



THE VISITOR

October 2020

Bonfire & Hayride

Saturday, October 10,
5:00 p.m.

We will be holding our Bonfire & Hayride this year, with extra safety precautions put in place. The fun will begin at 5:00, at the same location we have met the last two years (field off of Back Massillon Road, halfway between Crown Hill and Rt. 57). Several bonfires will be burning as to practice good social distancing. Hayrides will be limited to a certain number of family units, so as many trips will be made as needed.

Pre-packaged s'more kits will be passed out to all attendees. We are asking that you bring your own roasting sticks, lawn chairs, and masks. You may also bring your own hot dogs to roast, or anything else you would like.

Questions? Call the church office.



Join us **Saturday October, 24th** for a day of fall camp fun at Temple Hills Camp! This year's theme will be "Pass It On" and we'll spend the day experiencing different ways to pass on God's love in a world so divided. Camp is going to be a bit different this year, but here's what you can expect:

9:00 AM- Arrival. Temperature checks and Covid release forms will need to be completed for everyone.

9:30-11:30 AM- Camp Service Project. We'll spend the morning working together to give back to our beautiful camp.

12:00 PM- Lunch Time! We'll order pizza from Fast Eddy's and enjoy a socially distanced meal together.

1:00-2:30 PM- Programing. We'll gather together for a quick lesson and a craft.

3:00-4:00 PM- Photo Scavenger Hunt. This is your chance to hike around camp, snap some goofy pictures, and maybe win a prize!

4:00-4:30 PM- Closing. We'll wrap up our day and head for home.

We'll be practicing social distancing throughout the entire day and masks will be required for everyone ages 5 and up. This will be a FREE event for everyone. Please register in advance by calling the church office or by contacting Kaylene Holderman (kaylene.cucc@zoominternet.net). Registration deadline is **October 16th**. We're packing a whole weekend of laughter, traditions, and love into one amazing day that you won't want to miss!

October Dates of Note

- Oct. 4: Walk-Up Communion, **10-11 a.m.**
- Oct. 10: Bonfire & Hayride, 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11: Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser, 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Newsletter deadline
- Oct. 18: Zoom Sunday School Gatherings, various times
- Oct. 21: Kid's Club starts!
- Oct. 25: Live Zoom Worship, 10:15 a.m.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Eldon Bupp

Doug & Cheryl Diehl
Dorothy Hahn
Joanne Burkey
Bob Hershey
Dana & Pat Keirstead
Eleanor Roth
Richard & Angela Smith
Bill Arnold
David Bachman
Lisa Biddle
Russ & Anna Davidson
Dan & Martha Edwards

In Memory of Lorraine Zimmerman

Ruth Harrington
Dale & Shirley Scott



From the Pastor's Bookshelf: A Metaphor for Our Situation

Tod Bolsinger, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2015).

Lewis and Clark's expedition to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Purchase was built on a completely false expectation. They believed, like everyone before them, that the unexplored west was exactly the same geography as the familiar east. This is the story of what they did when they discovered that they – and everyone else before them – had been wrong. And how instructive and inspiring that story can be to us today. (13)

Lewis and a small scouting party had gone ahead of the rest of the Corps of Discovery to try to make contact with the Shoshone tribe. They had followed a small trail up a creek and now were at the spring itself. This little trickle was the source of the mighty Missouri River. This water would flow all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. And the most challenging obstacle of their journey from what was then the United States to the Pacific Ocean was now behind them. Or so he thought.

Lewis believed he would walk up the hill, look down a gentle slope that would take his men half a day to cross with their canoes on their backs, and then they would see the Columbia River. After fifteen months of going upstream they looked forward to letting the current swiftly whisk them to the Pacific Ocean. They would crest the hill, find the stream and coast to the finish line.

They could not have been more disappointed. In front of him was not a gentle slope down to a navigable river running to the Pacific Ocean but the Rocky Mountains. Stretching for miles and miles as far as the eye could see was one set of peaks after another. (25f)

Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery were about to go off the map and into uncharted territory. They would have to change plans, give up expectations, even reframe their entire mission. What lay before them was nothing like what lay behind them. There were no experts, no maps, no "best practices" and no sure guides who could lead them safely and successfully. The true adventure – the real discovery – was just beginning. (27)

Standing at Lemhi Pass together with you,

Pastor Mike

Youth News

Youth Fellowship (6-12th grades):

As the weather turns cold our group will continue to meet, however our meetings will be moved to the church. Masks will be required for everyone and social distancing will be enforced.

October 4th: 6-8pm at the church

October 11th: Drive-in Dinner Fundraiser: Please sign-up for time slots to help.

October 18th: 6-8pm at the church

October 25th: 6-8pm at the church

Youth Room Fundraiser: Flamingo Flocking

The Flamingo Fundraiser has been going so well! *Thank you* to all who have played along and have been such good sports. We will continue to "flock" people's yards until interest wanes or the weather turns too bad. For \$20 you can send a dozen flamingos to a friend, family member, or neighbor. If you would like to send flamingos to someone contact Lisa Yeagley at christucc@zoominternet.net or (330) 714-4188. The money raised will go towards furnishing the new youth room, shelving for storage, a microwave, and a refrigerator.

Kids Club (K-5th) grade:

Our Kids Club program will resume on Wednesday, October 21st. This program is for any child in Kindergarten-5th grade. We will be meeting in-person at the church but this year's program will look a little different due to COVID-19.

- Masks will be required and social distancing will be enforced
- K-2nd will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and 3rd-5th will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- Each class will be divided into 2 groups. One group will come from 5:15pm-6:00pm. Another group will come from 6:15-7:00pm.
- Unfortunately we are unable to provide a meal at this time.

An e-mail will be coming that will explain the groups in more detail. It will also include a registration form for those that are interested. Please contact Lisa Yeagley at youth.cucc@zoominternet.net with any questions

	August 31, 2020		
	Month of	YTD	Last Year
Current Fund	Aug. '20		
Sunday Offerings	\$18,505	\$139,858	\$165,356
Misc. Income	\$ 200	\$ 822	\$ 1,083
SBA PPP Loan	\$ -	\$ 48,100	\$
Expenses	\$20,737	\$184,635	\$186,349
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$(2,029)	\$ 4,145	\$(19,909)
Benevolent Fund	\$ 4,058	\$ 26,419	\$ 30,306
Pastor's Emergency Fund	\$ 674	\$ 7,323	\$ 4,889
Strengthen the Church	\$ 20	\$ 200	\$ 606

Brian Amstutz, Treasurer

Mission Team Needs YOU!

Who do we need? YOU!

Why do we need YOU? To be part of the Christ Church Mission Team!

What is the latest mission project? To support the 2020 Wayne County Habitat for Humanity Faith Build!

Want to know more? Contact Anna Davidson by phone/text (330.465.6761), email (millsite59@aol.com), or through Facebook Messenger.

Working together we will go further and be better.

Address, Phone & Email Updates

Staying in contact through phone calls, emails, and letters is important now more than ever. If you have recently made changes to any of the above, please contact the office. Also, if anyone would like an updated directory please let Elizabeth know and arrangements can be made on how to receive it.

Thank You

Thank you to all our friends at Christ Church for the prayers and cards during my hospitalization. A special thank you to Pastor Mike for the phone calls and to the Merry Cooks for a fine meal. All was appreciated.

Wilbur & Betty Steiner



Neighbors In Need – October Special Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive during October, supports the UCC's ministries of justice & compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Consistory Minutes – September Meeting

- Treasurer's Report: Sunday offerings are down. All new flooring completed and paid for. Received annual payment from Smith Dairy for use of the parking lot. Reviewed a pledge giving analysis.
 - Mission Team- New chairperson will be Anna Davidson.
 - Property- Minor renovations being done to the kitchenette off the parlor.
 - Stewardship Ministry Team- Cheryl Diehl reports working on campaign called "3 Great Loves".
 - Worship Committee- The use of Zoom for an alternate worship service received good feedback.
 - Return Working Group –Consistory reviewed guidelines presented by group. Masks will be required. Under current social distancing guidelines, the maximum occupancy of sanctuary is 72. Before COVID, we were averaging about 120 weekly. No date yet for return to "in person" services. Still monitoring trends of new virus cases.
 - Discussed implementing a building policy when we return to partial or full use of the building. Spiritual Council authorized AA to meet. Reviewed mitigation efforts planned by youth leaders upon return of youth activities. John Kropf moves that Kids Club & Youth Groups can start meeting under the mitigation factors presented & discussed. Groups will be kept under 10 & will meet alternate weeks. Cleaning will take place between sessions. Valerie Holderman seconds the motion. Motion passes.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/01 Jon Gresser
 10/03 Linda Combs
 10/04 Art Shupp
 Matthew Abel
 Donovan McGrew
 10/05 Barbara Wyant
 10/06 Wilbur Steiner
 10/07 Betty Auble
 Doug Diehl
 10/08 Lynette Marr
 Bob Graber
 Lisa Nussbaum
 10/10 Jim Huntsberger
 10/11 Joanne Burkey
 Adam Weyrauch
 Henry Fletcher

10/12 Marie Boss
 Alisha Musser
 10/13 Vongseng Luangraj
 10/14 Larry Yates
 Frank Duffy
 10/16 Beth Lammrith
 10/17 John Weyrauch
 Thomas Fletcher
 10/18 Eleanor Roth
 Lori Arnold
 Kyler Graber
 10/19 David Edwards
 Bethany Weeman
 Kaylene Holderman
 10/21 Paige Baer
 Payton Baer

10/22 Ron Ballentine
 Amanda LeFever
 10/24 Carol Yeagley
 Nicole Lacy
 Andrew Marr
 10/25 Sack Luangraj
 10/26 Nancy Hranko
 10/27 Aarica Kirtley
 Mackenzie Donley
 Cooper Haley
 10/28 Judy Browne
 Ted Schantz
 Alex Huffman
 Kaitlyn Boggs
 10/30 Amy Walter

Anniversaries

10/03 John & Judy Kropf
 Jim & Linda Bates
 10/04 Bill & Pat Lytle
 10/09 Bob & Florence Duemmel
 10/11 Jon & Nikki Jones
 10/12 Sith & Susan Luangraj
 Dwayne & Joi Hemphill
 10/13 Irv & Karen Gresser
 10/15 Bob & Jennifer Howell
 10/19 Lester & Ashley LeFever
 10/21 Richard & Carol Jones
 10/22 John & Denise Berkey
 10/24 Nathan & Angela Craft
 10/28 Nevin & Kathy Nussbaum
 10/31 Thong & Na Phaphouvaninh