

# *The Tidings*

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## **Being the Church on Purpose**

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” I Timothy 2:1*

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God wants all people to be saved from their sins through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. If we are going to be the church on purpose, that must be the core that everything revolves around in our church. Every activity, every class, every worship service must have that at its core. That should be at the top of our prayer list every day. Everyone from the highest rungs of society (political leaders) to the most vulnerable (elderly, poor, orphans, and lonely) are on God’s radar. Being a church on purpose pleases God. As we have gone through the book of Acts, the early church faced every adversity and persecution with prayer individually and as a church so they could continue to spread God’s word. I implore you to pray for the ones around us that have not made Jesus Lord of their lives. That have not developed a personal relationship with him, repented of their sins, confessed him as Lord, and been baptized into his name.

But how do we do that as an individual? You’ll say, I didn’t go to Bible College, I’m not ordained, or that’s the minister’s job. Paul tells us in II Corinthians 5:20 “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” Each one of us that has taken on the name Christian, are employed as Jesus’ spokespeople. We might accept that, but how do we do it practically? That is a pretty daunting task. Let me give you a couple of questions to help you get started when you start to talk someone about church:



(1) What do you think is the greatest need in this area? (2) Are you actively attending church? (If they say yes, don't ask the next three questions) (3) Why do you think most people don't attend church? (4) If you were to look for a church to attend, what kind of things would you look for? (5) What could our pastor do for you? What advice can you give to a pastor who really wants to be helpful to people?

Five simple questions and none of them require you to be a seminary graduate. It helps start a conversation and before you know it, you'll be talking about your church, your faith, and why both are so important to you. Please let me know how some of those conversations go. These five questions are going to become a part of my regular conversation with people who I'm not sure go to church. People are looking for a church that really loves them and they want to know how the Bible applies to their daily lives. That is what we are trying to do each Sunday at the UCC of California.

It's good to be back in worship again. I appreciate everyone helping with the guidelines we have put in place these last few weeks. Our online presence continues to get better each Sunday. Soon we will have an updated website for everyone to view. We have a brand new Welcome Center ready for the Sanctuary. We are making sure our guests feel welcome when they step through our doors. So whether online or in person, we continue to worship as one family just as Jesus wanted it.

Serving together in Christ,  
Russ





## **California United Church of Christ**

### **July 13, 2020 – Consistory Meeting Highlights**

The California UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting on July 13, 2020 via ZOOM. 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 participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and plans to participate in the fair parade with the float and walkers from the church. The Safe Church Committee will be doing a walk-through of the church in July. Building & Grounds Committee continues to do general maintenance throughout the church as needed.

Pastor Cobb reported on activities he has performed during June, 2020: 4 worship services California; 4 worship services Salem; 1 Salem consistory meeting; 24 DVD deliveries; 25 days at office; 1 UCC of California consistory meeting; 4 recordings of Time of Hope; 3 office visits; 2 lunch with members; 1 ROK/God Singers meeting; 4 signing birthday cards; 2 Ministerial Alliance meeting (First Baptist/New Life Christian Center); 4 online psychological tests (requirement for ordination); 4 home visits; 2 golf outings with members (Deeken & Koestner); 3 family funeral prep meetings; 1 high school baseball game; 1 wedding rehearsal/wedding; 1 tour of sanctuary for future wedding; 1 set up church for re-opening; 2-3 recorded Facebook videos for congregation. Close to finishing the Next Steps booklet. Website is almost ready. Applied for and received \$500 from Conference for livestreaming costs.

In old business, the roof replacement will be covered by insurance, with the exception of the \$1000 deductible. Shingles have been delivered and work is scheduled to begin soon. The handicap accessible door is back on the Brady Glass schedule for install. New business discussed was approval for re-opening for church services, Sunday School, and organization meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Lexi Hall, Secretary



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

**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.**

**Stewardship Snapshot**

	<u><b>June 2020</b></u>	<u><b>June 2019</b></u>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 55,663.18	\$ 68,489.17
Receipts	+ \$ 40,642.14	+ \$ 23,652.98
Disbursements	- \$ 28,784.14	- \$ 19,205.29
Balance – June 30, 2020	\$ 67,522.00	\$ 72,936.86
<b><i>As of June 30, 2020</i></b>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 34,329.91	\$ 19,661.67
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 12,165.13	\$ 15,503.33
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 9,278.43	\$ 12,471.88
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance	\$ 15,864.96	\$ 6,868.26
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 5,486.28	\$ 5,181.98
Youth Fellowship	\$ 4,007.84	\$ 3,464.74
 *Total OCWM Received	 \$ 2,199.51	 \$ 4,891.29
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 9,979.00	\$ 16,547.80

\*OCWM benevolence - those offerings designated by envelope plus 1/3 of loose plate offering.



## Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting July 7, 2020

The Sunday School Teachers & Officers meeting was called to order by Brett.

Those present were Brett Hall, Lanny Ash, Larry Rohrbach, Beth Dampf, Steven & Laura Burger & Judy Burger.

Steven opened the meeting with a prayer. The Minutes of the June meeting & the Treasurers report were reviewed & approved.

The Benevolence project for July is Central Missouri Food Bank & Buddy Pack Program.

Sunday School classes were discussed & it was decided that the Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class would be able to begin on July 12<sup>th</sup>. (If your child will be in Kindergarten this fall, they may join this class now.) Sunday School Opening will also begin on July 12<sup>th</sup> with modifications to refreshments.

Preschoolers can still go with their parents until staff is comfortable with beginning class for them.

VBS Mini-Camp will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11 at Proctor Park in the South Pavilion. Invitations will be sent to all who attended VBS in 2019. Watch for sign-up sheets for volunteers & donations for this mini-camp. The Theme is Treasure Hunt with a scavenger hunt, face painting, Bible Story, craft, balloon bust, chalk art, snacks, songs, & treasures to take home. You can bring beach towels to sit on for Bible Story & snack time. Masks are optional. We encourage parents or grandparents to accompany 3 & 4 year old children. It is going to be great FUN!!!

The next meeting date is August 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Burger

[Note: Due to the virus, July 12th & July 19th were held online. The VBS Mini Camp may also be postponed. Watch for announcements.]

Sunday School is in the Ministry  
of Transforming Lives





## **Special Benevolence— August**

### **Moniteau Christian Ministries Center**

Moniteau Christian Ministries Center is both the Cargill Cares Food Pantry & the Project Share Thrift Shop in one building located at 303 Latham Road. MCMC has been serving Moniteau County for the last 16 years and would welcome anyone who has not seen the Thrift Shop (open Thursday, Friday, from 10 am to 3:30 & Saturday 10 to 2:00) to stop by to see the many & varied items for sale.

The Cargill Cares Food Pantry is open from 3-5 pm on the first, second, & third Thursday & Friday of each month and from 9-11 am on the third Saturday. Food items distributed are received from the Central Missouri Food Bank, local donations, food drives, & other supporting entities. If anyone is needing food, please come to the food bank on distribution days or contact Barb Mannering (573-291-4405) in an emergency or also to help with distribution. THE CARGILL CARES FOOD PANTRY serves an average of 300 families each month.

PROJECT SHARE'S Thrift Shop provides free clothing monthly to those requesting clothing assistance.

Project Share's income provides monies to the food bank, pays utilities, insurance and numerous other expenses to maintain the MCMC facility.

A benevolent activity that Project Share has undertaken is a prison ministry where an inmate may request needed items (1-pant, 1-shirt, & 1-coat). Hopefully items will be available off the racks


The Cargill Cares pantry has their "Buddy Pack" program which runs during the school year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Mannering at 573-291-4405. This could be to help with the buddy packs, preparing food for distribution, or in the actual distribution of food.

Project Share is also in need of volunteers to prepare the donated clothing, etc to stock their thrift store. This activity takes place every Monday & Tuesday from 10 am until around 5 pm or as many hours as you wish to help. For this activity contact Judy Barbour (573-230-2316). If you are interested in helping in the shop with customer sales, contact Ruth Ann Jobe (573-230-6625).

Moniteau Christian Ministry is most grateful for all the SUPPORT the United Church of Christ has given. Also, very glad we have a food bank and thrift shop in our own community! WE ARE BLESSED!



# United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	3	4 9:00 AM Prayer Cell 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers & Officers
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	10 6:00 PM Consistory	11 9:00 AM Prayer Cell
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	17	18 9:00 AM Prayer Cell
23 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	24 7:30 PM Brotherhood	25 9:00 AM Prayer Cell
30 <b>Youth &amp; Rally Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	31	



# August 2020

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	Saturday
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5		6		7	8 VBS MINI CAMP AT PROCTOR PARK 8:30 AM TO 11:00 AM
12		13		14	15
19 1:00 PM Women's Guild		20		21	22
26		27		28	29
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Online giving is available!

Follow the E-Giving link on our website:  
[calmo-ucc.org](http://calmo-ucc.org) to give today or set recurring gifts

# 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..



# **VBS Mini Camp will be held on August 8th at Proctor Park from 8:30-11 am.**

The mini camp will include: Bible story, crafts, scavenger hunt, face painting, snacks, songs, balloon bust, & treasures to take home. Donation & volunteer lists are on the table in the church foyer. Invitations for all 2019 VBS kids will be extended. Please register so we can have enough for all.



**From the family of Doris Wittenberger -**

Thank you for your spiritual support and kindness.

~ Phyllis Miller

## **August**



### **Summer Special Music**

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

### **Children's Time:**

02 Kendra Hall

09 Jo Ann Cantriel

16 Carla Clennin

23 The Puppets

30 Kendra Hall

### **Lay Readers:**

02 Mary Burger

09 Beth Dampf

16 Judy Burger

23 Allan Mortenson

30 Elizabeth Ash



## *Deaths*

Our thoughts & prayers are with....

The Family & Friends of  
**Larry Boyd Wolfrum** who passed away July 5, 2020.



The Family & Friends of  
**Kevin D. Liebi** who passed away July 15, 2020.



The Family & Friends of  
**Bonnie June Wolfrum** who passed away July 24, 2020.

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

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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**Sunday:** Sunday School 9:30 a.m.    Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

### **Sentence Sermons**

***THE JUMPING GAME*** ... Ever wonder why we don't jump at  
opportunities as quickly as we jump to conclusions?

***DON'T INTERRUPT***... People who say it's impossible should not interrupt  
those who are managing to get it done.

*From Church Bulletin Bits 3*



## Notes & News

### A Time of Hope

8:15 a.m. Sunday  
KRLI Radio ~1420 AM

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



#### Directory Update

**Mr. Justin Selk**  
#4107  
555 West Madison  
Chicago, IL 60661



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### **MONITEAU CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CENTER**

*Please save your  
extra plastic  
shopping bags to  
use at the  
MCMC Food  
Bank.*

*Drop your bags  
off at the church.  
Thanks for your  
support!*



# August Birthdays



01 Melanie Adams  
01 Grady Howard  
01 Caitlin Meyer  
01 Robbie Zuidervaat  
04 John Schneider  
05 Rylee Hees  
05 Tanner Roberts  
06 Jeremy Burger  
07 Judy Burger  
07 PJ Hanauer  
07 Ella Spieler  
08 Ted Meisenheimer  
08 Don Vernon  
10 Trystan Hees  
11 Bryan Elliott  
11 Erika Nelson  
11 Kim Thomas  
12 Mike Schneider  
13 Peter Dampf  
13 Grace Dampf  
13 Lola McCarty  
13 Easton Motley  
14 Randy Bruce  
14 Melinda Owens  
15 Abe Rohrbach  
16 Chase Trimble  
17 Chad Mortenson  
18 Melissa Hindman  
18 Judy Ash  
18 Adam Twardowski

23 Bryan Wolford  
24 Sue Tuttle  
24 Allan Mortenson  
24 Stacey McNay  
24 Alyssa Sabartinelli  
25 Ada Milligan  
26 Landon Mouse  
26 Orion Bell  
26 James Milligan



27 Brooke Hickman  
27 D. J. Schneider  
28 Doug Ash  
28 Kent Howard  
29 Virginia Strickfaden  
29 Dennis Gerlach  
29 Angela McNay  
29 Maggie McNay  
31 Mary Oesterly  
31 Steven Burger  
31 Bob Davis  
31 Trey Meyer

Did you hear about the  
dancer's birthday?  
It was a tappy one!



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

## *August Baptisms*

Kayla Baker—Aug. 16  
Fred Barry—Aug. 29  
Grant Burger—Aug. 8  
Kalyn Carlock—Aug. 15  
Ruth Coale—Aug. 12  
Russell Faris—Aug. 27  
Stacy Friedrich—Aug. 30

Brandon Hickman—Aug. 27  
Ethan Hughes—Aug. 14  
Allison Kruger—Aug. 12  
Beth Rohrbach—Aug. 13  
Madalynn Sedgwick—Aug. 10  
Don Vernon—Aug. 7

### **Cancellation~**

**The Salem UCC Ice Cream Social,  
scheduled for August 22, is cancelled  
for this year.**

After many prayers and discussion, it was decided to cancel the social. It is always a fun time, but our ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy. This virus is new to everyone and we are all learning as we go.

There were so many variables to consider,  
that the best decision was to cancel.

We look forward to  
new opportunities next year.

*Blessings for peace and understanding.*



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