

The Tidings

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dear UCC of California Family,

I love Psalm 34. So many great verses for us in times of distress and worry. “I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears...This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.” Psalm 34:4,6,7

David faced many troubles and stressful situations but he knew his hope and help were in the Lord. These last three months have been filled with fear and uncertainty for so many in our community and church family. I encourage you to look to the Lord. Call on his name and know his angels are all around you. Don't let fear dominate your life. Give that fear to the Lord and let him encourage you and lift you up by his mighty power.

On the next page you will find guidelines the Consistory has been working on for the resumption of our in person worship services on June 7th. We have looked at what other churches are doing, what our county health department is suggesting as well as state and federal information. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact myself or any member of the Consistory. I'm sure there is something we possibly overlooked, need to consider or need to include. For all of us this is uncharted territory. We all are trying to do our best. We need to practice patience, understanding, and respect as not all of us have the same views and opinions on how to proceed.

If you feel uncomfortable being around large groups of people, are part of the more vulnerable population that has been affected the most, or are experiencing any flu like or cold symptoms, we encourage to stay home till you feel better. We will still provide live streaming of our services as well as DVD copies. Everyone is valued and respected during this time. If you would like a DVD copy of each week's service, please contact me.

Just a few highlights of the guidelines:

Worship service time is still 10:30 but there will be two locations, the Friendship Hall and the Sanctuary. Since the elevator will be closed, we encourage everyone who uses the elevator to attend the service in the Friendship Hall. We will be limited to 70-80 people per location. We encourage families with the last name of A-L to attend worship in the Sanctuary and those with the last name of M-Z to attend in the Friendship Hall. An exception of course are those needing to use the elevator since they are encouraged to attend in the Friendship Hall. We would like to ask families to rotate each Sunday where they worship so everyone gets to enjoy worship in the Sanctuary. Also please call the office to let us know if you plan to attend and how many plan to attend from your family. That will help us better plan seating in each location.

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If we reach capacity in both locations, we will look to other options of worshipping in the Fellowship Hall or one of the classrooms. The worship service will be shorter in length. I'll dismiss the last rows first after worship is over. We have been purchasing additional bottles of hand sanitizer as well as Clorox wipes. There will be plenty on hand. Offering plates will be on stands in the back of each location for you to place your offering in.

I want to say a big thank you to Ronnie Kissick and Andy Burger for all of their hard work so we can stream services into the Friendship Hall. They have spent countless hours at the church making this possible. I also want to say thank you to the Consistory for all of their input towards these guidelines and leadership during these last three months. It has been difficult for sure but they have done their part to continue the work and ministry of the church.

I know everyone is excited to start worshipping in person again but I also know many are still a little concerned about all of this as well. I appreciate everyone's feelings and concerns as does the Consistory. I will send out a mass e-mail, post a video, and phone calls will be made to many in our congregation to answer any questions anyone might have. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on June 7th.

Yours in Christ, Russ

In-Service Worship Guidelines until Further Notice

decided by the Consistory on May 11, 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

WHERE: Sanctuary and Friendship Hall (gym)

Safe Distancing:

Preset safe distance seating for worship in both locations.

Please refrain from clustering together in the common areas.

Please refrain from hand shaking, hugs etc.

Sanitizer and wipes: Available throughout the church.

Masks:

Encouraged and available, but not required. You are welcome to bring your own.

We encourage all to wear a mask when we sing.

Hearing Devices:

All hearing devices will need to be checked out to take home to ensure all are using the same one each week.

Please visit or contact the church office to check your device out before June 7th if needed.

Elevator:

The elevator will be closed during this time. If you are someone who needs to use an elevator, please join the worship service in the Friendship Hall.

Sanctuary worshippers:

Enter and Exit through the open front doors only. Doors will be left open during the worship service if the weather allows.

Please sit only where bulletins have been placed in the pews. 4 or more seating will be located on the Lectern side. 3 or less seating will be located on the Pulpit side.

Friendship Hall worshippers:

Friendship Hall will be a live stream of the service in the sanctuary.

Enter and Exit through the open lobby/foyer doors only. Doors will be left open during the worship service if the weather allows.

Please sit only where chairs have been set. Your bulletin will be on the chair you select. Please do not move the chairs. If you do need to move a chair, please be sure it is a safe distance from other groups.

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Offering: Please leave your offering in the baskets located at the back of the Sanctuary and Friendship Hall.

Children's Time:

Children will remain in their seats during Children's Time.

Children's Bags: (removed to reduce touch points)

We encourage you to bring quiet activities for your child if they are unable to sit quietly.

Bathrooms:

We ask that you only use the public restrooms sparingly. Wipes will be available in the restrooms for your use.

Nursery Services:

The nursery will not be available at this time.

Bibles: (removed to reduce touch points)

We encourage you to bring your Bible or if you prefer, use a Bible app on your Cell Phone.

Hymnals: (removed to reduce touch points)

Please join the singing of the hymns printed in your bulletin. We encourage all attending to wear masks while singing.

Pew cards, pencils, and guest book: (removed to reduce touch points)

For the safety of all who are attending worship and our employees, you will notice that several areas of the church will be roped/taped/blocked off. This is to reduce the number of touch points. Please do not cross those barricaded areas, except for an emergency. Your cooperation in this area is greatly appreciated.

CHURCH OFFICE AREA

Do not pass the barricades in the church office lobby without permission.

Do not enter the church office unless given permission.

Please leave items needing to be dropped off in the receptacle available in the church office lobby.

Hand Sanitizer and wipes are available. Please place used wipes in the trash can located in the church office lobby.

Activities Scheduling

Until further notice, the church will not schedule activities outside of worship. The consistory will review this monthly. Weddings and Funerals will be considered but will need special approval.

United Church of Christ California
May 11, 2020 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2020 via ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pastor Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

We reviewed and approved the regular reports: Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Stewardship Snapshot and Local Benevolence Report.

It was announced our next communion dates are May 31, Pentecost. Pre-packaged communion cups (juice and wafer) will be available in the downstairs lobby for members to pick up to partake together during the on-line services.

Reports and updates were given by several committees. Due to COVID-19 committee meetings and organization meetings are still cancelled through the month of June.

Pastor Cobb gave a verbal report. He is in the office and continues to keep in contact with folks. He continues to prepare and provide services on-line each week. These are going good and have been well received.

In ongoing projects and old business, status reports were given on finalizing the new church website, church roof replacement, and the handicap accessible door entry. New business discussed was scholarship and undesignated bequest CD renewals, continuing video streaming services and equipment needed, Senior recognition, and a detailed discussion and plan for reopening the church for in-person services on June 7 and beyond.

Prayers and blessings for our church family. We look forward to being able to worship together again soon.

Respectfully submitted, Lexi Hall, Secretary

Special Benevolence— June

UCC Pilgrim Soup Kitchen

Our June stewardship offering is for Pilgrim Congregational UCC Soup Kitchen. In 1982, this historic church in St. Louis sensed the need to feed the hungry in its neighborhood. Since that time, every Wednesday, between 70-90 men, women, and children have been supplied with a nutritious lunch by the members and friends of Pilgrim Church. Clothing is now available to be picked up during the Wednesday meals. Our offering will be used to buy food that Pilgrim volunteers will serve to the hungry in the name of Jesus Christ. An envelope is attached for your gift. Please make checks payable to **“UCC of California”** and put Soup Kitchen on the memo line.

Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>April 2020</u>	<u>April 2019</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 59,184.27	\$ 76,882.70
Receipts	+ 19,270.28	+ 24,664.95
Disbursements	- 23,334.63	- 25,280.17
Balance – April 30	\$ 55,119.92	\$ 76,267.48
<i>As of April 30, 2020</i>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 13,497.02	\$ 18,464.61
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 12,165.13	\$ 15,478.33
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 11,453.15	\$ 12,624.91
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance	\$ 15,547.43	\$ 6,458.81
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 7,436.28	\$ 7,406.98
Youth Fellowship	\$ 4,007.84	\$ 3,464.74
Total OCWM Received	\$ 1,472.18	\$ 2,956.87
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 4,949.00	\$ 14,997.80



Important
Message

The Consistory would like to remind everyone of the vote that will take place immediately after the worship service on June 7th. It will be a ballot vote of yes/no for the approval of spending above \$5000 for a new roof. If you are unable to vote in person, we will have an online vote set up (a link will be shared on our website), there will be a basket to collect votes outside of Renée's office to drop them off, or you can email Renée at the church office to record your vote. **The last day to cast your vote is Wednesday, June 10th.** Thank you.

Giving made Easy
Online giving is available!

Follow the E-Giving link on our website:
calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts

NOTE:

Please check your address listing & phone numbers in the new pictorial directory. If any corrections need to be made, please contact the office. We will compile a list of corrections at a later date for everyone to add to their directories.

**Corrected Directory Information for
Russ & Betty Cobb -**

Betty: 573-489-7890; Russ: 573-489-7891

**To Watch the California UCC
Worship Services Online:**

Go to <http://www.calmo-ucc.org>.

**Scroll down and click on the
“Online Services” link.**

(The bulletin is also available)

Or:

**Go to youtube.com and search
California United Church of Christ.**



Thank you very much for awarding me this generous scholarship. I am so very blessed to have a church family that helps support my educational goals.

Thank you again ~
Alyssa Sabartinelli

NOTE: Camp Aurora has cancelled all Camp sessions for this summer.

June Lay Reader Schedule:

07 Elizabeth Ash
14 Susan Burger
21 Becky Schneider
28 Carole Barbour

June Children's Time Schedule:

07 Kendra Hall
14 Ginnie Medlin
21 The Puppets
28 Pastor Russ

Birth

*We rejoice with Shane and Kayla (Elliott) Baker
on the birth of their daughter, **Adley Ann**.
Adley was born April 15, 2020. Congratulations!*

Baptism

Congratulations to **Layne Brandes** who was baptized
on April 26, 2020.

Welcome to God's family in the church!

Welcome New Member Phyllis Miller

We welcome Phyllis Miller into the membership of the United Church of Christ of California. She has transferred her membership from Central UCC. Phyllis has been a registered nurse for 50 years and retired from CRMC in 2017. She has 1 daughter, Rebecca, and 2 sons, Nathan and Patrick.

Patrick and VanDee are also members of our church and Phyllis is grandmother to their children - Sophia, Bruce, Odin and Johnny.

Notes & News

A Time of Hope
8:15 a.m. Sunday
KRLI Radio ~1420 AM



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Please continue to save
the Best Choice
label bar codes for the
SHAREFEST Gathering
in September



Laid to Rest

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family & friends
of Kent Hees whose mother, **Shelba Hees**, passed away
May 5, 2020.



Our thoughts & prayers are with the
family & friends of **Lois Heather**, who passed away
May 16, 2020.

May God comfort those who mourn in these days.

Sunday School Teachers & Officers meeting May 5th, 2020

Those attending the Zoom meeting were: Brett Hall, Pastor Russ, Lanny Ash, Carole Barbour, Larry Rohrbach, Courtney Cassil, Ronda Mortenson, Beth Chambers, Steve & Laura Burger & Judy Burger. Brett opened the meeting with prayer.

The April Treasurer's report was reviewed & approved. The May Benevolence is Healing House.

May & Summer curriculum was discussed with options including Zoom meetings for various classes. Discussion was held on possible ways that Sunday School might be held. Adult Zoom classes are held at 9 am & kids Zoom classes (if/when offered) are at 9:40 am on Sundays.

Looking toward the 2020-2021 year class arrangement includes 1 Pre-K class; Kindergarten will join 1st, & 2nd grade; Grades 3,4,5 in one class, Middle School, & High School.

Discussion centered around Church Camp. We believe that Church Camp will not be held, but Camp Aurora will make a decision on May 31st.

Vacation Bible School dates are July 13-17 with the possibility of live streaming the event should we not be able to have it live.

Other Key dates are:

Rally Day August 30, 2020

Fall Party October 11, 2020

Christmas Eve Program

December 24th 2020 (Thursday)

Next meeting will be held Tuesday June 9th 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burger

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN THE
MINISTRY OF
TRANSFORMING LIVES**

A CHRISTIAN'S ABC'S

Attend church faithfully.

Be careful what you say.

Consider carefully every decision.

Do right: fear to do wrong.

Endure hardships without complaint.

Forsake not your family & friends.

Go no place that would harm your influence.

Hate no one; do good to every person.

Ignore no person: practice hospitality.

Join hands with other righteous people.

Keep your mind pure.

Lie not: always tell the truth.

Minister to the needy.

Never try to appear to be what you're not.

Oppose evil.

Pay your debts promptly.

Question not the motives of others.

Remember all of God's gifts.

Sacrifice money rather than principle.

Think before you speak.

Use your time wisely.

Value the Bible above all books.

Watch your temper.

X-ray your thoughts.

Yield not to temptation.

Zealously labor for the Lord.

(From Church Bulletin Bits #2)

rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

*Read the Bible on your phone.
YouVersion Bible app. You can
download this app for free at the
app store*



*There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meeting at the
Annunciation Catholic Church, 414 Patrick St., on Mondays at
8 p.m. Contact number: 660-621-2271.*

Do you need help with Medicare / Medicaid forms?

Darrell Hendrickson works with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program CLAIM. He can be reached at 573-690-4987. You can also call 800-390-3330

Darrell would also be willing to help with any other questions about government assistance. Please give him a call..

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it . . . Dad.



(by anonymous)

Directory Update

Mr. Quinten Wilson
29090 Hwy. 179
Wooldridge, MO 65287



Sentence Sermons

1. If at first you don't succeed, you're about average.
2. Take things as they come—if you can handle them that fast.

June Birthdays

01 Kristen Everett
02 Beth Dampf
02 Walter Wingate
04 Leroy Schnieders
05 Milo Milligan
05 Eric Scrivner
05 Bonnie Wolfrum
07 Mike Hickman
08 Kayla Baker
10 Jim Deeken
10 Marjorie Manning
11 Keith Gillilan
11 Cody Schneider
11 Lavonne Merriott
12 Chelsea Smith
13 Tammy Meisenheimer
14 Cathy Hickman
14 Justin Trimble
15 Grant Burger
15 Alex Meisenheimer
15 Cheryl Schoeneberg
15 Carol Wolfrum
16 Brooks Volkart

19 Robert Lynch
20 Amy Ramsdell
22 Carson Bell
22 Shyla Cornwell
22 Billy Hess
24 Becky Schneider
26 Khloe Mortenson
27 Courtney Cassil
27 Kathy Roll
27 Robert Schlup
28 Breanna Pruitt
29 Kaleb Borghardt
29 Brandon Hickman
29 Max Robertson
30 Stacy Friedrich
30 Dennis Keeran



*Happy
Birthday!*

You know you are getting old when your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.

*Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
we have been received into the
family of Jesus Christ through the
sacrament of Baptism.*

June Baptisms

Kaitlyn Adams—June 16, 2002
Isaac Ash—June 10, 2001
Connie Bestgen—June 1, 1969
Jay Bestgen—June, 1969
Kathy Bueker—June 11, 1967
Adam Burger—June 13, 1993
Johnny Cassil—1975
Bridget Clifford—June 23, 1990
Beth Dampf—June 23, 1973
Sydney Deeken—June 30, 1996
Kristen Everett—June 9, 1980
Matthew Gerhart—June 11, 1989
Brett Hall—June 7, 1981
Hunter Hall—June 19, 2011
Jaelea Hall—June 19, 2011

Courtney Hees—1981
Ayden Howard—June 24, 2007
Tammy Kilmer—June, 1977
Kenny Knipker—June 14, 1953
Allee Koestner—June 18, 2000
Jacob Kueffer—June 18, 2000
Jessica Kueffer—June 18, 2000
Hayden Kueffer—June 18, 2000
Camden Lawson—June 23, 2013
Lauren Lawson—June 15, 1986
Lennon Lawson—June 3, 2018
Ada Milligan—June 10, 2018
Elaine Proctor—June 15, 1941
Regina Pruitt—June 14, 1959
Derek Schoeneberg—June 18, 2000
Laura Schoeneberg—June 18, 2000
Rachelle Thompson—June 14, 1959
Verna Wolfrum—June 10, 1955

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