

# *The Tidings*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## **The Church on Purpose**

*“Those who had been scattered preached the word  
wherever they went.” Acts 8:4*

It has been so good to start worshipping in person again. We have relaxed some of the restrictions but we still encourage social distancing and use of hand sanitizers. We have masks available and have a second location in the Friendship Hall to view the service if you want even more distance. We continue to enhance the online experience for those that don't feel comfortable attending in person yet. Thanks for everyone's patience as we navigate this ever changing situation.

We have started a new sermon series, the Church on Purpose. We are looking at the book of Acts to see how the church started, why it started, and what we need to follow to make sure we are accomplishing the purpose that Jesus has for his church. Jesus says in Acts 1 that we will receive power to be his witnesses. The early church prayed in Acts 4 for boldness to preach God's word and power to continue to minister to those around them, despite threats from the authorities. That is why the church was started, to preach about Jesus.

Their message was simple: Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected from the dead. Acts 4:12 says “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Only Jesus saves us from an eternal separation from God himself. Only Jesus restores a holy relationship between us and God. For a church to complete the purpose Jesus has for it, that message must be the core of everything we do. That's what drives us. I look forward to going through Acts this summer and I encourage you to read along with me.

Two of the reasons that guests return to a church have to do with their children. First, their kids loved the children's area and second, the children's area was secure and sanitary. I'm very thankful for the people behind our ROK (Reaching Our Kids) and God's Singers programs. They are already planning for this upcoming year. We are looking at adding a ROK program one Sunday a month during the sermon time. It would be connected to the Wednesday ROK program and would continue to teach the truth of God's love in a fun and creative way.

I want to say thank you to Linda Schnieders for the new art work outside of the nursery. She added the bible verse "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) We continue to put a priority on our children and their spiritual growth. When the nursery re-opens in the future, families will see firsthand our love for their children.

May God bless all of you this summer. Don't forget to catch our services online at our website if you are travelling this summer. We miss seeing everyone but make sure to make worship a priority even when you are not able to attend in person.

Yours in Christ,

Russ



## **California United Church of Christ**

### **June 8, 2020—Consistory Meeting Highlights**

The California UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting on June 8, 2020. Pastor Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Reports and updates were given by several committees. The Evangelism Committee will be looking into participating in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The Worship Committee has special music scheduled for the summer months.

Organizations have not been meeting in person, however, several have been meeting via ZOOM. Sunday School officers and teachers have presented a start-up plan to return to in-person classes. It was decided once Phase 2 is in place for the State of Missouri, Sunday School classes can resume at the church. Updates were given on vacation bible school and Camp Aurora – both have been cancelled for this year. However, VBS directors are looking at possibly holding a mini camp at the park later this summer.

Pastor Cobb reported on activities he performed during May, 2020: 5 worship services (one outdoor service at Salem 5/31); 1 Sunday School meeting; 24 DVD deliveries; 26 days in office; 2 California UCC consistory meetings; 4 recordings Time of Hope; 3 office visits; 2 funerals/visitations/planning meetings (Shelba Hees and Lois Heather); 3 high school youth group meetings; 4 signing birthday cards; 2 Ministerial Alliance meetings (First Baptist/New Life Christian Center); 5 KRLL devotions; 1 high school baccalaureate service; 1 Memorial Day cemetery service; 1 CHS senior parade; 1 meeting with Ken Wolken to plan set-up for Salem; 1 attended Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church (May 24); 2-3 recorded Facebook videos for congregation. Also finished our guest brochure and ministries booklet, finalizing our Next Steps Discipleship Workbook and continuing to work on updating the church website.

*Consistory Highlights—continued*

In ongoing projects and old business we are waiting on information from the insurance company for the roof replacement. New business discussed was CD renewals, the continuing process for Rev. Cobb's ordination, approval of a bid to wash windows, and spiritual council meetings. We will re-evaluate reopening the church for organizational meetings at our next regular meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted, Lexi Hall, Secretary

**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.**

**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](http://youtube.com) and search  
California United Church of Christ.**

**Directory Updates**

**Mr. Stephen Hill**  
4041 Chouteau Ave., Apt 131, St. Louis, MO 63110

*(correction)*

**Mr. Quinten Wilson**  
29040 Hwy. 179, Wooldridge, MO 65287



## **Special Benevolence— July**

### ***RAPE & ABUSE CRISIS SERVICE (RACS)***

The special benevolent mission project for July is the Rape and Abuse Crisis Service (RACS). RACS is a non-shelter, social service agency providing crisis intervention, advocacy, support and education/prevention services to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. **RACS** began its mission in early 1980 by establishing a 24-hour crisis hotline to offer emotional support and referral information to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Nine central Missouri counties are served by RACS including Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Southern Boone and Southern Callaway. The agency continues to evaluate the services provided in order to more effectively address victims' needs. Services have gradually expanded as needs and funding for this not-for-profit agency have increased. The services they provide are free of charge to people who have been victims. They also provide education and prevention programs to end personal violence in our society. Providing victims with the opportunity to regain confidence, control and direction in their lives helps keep this community strong. Please give to the important mission in the attached envelope.

**If you would like additional information, please check out their website at [racsjc.org](http://racsjc.org). Please make checks payable to the United Church of Christ and note RACS on the memo line**

### **Stewardship Snapshot**

	<b><u>May 2020</u></b>	<b><u>May 2019</u></b>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 55,119.92	\$ 76,267.48
Receipts	+ 22,908.38	+ 17,484.79
Disbursements	- 22,540.12	- 25,326.65
Balance – May 31	\$ 55,488.18	\$ 68,425.62
<b><u>As of May 31, 2020</u></b>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 17,106.68	\$ 19,175.10
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 12,165.13	\$ 15,503.33
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 9,233.29	\$ 11,676.05
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance	\$ 15,703.59	\$ 6,458.81
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 5,461.28	\$ 7,431.98
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 4,007.84	\$ 3,464.74
Total OCWM	\$ 1,632.18	\$ 3,739.37
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 15,472.80



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & OFFICERS ZOOM MEETING JUNE 2, 2020**

Those present were Brett Hall, Larry Rohrbach, Ronda Mortenson, Courtney Cassil, & Judy Burger

Judy opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed & approved.

The June benevolence is for Central MO Foster Care & Adoption.

Camp Mo-Val & Camp Aurora have canceled church camp for 2020.

Vacation Bible School was discussed with the reports of opinions on whether to have VBS, & in what format. A final decision will be made by June 15th .

Sunday School start-up was discussed with what format it may hold. Adult classes appear to be ready to start whenever Consistory approves. PreK & K classes will be delayed, but parents may bring children to their class. Other classes were looked at & determined what rooms they might be able to spread out for the social distancing requirement. Sunday School opening will be delayed, with no refreshments & a shorter class time. Questions were raised concerning the use of Zoom classes when the Church has services. We will attempt to have a suggestion for the Consistory to review.

The July meeting will be held on Tuesday July 7.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Burger

*Sunday School is in the Ministry  
of Transforming Lives*



# United Church of Christ

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**



5

9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship

6

7

9:00 AM Prayer Cell  
7:00 PM Sunday School  
Teachers & Officers

12

9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship

13

6:00 PM Consistory

14

9:00 AM Prayer Cell

19

9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship

20

21

9:00 AM Prayer Cell

26

9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship

27

7:30 PM Brotherhood

28

9:00 AM Prayer Cell



# July 2020

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Church Office Closed	4
8	9	10	11
15 1:00 PM Women's Guild	16	17	18
22	23	24	25
29	30	31	

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[calmo-ucc.org](http://calmo-ucc.org) to give today or set recurring gifts

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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..



**From the Family of Lois Heather -**

Your thoughtfulness at this time means more than words can say. Thank you for your kindness.



**Many thanks to our church family** for the kind phone calls and thoughtful cards we received at the death of Dwight's brother, Tim Nelson of Minneapolis, MN. Each message meant so much to our family.

Blessings,  
Dwight & Clarice Nelson



**Dear UCC Family,**

Thank you all very much for the Graduation gift! The money will be used to purchase tools for college.

Chris Cassil

## **July Schedules:**

### **Children's Time**

05—Jo Ann Cantriel  
12—Carla Clennin  
19—The Puppets  
26—Kendra Hall



### **Lay Readers**

05—Alan Chambers  
12—Brad Friedrich  
19—Carla Clennin  
26—Kathy Grant

## Marriage

Congratulations to  
**Bryson Coale & Brianna Wolverton**  
who were united in marriage on  
Saturday, June 20th, in Hermann, MO.

*May God bless Bryson & Brianna as they begin their  
married lives together.*

### SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

July 5—Paul Schacht  
July 12—Brenda Oesterly  
July 19—Beth Dampf  
July 26—Becky Schneider

August 2—Steve English  
August 9—Maddie & Michelle  
Sedgwick  
August 16—Sally Kirchhoff  
August 23—Brenyn Robertson  
August 30—Men's Brotherhood  
September 6—Stacy Friedrich

## Anniversary

Congratulations to **Jerry & Ruth Coale** who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. They were married  
June 18, 1965 at the California United Church of Christ.

## Death

Our thoughts & prayers are with the family & friends of  
Phyllis Miller, whose mother, **Doris Wittenberger**,  
passed away June 22, 2020.

*May God bless those who mourn in these days.*

## Notes & News

### A Time of Hope

8:15 a.m. Sunday

KRLL Radio ~1420 AM

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



[www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)

### RUNGS ON THE LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

100% - I did  
90% - I will  
80% - I can  
70% - I think I can  
60% - I might  
50% - I think I might  
40% - What is it?  
30% - I wish I could  
20% - I don't know how  
10% - I can't  
0% - I won't

From  
Church Bulletin Bits

# July Birthdays



03 Chris Mouse  
05 Cody Lutz  
06 Kamryn Robertson  
06 Bill Weis  
07 Seth Everett  
08 Ellie Tuttle  
08 Carson Kruger  
10 Sutton Lawson  
12 Casey Murphy  
12 Clarice Nelson  
12 Wade Reed  
12 Dale Keil  
13 Shonda (Liebi) Archer  
14 Betty Dummermuth  
14 Olivia Meisenheimer  
15 Tanya Brown  
15 Betty Kueffer  
16 Wilma Bryant  
17 Ruth Coale  
17 Tyler Elliott  
18 Michael Bieri  
18 Brad Kueffer  
18 Brian Kueffer  
18 Cinda Scheidt

21 Philip Howard  
21 Renée Clifford  
21 Bryce Pruitt  
22 Amelia Howard  
22 Andrea Lutz  
23 Kevin Bueker  
23 Ross Deeken  
26 Paul Lebeck  
27 Richard Brizendine  
28 VanDee Miller  
28 Ruth Brizendine  
30 Layne Brandes  
30 Kristy Gatlin  
30 Cheryl Gage  
31 Hadley Milligan  
31 Verna Wolfrum  
31 Cameron Meyer  
31 Haley Weis



Don't think of it  
as getting older.  
Think of it as  
becoming a  
classic!



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

## *July Baptisms*

Elizabeth Ash—July 6, 2003  
Allan Burger—July 7, 1996  
Morris Burger—July 7, 1935  
Josh Davis—July 16, 2006  
Martha Decker—July 28, 1941  
Lauren Friedrich—July 3, 2005  
Kitts Gillilan—July, 1975  
Connor Hess—July 4, 2004

Atley Howard—July 25, 2010  
Toni Kueffer—July 2, 1974  
Leah Meyer—July 27, 2008  
Taylor Porter—July 8, 1995  
Cody Schneider—July 20, 2008  
David Simmons—July, 1972  
Chelsea Smith—July 31, 1988



### **Sentence Sermons**

#### **\*THE POWER OF ACTION:**

The smallest deed is better than the  
greatest intention.

#### **\*A MEANINGFUL PRAYER:**

Lord, I do not ask for a faith that will  
move mountains; I pray, Lord, for enough  
faith to move me.

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