

Moderators Message

Dear Disciples Family,

Patience. Remember being told not to pray for patience because you will receive trials that help grow patience. Zoom has helped those of us in the booth to grow in patience. We are trying to be good scientists and only change one thing at a time. It is a slow process, but we don't want to spend thousands of dollars creating a production - not that you don't deserve it. LeAnn Budeski has trained two great technicians for Zoom. Grady Comstock and Joey Taylor work Zoom during service with LeAnn's care.

Chris Hunter hard wired the sound so you could hear more clearly. Clint Houge set up the soundboard to accommodate the new process. We have tried cell phones to project Pastor David with varying success. Clint bought a video camera to replace the phones and be permanent.

The point is, thank you all for your patience while we flail around. Thank you for the specific feedback. It helps. We will keep on keeping on if you will keep up the positive ideas and helps.

Many blessings to you,

Margaret Houge

FISH

In the week of September 14th we gave out 1636 pounds of food to 53 families. The people that helped were Dennis Hill, Stephanie Skaer, Chris Hunter, Gary Hill, LeAnn Budeski, Louise Hill, Jean Muir and Barb and Jerry Kakalecik.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

4 Shay LaVallie
6 Taylor Louw
7 April Buley
10 Daniel Stinson
10 Lori Novak
11 Jean Muir
12 Sherry Halley
14 Michelle Iserloth
15 Vivian Hunter
15 Joshua Knowles

17 Barbara Reavley
21 Brent McCafferty
21 Isabella Houge
25 Wendy Wedum
31 Hannah Reynolds
31 Isabella Habits

Anniversaries

6 Keith & Lynn Yahraus
7 Mauri & Lori Novak
18 Bill & Kristen Raaen



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.

Pastoral Search Committee



While it may be hard to believe, it is time for us to form a Pastoral Search Committee. Yeah! Ugh! Hmm! This past week, the Executive Committee began pulling together names of church members who they believe would offer a valuable voice and vision for this search. The hope is that a recommendation can be made to the Board at the October 25th meeting, and the Search Committee will be able to begin their work soon thereafter. So if your phone rings in the next few days, go ahead and pick up. Your prayerful consideration, should you be asked to serve on the committee, is encouraged.



Fall has arrived, at least according to the calendar. I'm still not sure what "fall" means in Montana, but I look forward to finding out. Amid the fall season, much is

happening in the life of Central Christian Church. We continue worshipping together at 10:00 on Sundays, joined by others via Zoom. The Transition Committee and the Executive Committee have been very busy with many of the tasks laid before them. We have an opportunity for five small groups and had 32 people join in those conversations. I was thrilled with the response and deeply touched by many of our discussions.

For me, it is now time for a short break. I am excited to return to California to participate in my son's wedding. By the time you receive this, I will already be on the road. Even so, I'd like to ask for your prayers for traveling mercies and a safe return to Great Falls. I will be back on October 7th or 8th, depending on travel conditions. As you pray for me, I will continue to hold you in my prayers as well.

My thanks to everyone for your continued vigilance during this pandemic, your voice and vision in our meetings together, and your presence as a faith community as, together, we worship God. May God's peace be with you. See you in a couple of weeks.

Pastor David



OUR WORSHIP SERVICES



Sunday, October 4
10:00 Worship
Rev. Karen Frank-Plumlee

Sunday, October 11
10:00 Worship

Sunday, October 20
10:00 Worship

Sunday, October 27
10:00 Worship

VIRTUAL CROP WALK
Sunday, October 11

Join with us in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year.

Donate to your favorite walker or team - or start your own right here. 25% of funds raised will support the Helping Hands Food Pantry at First English Lutheran in downtown Great Falls. More information will be available in the bulletin and on our website.

Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world!

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor David will be working Sunday to Thursday each week. Saturday is his study/retreat day, and Friday will be his day off. Pastor David is available at all time for emergencies. For urgent matters please call or text him at 510-461-0791. You may also contact him by email at pastor@gfccc.net.

Prayers for our Faith Community

- Kathy Asich's niece who is trying to sell a home so she doesn't have two mortgages.
- Barb & Jerry Kakalecik's neighbor, the Waetzig family, are mourning the death of their mother & wife, Ruth Waetzig.
- Safe travel for our pastor who is going to California for a wedding.
- Judy Kenmir's son-in-law who is still recuperating after having Covid.
- Glen Pipes who has fallen & reinjured a hernia.



Splinters from the Board

The Central Christian Church Board met on September 13 following worship. Reports were received and approved. Our financial situation is still fairly strong. Interest from our investment funds have not be requested yet, but will be by the end of the fiscal year. These funds go into our General Fund. As you know, the sign out front has been malfunctioning for quite some time. Chris H. has received quotes for a new sign, as the age of the current sign renders it irreparable. Quotes ranged from \$12,700 to \$31,700, with the variance based on what type of sign we want to finally opt for. No decisions have been made at this time. In addition, quotes have been received for replace the projector in the fellowship hall. More research needs to be done. It is likely that a new projector will be placed in the sanctuary, and the one there moved to the fellowship hall.

Moderator Margaret Houge appointed a nominating committee: Brett Fagenstrom, Carl Donovan, Kathy Asich, and Pastor David.

The Regional Assembly is upon us. Our delegates this year are LeAnn Budeski and Viv Hunter.

There was discussion about the "open meeting" policy of the Board. Currently, the Constitution and Bylaws do not allow for the Board to meet privately. While private, or executive sessions of the Board should be infrequent, there is a need to have that ability for a number of reasons: discussion of personnel issues, reports of the Search Committee which need to remain confidential for a period of time, and the list goes on. If the Board were to meet in Executive session, a report would be made available to the congregation as soon as possible, and if financial decisions are made, the congregation would be advised immediately. Transparency is of the utmost important to the Board, yet the provision to allow Executive sessions needs to be addressed. The Board approved by consensus that the Executive Committee will review the current Constitution and Bylaws and recommend revisions to the Board, which would then seek the approval of the congregation.

The next Board meeting is Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 am.

Cascade County General Election Information

The following is information from the Cascade County Government Website and was copied here on August 20, 2020.



The November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election will be conducted by mail ballot with an in-person voting option available October 2, 2020 through Election Day, November 3, 2020. Registration and ballot request deadlines have also been extended. Ballots will be mailed to active and provisionally registered voters starting October 9th, 2020. Return postage is prepaid. You do not need to add any postage to the return envelope if your return your ballot by mail.

We hope that our voters will take advantage of the opportunity to vote through the mail and to vote early. This will reduce the number of people that need to vote in-person on Election Day, and will therefore reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to voters and election workers. Our in-person operation will be socially distanced, will require that you wear a mask and will be operated according to public health guidelines. Both your right to vote and your safety are important to us.

For more information, you can visit the website at:
<http://www.cascadecountymt.gov/departments/elections>

Regional Assembly Update

Join us for our 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly on Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020. Help us celebrate the launching and resilience of the Northern Lights Region. Registration will open online in early October.

Saturday Nov. 14, 9-11:30am (Pacific Time) - The Business Session will be held on Zoom beginning with a video Roll Call of the Congregations. Each congregation can appoint two voting delegates. Ministers with standing in the region and members of the Regional Board also have voting privileges.

Sunday, Nov. 15, there will be a pre-recorded worship service available to stream online or be used in in-person worship services.

There will be no charge to attend this regional assembly, but participants will have the option of making a donation to the region and purchasing commemorative Northern Lights T-Shirts. Proceeds from the T-shirt sales will be divided between our two related campgrounds, Cane Ridge West and Gwinwood Christian Conference Center.

Reconciliation Ministry Offering Sept. 27, Oct. 4



Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!” But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.” Luke 19:39-40

by Rev. April Johnson (edited)

It has been 20 years since we proclaimed our anti-racist and pro-reconciliation identity. We keep trying it on to see if it fits. Over and over again, we find that it does. On September 27th and October 4th, we will receive the special offering for Reconciliation Ministry in congregations.

This year’s theme is fitting for our response to the sustained unrest that has propelled the many to engage in social activism in small towns and major cities. **The Rocks Are Crying Out: Show Up, Speak Up, Stand Up**, based in Luke 19:36 -40, reminds us, that like those first century disciples following Jesus into Jerusalem, we must lift our voices to acknowledge the divine message and the divine messenger that is Christ with us. We are the ones to break the silence of oppression and suppression of human dignity based on the color of a person’s skin or their nation of origin.

Your generosity to Reconciliation Ministry strengthens the work and witness of congregations to be the vicarious presence of Christ where we serve.

Your generosity strengthens our voice to shout “Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed are *WE*, the ones who come in the name of Lord!” We thank you in advance for your generous giving on Sunday, September 27th and Sunday, October 4th to Reconciliation Ministry!

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