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Psalm 118:1

O Give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good! His faithful
love endures forever.



Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness



Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)



November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Nov 6 at 2am</p> 		1	2 Choir 7pm	3	4 SOS 4:45pm Terry & Janet	5
<p>6 Service @ 9:30am Liturgist-Julie O NEW MEMBER SUNDAY BVCC Food Donations</p> 	7	8 Quilting 9:30am VOTE TODAY	9 Choir 7pm	10 Handbell Rehearsal 9am	11 SOS 4:45pm <u>volunteers needed</u> 	12 Holiday Craft Fair Wilson Commons 9am-4pm
<p>13 Service @ 9:30am Liturgist-Randene Dale Stohre Book Signing after church</p> 	14	15	16 Fermenting the Faith 6:30pm @ Joe's K Ranch	17	18 SOS 4:45pm <u>volunteers needed</u>	19
<p>20 Service @ 9:30am Liturgist-Clinton V Decorate cards Book Club 11am</p> 	21	22 Quilting 9:30am	23 Handbell Rehearsal 9am	24 THANKS Giving Day	25 NO SOS	26
<p>27 Service @ 9:30am Liturgist-Brad C</p>	28	29	30 Choir 7pm			

Pastor's Letter



Hello Christ Church!

By the time you read this we may have already welcomed a group of new members into our congregation. We're planning to do that in worship on November 6 and we expect as many as 9 new members which is fantastic! Included in this group are my wife, Julie, and myself. I would like to take a moment to share with you why, after worshiping with you for almost 5 years, I have decided to join Christ Church.

When I retired from Bay View United Methodist Church in September of 2017, I really felt that I would never join a church again. I was very disappointed with the direction the United Methodist Church was going and felt I was done with being part of a denomination. That being said, both Julie and I knew we still needed to be part of a caring faith community. Those first few months after I retired, we visited numerous churches of various denominations. But before long, we sort of settled in here at Christ Church. I had known Pastor Dan Stark as a colleague in ministry, and we also knew several Christ members from other times and places.

I'm still not really excited to be part of a denomination again, but having been blessed to serve as your interim pastor for the past eight months led me to rethink my position. When I think about these past months, I have felt that each and every one of you has received me with nothing less than open arms and a willingness to be in ministry with me. We have had lots of fun together, both in worship and through other activities. In other words, you have embraced me in such a way that I felt my only response was to do likewise. We don't ever know what the future holds for us, both as individuals and as a faith community, but I want you to know that Julie and I are in this with you, and we will make a public acknowledgment of that commitment when we join Christ Church on November 6th.

Julie and I both look forward to our continued ministry with all of you...even when I get to go back and sit in the pews again!

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Andy

LET US GIVE THANKS



Liturgists

November 6	Julie O
November 13	Randene W
November 20	Clinton V
November 27	Brad C



QUILTING

Tuesdays, November 8 & 22
9:30AM–Noon



CROCHETING, KNITTING, & LOOM KNITTING

Only date through the end of the year will be
Saturday, December 10AM at Wilson Commons



Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 10, 9:00AM
No rehearsal Thursday, Nov 17
Wednesday, Nov 23, 9:00AM
Sunday 9:30AM service, Nov 27
Thursday, Dec. 15, 10:00AM
Thursday, Dec. 22, 10:00AM
Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00PM Christmas Eve Service

Choir Practice

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:00PM
Wednesday, Nov 9, 7:00PM
Wednesday, Nov 30, 7PM
Wednesday, Dec 7, 7PM
(Possibly Wednesday, Dec 14, 7PM)

Share Our Suppers

Come to share the food we are provided by Jim Dandy's restaurant and local churches/families. Every Friday about 25 adults arrive, starting at 5:30pm to receive a hot meal to take with them as well as a bag lunch for a second meal. Many of the guests come regularly, but there are often a few additional adults seeking food for themselves and their families. The meals are handed out in a short amount of time and by 6:00 PM we are finished. Fridays 4:45–6:00 PM



November 4	Terryl & Janet D
November 11	
November 18	
November 25	Post-Thanksgiving no SOS

Have  thought about
serving meals???

We are always happy to train
new hosts. See Jim or Randene

Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30PM

New Member Sunday, November 6

The Membership Committee is very excited to inform you that there are several individuals who have been attending Sunday services and have found



a new church home here at Christ Church! Please make our new members feel welcome by joining in the celebration during the church service and during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.



You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way,
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

FERMENTING THE FAITH

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 PM

Joe's K Ranch

4840 S. Whitnall Avenue, Cudahy

The topic for November will be "Gratitude". We will be reading Bible passages about gratitude with discussion and reflections.

Jim Wick

Holiday Gift Match Program

We will once again be partnering with the BVCC to provide Christmas gifts for seniors and children. We will have more information Mid-November once we receive our matches.

Social Concerns Committee

Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Sara Rogers, Randene Wick



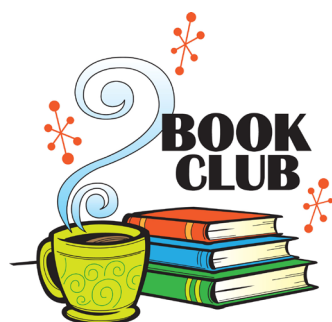
Hat and Mitten Tree

We will again be collecting hats and mittens to donate to 2 local schools. Any donations are greatly appreciated! The staff is excited as there is a definite need to help keep their students warm this winter.

The tree will be in the chapel in December.

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Christ Church Book Club

Our next meeting will be **November 20th**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **11:00 am** to discuss *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom.

All Christ Church members, as well as family or friends, are welcome to join us. You can get this book at the library, bookstore or online. We look forward to an interesting discussion and fellowship time. If you have any questions please contact us. Thanks, *Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery*

Bay View Community Center (BVCC) FOOD DONATION



We are resuming our monthly donation of food for the BVCC food pantry. Please bring your items to church the **first Sunday of each month**. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart located in the chapel. Thank you for helping provide for those families in our community in need! Any donations are greatly appreciated, or financial contribution can be made directly to the BVCC.

Needed items: jam/jelly, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned tuna/chicken, individually wrapped granola bars, applesauce cups, fruit snacks, crackers, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap.

BVCC thanks you for supporting your neighbors in 2022!

Our music program is continuing into the rapidly approaching peak leaf peeping season (or by the time you read this, prime raking season). Both the chancel choir and bell choir are busy preparing music to enhance our upcoming fall services.

And you can be one of us! We would love to sing with more choir members on Sundays - consider joining either the choir or bell choir - or both! You will love the people, the music, and the experience.

Stay tuned [haha, get it?] for information on Christmas Caroling opportunities that we will be organizing soon. Plan to come and sing with us! *Terryl and Pam*



Holiday Craft Fair!!!



Saturday, November 12

9AM-4PM

at the Wilson Commons
1400 W Sonata Dr, Milwaukee

Our own **Ken and Susie Klockow** will be among the local artisans featured selling hand-crafted gifts, home decor, jewelry, soaps, ornament, and more! Chili will be offered for purchase. Please see Ken or Susie for more information. They hope to see a lot of you there!

ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUEST



The Endowment Committee has begun taking grant requests for 2022. Outreach programs that support the life of Christ Church

and the Milwaukee community will be considered and awarded monies from the available funds. Forms are available in the racks in the hallway near the chapel. Grants are awarded only one time annually. Consider upcoming projects and services that could benefit from these funds. The committee will meet in December to review the grant requests. The deadline is **November 30, 2022**. Please return requests to the office.



Christmas is Coming Nativity Scene Setup

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Following Coffee Hour

On Sunday, November 27 we will begin the Advent Season by erecting our churches Nativity Scene which has signaled the Bay View area that Christmas is coming for many decades.

Following the worship service, grab a snack and some coffee, then join us outside to assemble the Nativity and place the figurines. The more help we have the easier it is to assemble. There is no sign-up. Just show up. See you then!

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Eve Flyer Distribution

Sunday, December 18, 2022

The Membership Committee is asking for your help again this year to distribute invitation flyers in the church neighborhood for our Christmas Eve Service. If you enjoy a walk on a cool, hopefully sunny, Sunday in December, please join us. We usually do this in pairs so you can chat while walking.

We will do this directly after the church service. It should take about one hour. Meet in the Fellowship Hall near the stage to pick up the flyers and the area assigned to you. More details to follow.

If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the Lenox Street bulletin board.

Submitted by: Joan Gaeth, Membership Committee

Memory Cafe

Bay View United Methodist Church holds Memory Cafe meetings on the **3rd Monday of every month from 1pm-2:30PM**. A Memory Cafe is for people who are living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, early-stage Alzheimer's, or other dementia, and their care partners. Come and share stories and socialize in a safe and fun environment!

First time attendees, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900 to register.

It's That Time of Year Again Snow Will Soon Arrive



So here's the November 2022 Shoveling Schedule

Oct 30 thru Nov 5	Brian O'Brian
November 6 thru 15	Dick Gaeth
November 16 thru 19	Dean Kothrade
November 20 thru 26	Brian O'Brian
Nov 27 thru Dec 3	Chuck Terlinden

Thank you to all our happy shovelers for your service on those cold blistery days. If you would like to join our team of please contact *Dick Gaeth (414-481-4435)* for information.



Women's Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 4

10:45AM

Fellowship Hall

Gather for coffee, fellowship, and a craft project

11:30AM: Brunch served

Presentation: "Expectations" by

Pastor Michelle Henrichs

All women of the congregation are invited.

Pastor Michelle is a wife, mother, child of God, disciple of Jesus Christ: Michelle pastors Heritage Presbyterian Church, a worshipping community in Muskego, Wisconsin. Heritage is real-estate free and worships in a local senior living community. Michelle's passion is helping people find their story in God's Word—and then bringing God's Word into conversation with the everyday-nature of their lives. Rev. Michelle Henrichs is a second-career pastor ordained in 2014. Her first career was as a Certified Public Accountant. She has been married to Dave for over 20 years, and they have two adult sons. A lifelong learner, Michelle also enjoys the outdoors, traveling, and hanging out with her family. Author of *Prayers for the People: Scripturally Based Prayers for Worship* and *Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God*. You can find out more about her on her blog, *Life in the Labyrinth*.

Please sign up on the bulletin board at the Lenox Street entrance so we know how many people are attending.

If you would like to provide food for the event, please contact the Social Concerns Committee:

Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Sara Rogers, or Randene Wick.

Advent Activities

Advent is coming! Activities are being planned!

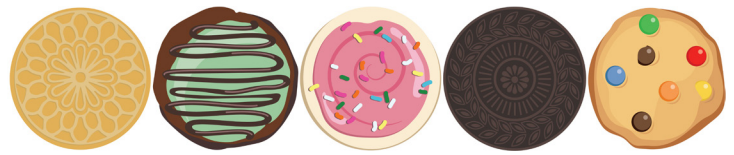
Card Ornaments for Shut-Ins and Share our Supper Folks

On **Sunday, November 20th** there will be an opportunity to assemble and decorate card ornaments for our shut-ins and the Share Our Supper guests.

No sign-up is necessary, as this will take place **during and after coffee hour**. We will be decorating card ornaments that Jan, one of our crafty crafters, has crafted for us. Most materials will be provided. If you are interested, you might want to bring a glue stick, scissors and a tweezers. See *Jill or Jan* if you have any questions.

Lunch and a Christmas Concert

Let's join together for lunch at the Open Flame and a Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 10**. At **noon** we will order off the menu at **Open Flame**. Separate checks will be provided. After lunch, we will go to the **Hales Corners Lutheran Church** for their **3pm** Christmas concert. No tickets are needed for the concert, as there will be a free-will offering. We are working to organize rides and carpooling. Sign-up sheets will be available November 20th. Contact *Jill* if you have any questions.



Cookie Walk

Drop off Cookies: Sat, Dec 10, 8:30AM–noon

Cookie Walk: Sun, Dec 11, starts at 8:30AM
at Bay View United Methodist Church

Attention Cookie Bakers!

We have been invited to participate in the annual Bay View United Methodist Church Cookie Walk which will be held on **Sunday, December 11th**. They need additional cookie bakers and have offered to split the profits of the sale based on how many bakers there are from each church. I can tell you from personal experience that their Cookie Walk attracts many people from the neighborhood and is highly successful. Here's what you need to know;

Bake at least three dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and deliver them on Saturday morning, **December 10th between 8:30am & noon**, to the church which is at 2772 S. Kinnickinnic (corner of KK & Clement).

On **Sunday morning**, anyone from Christ Church is welcome to go to BVUMC at **8:30am** to get first crack at all the cookies. They normally begin their sale at 9:00am, but to accommodate our folks, they are opening early just for us. As with our past Cookie sales, you simply fill your box and pay by the pound.

This is a great opportunity to partner with another congregation and make some money for Christ Church. I do need to let BVUMC know how many cookie bakers from Christ there will be so please let me know if you are going to participate.

Blessings, Pastor Andy



Pastor Dale Stohre, a previous pastor of Christ Church, has published a novel!



Pastor says new novel "is in part about us."

The Rev. Dale Stohre is accustomed to one title: pastor. Now, he can add a second: author. Stohre's first novel, "Fifty-Three Weeks," was published this month.

The novel explores the spiritual journey of Noel Garraty, who entered the ministry after a successful career in finance and eventually confronts circumstances that challenge his leadership. "The book is in part about us—the protagonist is a progressive pastor, serving a not-so-unusual congregation, wrestling with matters of justice and leadership," Stohre says.

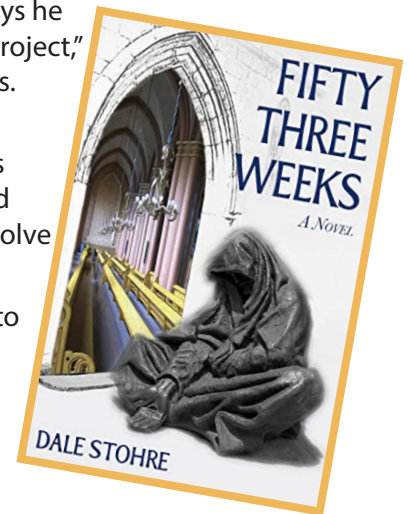
Stohre, currently serving as interim pastor at Emanuel Church UCC in Hales Corners, says he started writing a novel in 1993. "I played with that for a few years, then I shelved that project," he says. In 2004, he was stirred to try again after reading an article about homelessness. "Fifty-Three Weeks" was the result.

"One of the issues we all wrestle with coming out of COVID, and that the book wrestles with, is the issue of tensions and conflict in the church," says Stohre, 76, who has served congregations in Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio as well as Wisconsin. "How do you resolve broken relationships and broken trust?"

Does he have a second novel in him? "I've got the old novel that I could easily make into a sequel," he says. "People have said that when you write a novel you have to write a sequel."

"Fifty-Three Weeks" is available at Amazon.com.

~from the October 19, 2022, UCC Wisconsin Conference Life Newsletter



Please Welcome Back Pastor Dale Stohre!

Pastor Dale will be with us in worship on **Sunday, November 13th**. Following our service, Pastor Dale will have available for sale copies of his first novel, "Fifty-three Weeks." Hardcover is \$17.99 and softcover is \$9.99. \$2 from every sale will go evenly in support of Divine Intervention and Race & Faith. He, of course, will be happy to sign as many copies as you like!



To watch the Livestream of the worship service "live," you will need to watch it on Christ Church's main facebook page:

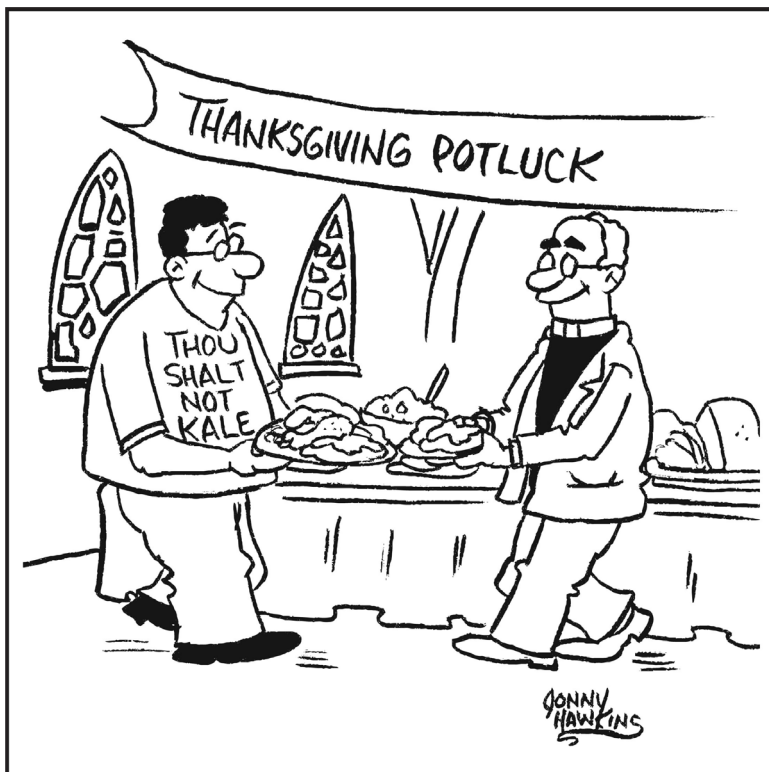
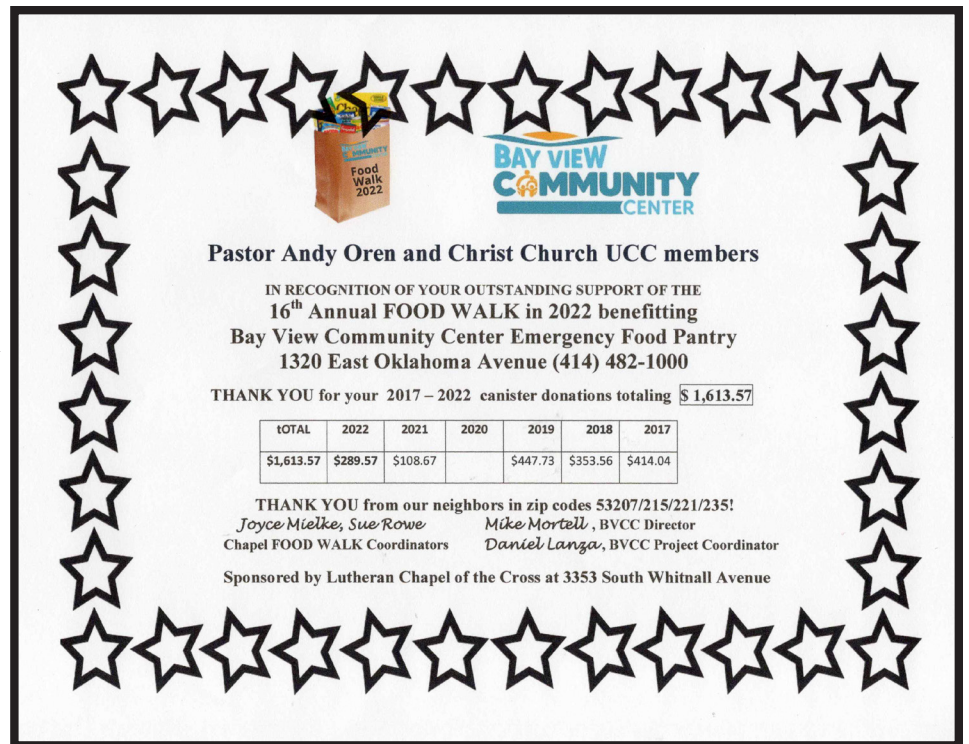
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The livestream will be shared to the facebook group page after Sunday worship:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/christchurchucc>



Excellent job,
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Bay View
Community
Center presented
a certificate →
to Pastor Andy
& the Christ
Church members
for being one
of their Top 6
Contributors!



Turkey Dinner

Dine In, Carry Out, or Curb Side



Saturday, Nov 12, 2022
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Lutheran Chapel of the Cross
3353 S. Whitnall Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207
(414) 481-1880

Tickets \$18.00; Children 12 and under \$10.00
Tickets Available at Entrance to Dining Room

Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes, Corn Green Bean Casserole,
Rolls, Cranberries, Dessert, Beverage

Council President's Letter

It must election season again in America! Every other TV and radio commercial is a political ad. The mailbox is jammed with huge postcard sized flyers telling us how abusive, tax dollar wasteful, dishonest, and untrustworthy the candidates are. The problem I have is that all candidates, from all political parties, say the same things, about all the other candidates, and it's all true!! I don't care what party, if any you support, the fact is that all political parties are jam packed with.....human beings! Yes, you got that straight from me. Honest! (I got this information from a reliable source). That's a scary thought, isn't it? Can you imagine that your favorite candidate is an error prone, imperfect human being? I hope I'm not bringing on any medical emergencies here.

What I find most amusing about the political ads is that no matter who is advertising, they have the answer. All candidates tell us this all the time. The problem is, they never tell us what the answer is, only that they have it. We know for sure, according to them, that the "other" candidate doesn't have the answer or is simply dishonest and wrong. I liken this election mentality to sports. It's my team against yours. Us vs. Them. Right over wrong. The problem I see is that we always want to be on the right side, not the losing side. If I know I'm right (which I always am) then my choice, my candidate, must win, if for nothing else than just to authenticate or justify my feelings and empower me. I want to feel like a winner and not a loser. At this point in the political fervor that's been whipped up, it's more important to me to win (through my candidate being elected) than to have the best choice of candidates elected between those running.

I have yet to hear a candidate lay out their platform and say, "I believe this will work." Please think it over, and if you agree, vote for me". That's too much responsibility on my part. You mean I'd actually have to think? I just want someone to tell me they have the answer, so I don't need to think about it. If I don't want to take the time to research what the candidates have actually done, or not done, and my mind is clouded by all the slanderous and half truths presented to me, I'm OK with voting for my candidate, and they better win because I voted for that person. Did you get that? I voted for that person, and if that person losses, I lost and I'm not a loser!!!

No matter where you are on the spectrum of the current political season, I urge you to think through the issues and candidates, and yes maybe even do a few minutes of checking on what the claims are against and for candidates. I am stealing Pastor Andy's ideas here, but it bears repeating. We are planted here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in November of 2022 as Christ's representatives. We should grow where we are planted and do the best we can, include electing the best political candidate possible. Let's not get too caught up on ourselves and our victories, but instead focus on what our vision should be as Christians.

Please, I am not telling anyone how to vote. On November 8th we should all do whatever we do any other day of the year; Glorify God in what we do.

Oops, I almost forgot. I'm Dean Kothrade, and I approve this Chronicle's article.





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Thank You!

Dear Fellow Pilgrims.

Our family visited your church as members of the baptism family. We are also members of First Congregational UCC in Waukesha.

Being met with warmth and hospitality, we felt welcome and impressed with how you handled a "last minute" situation regarding the pastor's [unexpected] absence. Grace under pressure is difficult, but you handled it well.

Please accept this gift as a token of our gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely,
The Short Family

Our sincere thanks go out to the Short Family for their generous donation to Christ Church!



Happy Birthday blessings to YOU!

Alexandrea Kofler	November 4
Amanda Oleson	November 6
Laurel Dayton	November 12
Evan Berger	November 14
Michael Thomae	November 17
Brian Mayeshiba	November 24
Isabella Tremarello	November 25
Robert Zieman	November 28



To our Veterans, past and present:

"Thank you for your service to this country. Your time, bravery, strength, and sacrifice for this country do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to the country. We at Christ Church would like to thank you very much for your service!"

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