

# *The Tidings*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## September 2020



*From the Pastor's Desk ~*

## **Pop Quiz**

I didn't mind taking tests in high school or college all that much. I knew if I had enough time, I could prepare well enough to get a good grade. I would take notes, go over the examples the teacher gave us, read the important chapters over again, and study with my friends to be ready for whatever they wanted to test us on. I didn't like pop quizzes though. Teachers would pull this trick if they didn't think we had been paying enough attention in class or if they just wanted to teach us a lesson about being prepared or maybe they just felt like being mean that day. Who knows. I didn't like pop quizzes then and I don't like them now.

There are all kinds of lists in the Bible for us to pay attention to. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and seven days of creation to name a few. What things do we need to make sure we know to be adequately prepared as a Christian? The Apostle Peter gives us a hint in II Peter 1:8,9:

“For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.”

In September we'll look at those qualities we need to know to be effective and productive as everyday Christians. I encourage you to read II Peter 1:5-9, Galatians 5:22-25, Romans 12:9-21, and Colossians 3:12-17 in September so you'll be ready for any pop quiz I might want to give Sundays in September. And also, don't forget to bring a number two leaded pencil. You never know...

I'm excited about what the fall will bring. Youth Sunday and Rally Sunday will be September 13th. We will start confirmation classes and high school youth group on Wednesday September 16th. All of our regular Wednesday night activities will start in early October. We plan on offering the GriefShare classes again starting in October. There is a lot of activities getting ready to start after Labor Day. We invite everyone to start coming back to church in September. We will still offer online services but we have taken many safety precautions to make in person Sunday worship as safe as possible. I hope to see you soon.

Check out the updated website. We make updates and corrections every week but I'm excited about the new look. Check out the "My UCC" link and you'll see many of your favorite links in one place. Also if you need to send me a prayer concern or need more information, please fill out the "Connection Card" online. It comes directly to me and I'll respond with what you need. I'm excited about all of the improvements, adjustments, and creative ideas we have put into action to navigate this very unusual time. Be safe and I'll see you on Sunday.

Serving Christ Together,

Russ



## **California United Church of Christ**

### **August 10, 2020 – Consistory Meeting Highlights**

The California UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting August 10, 2020. 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.

Reports and updates were given by several committees. The Evangelism Committee participated in the fair parade. The Memorial Committee approved purchase of pew ropes for the sanctuary. The Worship Committee met July 30 with much discussion on future worship services and what those might look like and how services can be enhanced to promote attendance both in person and online.

Pastor Cobb reported activities he performed during July 2020: 4 worship services California; 2 worship services Salem (two online only services); 1 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; 15 DVD deliveries; 19 days at office; 1 UCC California Consistory meeting; 3 recordings Time of Hope; 2 office visits; 6 funerals/visitations/planning meetings; 3 signing birthday cards; 1 Ministerial Alliance meeting; 1 home quarantine (July 8-July 19); 3 home/work visits; 1 hospital visit (Bonnie Wolfrum); 1 high school track meet (Pete Dampf); 1 tour of sanctuary for future wedding; 2 recorded Facebook videos for congregation. Continue to work on guest friendly materials, the new welcome center in the sanctuary, and the new website. Discussing GriefShare with Joann Cantriel in the fall and working with youth leaders on how to manage the group this year. Also contacting members to serve on the Spiritual Council.

In old business, the roof replacement was started on August 10, the handicap accessible door install is complete, the new equipment for livestreaming is in place, the new church website is almost complete, and CDs that have matured have been reinvested. In new business, the Church Mutual insurance policy will be renewed October 1 with deductibles increasing and pew ropes were approved for purchase. Approval was given for church organizations, choir, bells and ROK to make their own decisions on when and how to resume meeting. Supplies will be left in each meeting room and leaders will be asked to be responsible to wipe down and clean after each use. Based on current COVID-19 conditions, plans are to resume Wednesday night meals the first Wednesday in October. The next communion date is World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Lexi Hall, Secretary

# Stewardship Snapshot

	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>July 2019</u>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 67,522.00	\$ 72,936.86
Receipts	+ \$ 15,353.42	+ \$ 19,625.30
Disbursements	- \$ 19,430.70	- \$ 20,656.28
Balance – <i>July 31</i>	\$ 63,444.72	\$ 71,906.08
<b><i>As of July 31, 2020</i></b>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 37,832.02	\$ 18,247.98
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 12,165.13	\$ 14,003.33
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 9,303.54	\$ 12,472.70
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance	\$118,222.62	\$ 10,466.48
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 7,935.06	\$ 5,628.28
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 4,007.84	\$ 3,023.74
Total OCWM Received	\$ 2,512.84	\$ 5,794.04
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 10,209.00	\$ 17,107.80

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

**The Schnucks Endowment Checking balance** is larger this month due to a \$100,000 CD that matured. The amount was not reinvested due to the low interest rate environment in July. The \$100,000 is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended.

We have received a note of thanks from Moniteau Christian Ministries Center for our gift of \$130 in June.

## ***In-Service Worship Guidelines until Further Notice***

*decided by the Consistory on August 10th, 2020*

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

***WHERE: Sanctuary with overflow in Friendship Hall (gym) as needed***  
***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 recommend wearing them while you are walking around. Once seated you may remove.*

*We have a praise team that will sing the hymns, we encourage people to sit back and enjoy the music. We will not stop you from singing, but do ask all who sing to wear a mask while doing so.*

***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 if needed.*

***Elevator:***

*The elevator will be open but the operator will not ride with you.*

*They will assist while you get on and off. One person at a time and the elevator will be sanitized between riders.*

***Sanctuary worshippers:***

*Doors will be held open before and after the worship service.*

*Bulletins are in the back of the sanctuary, there will be an usher there to assist but you will need to pick up your bulletin from the stack.*

***Friendship Hall worshippers:***

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

*Doors will be held open before and after the worship.*

*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.*

**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)

Praise teams will sing the hymns. We encourage all attending to wear masks if you feel you need to sing.

**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 has restricted activities. The consistory will review this monthly. Weddings and Funerals will be considered but will need special approval.



## Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting August 4, 2020

The Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting was called to order by Brett. Those present were: Brett Hall, Pastor Russ, Steven & Laura Burger & Judy Burger.

Brett opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the July meeting & the Treasurer's report were reviewed & approved.

The Benevolence project for August is The Salvation Army.

Openings have started again, with announcements, & recognition of birthdays & anniversaries

Suggestion was made for Carole's class to meet in the Friendship Hall with chairs &/or tables.

Discussion centered around getting families re-connected. We miss seeing you!!!

Plans to re-schedule the VBS Mini Camp for August 29th with flyers or cards sent out to invite campers to the event. Volunteers are still needed to help out with scavenger hunt, balloon bust, chalk art, registration, craft, & handing out snacks.

Steven presented the idea for a men's Bible study called "Fight" that would be held probably beginning in September. It is a 5 week study.

Rally Sunday has been moved to September 13th rather than August 30th . Teachers, plan for a lesson for the 30th .

The next meeting date is September 1, 2020 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Burger

*Sunday School is in the Ministry  
of Transforming Lives*





**Special Benevolence—Special Benevolence—September**

## **Church World Service Blanket Fund**

The special benevolence offering for September is the Church World Service Blanket+ Program. This program meets the emergency needs as well as the long-term demands of rebuilding shattered lives and communities. Church World Service responds immediately after a disaster happens. Their commitment is to stand with people in the long process of recovery and rehabilitation. When images of horror from earthquakes and other disasters fade from the news, CWS is still there working to provide care to traumatized children; rebuilding homes and clinics; strengthening food security by providing seeds and tools, fishing equipment, and training. Through the Tools and Blankets Program, you can reach out in compassion to people in need in more than 80 nations, including the United States.

Thank you for your support! Please make checks payable to: United Church of Christ (note CWS on the memo).

**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.**

**Sunday morning, September 13th  
Youth & Rally Sunday at  
California UCC !!!**



# United Church of Christ

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday
			<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Cell 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers & Officers
<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>7</b>		<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Cell
<b>13</b> <b>Youth &amp; Rally Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Consistory		<b>15</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Cell
<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>21</b>		<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Cell
<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>28</b> 7:30 PM Brotherhood		<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Prayer Cell

# September 2020

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5
9	10	11	12
16 1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:30 PM -7:00 PM Confirmation Information Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM Christian Concert for Middle & High School Youth (Friendship Hall)	17	18	19
23 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	24	25	26
30 6:30 PM Confirmation Class			

# Great Passages of the Bible

- \*The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20
- \*The Shepherd Psalm—Psalm 23
- \*The Birth of Jesus—Luke 2
- \*The Crucifixion of Jesus—John 19
- \*Our Resurrection through Jesus—1 Corinthians 15
- \*The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6
- \*The Sermon on the Mount—Matthew 5, 6, 7
- \*The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12
- \*The Great Commandments—Matthew 22:34-40
- \*The Last Judgment—Matthew 25:31-46
- \*Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10
- \*The Great Commission—Mark 16:15
- \*The Golden Rule—Matthew 7:12
- \*The Abiding Chapter—John 15
- \*The Love Chapter—1 Corinthians 13
- \*The Gospel in Miniature—John 3:16

*From Church Bulletin Bits 2*

## THE MANY FACES OF THE BIBLE

It's a history book,  
A mystery book,  
A book of ethics,  
A do-it-yourself manual  
A geography lesson,  
A love story,  
A passport  
An organization chart,

A self-improvement course,  
A travel brochure,  
A code book,  
A diary,  
A law journal—  
And otherwise good reading.

*From Church Bulletin Bits 3*

**From the Family of Bonnie June Wolfrum ~**

Bonnie loved her church & church family.  
The floral arrangement was beautiful! Thanks!

Thanks to the Women's Guild for all the  
kindness shown to our family during the past  
month. It was very much appreciated.



**To My Church Family ~**

Thank you so much for all the kind words and  
expressions of sympathy during the loss of Kevin.  
Thanks to the Women's Guild for the delicious  
meal they prepared and served. The flowers you  
sent were beautiful.

Sincere thanks, it has meant more than I can  
say.

~ Peggy Liebi



**To the Members of the UCC ~**

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

~ The Family of Jane Inglish



**To the United Church of Christ ~**

Thank you so much for helping young people  
complete high education. I am looking forward  
to learning in college and meeting new people.  
Thank you again for this opportunity.

~ Katie Adams



# 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..

## HOW TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN

*From Church  
Bulletin Bits 3*

Go to God in prayer daily (*John 15:7*)

Read God's Word regularly (*Acts 17:11*)

Obey God consistently (*John 14:21*)

Witness for Christ by your words & your life (*Matthew 4:19*)

Trust God for every detail of your life (*1 Peter 5:7*)

Holy Spirit—allow God to control & empower your life

## September

### Children's Time:

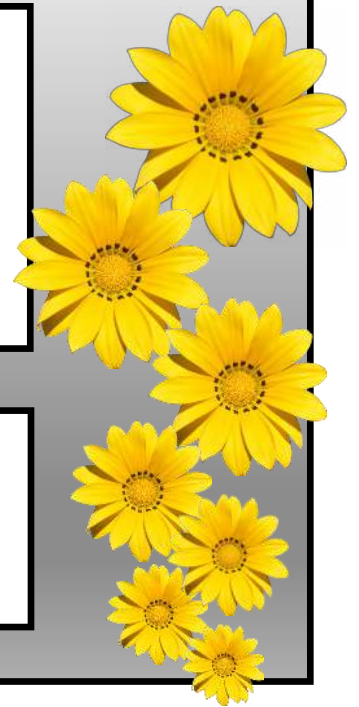
06 Pastor Russ  
13 JoAnn Cantriel  
20 The Puppets  
27 Ginnie Medlin

### Lay Readers:

06 Becky Schneider  
13 Susan Burger  
20 Carole Barbour  
27 Alan Chambers

### Special Music

September 6  
Stacy Friedrich



## A DEFINITION OF GRACE

God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense

*From Church  
Bulletin Bits 3*

### Sentence Sermons

**NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE...** There's nothing like experience; it helps you recognize a mistake the second time you make it.

**FRUSTRATION IS...** Frustration is not having anyone to blame but yourself.



*The Church Family is cordially  
invited to celebrate the momentous  
occasion of  
Alberta Rich's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Family & friends are invited to  
gather in Friendship Hall  
Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>  
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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## Notes & News

### A Time of Hope

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



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*Please save your extra plastic  
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MCMC Food Bank.  
Drop your bags off at the  
church. Thanks you!*

**Giving made Easy**  
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

### 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.

# September Birthdays



02 Travis Koestner		
03 Aaron Spieler	17 Ted Bueker	
04 Laura Burger	18 Gage Bolinger	
04 Christine Huffman	18 Jess Medlin	
06 Peyton Peters	19 Lisa Motley	
06 Hallie Thompson	20 Lisa Milligan	
06 Jason Young	20 Dawn Overbey	
07 Philip Burger	20 David Stepp	
08 David Pearon	21 Carole Beth Bowlin	
08 Rashelle Reed	22 Colin Kruger	
10 Jesse Schulte	22 B.J. Kruger	24 Nelson Bochard
10 Amanda Trimble	22 Collin Mouse	24 Chris Clifford
12 Rhonda Elliott	23 Dylan Ash	24 Craig Hall
12 Adler Koestner	23 Ella Burger	24 Lenda Lebeck
12 Derek Schoeneberg	23 Emily Burger	25 Ellen Ash
14 Kathy Grant	23 Cindy Schneider	25 Kitts Gillilan
14 David Simmons		25 Jeff Hammonds
15 Brian Scrivner		26 McKenna Chambers
16 Carl Meisenheimer		27 Quinten Wilson
		28 Ginnie Medlin
		28 Alberta Rich
		30 William Kissick
		30 Dorothy Sanders
		30 AnJanette Volkart

Happy Birthday



How do you know your old?  
People call at 9 p.m. and ask,  
"Did I wake you?"

# *September Baptisms*

Michelle Ajtaji—Sept. 29, 2013  
Carole Barbour—Sept. 3, 1944  
Henry Bieri—Sept 23, 1945  
Griffin Bolinger—Sept 9, 2001  
Bob Burger—Sept. 20, 1934  
Christopher Cassil—Sept. 2, 2001  
Ross Deeken—Sept. 15, 2002  
Kimberly Hanauer—Sept. 23, 2018  
Travis Koestner—Sept., 1972  
Christine Meyer—Sept., 1979  
Weston Peters—Sept. 5, 2004  
Alison Peters—Sept., 1983  
Caitlin Deeken Phoenix— Sept. 3, 1989  
Ryan Vernon—Sept. 18, 1994

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



## *Deaths*

Our thoughts & prayers are with....

The Family & Friends of  
**Jane Jacobs Inglish** who passed away Aug. 1, 2020.

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

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