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"Living Christ's ways and exploding with love and service"

UPDATE: June 23, 2013

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH
9:00 – Praise Celebration Worship
11:00 – Traditional Style Worship

FaithXPress/Soul Strength and A.O.L. will resume in September

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Hi Everyone:

My corner office overlooks the entrance to Christ Church. I can hear the comings and goings as people come here to meet, to plan, to give and receive support from counselors, sponsors and friends. People come here to dance and sing and play instruments and learn to share these gifts with others. Here in this place people connect with the needs of others and discern ways to meet those needs. People are welcomed, cared for, trained, prepared, enabled and equipped here. Lives are enriched, celebrated and sometimes mended here. In the garden as you approach the entrance there's a flag that reads, "Love Grows Here." Yes! That's exactly what I witness all day long in this place of connection.

Here is what is happening at church:

1. Summer hours for the church office: Office Manager, Rachel Vaughan, may be reached between **9am and 3pm** Monday through Friday now through mid-August.
2. Attendance at worship on Sunday was 80. Flowers were given by Charlotte Davis in memory of her husband, Jack. The Davis's were the first couple to be married at CUMC 62 years ago, in what is now known as Crafts Hall. Guests were seated on folding chairs as the new pews were not installed until the Monday AFTER the wedding. Robert Paddock provided music for worship on the cello and Drew Smith accompanied songs on the piano. Thank you to these talented young men for sharing their gifts and enriching worship for all of us. Organist, Elizabeth Curtis is taking a summer vacation break and Pastors BJ and Karen are also enjoying time away. We keep them in our prayers as they travel and enjoy a change of scene.
3. On Sunday, June 30 we'll welcome the Rev Dr. Mark Abbott and his wife Diane as our guests. The Abbotts serve as missionaries in Spain and Christ Church helps to provide their support. We look forward to hearing what God is doing in Spain through the ministry of the Abbotts. Dr Abbott will focus his message entitled, "The Human Face of God" on scriptures from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 and from 1 John 4:7-12.

Pastor BJ will return to worship at Christ Church on Sunday, July 7, and begin a sermon series on the 10 Commandments for today.

4. **Celebration Walkway** – In honor of the life of Don Jurewicz and the contribution he made to the life of Christ Church, a brick will be added to the walkway in the Celebration Garden. If you would like to contribute to this memorial gift, please make check payable to Christ church with “Don J. Brick” in the memo line. To learn more about the Celebration Garden walkway see information outside the Church Office.

4. **In our prayers:** We offer our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Gena Magoon, who died on Friday, June 21. Gena joined Christ Church in 1951 and in recent years had lived in Florida.

Our ongoing prayers are requested for the family and friends of Curt Barber; Nicky Sebastiano-*it's been wonderful to see her at worship recently*, Marian Steve, Ruth Kitson, Ruth Luss, Shirley Downey- *now residing at Terrace View at ECMC*, Ed Maker, Doris Schanzlin - *doing well*, Carl and Jean Ericson - *Jean worshiped with us last Sunday and is VERY happy in their new home at Asbury Pointe*, Art Gundlach, Mitch Mooney, Alice Schmidt, Diane Lovejoy, Greg Yungbluth; families in crisis, those looking for work. Amy Johnston is on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic.

5. **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** takes place August 8 and 9 in Syracuse, New York. This Annual Leadership gathering is put on by the Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago, ILL. It is challenging, it is inspirational and it is highly educational. Go to <http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/speakers.asp> for a list of speakers at the event. Last year BJ, Rachel and I attended from Christ Church and will be participants again this year. We'd like some of you to join us. Registration is \$199 before June 25 (plus housing – though some can stay at my house or share a hotel room). Please contact Rachel at 839-2460 if you are interested.

6. This week at church:

Tuesday, June 25 - CET/VBS Planning Team

Friday, June 28 - Game Night at 7:30 pm All are welcome.

Happy Birthday this week:

June 25 - Julie Sciolino

June 27 - Evan Carney, Ruth Munson

June 28 - Mildred Anderson, Barbara Mitchell

Happy Anniversary this week:

June 29 - Bill and Marg Bauza

Through the Bible in a year – this week's readings – I have recently posted introductions to the books of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon on my blog: www.drjthoughts.blogspot.com.

June 24 – 2 Kings 11, 12, 2 Chronicles 24; 1 Timothy 6

June 25 – Joel 1-3; 2 Timothy 1

June 26 – Jonah 1-4; 2 Timothy 2

June 27 – 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chronicles 25; 2 Timothy 3

June 28 – Amos 1-3 Psalm 80; 2 Timothy 4

June 29 – Amos 4-6; Psalm 86, 87; Titus 1

June 30 – Amos 7-9; Psalm 104; Titus 2

7. **THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER** (Northtowns) is underway. Here is a report from the Christ Church representatives: Dede Johnson, Kathy Weaver, Peggy Bermudez – if you wish to help with any of the items below see Dede, Kathy or Peggy!

1) Our "change a life" program continues. Donation jars are located at the back of the sanctuary, in the cafe and in the office. You can help change the life for victims of domestic violence by donating your spare change.

2) The FJC Northtowns group is looking for names of people/companies that can donate new items to help with the building project. Also people who can help with carpentry, putting in a new concrete walkway, building the handicap ramp to the back door, making or donating window treatments. If we have anyone in our congregation that can help with or provide possible contacts it would be very helpful.

3) **Volunteer skills forms are available in the Church office.** We need to have interested people fill it out asap and return it so the group knows what kind of volunteer work we can do verses paid contractors and vendors.

8. Trustee's Wish List –

If you can help with one of these see Tom Weaver:

1. Parking Lot Repaving
2. Sanctuary Wing Hot Water Tank
3. Refurbish Sanctuary wing restrooms

And for the parsonage:

1. Gas stove/range **rumor has it this is ready to go!! (thank you)**
2. Back Yard Deck

Again, contact Tom Weaver if you would like to make any of these wishes come true.

MISSION UPDATES:

1. **Amy Johnston** is now in the Dominican Republic on a mission trip. Keep Amy and her group in your prayers.

2. **Members of our Youth Group and their leaders** are preparing for the Confrontation Point, TN Mission trip in mid July. You can support them financially by enjoying the M&Ms they have available for the taking in the worship area. Then fill the plastic container with quarters and return to the church office. Direct contributions are also welcome. We have families with more than one youth participating on the mission trip which makes it more expensive. We hope to lower their cost through donations.

3. **The Uganda Mission team Pastor BJ, Pastor Clair Mosher, Kathryn Weaver, and Joe Fort** are seeking your prayers as they prepare for the Uganda Mission trip in November. We will have a big fund raising event in late September (20th or 27th) here at Christ church.

4. **Dress Our People** – Throughout the summer we will be making clothing to send to Uganda with this year's Uganda Mission Team. We currently need fabric for the larger size girl's dresses. On the Outreach bulletin board in Craft's Hall are tags with different needs listed that should be taken if you are planning to fill that need. Fabric should be turned in by June 15; then we will begin cutting out dresses. T-shirts should be turned in by August 15.

There are packets of dresses in the Dress Our People mailbox outside the church office. Instructions included.

*Don't forget **Everywhere Fun Fair ,Vacation Bible School** - July 15-19! M-F 9am-noon
Pre K- Grade 6 To register call 839-2460 Cost \$15 per child (max \$30 per family)

Community Fun Fair on Saturday, July 20 10 am to noon

Here's some ways you might help... We need

*maps -*any kind that you won't want returned to you*

*decorating items- *we can borrow related to Mexico, Japan, Zimbabwe, UK and Australia*

*\$\$ donations - *to support our community fun fair.*

We hope to rent a popcorn machine

*Juice - 100% orange, apple , lemonade

*stickers - that relate to the world and neighbors

* band aids, small hand lotion, small hand sanitizer, small combs, small size shampoo, new toothbrushes singularly wrapped, small size toothpaste, bars of soap. (for care kits)

*bean bags

Enjoy the summer days and nights noticing the ways God is made known to you in this season of your life.

Thanks for being the church in this time and place!

With Joy,
Sally

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