching of Fr. Richard Rohr and how he lifted this up in his writings and messages. As I took in his teachings, I began to see this pattern in so many ways. Another way you can share of the pattern is this: Birth → Life → Death → Resurrection. Similar pattern.

In the Pentecost story, we see order, disorder, and reorder all at work through that ancient amazing event. As I close my ministry time with you all in June, I think these three parts of this universal pattern are vital for us to reflect upon both in looking back on the work God has done with us all together but also looking ahead to what God has for you and for me going forward.



Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,  
Pastor Ed

## Transition Plans

Transitional planning is well underway with the Council and with the staff. Pastor Ed has been working with staff to be sure that all of his ministry responsibilities are covered. He has also been working on what he is calling "Ed's Brain" where he is collecting information of things he has been doing here that others will need. He is also regularly talking with Rev. Diane Vego in helping her smoothly transition into her role as interim minister starting in late June. In fact, the two of them will work together throughout the week of June 16-22 to further facilitate that process.

While we are not yet starting a search process for a settled minister, we are starting to collect names of those interested in serving on a search committee for when that time comes. The Council will be working with the new part-time SONKA minister, Rev. Mimi Chamberlain, on the process that will be ahead for us. You'll be hearing more about this in the weeks and months ahead.

We would ask your prayers for the Church Council in the months ahead. There is a lot to do in this process and the members of the council covet your prayers for the Spirit's ongoing guidance.

## Update from the Green Team

*From Michele Wright*

A huge thank you to everyone who has carefully put aside recyclable items and brought them to our little hub at the side of the church on Audubon Place.

**Please note the following changes or reminders to make it easier on our amazing volunteers who take everything to the [Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub](#):**

- **We do NOT take styrofoam.**  
Please recycle your styrofoam through your Rumpke pick up by signing up (FREE) for their [Hefty ReNew Program](#).
- **We do NOT take shoes.**  
The Recycling Hub no longer takes shoes unless they are in like-new condition.
- **We only take brown, green, or blue transparent prescription bottles, and they MUST have the majority of the label peeled off.**



● **Everything must be clean!**

The Recycling Hub will not take containers, razors, or plastic cutlery that has residue of any kind on it.

**If we all work together, we can decrease the time our church volunteers spend sorting through the contributions and keep this important service we provide going.**

In 2024, the [Cincinnati Recycling Hub](#) diverted 1 million pounds from the landfill. Please consider visiting them to see everything they take that we're not able to. It's an amazing place!  
911 Evans Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45204

**"They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works."**

— Psalm 145:5 NIV

# Christian Education Update

*From Madeline Queen*

*Director of Christian Education*

May has been a wonderful month in our Children's Ministry! We kicked off the month by celebrating Mother's Day with heartfelt cards and gifts crafted by the children, bringing smiles to so many moms.

I'm also excited to share my personal milestone—I've graduated from college! Thank you all for your support and encouragement

throughout my journey.

As we approach the last day of school, we're gearing up for some summer fun. **Please mark your calendars for our Vacation Bible School (VBS) from July 22–25;** it's going to be an incredible experience!

Please contact Miss Madeline if you are interested in helping!



## Mission Team Update

*From Christ Church Mission Team*

As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity of time and resources for the mission outreach work of Christ Church. We are so grateful for your participation in this vital work of our church.

The Mission Team has allocated an initial \$2,000 to help support Washington UCC's summer program. This is a vital outreach to the Camp Washington community and we are so grateful to be able to support this work. Rev. Melissa Stephens and the Washington UCC team do such amazing work not only during the summer but throughout the

year. In addition, to the financial donation, we encourage you to consider volunteering some time there this summer (or throughout the year). Every dollar and every moment you share makes a difference.

The team has also set out the schedule for the remainder of the year for outreach and service events:

- **June 29:** Hosea House
- **August 24:** Kids Kits Packing for Church World Service
- **September** (date TBD): Ronald McDonald House
- **October 26:** Hosea House
- **November** (date TBD):

- Prepare Affair Yard cleanup
- **November:** Sharing Tree for Washington UCC
- **December** (date TBD): Ronald McDonald House

We are so grateful for the ways that people share in the work of the mission team.

Susan Gabbard, as she has been rehabbing from her recent hip surgery, has continued to create zippered pencil bags to go in each of the Kids Kits for Church World Service. Each of these is a hand-made gift to each child who will receive it. Thank you, Susan!



## Celebration for Pastor Ed

**Sunday, June 22**

**Hoffman Hall after the service**

Join us as we honor Ed on his last Sunday with us.

### **LUNCH:**

Meat and beverage provided.

Last name initial, please bring:

**A-O:** Salad or Vegetable

**P-Z:** Dessert (bite size)

Any questions, please contact

**Linda Gracey** at

**(859) 380-1588** or

**lgracey1216@gmail.com**

*"The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."*

— Psalm 121:7-8

# Diane Vego, Our New Interim Pastor

Rev. Diane Vego is excited to be the Interim Pastor at Christ Church. She considers this call as one of the hallmarks of her ministry and cannot wait to begin.

Diane grew up on the south side of Chicago as a Roman Catholic. The religious sisters at St. Gall were some of her first mentors. She even considered a call to religious life with these inspirational women. Diane went on to The University of St. Francis to secure a BA in Religious Studies and attended Catholic Theological Union for her seminary training in theology. She then went on to Boston College in 2000 to pursue an education in spiritual direction.

In 2003, after a divorce and a crisis of faith, Diane moved to Berea, Kentucky. After many years as a high school religion teacher, she wanted to do something different. She began working at Eastern Kentucky University as a campus minister where she was asked to lead

young Catholics. She knew there were few places for a Catholic woman to preach and this provided a great ministerial opportunity. She was able to offer spiritual direction to college students, create dynamic programs for the community, and offer local mission trips. In a short time, with new ministerial leadership, Diane was told she would never preach again.

After discernment and with a deep desire to preach, Diane considered a new direction for her life with the Protestant tradition. With that change came a new position with a local church, Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington as The Director of Christian Education.

In 2009, Diane met Dr. Asmund Vego. Asmund was a cyclist and a graduate of UKY. They went on many cycling trips together, and they also enjoyed adventures with Blanton, Asmund's son. Diane and Asmund were married November 27, 2016.

In 2015, Diane felt a call to be a chaplain and explore the United Church of Christ. In both cases, she was in new territory and wondered if, at midlife, the Holy Spirit had something new in store for her. It was not easy, but chaplain training gave her a new way to see the world and understand trauma and crisis. From 2015–2024, Diane worked as a chaplain at Hosparus Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Healthcare while a member of Bluegrass United Church of Christ. In February of 2018, Diane was ordained at Bluegrass United Church of Christ in Lexington. She currently has a standing in the IKC – the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Diane has enjoyed ministering at Christ Church and believes she has a lot to offer. She knows there are challenges ahead but has the determination and the vision to support Christ Church in a variety of life-affirming ways.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Marilyn Chapman	Ken & Carolyn Honchell	59 yrs.
Bert Bathiany V	Larry & Donna Stinson	49 yrs.
Kelsey Thomas	Michele & Randall Wright	32 yrs.
Barry Petracco	Gary & Rebecca Plummer	52 yrs.
David Huelsman	Joshua & Erin Vogel	7 yrs.
Jeri McMath	Kevin & Sharon Siple	36 yrs.
Jeff Pinguely	Snezana & Adam Tenhunfeld	14 yrs.
Michael Luken	Bernie & Nancy Barre	48 yrs.
Adam Tenhunfeld	Terri & David Jager	42 yrs.
Sallie Schmidt	Jack & Sandra Hurtt	37 yrs.
Susan McDonald	Greg & Ramel Vogel	41 yrs.
Megan Abner		
Betsy Beimesche		
Russell Laake		

## No Lunch and Learn in June

*It will be back in July.*



## Prayer Requests

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

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bènè and Janis, Don Seifert, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jerry Baynum, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rehtin Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Béné, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

**If you would like to make a change, please contact the office.**  
**(859) 441-2565**

## Pastoral Search Committee

If you are interested in serving on the pastoral search committee, please contact **Debbie Paillette**.



## Schedules for June

### Liturgists

June 1	Jean Braun
June 8	Janet Fischer
June 15	Shelley Kappesser
June 22	Donna Hoffman
June 29	Katie Leftin

### Deacons

June 1	Jack Hurtt
June 8	Marie Cunningham
June 15	Greg Vogel
June 22	Jean Braun
June 29	Marie Cunningham

### Ushers

June 1	Jack Hurtt Debbie Paillette Thierry Paillette Jay Wainscott
June 8	Marie Cunningham Audrey Bernhard Carol Himes Marcia Storm
June 15	Greg Vogel Debbie Paillette Thierry Paillette Andy Borah
June 22	Jean Braun Ellen Turner Scott Turner Jay Wainscott
June 29	Marie Cunningham Patti Miller Nancy Pinguely Jeff Pinguely

## Thanks to Our Church Family

Dear Friends at Christ Church, Thank you all so much for your cards, gift cards, food, prayers, and kind words of concern and encouragement during my recent hip surgery "adventure." You all, once again, helped me through a difficult time, and you truly show what the Beloved Community is about. Thanks to Pastor Ed (and Scout!) for visiting me with wonderful spiritual support. May God richly bless you all!!  
— Susan Gabbard

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, meals, visits, and gift cards since my recent surgery. I cannot tell you how much Jeff and I appreciate your kindness. Our church family really steps up to help when needed and it is making my recovery much easier! We are so blessed!  
— Nancy Pinguely

## From Washington UCC



• **Hunger Walk**  
**Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day**  
Our team is raising money for the food ministries at Washington UCC. Every dollar donated will be used to purchase food for Camp Cupboard and Closet and Community Lunch.  
[Donate to Hunger Walk!](#)

• **Summer Program Volunteers**  
In June and July, volunteers are needed for whatever time you can spare. **To learn more, contact Pastor Melissa at Washington UCC**



# Church Council Meeting Notes

5/19/2025

## *In Attendance:*

Pastor Ed, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Bert Bathiany, Linda Gracey, Jenny Herrmann, Jen Korpik, Debbie Paillette, Jane Petracco, Greg Vogel, Ken Weidinger, Josh Woodward

## • *Gathering/Centering*

Read Psalm 83

## • *Approval of Minutes from March*

Bert made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting, Linda seconded. **Minutes approved.**

Linda made a motion to approve the minutes from the special congregational meeting, Bert seconded. **Minutes approved.**

## • *Financial Report*

- No formal paper report was given due to Barb's illness.

- Still assessing bathroom leak.
- Josh made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Debbie seconded. **Report approved.**

## • *Personnel*

- Debbie has reached out to Mimi, our new SONKA association minister, about some questions regarding Diane Vego's interim minister contract. Bert and Debbie are going to meet with Diane in early June to finalize.
- If you are interested in serving on the Search Committee, please see Debbie.

## • *Pastor's Report*

- Ed is in the process of training Michele Wright and others to do some of his duties.
- Diane is going to take over all the Bible Studies and book groups.

- Josh volunteered to help with some of the tech support duties.
- Ed will be gone from June 2-9 and will have a pre-recorded sermon for Sunday June 8 (Pentecost Sunday). Paul Forey from St. Paul's UCC in Alexandria will provide pastoral care during Ed's absence

## • *Church Rental*

- A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Amy Snow (First Presbyterian) about renting Christ Church's facilities occasionally. Bert is working on a contract for them.

## • *Motion to Adjourn*

- Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jen seconded, **Motion passed.**

## • *Meeting concluded with prayer.*

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# Special Church Council Meeting

- The church council had a special meeting to discuss hiring Rev. Diane Vego as our new interim pastor. Diane has agreed to serve as interim for up to two years if needed. She would lead the Sunday Bible Study group and the two book groups. She would be willing to start on June 22, 2025.

- Bert made a motion to hire Rev. Diane Vego as our interim

pastor. Linda seconded. Motion enthusiastically passed.

- Debbie Paillette will reach out to Mimi Chamberlain, the new SONKA association minister, to get things started. Both Debbie and Bert will meet with Diane to discuss her contract in the coming weeks.

- Linda shared that we will be having a luncheon for Pastor's

Ed last Sunday (June 22) following the service. More details to come.

- The council discussed moving our monthly meeting to the fourth Monday of the month and not the third. Since not all the council was in attendance, we wanted to make sure all are in favor before moving forward with the change. We will still meet as scheduled on May 16, 2025.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b>–Fellowship <b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship <b>10:30 am</b>–Children's Christian Education <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship <b>2 pm</b>– Recital Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>6 pm</b>– Recital</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>3 pm</b>–Small Group Zoom Link is: <a href="https://bit.ly/ccwednesday">bit.ly/ccwednesday</a> <b>7 pm</b>– AA Group</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> – Study Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b>–Fellowship <b>9 am</b>–Adult Discipleship <b>10:30 am</b>–Children's Christian Education <b>10:30 am</b>–Worship</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>7 pm</b> – Finance Meeting <b>7 pm</b> – Survivors of Suicide</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b>– Art Group <b>7 pm</b>– Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>3 pm</b>–Small Group Zoom Link is: <a href="https://bit.ly/ccwednesday">bit.ly/ccwednesday</a> <b>7 pm</b>– AA Group</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> – Study Group <b>7 pm</b>– Doll Group</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>3 pm</b>– Recital</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
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