

The Tidings

June 2023



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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G.O.A.T

“Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.”

Hebrews 3:3

The term G.O.A.T. has become a popular term in the sports world in the last decade or so. When you call someone the G.O.A.T., you are not calling them an animal that eats about anything and crawls up on everything that it can. It's an acronym that stands for “Greatest of All Time.” Sports fans will debate the greatest player of all time in various sports: Michael Jordan in basketball, Tom Brady in football, Jack Nicklaus in golf, and Hank Aaron in baseball have been called the GOATS of their individual sports.

During the summer, we will look at the book of Hebrews which is in the New Testament. There is debate who the writer of Hebrews is. Some say it is the Apostle Paul. Others say it was written by Luke, Barnabas, or Clement. Although there is debate about who wrote Hebrews, there is no debate, who it was written to. It was written to Jewish Christians, who were considering abandoning their faith and going back to their Jewish faith. The writer uses 13 chapters to encourage them not to give up and to convince them that Jesus is the GOAT, greatest of all time. He is greater than Abraham, Melchizedek, and even greater than Moses.

The message on Jesus' greatness and not giving up resonates with his people and his church today. Our world and our lives seem to be in constant turmoil. It seems God isn't answering our prayers and that he is far away. It's easy to get discouraged. Our faith seems stale and listless. We are tempted to chuck it all and try something else to try and makes us happy. Hebrews 10:35-36 is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago, “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”

So don't give up. We have the greatest God. We have the greatest savior, Jesus. We have the greatest power, the Holy Spirit. We have the greatest mission, to serve and love. And finally we have the greatest destination waiting for us, heaven. When we become a Christian, we become the greatest of all time in God's eyes. Hang in there. Share your burden with a fellow brother or sister in Christ and read God's word, especially Hebrews this summer and see why we should never give up on our faith in God.

June 4th is the 175th anniversary of the Salem UCC. That Sunday our worship times will be switched. The UCC of California will worship at 8:30 followed by Sunday School at 9:30. Worship at Salem will start at 10:30 followed by a catered meal in the Salem Fellowship Hall. Several past ministers will be in attendance. It will be a great day of worship and celebration.

Have a great summer. When you vacation, don't forget to catch our services online or visit a local church on your vacation. Grace be with you all.

Serving Christ Together,
Russ



California United Church of Christ

May 8, 2023 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The May meeting of the Consistory was called to order at 6:00pm by President, Laura Burger. Reverend Cobb opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was established with all members present. The April minutes, the Treasurer's report, the Financial Snapshot, and the Financial Secretary's report were approved.

Correspondence:

The California United Church of Christ has a letter from John Kay, Attorney, stating that in the Last Will and Testament of Lenda Lebeck and her late husband Paul, the Church was shown to be a 10% beneficiary of the net Estate.

A letter was received from our mother church, Salem. They will be celebrating their 175th Birthday on June 4, 2023. The letter invites everyone to come and share their joy.

Building Use Requests:

Three Facility Use Requests were approved.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds/Safe Church—Jay Bestgen and Ronnie Kissick

--Ronnie Kissick will reprogram the Handicap door timer.

--The glider chair in the nursery has been repaired.

--The plaque has been hung.

--Hand rails have been installed leading to the choir loft and in the choir room.

--Imhoff Painting started the project to remove the current frames and window covering. They are caulking and painting the area around the windows before the new window protection can be installed.

--The old flooring around the front doors has been removed and repairs made. There is hardwood flooring in that area. A motion passed to restore the hardwood entry on both entrances to the Sanctuary. A strip directly in front of the outside doors will sit on the foundation and be of a material that provides grip for secure footing. The correct type of rug to be used on hardwood floors will be purchased.

--Weathercraft, a company who will inspect the roof tiles and make replacements as needed, submitted a bid of \$4,200.00 that includes time, labor, and tiles for both towers. An additional expense of \$750.00 may also be incurred for security to be sure that the lift stays safe if it needs to be parked in the street as the work is being done. After discussion up to \$5,000.00 was approved for this project.

--There is some landscaping that needs to be done in front of the church where the cedars were removed. The Consistory would appreciate input and help from interested members with the possibility of forming a Landscape Committee in the future.

--A representative of SWC, a security company, met with four consistory members (Jay Bestgen, Laura Burger, Alan Chambers, and Larry Schoenberg) to explore options and discuss costs. Another meeting is planned.

Evangelism--Alan Chambers, Consistory Member

The Committee met and ordered/selected Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. A second banner has been purchased for the parade float.

Historical--Norman Rohrbach, Committee Chair

As of April 30, 2023, the Committee has met twice. They put out the confirmation display in the cabinet. That display will change to one of active military in the Church. It is hoped that they will have a Historical Moment in the Tidings each month beginning in May.

Schnuck Endowment--Ellen Ash and Laura Burger, Consistory Members

The committee met April 17, 2023. The next meeting will coincide with the next CD maturity.

Stewardship--Larry Schoenberg, Consistory Member

The Committee met April 18, 2023 with another meeting scheduled July 18, 2023. The letter sent to the congregation concerning repairs to the facility in 2023 was discussed.

Worship--VanDee Miller, Consistory Member

The committee met on May 8, 2023. They reviewed the last quarter of worship and were scheduling special music for the summer season.

Sound/Video--Ronnie Kissick, Consistory Member

Ronnie stated that two more volunteers to be in the rotation to run the sound booth are needed.

Pastor Parish--Larry Schoenberg, Consistory Member, Reverend Cobb

There have been meetings with Lanny Ash and Chris Ingram with plans to send some postcards. Larry Rohrbach will check on local "Inactives" and Alan Mortensen will make local calls.

Organizational Reports:

Brotherhood--Alan Chambers/ Larry Schoenberg

--Delicious food and an excellent program by David and Cressida Gattermeir

Sunday School--Carole Barbour and Reverend Cobb

--Choice of curriculum this summer; complete The Story or continue Westley, two good choices. Second Superintendent, Molly Spencer needs some assistance. She is traveling many weekends with Addison and cannot be two places at once. Possible ways to help will be explored.

Women's Guild--Carole Barbour

--Continuing to learn from and enjoy Bible Study, fellowship, and service projects as the opportunity is presented.

Youth Group--Reverend Cobb

--Church attendance is great. Busy students, especially this time of year.

Pastor's Report is included in Pastor's Letter to the Congregation.

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Old Business:

Worship Stats

--For April the average was over 200 in attendance in person at Sunday Worship.

Senior Gifts/Senior Sunday

--All is set to go on May 21, 2023. Reverend Cobb will make the gift presentations. Scholarships will be presented at Awards Night, May 11, 2023 with Reverend Cobb presenting.

Active/Inactive List Review --There are five levels of church involvement within our membership list. Our hope is that this will help assure that all members stay connected to the life of our church family in the way they desire.

Upcoming Communion Date--May 28th is Pentecost

New Business:

Congregational Letter on Building Improvements/Projects/Campaign

--After review and discussion sending the letter to the congregation detailing building improvement plans was approved.

Giving Envelopes for 2024

--The consistory approved purchasing 120 envelop boxes, which is the same number as were purchased for the 2023 church year.

Bryant Letter

--In a letter Wilma Bryant asked for help with medical expenses for her brother in the Philippines who has liver cancer. After thoughtful discussion, it was decided to designate the offering (loose plate and checks so indicated on the memo line) the second Sunday in June to that cause.

Nursery Attendants

--Reverend Cobb suggested contacting the members of the Confirmation Class as several had expressed interest in helping in that area. It is a cause for concern as only seven volunteers have volunteered to work in the Nursery at present.

Consistory Announcements--None

--The meeting adjourned at 8:05 and closed with the Lord's Prayer prayed in unison.
Carole Barbour, Secretary



STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>April 2022</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 77,106.70	\$ 69,470.96
Receipts	+ 32,758.61	+ 47,056.75
Disbursements	<u>- 27,173.46</u>	<u>- 37,148.28</u>
Balance – April 30, 2023	\$ 82,691.85	\$ 79,379.43
<i>As of April 30, 2023</i>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 22,409.73	\$130,659.56
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 9,511.88	\$ 9,263.79
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 3,800.67	\$ 8,275.61
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance**	\$ 132,056.56	* \$ 27,878.49
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 11,681.78	\$ 10,530.77
Youth Fellowship	\$ 4,771.67	\$ 2,648.33
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 1,235.00	 \$ 2,112.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 7,861.30	\$ 10,410.17

Note on 2023 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

***The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$132,056.56 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and \$100,000 that is being reinvested and is unable to be expended. \$30,890.07 of the fund balance may be expended.*



Note on 2022 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$27,878.49 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$26,712.00 of the fund balance may be expended.*

UCC Women's Guild

Minutes of the May 17, 2023 Meeting

Opening Procedures

Pamela Hill opened the meeting with prayer followed by Carole B. presenting the fourth session of the Bible study. "God With Us When We Seek God" used the stories of Solomon and Jeroboam to emphasize God's unconditional grace, promising never to forsake us even when we fail to seek God. Thank you, Carole, for your teaching.

Benevolence opportunities for members include Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, California Nutrition Center, and Healing House. In addition, Laura B. explained an upcoming California UCC opportunity to take a special offering in support of medical needs for a member's family in the Philippines. More information will follow from the church office. Motion by Joyce R., second by Linda S. to contribute to the offering. Motion Carried.

The offering was taken.

Business Meeting

Motion by Linda S., second by Carole B. to approve the April 19, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Linda S., second by Lexi H. to approve the financial report. Motion Carried. (Copy of report attached to secretary's copy of these minutes.)

Committee #2 is available to serve the next Celebration of Life meal.

Judy B. reported she will be sending 30 cards in May. Guild members appreciate the opportunity to sign cards at the monthly meetings. Thank you, Judy.

Old Business

Reminder that Salem UCC will be celebrating its 175th anniversary on June 4. Guests are expected at the 10:30 a.m. service. A meal will follow the service and include a time for reminiscing and viewing historic items.

New Business

3MT will be meeting in California June 2-9 and is asking for help with the shower trailer and help with meal preparation. Pamela H. will send out more information when she learns more details.

Carla C. provided an update on Association events and opportunities. Tim Farley will be ordained May 21 at the United Church of Christ at New Franklin, MO. The Western Association fall meeting is September 16 in Billings. Mary Nelson's Bike-Ride fundraiser will occur June 3-10. Carla will be providing the newspaper with an article on the Bike-Ride.

Congratulations to our May Birthday Celebrants: Phyllis Miller, Janice Anderson, and Pamela Ives Hill.

Joys and Concerns: Rain! Graduations! New babies!

Clarice N. offered the closing prayer and the group thoroughly enjoyed a time of fellowship and a delightful variety of refreshments provided by Carole B. and Carla C. Thank you, ladies, for the tasty bits!

Our next Guild meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary



Dear Friends,



Thank you for your recent gift to help provide safe, affordable housing to families in need! Your recent gift of \$966 helps local families build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Thank you for helping make dreams come true. We truly could not do it without you.

River City Habitat for Humanity

Those who walk with God always reach their destination.



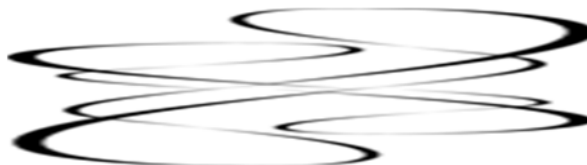
*Dear California United Church of Christ,
Thank you for showing our family the tremendous support, love and prayers during Chris's illness and also at the time of his passing. We appreciate being able to use your church for the services. A special thanks to those involved in operating the sound system and elevators during both the funeral and visitation. Thank you to the entire congregation for faithfully praying for Chris and our family for the past 3 and half years. You have touched our hearts and that support will not be forgotten.*

*Jennifer and boys
The Family of Chris Schoenthal*

Special Benevolence—June

Buddy Packs

The special offering for Benevolence for June is Buddy Packs for Moniteau County. You can help children right here in our community who are in need by donating money to purchase food for the program. For many of them, breakfast and lunch at school offer the only source of reliable nutrition and they are at risk of hunger over the weekend. Moniteau Christian Ministries Center partners with the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri to provide Buddy Packs for those students. Buddy Packs are bags filled with kid-friendly, nutritious food that students take home over the weekend or holiday periods to supplement their meals when there is not enough for them to eat at home. The program continues week after week throughout the school year or as needed to keep the growing youngsters happy and healthy. ***Please make your checks payable to United Church of Christ and note Buddy Packs on the memo line. Thank you for your support!***



Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

Brief update on what is happening in our Western Association. I attended the Visioning the Future meeting on Tuesday, May 9, via zoom with five other UCC attendees and Erica Dollhopf, Director, Center for Analytics, Research & Development, and Data (CARDD) at the UCC from Indiana. Erica talked about different survey's she has been involved with over the past years. Our committee is wanting to submit a survey for all the churches within the Mid-South Conference to get a better handle on each churches demographics, examples: does your church have internet, in-services only services, in-services and online, does your church share a pastor, etc. This committee meets monthly.

Pamela Ives Hill and I attended the Ordination service for Reverend Tim Fairley from Immanuel UCC – New Franklin on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Transitional Conference Minister Mary Nelson has scheduled a ***“Strengthen the Conference” Bike Ride Across Missouri to UCC Churches June 3 -10.***

See map and stop locations.

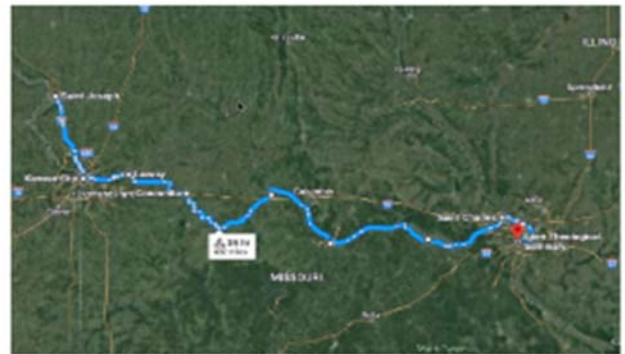
How can you support the Bike Ride Fundraiser

Choose from the following gift levels to support the Conference: \$1,000 Peloton Donor; \$600 Slipstream Donor; \$300 Sprinter Donor; \$100 Cheerleader Donor

Of course, any gift amount is much needed, greatly appreciated and makes a difference.

To watch Mary's Musings Video to hear what each of these levels can accomplish go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v-OIGCsOwfdPM>



**Schedule from St. Joseph, MO to St. Louis, MO
Saturday to Saturday, June 3-10**

- Start at Zion UCC, St. Joseph, MO
- To Bethel UCC, Kansas City, MO
- To Church (Yet To Be Confirmed)
- To Bethel UCC, Concordia, MO
- To Evangelical UCC, Boonville, MO
- To The Oasis, Jefferson City, MO
- To Church (Yet To Be Confirmed)
- To Church (Yet To Be Confirmed)
- Finish at Eden Seminary, St. Louis, MO

General Synod 34 will be in Indianapolis from June 30-July 4, 2023. After a year-long process, the United Church of Christ Board voted March 4, 2023, to nominate Associate General Minister, the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, for General Minister and President. If elected, she will be the first woman to lead UCC. To read more about Rev. Dr. Thompson go to www.ucc.org

Annual Fall hybrid-meeting of the Western Association is set for Saturday, September 16, at St. Peter's UCC – Billings.

If you have any questions or comments about the conference, please don't hesitate to ask.

Carla Clennin, Central Cluster Representative

California UCC Historical Highlight

Recently, there have been several articles about renewed interest in restoring tower clocks in courthouses around Missouri. It happens that our own tower clock has been operating since it was installed in our tower in July, 1896, approximately one year after our present church building was completed. The clock was manufactured by Seth Thomas and dated April 30, 1896. The cost of the clockworks and installation was \$380. The city of California donated \$75 toward the purchase and the remainder was made up of donations from church members. With the clock now being 127 years old, a number of church members have wound and maintained the clock through the years. Everett Wilson who owned and operated a funeral home across the street where we now have a parking lot was in charge for a long time. Tony Barry is currently the “winder” and maintainer of the clock and is keeping it well in time and chime. The time mechanism and the chimes are wound separately. The weight that powers the chimes travels from the clock floor to the church basement and has to be wound weekly. The weight box that powers the time mechanism is suspended above the clock works and has to be wound every two weeks. The clock chimes on the hour and half-hour by dropping a hammer on the face of the church bell on the floor below. The clock faces are approximately 5 ½ feet in diameter and there are 71 steps from the vestibule to the clock floor. The clock serves as a steady

reminder of our heritage and is a notable landmark in our community. The clock is an amazing piece of machinery and should be good for at least another 127 years!



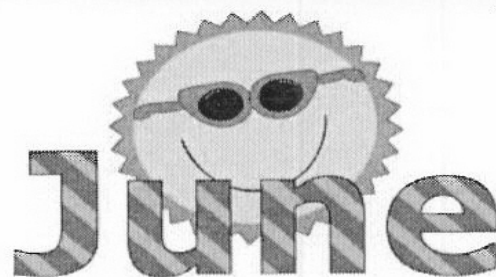
Brought to you by your California UCC
Historical Committee

United Church of Christ

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday



<p>4</p> <p>Salem 175th Celebration- worship at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers & Officers</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM Consistory</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> <p>HAPPY <i>Father's</i> DAY</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>

June 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3
7	8	9	10
14 	15	16	17
21 1:00 PM Women's Guild 	22	23	24
28	29	30	

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSFORMING LIVES!

Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting May 1, 2023

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order with a prayer at 7:05 PM. Those attending were Cressida Gattermeir, Dave Gattermeir, Carole Barbour, Courtney Cassil, Steven Burger, Larry Rohrbach, Beth Chambers, Judy Burger and Ronda Mortenson.

Steven made a motion to approve the April Treasurer Report. Carole seconded. Motion carried. Steven made a motion to approve the April minutes report. Courtney seconded. Motion carried.

Our May benevolence is the Healing House, which is an organization serving the needs of abused women. Their mission is to rebuild shattered lives through a "Program of Action" by teaching spiritual principles which are rooted and grounded in the Holy and Living Word of God.

Old Business:

Carla just reminded the group that Carmen Brown will play the piano every 2nd Sunday for Sunday School opening, all other Sundays each Superintendent needs to find a piano player.

Church Camp- as of right now we have 12 youth going to either Camp Aurora or Turkey Creek Bible Camp. Thanks again to Carole for promoting during our Worship Services.

New/ Other Business:

Ronda gave an overview of VBS activities and have reached out to all leaders. Most of the supplies have been out of stock. Ronda has been looking at other websites for ideas.

Veggie Tales – Ronda said, 2nd quarter has passed by for a Veggie Tale. Ronda would suggest to have another Carnival day in September due to VBS happening in July/August. She would like to have at least one-two more games made for the event.

Summer Curriculum- a discussion was held on what to do with the extra curriculum that was ordered? Carole said, she would ask her class on Sunday if they wanted to continue with Wesley or conclude "The Story" starting June 4. Carla will talk with Carmen Ferris on what the Distinguished Adults Class would like to do for Summer. If Carole's class decides to go with Wesley curriculum, no additional books will be needed.

Cressida's class is looking into purchasing Buck Denver curriculum. This will include videos and Sunday School lessons for a year.

Thank you notes received for Sunday School were passed around.

Carla wanted to remind the group that Sunday, June 4 Salem UCC is celebrating their 175th Anniversary and church times are going to be switched. UCC California services will begin at 8:30 AM with Sunday School following.

Steven made motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM

Next meeting will be Monday June 5, 2023, at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cressida Gattermeir
3rd Superintendent





Church Offering Envelopes

Although we just received the envelopes for 2023, it is time to order envelopes for 2024. If you received a box of envelopes for 2023 and do not wish to continue to receive one for 2024, please let the church office know.

If you did not receive a box for 2023 , but still would like one for 2023 as well as 2024, please let the church office know too.



**You are cordially invited to
Salem United Church of Christ
175th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**Worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch will follow the worship in the Fellowship Hall.
There will be memorabilia on display to share the
history of Salem.
We look forward to having you celebrate our
special day!**

**Have you been in the Sound/ Audio Booth? Why not try it out!
The Consistory is looking for a couple of volunteers to help out
on Sunday mornings. It is easier than you think and you will be
trained by the best! See Ronnie Kissick or any Consistory
member for more information or just let the Church office
know you are interested.**

**Thank
You!**

Dear United Church of Christ,
I would like to again thank you for your generosity and support. Thanks to the Edward Kaiser Scholarship, my goals are within reach. I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you,
Lauren Friedrich

Sunday, June 18th



Coming Soon To Your Church.....



July 30 — August 3rd

Summer 2023 Schedule Lake Area Community Orchestra

Tuesday, June 6	Ha Ha Tonka State Park, Route D, Camdenton
Tuesday, June 13	Eldon Air Park, Eldon (First Baptist Church Rain Location)
Tuesday, June 20	West Lake Christian Church, Route O, Laurie
Tuesday, June 27	California United Church of Christ, 101 N Oak
Tuesday, July 11	Hope Lutheran Church Sokoll Building, Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach
Tuesday, July 18	First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City
Tuesday, July 25	High School Performing Arts Center, Versailles
Tuesday, August 1	Lake Ozark Christian Church, Bus. 54, Lake Ozark

All Concerts begin at 7:00 pm. There is no admission charge.

Free will donations are welcome.

Bring a chair to Ha Ha Tonka and Eldon Air Park

Special Music for Summer

Would you like to share your talent of music with the Congregation? The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers for the months of July and August. If you are willing to share your musical talent, just let the church office or a member of the Worship Committee know what Sunday works best for you.

(Lisa Milligan, VanDee Miller, MaryBeth Deeken, Carmen Brown, Stacy Friedrich, Becky Schneider, Connie Bestgen and Beth Dampf)

Looking for more Nursery Volunteers.

If you are interested in watching the Nursery from approximately 9:45 to 11:30 on rotating Sundays, let the church office or a member of the Consistory know.



Summer Music

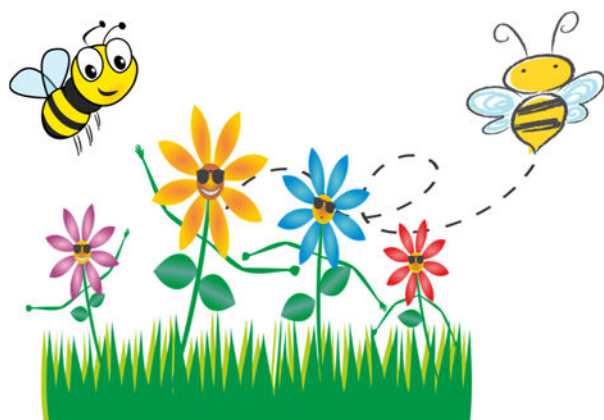


June

04 Ted Rohrbach - 8:30 Worship
11 Emma Kissick
18 Carmen Brown
25 Hunter Hall & Hadley Milligan

Nursery Volunteers

04 Julie Medlin
11 Callie Simmons
18 Courtney Cassil
25 Holly Bieri



Children's Time

04 Anny Roll
11 Ginnie Medlin
18 Holly Bieri
25 The Puppets



Lay Readers

04 Brad Friedrich
11 Allan Mortenson
18 Kathy Grant
25 Carla Clennin

Acolytes

04 Emily King & Jess Medlin
11 Hazel & Meredith Wolford
18 Ameila Howard & Royce Everett
25 Sophie Miller & Rylan Robertson



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use the link or text to the number listed below.

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

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

*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.*

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: Sunday School offering can now
be done through EasyTithe.

For your viewing and listening opportunities of the weekly worship services, there are two ways of being part of the weekly services. You may request a cd or dvd from the church office. Please let Rhonda know if you are interested in obtaining one of these versions of the worship service. (796-4885)

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



www.calmo-ucc.org



MONITEAU CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CENTER

*Please save your extra plastic shopping
bags to use at the Food Bank.
Drop your bags off at the church. Thanks!*

USED TONER & INK CARTRIDGES

Please save all of your used toner and ink cartridges! The church office collects used toner and ink cartridges in order to get a \$2 In-store credit per cartridge at Staples toward purchases of office supplies. Please turn in your cartridges to the church office. Thanks!

To Watch 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 & search



UCC Brotherhood Minutes – Monday May 22, 2023

Refreshments – A delicious meal and desserts were provided by Larry Schoeneberg to begin the meeting. Robert Barbour prayed a blessing over the meal.

Vice President Jerry Wolfrum called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM with 19 members and guests present. The meeting was started with a hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies.” Abe Rohrbach gave a devotion on Colossians 3:13 “bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also do,” remarking that grudges make terrible pets, so we should all get rid of our pet grudges.

Program – California Mayor Lanny Ash spoke about the governance of the City of California.

Lanny became Mayor in April after 2 stints totaling nearly 20 years on the Board of Alderman. He decided to run for mayor when former Mayor Rich Green announced that he would not run for re-election last November.

California is a Class 4 city and is one of the few cities of its size that owns its own utilities (electric, water, sewer, and trash). City government is divided into an enterprise side (utilities) and a government side (police, fire, parks, streets). Profits from the enterprise side are used to fund much of the government side, allowing the city budget to be balanced while keeping taxes and fees low. Lanny said that the city is in good financial condition and had high praise for the city’s employees, but highlighted a number of concerns.

Current concerns on the enterprise side include the recent loss of the city’s largest well, that provides about 1 million gallons of water per day to the Cargill plant. To date, the difference has been made up by pumping additionally from the city’s other 4 smaller wells, but this will likely fall short as the summer progresses. The cost of a new well will be approximately \$1.9 million. It is hoped that much of the cost will be paid via an emergency community improvement grant, but the city will still be required to pay approximately \$400,000 in engineering and administrative costs.

Another concern at the water department is older lead-containing pipes, many from the 1940s and 1950s, which supply water to much of city and may require replacement in the near future to comply with state and federal water quality requirements.

A major concern for the city is the need for significant upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, which is nearing the end of its designed life and has been functioning at and beyond its maximum capacity for a number of years. Costs to the city will range from \$5 million for patches to the current system to \$30 million or more for complete replacement.

On the government side, concerns include new ordinances on food trucks, which come from outside the city with no taxes, licenses, fees, or health inspections and take business away from local establishments.

Business Meeting – The business meeting was called to order at 8:43 PM. Minutes from the April 24 meeting were read and approved.

The group was reminded that some planning will be required to continue the Brotherhood's inmate program in the fall.

It was moved and approved to donate \$500 of Brotherhood funds to the brother of Wilma Bryant, who is undergoing cancer treatment in the Philippines.

Dean Kiesling volunteered to provide refreshments for the June meeting and Rob Barbour volunteered to provide the devotion. Several options were discussed for programs to be presented at the June meeting, and these will be considered by the Program Committee. The speaker for the July meeting will be State Representative Willard Haley, whose district includes all of Moniteau County.

The meeting concluded with a hymn "Now the Day is Over" and adjourned at 9:05 PM with card games following.

Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary



June Birthdays



01 Kristen Everett
02 Beth Dampf
02 Walter Wingate
04 Leroy Schnieders
05 Milo Milligan
05 Eric Scrivner
07 Mike Hickman
08 Kayla Baker
10 Jim Deeken
10 Marjorie Manning
11 Keith Gillilan
11 Cody Schneider
12 Chelsea Smith
13 Megan Carlock
13 Tammy Meisenheimer
14 Cathy Hickman
14 Sophia Miller
15 Grant Burger
15 Alex Meisenheimer
15 Cheryl Schoeneberg
15 Carol Wolfrum
16 Brooks Volkart
18 Boston Schoeneberg
19 Robert Lynch
20 Amy Ramsdell

22 Brecken Wilson
22 Eric Bieri
22 Shyla Cornwell
22 William Hess
24 Becky Schneider
26 Khloe Mortenson
27 Courtney Cassil
27 Kathy Roll
27 Robert Schlup
28 Quade Peck
28 Breanna Pruitt
29 Kaleb Borghardt
29 Brandon Hickman
29 Max Robertson
29 Wraegan Womack
30 Stacy Friedrich
30 Dennis Keeran



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
Jessica Connelly—June 18, 2000
Beth Dampf—June 23, 1973
Kristen Everett—June 9, 1980
Matthew Gerhart—June 11, 1989
Kendall Gratz—June 19, 2022
Sydney Gratz—June 30, 1996
Brett Hall—June 7, 1981
Brynna Hall—June 1, 2014
Hunter Hall—June 19, 2011
Jaelea Hall—June 19, 2011
Courtney Hees—1981
Ayden Howard—June 24, 2007
Dean Kiesling—June 25, 1939
Tammy Kilmer—June, 1977

Kenny Knipker—June 14, 1953
Allee Koestner—June 18, 2000
Jacob 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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