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Bible Quiz

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?




- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous





JUNE

2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Social Concerns Meeting 5:30pm	3 Choir 7pm 	4	5	6
7  Liturgist-Andy O Choir Property Committee BVCC Donations Sunday School	8 Finance Meeting Noon 	9	10 Choir 7pm	11 Handbells 9:30am	12	13
14 Liturgist-Dean K Choir	15	16	17	18 Handbells 9:30am 	19	20
21 Liturgist-Julie O Handbells	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Liturgist-Jill U Book Discussion & Potluck at the Wick's 11:15am	29	30				

Liturgists

June 7	Andy O
June 14	Dean K
June 21	Julie O
June 28	Jill U

Quilting

NO quilting in June and July

Choir & Handbells

CHOIR

Wednesdays, **June 3 and 10** at 7pm
Singing - Sundays, **June 7 and 14**

HANDBELLS

Thursdays, **June 11 and 18** at 9:30am
Playing - Sunday, **June 21**

Sunday Counters

1 st Sunday	Janet D / Mark P
2 nd Sunday	Janet K / Joyce Z
3 rd Sunday	Danette V / Renolle V
4 th Sunday	Sara R / Jill U
5 th Sunday	Debbie H / Doris M

Greeters

June 7	Mary Ann M / Bob P
June 14	Nancy K
June 21	Karen N
June 28	Jill U / Janet D

Coffee Hour

June 7	Jacob & Cristal O
June 14	Janet K
June 21	Finance Committee
June 28	Potluck at Wick's!



Social Concerns Meeting

Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30pm

Finance Meeting

Monday, June 8 at noon

Property Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 7 after worship

NO Council Meeting in June



Book Discussion & Potluck:

I Refuse To Lead a Dying Church

Chapter 6 - Choosing Now Rather than Later

The final session will be held on **Sunday, June 28**, at Jim and Randene's house. There is a sign-up sheet for a potluck lunch starting at 11:15am. Further details are listed on the sign-up sheet at the Lenox Street entrance. Contact *Pastor Bob* if you have questions.



Sunday School

Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. The next Sunday School class will be **May 17**. The end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration will be **June 7** and will be held in the game room. There will be no Sunday School class in July or August. Watch for information about Rally Day in September. For more information, contact *Michael Key* or *Pastor Bob*.



BVCC Food Donations

We are continuing 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 a financial contribution can be made directly to the BVCC. *BVCC thanks you for supporting your neighbors in need!*



Needed items: canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter and jelly/jam, rice and beans, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, shelf-stable milk, canned tuna or chicken, cooking oil, personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo)



Thank You!

We did it! The 2026 Christ Church Rummage Sale was a huge success! \$3136 was raised for the General Fund. \$384 in bakery was sold for the Bay View Community Center. \$44 was donated for our missions.

A big thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, sold, volunteered, delivered, and all of the other million little jobs that made the sale so successful. Thank you to Julie Oren for managing PayPal for the sale, and for keeping our finances in order. And thank you to everyone who worked Monday and Tuesday to wrap up the sale, put the rooms in order, and take donations to Good Will. We are a great team here at Christ Church. Many hands truly make light work, and Christ Church really pulled together to make the Rummage Sale happen.

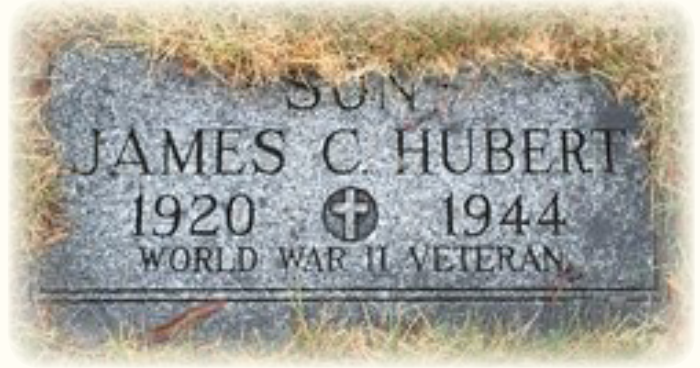
Many **thanks** to Tim Tehan and Tehan Greenhouses at 1515 E Rawson Ave, Oak Creek, for their generous donation to the Christ Church Rummage Sale. We appreciate their support of our ministries.

A million **thanks** to Karen and Plantland at 6204 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, for their generous donation to the Christ Church Rummage Sale. Their support of our ministries is much appreciated.

The bake sale was a success. We collected almost \$400 for the Bay View Community Center. **Thank you** to all those who baked yummy cookies, bars, breads, and snacks. A special thank you to Doris, Vicki, and Peggy who helped with labeling and packaging baked goods for the sale. As they say, "Many hands make light work!" *Randene*

Hiding In Plain Sight Part 5

Each month we're focusing on one of the nine men from Christ Church who were killed in action during World War II. Last month we recognized Warren Goetz who died in Normandy in July of 1944. On August 20, 1944 his uncle, Pvt. James C. Hubert, died of wounds received in the battle of Falaise Gap on August 10th. Hubert was part of Company A, 47th Infantry, 9th Division and had worked for Gimbel's Department store before enlisting in October of 1941. He had spent almost two years stationed in the Panama Canal Zone before being transferred to the war in Europe. At the time of his death Hubert was engaged to Mary Pasko of Cudahy. His mother lived at 224 E. Montana Street. Hubert's remains were returned to Milwaukee and he rests at Arlington Cemetery on South 27th Street.



Creation Care Corner

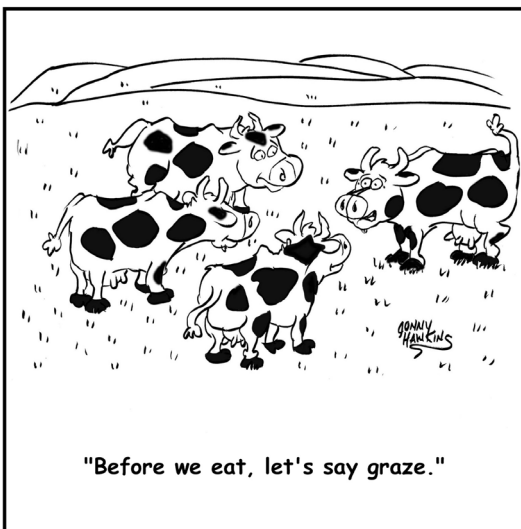
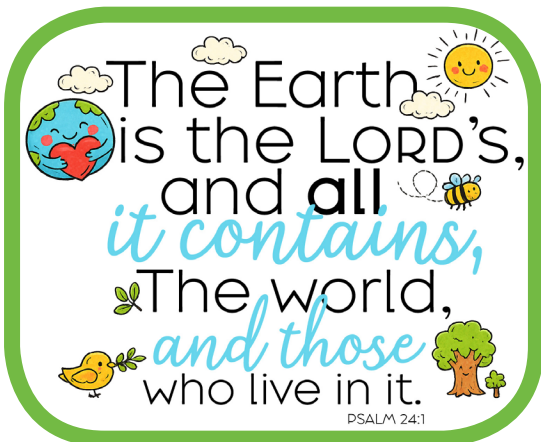
Creation care begins with the idea that

"We won't save places we don't love, we can't love places we don't know, and we don't know places we haven't learned."

Senegalese environmentalist Baba Dioum said this half a century ago, suggesting that the root of today's climate disaster is a distinct lack of affection.

Biblical people want to care for creation because it is God's creation, and just as we ought not poison our personal bodies, we ought to be careful about what we put in our global body. Which is to say, "God's body." When I see piles of plastic floating next to the river walk here in Milwaukee, I think, "Ick. Nasty. How can you love this river and throw all that trash in it?"

There was some good news in the news recently about Enbridge Line 5. An Iron County judge ordered a partial halt to the forty-mile bypass around the Bad River Reservation. Legal claims regarding the DNR's permits to give Enbridge the green light are now being reviewed. This is good news for the reservation, and the watershed, the waters of which flow into Lake Superior. Line 5 has had dozens of major leaks over the years, and to promise that no more will occur is just unrealistic! If we love Superior, our greatest Great Lake, we won't dump crude oil into the streams and rivers that flow into it. Thanks to all of you who put up a "Shut Down Line Five" sign in your front yard! *John Helt*



"Before we eat, let's say graze."

God's Promise

COUNCIL CORNER

The strength and joy of Christ Church lies in our membership. It is the hard work of maintaining our beautiful building, of planning coffee hours, of managing the budget, of selecting music for worship services, of personnel and paperwork, and all the million other things that make our church a welcoming and wonderful place. The success of the 2026 Rummage, Bakery, Craft, and Plant Sale was due to our members, and our efforts were rewarded with tangible riches for the church and the Bay View Community Center.

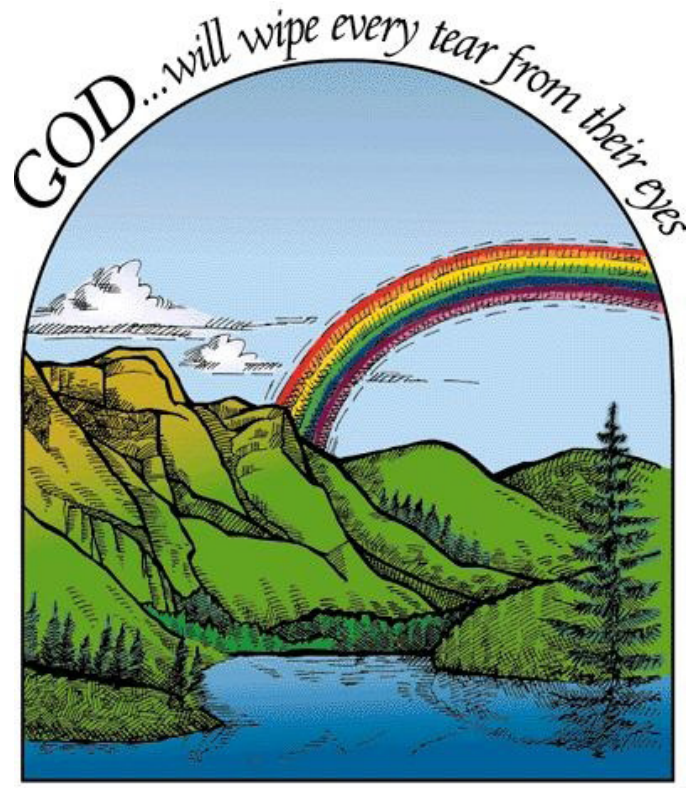
But it is the intangible rewards that are the most important. The sense of belonging and community, the laughter, the sense of purpose, the determination, the teamwork—these rewards are the richest, but are hardest to measure. These joyful rewards are really why we do the hard work. They allow us to be part of something important, something bigger than ourselves. Feelings of joy are important because they lower stress hormones, build emotional resilience, and broaden our thinking. By cultivating these positive moments, we improve our physical health, deepen our social connections, and unlock long-lasting well-being. *(Body and Mindfully Healthy)*

Giving to others is truly important because it creates a positive ripple effect. While improving the lives of recipients, it boosts the giver's physical and mental health by combatting loneliness, providing a deep sense of purpose, and building the strong, trusting communities we all rely on. Helping others naturally draws focus away from personal anxiety, and fosters gratitude and a more optimistic outlook on life. Volunteering at church, in the community, in your own neighborhood—anywhere—is a powerful way to create a positive impact in your community and unlock big personal benefits. The members of Christ Church earn gold stars in every way.

by Janet Key

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Monthly Activity	April	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$ 10,006	\$ 57,662
Expenses	\$ 17,758	\$ 79,677
Budgeted Amount	\$ 18,051	\$ 72,206



There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

Revelation 21:4



ONA Testimonial

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” These are the familiar words heard in a United Church of Christ worship service that is Open and Affirming. When I joined Christ Church in fall of 2024, I knew that it was not officially ONA, but it was well on its way. We now hear these words regularly, welcoming all with unconditional inclusivity. Since I joined the church, I have come to know its members and have discovered a warm, welcoming, and caring congregation. We are ready to demonstrate to others our radical welcome. In celebration of Pride Month, the ONA Committee invites you to wear pins and sport magnets on our cars that demonstrate to all who visit that we care. We will distribute these at worship on June 7. On my travels, I always recognize an ONA church by signs and banners on the outside, and it brings me joy. These symbols show UCC members that the church is ONA and draws others in. During the month of June, Pride Month, you will see our “Be the Church” banner welcoming all to join us in experiencing Christ’s love.

Vicki Teal, ONA Committee





Happy birthday blessings to YOU!

Jade Tremarello - 2

Danette Volz - 2

Julie Oren - 3

Jean Goedel - 5

Susan Pfeifer - 5

Julene Flanagan - 6

Joan Billstrom - 8

Jerome Zasada - 11

Ruth Boretsky - 12

Jackie Blazavier - 14

Terryl Dietert - 17

Kate O'Brien - 22

Killian Robert Wick - 26

Donald Antoniewicz - 27

Ola Zyszkiewicz - 28

Thank you for your generous donations to the 2026 Strengthen The Church Offering. Your generous gift of \$800 will strengthen the ministries of numerous United Church of Christ congregations throughout the nation.

Thank you, Pam Kothrade, Stewardship Chair

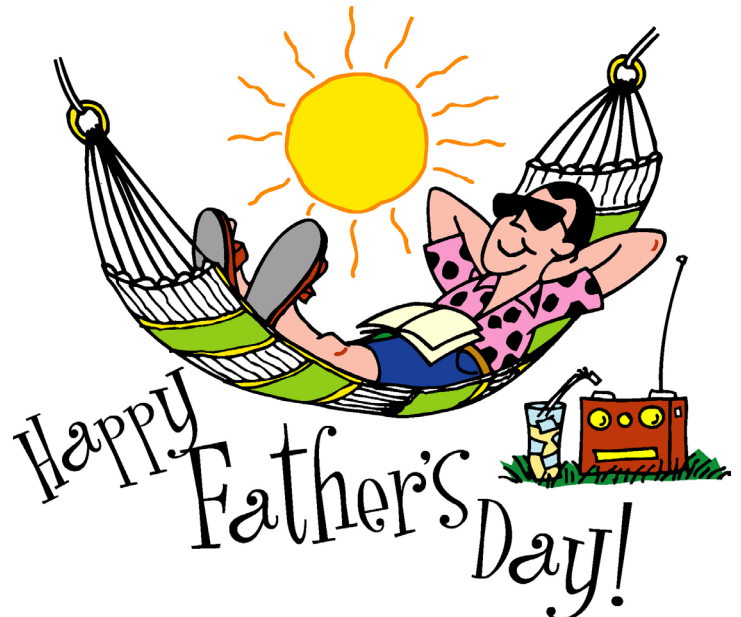
And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Luke 18:27, KJV

Thanks to the extravagant generosity of *Renolle Volz*, the church has purchased a brand new lawn mower to keep our lawn in good shape. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Dear Christ Church Family,
Thank you to everyone who played a part in the creation of the lovely Easter bag with so many yummy treats and items to help pass the time. Your prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, texts and visits over the past three months surely helped brighten the days of healing. Thank you! What a wonderful church family!!

Blessings, *Joan Gaeth*





“Let the Children Come Onto Me” Mural Artist

The mural on the wall in the library was created by **Robert Cassidy**. I was able to locate information about him through websites displaying his artwork and his obituary.

The artist, Robert Cassidy, grew up in Bay View. He attended schools in the area including Bay View High School where he designed program covers and painted backdrops for stage productions. Robert was an illustrator with the 7th Division Artillery stationed in Korea during the post-Korean conflict and received recognition for the Korean landscape he painted. Upon his return to Milwaukee, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he studied art education.



From 1960-1998 he worked in museums. Bob started his career as a background artist at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, Illinois. He became Curator of Exhibits at the Milwaukee County Historical Society where he was instrumental in moving their collection from the Court House in 1965 to the historic Second Ward Savings Bank building on Third and Kilbourn. He moved to Rochester, NY in 1973 to become Chief Exhibit Designer at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. He returned to the Milwaukee County Historical Society as Assistant Director in 1984, retiring in 1998. After retiring from the museum field in 1998, his art evolved in a new direction... toward more imaginative landscape subjects. His artwork is in many collections and homes. His family and friends loved receiving his Christmas cards which were sketches he created. He passed away in March 2020.

by Randene Wick



Kinnickinnic River From Beecher St. Bridge



Milwaukee from South Shore Park

2026 LINE UP

CHILL ON THE HILL

JUNE	<p>June 9: Louie & The Flashbombs, Bright Eyed & Blind</p> <p>June 16: Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Hot & Dirty Brass Band</p> <p>June 23: Wisconsin Space Program</p> <p>June 30: American Legion Band</p>
JULY	<p>July 7: Diet Lite, Social Cig</p> <p>July 14: Full Nude and SSAANN</p> <p>July 21: Stallis Cowboys, Torcado</p> <p>July 28: Father Sky, Sugo</p>
AUGUST	<p>August 4: Bo Randall Band, Valley Fox</p> <p>August 11: Andrew Vadin Project, Sleepersound, Known Moons</p> <p>August 18: Obscure Birds, November Criminals</p> <p>August 25: Crimes Against Nature, Electricity Kills</p>
SEPTEMBER	<p>September 1: Los Mitoteros</p>

HUMBOLDT PARK BAND CHALET | MUSIC STARTS AT 6:30PM

<https://www.bayviewneighborhood.org/chill-on-the-hill>

Community Happenings

Boerner Botanical Gardens

This summer there will be three Free Days sponsored by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens!

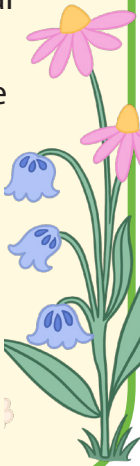
Enjoy free admission on the following dates from 9am to 8pm:

Monday, June 22nd

Monday, July 27th

Monday, August 24th

Hope you can enjoy the gardens this summer!





Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

*Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.*

*Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!*

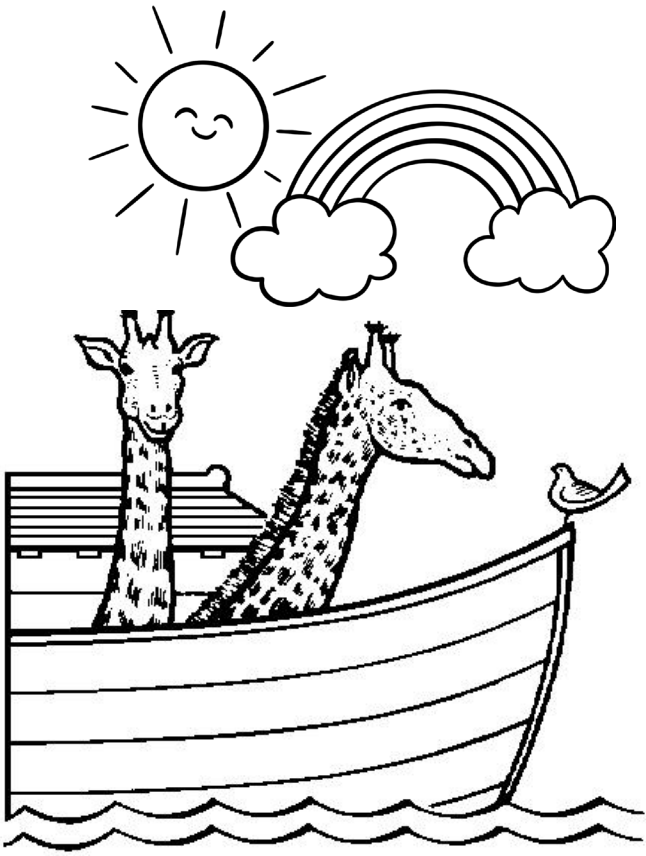
LAKEFRONT BREWERY, BEER CAPITOL AND HUMBOLDT PARK FRIENDS PRESENT

JAZZ AT THE VINE

HUMBOLDT PARK - BAY VIEW 2026 6-8:30 PM

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| 5-29 TH - BAY VIEW JAZZ FEST | 7-23 RD - CARLOS ADAMES GROUP |
| 6-11 TH - CATRAL AND CHRISTIAN | 8-6 TH - HEIRLOOM |
| 6-25 TH - TIM WHALEN TRIO | 8-20 TH - Milwaukee Jazz Institute Night |
| 7-9 TH - JEANNE MARIE FARINELLI TRIO | 9-3 RD - DONNA WOODALL GROUP |

<https://www.humboldtparkmilwaukee.org/jazz-at-the-vine/>

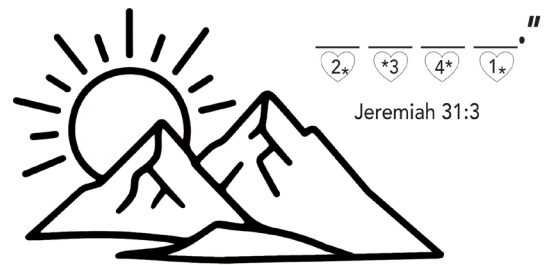
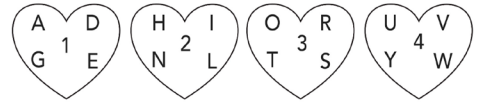


Puzzle!

We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:



Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

NO~~F~~WEGBEKLIBEVGEITIYS
 TUHRCOUJGHRTHOEGPRAH
 CEIOFXOUKRLHORCDJSESP
 USGTHWATYWEOARBESPAVLED
 RJUCSTQASHTHBEYFAROE



" _____!

_____." Acts 15:11, NIV



Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV



“Millions of fish begging to be caught, and we only brought two worms.”

Campbell

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