

# Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church,

Because I grew up in the 80s and 90s, I vividly remember some pretty weird TV shows. Conan O'Brien used to do the *Late* show on NBC. On his late night show he had a segment called "In the Year 2000" where Conan and his tv sidekick, Andy, would trade ridiculous predictions that would happen when the millennium took place. Whenever they aired this segment, the stage would become dark, sci-fi noises played, and the two TV hosts shined flashlights on their faces like a kid telling a ghost story. After each prognostication, a sweater-clad stagehand would sing "In the year 2000!" in a falsetto voice. Their "predictions" for the year 2000 were always ridiculous, but ironically some of them came true. I can say that we haven't had any "Conan moments" this year, but we have had some amazing and unexpected things happen in 2019.

From generous gifts, General Synod, and a grand piano – to Oktoberfest, a relationship with the Turkish Center, and honeybees in our roof – we have been blessed with a very interesting and full year. I've been tempted to shout, "In the year 2020!" in homage to Conan O'Brien's old skit, because the end of the year and the beginning of a new decade is upon us. I don't think anything ridiculous will happen, but I believe it may be our best year yet. I am hopeful that as we near the end of 2019 and face into the year to come, that God is with you and your family. May you have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

With gratitude,



Pastor Dan



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are all one family at Christ Church but we also have to realize we are all one family with all believers throughout the world. Matthew 12, verse 50 makes it clear that Jesus calls everyone who does the will of God His family.

It's so easy for us to draw lines, accent the differences, and be quick to judge someone or something because it is different than we are or the way we think. We don't stop to think through what is being done, only that it's not what we would've done. As soon as we can spot differences it is human nature to concentrate on those differences and criticize rather than think through what is being accomplished.

Christ Church is not the staff members, nor is it the building, nor is it the pastor. Christ Church is the indwelling spirit of the people who come together to worship and leave separately to minister to the world. There may be some who pass our building and remark at its grandeur, but they will soon see something else more eye catching. We may have a visitor that is truly inspired by Pastor Dan, but that visitor may leave and find fellowship somewhere else. However, each member has myriad contacts in our day to day activities and the opportunity to let our (Christ) light shine. We all have numerous opportunities to do this in public and private every day. Never underestimate the impact you may have on a person or situation following the teachings of Christ.

Let's enter our Advent season with that spirit and celebrate Christmas by sharing our joy and love with others. It would be impossible to give a better gift than that to anyone.

Merry Christmas from Pam and I to our entire church family!  
Dean

## SIGN UP: ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now a possibility! If you're in the pew and you'd like to give something other than cash or a check, you are encouraged to use your phone to visit [www.uccmke.org](http://www.uccmke.org) and tap the donate button at the bottom. You can pay with an existing PayPal account or with any credit card. It's easy



and it saves your information for the next time you visit! Wondering what one of these weird scanny codes in the bulletin is? Give them a scan with a QR reader app on your phone and it will bring up the donation page! Want more information about online giving? See Pastor Dan or contact the church office at 414-481-3530. **Please only donate with a credit card using a Pay Pal account so the church doesn't incur costly fees.**

## SIGN UP: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the Church Administrator ([office@uccmke.org](mailto:office@uccmke.org)) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). Sign up sheets are also available at the information racks at the church entrances, then just drop it in the collection plate.

## ? CONCERNS/? COMPLIMENTS

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPRC) has been revitalized at Christ Church. The purpose of this committee is to create an opportunity for congregational feedback in the form of compliments or concerns regarding the Pastor or any church staff member. The committee consists of Randene Wick, Dick Gaeth, and Dean Kothrade.

As of June 1, 2019, the committee will only accept **WRITTEN** compliments/concerns to discuss. Please submit communications to: [pprc@uccmke.org](mailto:pprc@uccmke.org). If you prefer regular mail, there are pre-addressed envelopes available in the chapel and the plastic media rack located at the top of the Lenox Street steps to use when mailing a paper document.

All comments must be plainly stated, include dates and details of what the person would like to see more of or what they disagree with and how it could be done differently. We always seek constructive criticism in order to improve. The communication can only address a single compliment/concern.

All communications **must be signed and** sent directly to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee in order to be reviewed by the committee. After meeting to review compliments/concerns, the committee will reply to the person who presented a communication to us in the format received (e-mail/U.S. Mail). If you prefer that your name is withheld from the staff member you have a concern with the committee will honor that request. Only the PPRC members will know who sent the communication.

Thank you for your support in making this procedure succeed in strengthening our church family. We look forward to hearing from you.

Submitted by the PPRC Randene Wick, Dick Gaeth, and Dean Kothrade



## **NEED: BVCC FOOD & INFANT FORMULA PANTRY MONTHLY DRIVE SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST-DONATION DROP OFF IS IN THE CHAPEL**

Requested items: Canned proteins such as: • Canned Soups (both cream and broth) • Peanut Butter • Jelly • Canned Vegetables • Canned Fruits & Juices • Cereal • Canned Tuna\*Mac & Cheese

## **NEED: DI SOS-DIVINE INTERVENTION SHARING OUR SUPPERS**

We once again have the opportunity to serve, support and share fellowship with the neighborhood homeless in our community beginning in the month of December. The meals are served at Tippecanoe Presbyterian church at 125 W. Saveland Ave. as part of their “Winter warming room-overnight Prayer vigil” in a safe and organized program every night from December -March.



*We're looking for volunteers for the following dates: Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> & March 5<sup>th</sup>.*

If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Debbie Behling 414-481-8454 or [dbehling10@wi.rr.com](mailto:dbehling10@wi.rr.com).

## **NEED: BAKERS WANTED FOR DECEMBER 15TH**



We are looking forward to having extra bakers to share their favorite Christmas cookies with us for the **Cookie Walk** on December 15. Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall or Chapel. We would like bakers to bring their cookies to church during office hours on Thursday, December 12; Friday, December 13, or Sunday between 8:30 and 9:30.

Questions: Please contact Randene Wick or Joyce Zieman

## **SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

- December 1: BVCC monthly food pantry drive, Choir 8:15am, Worship with Communion & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour with intergenerational drawing activity 10:30am, LUTB Bag Lunch Prep 10:45am, Endowment Meeting 11:00am, DI New Host Training make-up at Tippe church 4pm-6:30pm
- December 3: Staff Meeting 10:00am
- December 4: Weekly announcement submission by end of day please, Praise Team 7:00pm
- December 5: DI (Divine Intervention) SOS (Sharing our suppers) Borchardts at Tippe Church 5:30pm, Choir 7:00pm
- December 6: Concert Dress Rehearsal 7:00pm
- December 7: Concert Rehearsal 6:30pm, Christmas Concert 7:30pm, Refreshments to follow
- December 8: Worship & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Ladies Advent tea 1:00pm, Sisterhood Saturday Tickets go on sale
- December 9: Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- December 10: Quilters 10:00am
- December 11: Weekly announcement submission by end of day please
- December 12: Social Concerns meeting 6:00pm, Choir 7:00pm
- December 13: January Chronicles submissions by end of day please
- December 14: Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10:00am, Crochet Class 10:00am
- December 15: Worship with communion & Sunday School children's Christmas Pageant, “A Traditionally untraditional Christmas” 9:30am, Special Coffee Hour with Santa 10:30am, Quilters cookie sale in music room 10:30am, Christmas Caroling 12:30pm

December 17: Council Meeting 6:30pm

December 18: Weekly announcement submissions by end of day please, Fermenting the Faith 6:30pm at Christ Church, Praise Team 7:00pm

December 19: Choir 7:00pm

December 22: Praise Team 8:15am, Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am

December 23: Church office open, pick up Poinsettia plants from Custom Grown, Blue Christmas worship service at Christ Church @ 7:00pm

December 24: Christmas Eve, church office closes at noon, Choir 6:30pm, Worship 7:00pm

December 25: Merry Christmas!

December 25-January 1: Pastor Dan out of town, Church office Closed

December 29: Potluck Worship in fellowship hall 9:30am

January 1: Happy New Year!

## SAVE THE DATE(S):

January 11: Sisterhood Saturday presents "Game Day" with Brian Wismer. Doors open 8:30am.

## OPPORTUNITY: BVCC "GIVING TREE" CHRISTMAS GIFTS & COOKIES



Thanks to your generosity almost all of the tags have been taken. We still need bakers to sign up to donate cookies yet though. Please sign up in the chapel.

**Please drop off unwrapped Gifts with tags on the outside of bag(s) and cookie donations to the chapel no later than Friday December 13th.** Thank you! The Social Concerns Committee

## DECEMBER 1ST-15TH HAT, SCARF & MITTEN TREE



New hats, scarves and mittens can be donated by hanging them on the tree in the chapel Sunday December 1st. We will again disperse all donations to the local neighborhood MPS schools "Parkside" & Humboldt Park Street School. Every year they have been extremely appreciative as they said their students' needs were great. This "drive" will run thru Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks! The Social Concerns Committee

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH



Please join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Concert at Christ Church Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Christmas season as we celebrate together with holiday music! Our very own choir, praise team and handbell choir will be joined by other musician friends for this joyous concert. There will be a free-will offering and a reception to follow. Mark your calendars, tell your friends and family, and celebrate with us as we usher in the 2019 Christmas season! Save the date! Hope to see you all there!

## DECEMBER 8TH LADIES ADVENT TEA

This year our annual Christ Church ladies Advent Tea is scheduled for Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. We are fortunate that Pastor Beth Abbott will once again be our speaker. Start getting your table of 6 or 8 ladies lined up.



For information or questions please contact Carol Dohoney 414-745-8104/ [carolo628@att.net](mailto:carolo628@att.net)

## DECEMBER 14TH CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

The Sunday School children will rehearse Saturday, December 14 from 10 AM to 12 PM for the Christmas Pageant. Pizza and juice lunch will be served to the kids during that time, as well.

## DECEMBER 15TH CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join us for our Sunday School children's Christmas Pageant, "A Traditionally untraditional Christmas". during worship on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>. It is always a joy to see our little angels tell the Christmas story.



## DECEMBER 15TH SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR-VISIT WITH SANTA



Please join us after worship /Sunday School children's Christmas Pageant for a special coffee hour with Ham & Rolls, a visit with Santa and the cookie walk. It will be a very special morning. We hope to see you there!

## DECEMBER 15TH LET'S GO CAROLING!



Please join us for a delightful afternoon singing Christmas Carols for our friends! Some of our church friends cannot get out very often so we will come to them to spread a little Christmas cheer! Whether they reside in their own homes or in care facilities or hospitals, our goal is to simply share our Christian love and add a bit of joy to their day.

Make it a family affair and come caroling with your kids and grandkids. We will meet in the Choir Room at **12:30**. After an afternoon of caroling, we will meet back at church for a light dinner. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or see Pam or Dean Kothrade for more details.

Do you know of any church friends who have trouble getting out and could use a little Christmas cheer? See Pam Kothrade

So, all you "kids from 1 to 92," let's spread the Joy of Christmas!

## DECEMBER 15TH-YUMMY COOKIES AND BAKED GOODS



On Sunday, December 15 after the church service, Peace and Plenty Quilters will be hosting the annual **Cookie Walk** in the music room. Please browse through the varieties and select your favorites. The price is \$8.00 per pound. Funds collected will support Christ Church.

## DECEMBER 18TH FERMENTING THE FAITH

The Nov. session will be canceled due to numerous conflicts with other church activities. The Wednesday, December 18th session will be led by Pastor Dan on a subject to be determined. Please plan to attend any of these social gatherings that will also engage your own faith development.

## DECEMBER 29TH NEW YEARS BREAKFAST SERVICE

Please join us for a cozy New Years Breakfast service in the fellowship hall at 9:30am on Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>. You're invited to bring your tasty holiday treats to share at our community potluck. Ring in 2020 right!

## JANUARY 11TH SISTERHOOD SATURDAY

The Social Concerns Committee will once again be hosting the Sisterhood Saturday Fundraiser event on January 11th. We are fortunate this year to have entertainer, "Game show referee", Brian Wismer He will be leading a very interactive fun show including games like, Family Feud, Simon Says, Trivial Pursuit, Heads or Tails and much more. Tickets will go on sale at the Advent Tea for \$15.00 which includes entry, gift, show, lunch and door prizes. Also, back by popular demand, the "Dessert Dash" and Silent Auction!

## CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Inviting all Christ Church members and friends to join us on April 26th after church in the fellowship hall for our next book club discussion. We will be reading "Running for my Life" by Lopez Lomong with Mark Tabb. This is the true story of a Sudanese child refugee who became an Olympic star. His life story is one of courage, hard work and having hope where there is hopelessness. Please join us for thought provoking discussion and fellowship. Books can be obtained through the library, ebay or Amazon. If you have any questions ask Carol Borchardt, Carol Dohoney, Debbie Hansen or Mary Ann Mowery. Happy reading!

## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

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| <b>12/1</b><br>Volunteer Needed | <b>12/8</b><br>Volunteer Needed | <b>12/15</b><br>The Behlings | <b>12/22</b><br>Sara Rogers | <b>12/29</b><br>Potluck-everyone! |
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## USHER SCHEDULE

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| <b>12/1</b><br>Brian O'Brien<br>Fred Passow<br>Danette Volz<br>Renolle Volz | <b>12/8</b><br>Debbie Behling<br>Tom Dohoney<br>Carol Dohoney<br>Debbie Hansen | <b>12/15</b><br>Julene Flanagan<br>Katelyn O'Brien<br>Fred Passow<br>Dave Wareham | <b>12/22</b><br>Debbie Behling<br>Ben Clark<br>Chelsea Clark<br>Chuck Terlinden | <b>12/29</b><br>Debbie Hansen<br>Mary Ann Mowery<br>Chuck Terlinden<br>Mike Thomae |
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## CHOIR SCHEDULE

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| <b>Rehearsals</b>                    | <b>12/5</b><br>7-8:30pm    | <b>12/6</b><br><b>(Dress Rehearsal)</b><br>7-8:30pm | <b>12/7</b><br><b>(Concert)</b><br>6:30pm | <b>12/12</b><br>7-8:30pm | <b>12/19</b><br>7-8:30pm | <b>12/24</b><br>6:30pm |
| <b>Sunday Rehearsal and Service</b>  | <b>12/1</b><br>8:15-9:15am | <b>1/5/2020</b><br>8:15-9:15                        |   |                          |                          |                        |
| <b>Special Service Christmas Eve</b> | <b>12/24</b><br>7:00pm     |   |   |                          |                          |                        |



## PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

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| <b>Rehearsals</b>                   | <b>12/4</b><br>7-8:30pm   | <b>12/6(Dress Rehearsal)</b><br>7-8:30pm | <b>12/7(Concert)</b><br>6:30pm | <b>12/18</b><br>7-8:30pm |
| <b>Sunday Rehearsal and Service</b> | <b>12/22</b><br>8:15-9:15 |  |                                |                          |

## LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

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| <b>12/1</b><br>The Warehams | <b>12/8</b><br>Don Antoniewicz | <b>12/15</b><br>Chuck Terlinden | <b>12/22</b><br>The Wicks | <b>12/24</b><br>Danette Volz &<br>Renolle Volz | <b>12/29</b><br>The Hansens |
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## GREETER SCHEDULE

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| <b>Oklahoma Street</b> | <b>12/1</b><br>The Hansens | <b>12/8</b><br>Sue Steinhauer | <b>12/15</b><br>Nancy Kaye | <b>12/22</b><br>Fritz Jorgenson | <b>12/24</b><br>Ola Zyskiewicz | <b>12/29</b><br>Joan Amich |
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## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

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| <b>12/1</b><br>Diane Bingheim | <b>12/8</b><br>Randene Wick | <b>12/15</b><br>Doris Mayeshiba | <b>12/22</b><br>Dick Gaeth | <b>12/24</b><br>Dean Kothrade &<br>Jill Unglaub | <b>12/29</b><br>Andy Oren |
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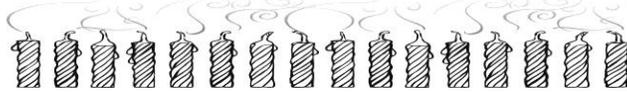


## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

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| <b>12/1</b>  | Isaiah 2:1-5   | Psalm 122                         | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:36-44     |
| <b>12/8</b>  | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19               | Romans 15:4-13  | Matthew 3:1-12       |
| <b>12/15</b> | Isaiah 35:1-10 | Psalm 146:5-10 or<br>Luke 1:47-55 | James 5:7-10    | Matthew 11:2-11      |
| <b>12/22</b> | Isaiah 7:10-16 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19               | Romans 1:1-7    | Matthew 1:18-25      |
| <b>12/24</b> | Isaiah 9:2-7   | Psalm 96                          | Titus 2:11-14   | Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) |
| <b>12/29</b> | Isaiah 63:7-9  | Psalm 148                         | Hebrews 2:10-18 | Matthew 2:13-23      |

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all these wonder folks!



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| <p><b><u>DECEMBER 1</u></b><br/>Charlotte Jeske</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 4</u></b><br/>Jean Duermeier</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 5</u></b><br/>John Helt</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 7</u></b><br/>Skyler Jorgenson</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 8</u></b><br/>Joyce Neumann</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 9</u></b><br/>Beulah Goebel</p> | <p><b><u>DECEMBER 10</u></b><br/>Ethan Misleh</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 14</u></b><br/>Larry Brewer</p> <p>Kristen Wick Moreira</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 15</u></b><br/>Carol Polachowski</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 16</u></b><br/>Jeff Crouse</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 18</u></b><br/>Emmalyn Smith</p> | <p><b><u>DECEMBER 19</u></b><br/>Virginia Redlin</p> <p>Elliott Stark</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 20</u></b><br/>Jim Swenson</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 21</u></b><br/>Amy Cox</p> <p>Dennis Griebenow</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 22</u></b><br/>Brooklyn Urbaniak</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 23</u></b><br/>Noelle Simons</p> | <p><b><u>DECEMBER 24</u></b><br/>Doris Mayeshiba</p> <p>Jackie Struck</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 25</u></b><br/>Journey Surak</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 26</u></b><br/>Benjamin Rondorf</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 27</u></b><br/>Charles G. Veit</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 29</u></b><br/>Doris Piacentine</p> <p><b><u>DECEMBER 30</u></b><br/>Harrison Tremarello</p> |
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## THANKS

~Thank you to all that helped with LUTB lunches. A blessed thank you to all that participated in donating food and helping to prepare lunches for the Larry Under the Bridge ministry. It was heartwarming to see the young and old (older) alike working to put these lunches together. Note that there will be one more opportunity this year to serve in this manner as we will prepare lunches on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

~We give thanks and praise for a memorial donation from Fritz Jorgenson in memory of Al Gaeth.

~We give thanks and praise for a memorial donation from Gloria Konkel in memory of Maggie Jorgenson.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



~For Noelle Simons as she goes thru Physical therapy for her knee replacement surgery.

~For Howard Fritsch as he remains at St. Luke's Hospital. He is appreciative for all your cards and visits.

~For our Share and Care Members: Harvey Albertin, Ruth Boretsky, Rosemary Czerwinski, Jean Duermeier, Ernestine Faja, Neil Feest, Howard Fritsch (St. Luke's hospital, Carol Polachowski, Milton Reese, David Slattery, Louise Stojanovic (Fransiscan Villa) and Lorraine Zabler.



  
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*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*  



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