

July 2025

# The Guide

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



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**Rev. Diane Vego**  
Interim Pastor

**Madeline Queen**  
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## Greetings!

### *May the Peace of Christ be with you*

Summer is here, and soon we will have ample opportunities to celebrate together in a relaxed environment. I am going to propose some summertime events that might give us all a way to have fun together. Starting on July 8, I will offer "Coffee and Conversation" with your minister each Tuesday morning from 10-11 a.m. This means we can gather for an hour at the church to be present, to ask questions, or simply get to know each other better.

I do hope you know I am here to support all of you in this time of transition. I also welcome

your help as we name this time together. What shall we call it? Are we in a transition time, a time of transformation, or a time of evolution? I would love to hear your thoughts on what you would call it. Please reach out to me, either in person or by email.

My husband Asmund and I have two more bicycle tours planned. We will travel to Louisville on the third of July, and we will enjoy some time on the trails in that community over the holiday.

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# Welcome Rev. Diane Vego!

Christ Church is thrilled to welcome Diane. Please reach out to Diane and help her get acquainted with her new church family.

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We will also travel to West Virginia in September, around Labor Day. I wanted all of you to know in advance. Cycling is our “love language” and a good way to nurture our relationship and to have fun.

Finally, the upcoming sermon series I have planned will address our role as pilgrims — pilgrims called to New Horizons. I am excited about this series, and I am hopeful you will find it meaningful; however, each week I will be dealing with God’s call and our resistance to that call.

My hope is this series will address some of your own questions, wonderments and emotions at this stage of your life or at this point in your journey at Christ Church. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity at Christ Church. I am so grateful! Holding all of you in prayer.

With Grace and Gratitude,

Pastor Diane

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

# A Message from Pastor Ed

By the time you read this reflection, you will have had your first Sunday with Pastor Diane serving as the transitional minister at Christ Church and I will have begun shifting my energies 100% to the new call God has brought into my life. But I did want to share a few final thoughts with you all.

I first want to thank you once again for what we have all shared over the last seven years. When I had my first conversation with the interim search team in July of 2018, I did not go into that conversation thinking that my time here would be anything more than a year or so while Christ Church sought your new pastor, and I also continued to discern where God was going to lead me. Little did I know that I would find in all of you a beautiful community of people with a deep heart for one another, a desire to serve others, and a heart for growing in faith.

You have been a community of healing for me. You have helped me to experience the joy of ministry once again, the challenge and beauty of helping others grow in faith and seek new understandings of the Gospel, and you have taught me so much. You have shown me time and again a grace with all of my quiriness. And you have been there for me through some seriously challenging times, notably all that took place in my life and within our congregational life in the losses we all experienced in 2023. I am a different person today, a better person today, and a healing person today because of God working through you. Thank you.

At the same time, a departure from a congregation as pastor is also a time to reaffirm a necessary time of separation. When a pastor leaves

a congregation, it is vital to let the incoming pastoral leadership find their space without having to “look over their shoulder” at the (real or figurative) presence of the former pastor. What this means is that while our friendships will remain, my role as your pastor has now changed. In practical terms, this means that I will decline requests for special services that arise (weddings or funerals) and that I will not engage in conversations around the ministry of Christ Church. This is a hard reality but it is best for both the ongoing ministry of Christ Church but also for me to be able to focus upon my new role at ResoundingJoy.

You can, of course, continue to follow my writings and photography (and Scout) at [imagoscriptura.com](http://imagoscriptura.com), and I also wanted to share my primary phone number and email address: (513) 335-1620 and [edwardgoode@icloud.com](mailto:edwardgoode@icloud.com).

As I shared in my last three messages in June, we are always in this cycle of order→disorder→reorder with each one flowing into the next and circling back again. Some seasons of life feel like we are more in one of those than others. Right now feels like a lot of disorder with hints of reorder ahead for me. That might be the same for you. But the good news is this is the pattern that is baked into all of creation and, when we are aware of it, we see it everywhere. What that says to me is that God is in each of those places and that God is still speaking through each.

Grace, Peace, Love, Hope, and Joy,

Pastor Ed

# Christian Education Update

*From Madeline Queen*

*Director of Christian Education*

In June, our Sunday School had a wonderful celebration for Father's Day, where children created heartfelt crafts and shared special messages about their dads. We also held a memorable farewell for Pastor Ed, who has touched so many lives in our congregation with his guidance and love.

In addition to these celebrations, our classes enjoyed engaging Bible lessons, group discussions, and fun activities that strengthened our community spirit.

After careful consideration and feedback from our church community, we have decided not to move forward with Vacation Bible School this year. We appreciate everyone's input, and we are working on some exciting



alternative programs for the summer, so be sure to stay tuned for more information!

Please contact Miss Madeline if you are interested in helping!

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# Mission Team Update

*From Christ Church Mission Team*

By the time you read this, we will have already completed serving at Hosea House on June 29! Thank you to everyone who helped out!

For service projects, we are taking the month of July off to transition a bit after Pastor Ed's departure and Pastor Diane comes on board. But here are some dates to plan for in the months ahead:

- Sunday, August 24 — Kids Kits Packing
- September — Date TBD — Ronald McDonald House
- October 28 — Hosea House
- November — Date TBD — Prepare Affair
- December — Date TBD — Ronald McDonald House



If you are able to help serve with this team, we would love to have you join us! It is a gift to find ways to share our time, energy, and

resources to serve and share God's love with others!



## 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, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rechtin Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Bénè, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Donna Hoffman, Tim Kennedy, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby, Mark Helminiak, Donna Prues and family, Tom Raney, Jim Oates

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*



## Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!

Brandon and Natalie (Turner) Fugate are giving a baby brother or sister to Kemper and Connor. Please support this mission by filling the diaper bin in the Narthex with diapers and wipes. The collection will go until September 21.

## June Attendance

	In Person	Online
6/1/25	86	N/A
6/8/25	62	N/A
6/15/25	68	N/A
6/22/25	112	N/A
6/29/25	61	N/A



## Lunch and Learn

**Tuesday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m.**  
Join us for lunch and a presentation by the **Friends of Music Hall** titled "Music Hall: Then and Now."

We will learn about the original building, the changes in the design and function from its origin to the final renovations completed in recent years.

**Reservations are Required for Lunch.**

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

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

— Matthew 6:21 NIV



## Schedules for July

### Liturgists

July 6	Nancy Barre
July 13	Bert Bathiany
July 20	Jean Braun
July 27	Janet Fischer

### Deacons

July 6	Jack Hurtt
July 13	Jean Braun
July 20	Marie Cunningham
July 27	Greg Vogel

### Ushers

July 6	Mike Evans Audrey Bernhard Jay Wainscott Andy Borah
July 13	Jean Braun Gordon Braun Ellen Turner Scott Turner
July 20	Marie Cunningham Marcia Storm Nancy Pinguely Jeff Pinguely
July 27	Greg Miller Patti Miller Carol Himes Audrey Bernhard

# There was no Church Council Meeting in June

## Odds and Ends

### Cereal for Brighton Center

We are collecting cereal in July.  
Thank you for your generosity

### Discipleship Opportunities

Pastor Diane will continue to help facilitate our three discipleship groups. (Sunday at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 3 p.m. on Zoom, and Thursdays at noon at the church). Details of what the groups will be doing will be shared as they meet with Pastor Diane.

## Thanks to Our Church Family

Thank you, Michele, for planting the beautiful flowers in the pots in the Prayer Garden. You bless the church with all of your gifts!

Linda Gracey

## Church World Service School Kits

### From Susan Gabbard

Please see the following letter from Craig Hoffman, who works for the national UCC church ministries:

*The United Church of Christ is pleased to award Christ Church UCC in Fort Thomas, KY with a \$250 matching grant for your fundraising efforts and commitment to assemble the following kits, to be distributed by Church World Service (CWS):*

*200 School Kits. These School kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.*

*A check for \$250 has been issued and mailed.*

*Kevin Gehres serves as the Conference Disaster & Response Coordinator for the Heartland Conference, UCC of which your*



*church is a member. He is copied on this email to keep him apprised of those groups participating in assembling CWS Kits, which are often needed in response to a disaster.*

*Participation by Christ Church UCC in this important and tangible ministry program is very much appreciated.*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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

# Photos from Pastor Ed's Last Service



## Thanks to Our Church Family

*Thank you to everyone who helped with Ed's Luncheon Celebration on June 22! It was a wonderful team and, as usual, people immediately accepted when asked.*

*Thank you also to all of you who contributed to the cards and gifts which were a:*

- \$500 gift card to Dodd's Camera Shop
- \$2000 cashiers check
- Framed Halverson's Benediction
- Shutterfly Book
- Basket filled with cards

*A special thank you to Michele for her creativity, photography, and all the details she graciously completed.*

*Linda Gracey*

*Thank you, Linda, for organizing Ed's luncheon. You're amazing!  
Michele Wright*



# Photos from Pastor Ed's Last Service and Luncheon





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b> - Art Group <b>7 pm</b> - Overeaters Anonymous	<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	<b>12 pm</b> - Study Group		
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