

Moderators Message

Dear Disciples Family,

Covid-19 has touched the congregation. We had one visitor who contracted Covid-19 and spent time in the hospital. He is doing better and at home. A few of our members were with a professional who called and let them know she was positive for Covid-19. The family quarantined. Pastor David and LeAnn Budeski were also quarantined for a couple of days until they were cleared by the Health Department.

While Pastor David was quarantined on a Saturday night, we had a good, though short, worship service without him. Since this all happened at the last minute and the three worship participants were in quarantine, we scrambled to find replacements. One thing about Central Christian, everyone is willing to help where they are able. Thanks to Shelly Fagenstrom for being worship leader, Jean Muir, for taking on the Elder meditation, and Jeremy and Grady Comstock for doing Zoom.

Please remember in prayer those who are struggling with cancer, our servicemen and women, and our country. Remember those who cannot attend services right now. We are grateful to report Carl Donovan is recovering from shingles. He is a little sore yet but getting around well. Continue your prayers for Lea McKerrow (correction: she live in Oregon, not Washington).

We added another AA group to use the church as a meeting space—this a privilege for us to offer a safe place for them.

The board voted to raise the deposit on the keys to the church. From now on, the key deposit will be \$25. The hope is more keys will return to the church when not in use. Those of you who have keys are fine. There are no extra charges for you. However, even church members from here on out will be asked to pay the \$25 deposit for outside door keys.

As many of you know, Family Promise is taking a hiatus. Consequently, we are losing their rent after this month. It is essential to remember our summer tithing. Summer tithing usually drops, picking up again in the Fall. I want to encourage us all to practice the discipline of tithing by mailing in your tithe or using Givelify. Financially we are fine and expect to continue to flourish.

I was visiting with one of our members, asking her to take on another committee. She said, "In times like these, we all have to step up and do a little more." To me, that is part of wholeness. Seeing needs and responding to them. Good on you all!

Ron and Ruth have received the chairs for their patio set. They are still waiting for the table. This has been quite an ordeal. The first one I went to buy wasn't available until after August, so I asked Ruth and ordered a different one (from Amazon!). The table was to be received Monday. It didn't make it. They always fall back on the Covid-19 virus. Thanks to all of you for your generosity. I will keep track of the table.

Blessings,
Margaret Houge, Moderator

THE VIEW

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VISION STATEMENT

To be an inclusive people living God's radical love that challenges all to grow in faith and mission.

Sunday School Postponed

The Executive Committee met this week and discussed some of the issues concerning the Covid-19 virus. There is no crystal ball to let us know where things will stand with the virus in the next few weeks. Out of an abundance of caution, and with the desire to keep all of us healthy, the decision was made to postpone the resumption of our Sunday School programs. Also, we will continue to have our worship service at 10:00. Stay tuned, and stay well.

Board Notes

The Board has approved applying for a Payroll Protection Plan Loan. They will be working with Stockman Bank on finalizing the application process.

We are updating our key list. If you have a key to main entry of the church, please let the church office know what number key you have. It can be located on the lower right hand side of the key.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 13 at 11:30am.

Notes from the Pastor

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”

- Philippians 1:9-10

Over the past few weeks, I have been preaching a series of sermons from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. It has been quite a journey. Amid a world struggling through numerous crises, we have focused on the idea of having a Christ-like mind. While none of us are perfect as is Christ, we can seek together, with a mind focused on Christ, to find out just who it is God is calling this faith community to be in this time and in this place. Covid-19 continues its devastating burn through much of the world, especially here in the United States. Calls for racial justice remain loud, and unabated, even in the face of crackdowns by a militarized police force. Disunity in our nation is growing, people are actively “taking sides.” Our world today is unlike anything we have seen in a great while. And it is hard.

Today, I recall the words from the prophet Isaiah, “...do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” (Is 41:10). Persevere through this time, and God will bring peace.

Pastor David

 OUR WORSHIP SERVICES 
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 10:00 Worship Message: “Living is Knowing” (Philippians 3:1-11)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 10:00 Worship
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 10:00 Worship
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 10:00 Worship
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 10:00 Worship

CALENDAR

September 13 - Board Meeting
October 4 - CROP Walk

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Pastor David will keep the following office hours:
Tuesday through Friday 9:00 to 12:00 and by appointment. Saturday will be his study/retreat day, and Monday will be his day off. Pastor David is available at all times for emergencies, regardless.

For urgent matters and emergencies, please call or text him at 510-461-0791. You may contact him by phone or via email for all other matters.
Email: pastor@gfcc.net

Congregational Discernment Survey

Though our church is able to come together for worship, other activities are limited. Yet we need to keep moving along the path before us. Part of this path is to prepare for the calling of a new Pastor. A pastoral search is a long process, maybe a bit tedious, and certainly challenging. One of the first steps discernment. As a deliberate practice, discernment allows us to enter into conversation with one another, to wisely seek the voice and presence of God, and to discover clarity about the next destination in our life journey together.

As part of this discernment, I am asking you to complete a brief survey. The questions on the survey are designed to help me, as the Interim Pastor, learn more about the congregation, discover perceived strengths and growing edges, hear about hopes and concerns, allow for any complaints or other issues that may be present. All answers to the survey will be held in the strictest confidence as far as from whom the responses came from. I will prepare a report based on the survey, that will then be shared first with the Interim Transition Team, and then the Board of Directors. You should receive an email in the coming days with a link to the survey website. If you prefer a paper copy, those will be available at the church. I am also including the link to the survey website below.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. Still, I want to encourage you to complete it, as the more responses we have, the better picture we paint. And the better picture we paint, the brighter our path forward becomes.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V998332>

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 Jeff Carroll
8 Kevin McCafferty
9 Jory Fuentez
12 Kristi Allen
16 Linda McCafferty
22 Lea McKerrow
20 Richard Gipe
30 Joyce Knowles

Anniversaries

8 Ryan & Heather Kakalecik
8 Ron Greene & Ruth Fletcher
9 Gary & Kathy Asich
10 Earl & Charlotte Batchelor
10 Jeremy & Emily Comstock
12 Nick & Arlene Morrison
15 Brad & Tory Reynolds
19 Rob & Rachel Buley
28 Brett & Shelly Fagenstrom

