The Chronicles

November 2026

Christ Church

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WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS

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We're thankful for...

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Liturgist-Chuck T Choir BVCC Donations 	2 Book Study 1pm	3 Membership Meeting 9:30am	4	5 Choir 7pm	6	7
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29 Liturgist-Julie O Handbells Christmas Gift donations DUE	30 Book Study 1pm					

Liturgists

Nov 1	Chuck Terlinden
Nov 8	Andy Oren
Nov 15	Doris Mayeshiba
Nov 22	Randene Wick
Nov 29	Julie Oren

Sunday Counters

1st Sunday	Mark Pfeifer
2nd Sunday	Janet Key / Joyce Zieman
3rd Sunday	Danette Volz / Renolle Volz
4th Sunday	Peggy Carew / Jill Unglaub
5th Sunday	Debbie Hansen / Doris Mayeshiba

Greeters

Nov 1	Peggy Carew
Nov 8	Andy Oren
Nov 15	
Nov 22	Jill Unglaub
Nov 29	

Coffee Hour

Nov 1	Mark Getgin
Nov 8	Chuck Terlinden
Nov 15	Membership Committee
Nov 22	Dan & Michelle Vail
Nov 29	Cristal Ramirez





Please make sure to attend the

Annual Meeting

Sunday, Nov 1 after worship



Choir & Handbells

CHOIR

Thursdays, **Nov 5 and 19** at 7pm
Singing - Sundays, **Nov 1, 8, and 22**

HANDBELLS

Thursday, **Nov 19** at 9:30am
Wednesday, **Nov 25** at 9:30am
Playing - Sunday, **Nov 29**

Membership Meeting **Tues, Nov 3 at 9:30am**

Social Concerns **Mon, Nov 9 at 5:30am**

Council Meeting **Tues, Nov 10 at 6pm**

Finance Meeting **Thurs, Nov 12 at 11am**

Book Study **Mondays at 1pm in the Library**

Quilting **Tues, Nov 10 & 24, 9:30am–noon**

Holiday Photo Op



Sunday, November 15

Christmas is just around the corner! In preparation for the holiday, have your picture taken with our Christmas themed backdrop by our in-house photographer, Paul Mayeshiba. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Lenox Street bulletin board, so we know how many people are interested. Photos will be taken during the coffee hour after the worship service. Everyone will receive one print of your photo AND/OR your photo can be emailed to you.

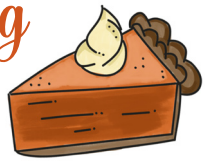
Other activities for the day:

- Write postcard messages for the upcoming holiday church events to be mailed to new residents in Bay View
- Select some Christmas cards to send
- Enjoy Apple cider, assorted cookies and bars, quick breads, and bakery

Membership Committee:
Peggy Carew, Mary Ann Mowery, Andy Oren, Sue Pfeifer, Randene Wick



Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner Gathering



Friday, December 4 at 6pm
Joe's K-Ranch, 4840 S Whitnall Ave, Cudahy, WI

Everyone is welcome!

Let's gather as a church family to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and friendship as we celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons together. We have scheduled this gathering before the busiest days leading up to Christmas, giving everyone an opportunity to relax, reconnect, and enjoy time with those of us that are part of the Christ Church faith community.

The gathering will take place in the lower level of Joe's K-Ranch, which is accessible by stairs only.

Because the restaurant is expecting several large groups that evening, we may have a limited menu of five or six selected dinner entrées. More information about the menu will be shared as it becomes available.

We hope you'll join us for this special opportunity to celebrate the season and strengthen the friendships that make Christ Church such a welcoming community. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Lenox St bulletin board. *Jim Wick*



Advent Brunch

Sunday, December 6 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for brunch as we pause for reflection during a busy holiday season. There will be time for us to gather and socialize while eating a variety of foods and desserts. Our speaker, Mary Gross, wife of Pastor Bob, will speak on the topic: " Loving Your Neighbor by Being a Catalyst for Change." She will share how churches dream boldly and try new things in partnership with others in local communities. Through a Catalyst Grant which is available from the Wisconsin Conference UCC, there are many ways our congregation can enrich the lives of others in our community.

We look forward to your participation and as always guests are welcome. A sign-up sheet to attend is on the Lenox Street bulletin board and donations toward the meal are welcome. A separate sheet is posted for salad and dessert donations. All are welcome, including trans and non-binary people. Please sign up **by Sunday, November 29**.

Social Concerns Committee: *Mary Ann Mowery, Debbie Hansen, Sara Rogers, Jan Naefken, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

Thanksgiving Bags



We will be delivering Thanksgiving bags to the 9 members on our Share and Care list. Donations would be appreciated and can be placed in the Pine Room **by November 8**. Suggestions include *Thanksgiving decorations, kitchen towels, candy, notepads, crackers, cookies, seasonal napkins or anything that might brighten someone's day*. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the bags. Please contact a Social Concerns member if you can assist. The bags will be available November 15 for you to deliver prior to the holiday.
Thanks, *Social Concerns Committee: Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

Christmas Gift Donations



We will be collecting gifts to donate to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. These gifts will help make it a merry Christmas for individuals and families in need, providing new and unwrapped gifts. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project. Suggested items include new toys, especially for older children, and teens, squishes or other sensory toys, watches, jewelry, earbuds, perfume or cologne, lotions, soaps and loofahs, women's robes and slippers, women's and children's pajamas, wallets, authentic sports team apparel including hats, sweatshirts or warm outerwear, 2027 planners or calendars, $25 Amazon gift cards, and gift bags or tissue paper to wrap gifts. The Rescue Mission is requesting gifts be donated by the beginning of December. Please drop off any gifts in the chapel **by November 29** so we can deliver them on time. Thanks in advance for your donations to make the holidays special for men, women and children in our community who are struggling. If you have any questions, please contact a Social Concerns member.

With Grateful Hearts, *Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

Hat and Mitten Collection

We will be collecting hats, scarves and mittens to donate to Milwaukee Public schools in December. We wanted to give our knitters and crocheters ample time. For those of us not as crafty, feel free to purchase items. Further details will be available in the December Chronicles. Thanks,
Social Concerns Committee





BVCC 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 individually wrapped single serving snacks, hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo), laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper

COUNCIL CORNER

Formal Search for a Settled Pastor

The formal search for a settled pastor has begun. The work and events of the past several months have helped lay the foundation for beginning this important process.

The search process will be different from our recent searches. Two teams will be established, possibly with some overlap in participants.

- **The first team** (Andy Oren, Paul Mayeshiba, Sue Pfeifer, Randene Wick and Vicky Teal) will work with Pastor Bob to develop and write the church profile. This profile will introduce Christ Church to prospective candidates. **Please pray** for the Profile Writing Team and for the person God is preparing to be our next Pastor.
- **The second team**, consisting of 5–7 individuals, will review applicants and participate in the interview and discernment process, ultimately making a recommendation to the congregation for a vote to become our next pastor.

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Pastor Bob, or any member of the Church Council.



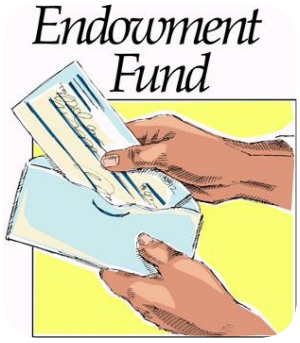


Remembrance Ritual

On **Sunday, November 22** we will be remembering those who have died in the last year. If you would like someone's name included in the memorial, please submit that name to the office by **November 15.**

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Monthly Activity	September	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	$ 16,056	$ 143,070
Expenses	$ 16,545	$ 165,341
Budgeted Amount	$ 18,051	$ 162,465



Endowment Grants

The Endowment Committee is again receiving service outreach grant requests for 2026. Please fill out a Grant Request form. The forms have been placed in the holders between the chapel and lounge, near the handicap restroom, and in the church office. **The application deadline is December 6, 2026.** Please ask any member of the Endowment Committee if you have questions: *Tom Dohoney, Joan Gaeth, Sarah Rogers, Jackie Blazavier, Randene Wick*



Pastor's Letter

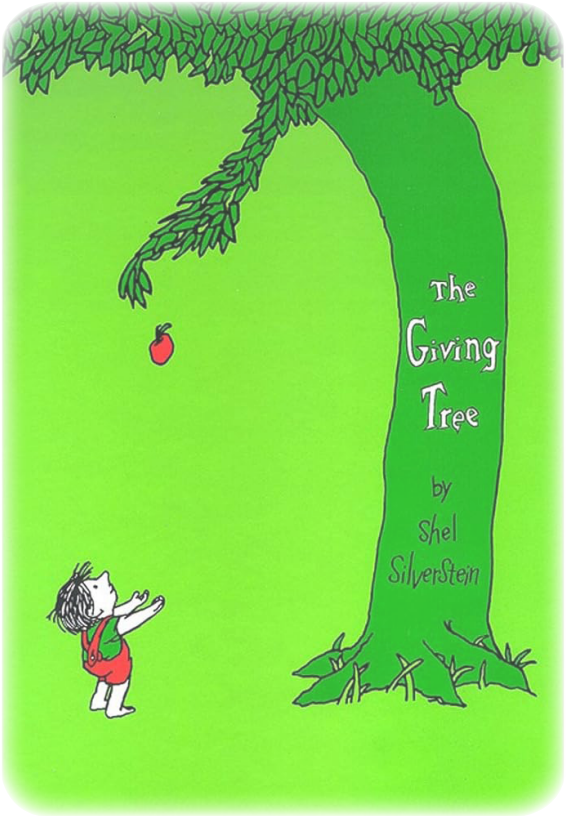
Friends,

I very much enjoy my time with you individually and as a congregation. The past ten months have been a blessing. (No, this is not a "Dear John letter.") I have requested to be dropped to ¾ time and thought you deserved an explanation.

In October, I attended a clergy retreat titled, "Living Well, Leading Well." The underlying theme was clergy self-care so that we can be better leaders in our congregations. One of the presenters referenced the book, "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstien. If you are unfamiliar with the book, it's about a relationship between a boy and an apple tree. When the boy is young he frequently climbs into the branches and the tree is happy to have the boy play in its branches. Then a long time passes before the boy returns. The tree offers its branches for play, but the boy doesn't want to play. What he needs is money. So, the tree offers its apples for the boy to sell in the market. The boy gladly takes the apples for sale. The tree is happy to give. Another long time passes and the tree is happy to give, first its branches, and then its trunk. By the end of the book the boy is an old man, and the tree happily offers its stump as a place to sit and rest.

That story hit me hard. The presenter wanted us to see the self-giving tree as God. Instead, I and others saw the tree as ourselves continually giving until all that was left of us was a stump. I don't want to be a stump. So, I thought about how I wanted to respond to what I was feeling. I talked it over with a colleague. I spent time praying about it. The decision was to step back slightly from my responsibilities at Christ Church and go to ¾ time so that I could nurture my family, hobbies, and begin preparing for retirement. I am 68 years old. Our kids are adults. It's time.

I believe that this time away will help me serve you better. The gift of time and activity away from the church will help me recharge so that I can be more present with you. I will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday and preaching 3 or 4 Sundays a month. I take my commitment to you very seriously. I want to guide you through this transition between pastors. I will be working with the Local Church Profile Writing Team. If there is a church event or meeting on Monday, Friday, or Saturday, I will be there as I have been.



To be clear, no one and nothing at Christ Church is pushing me away. The call toward retirement is pulling me onward. I look forward to our continued time together and celebrating with you the imminent arrival of your next pastor.

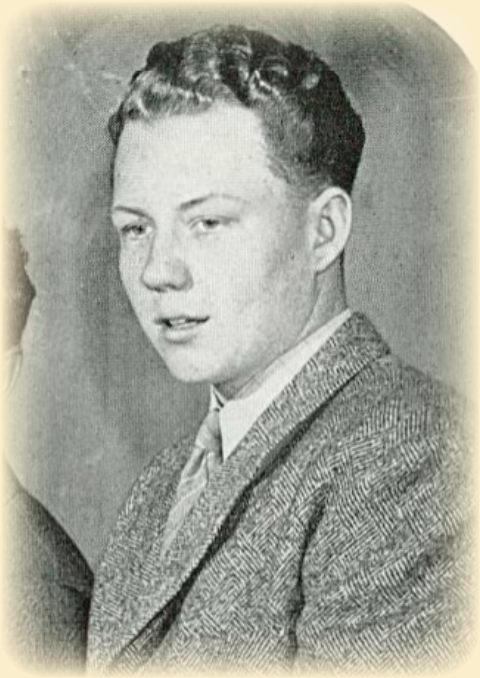
If you have any questions or concerns, I'm happy to chat.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob

Hiding In Plain Sight Part 10

Each month we've been remembering members of Christ Church who died in World War Two. This month we honor the last of them, Staff Sergeant Robert John Meyers. Meyers was a tail gunner on a B24J Liberator in the 825th Bomber Squadron, 484th Bomber Group, Heavy. He lived at 3218 S. Indiana and was a 1941 graduate of Bay View High School. He was attending Marquette University before entering the service. Meyers was listed as Missing in Action on December 9, 1944 while flying near Mt. Snijeznica, Croatia. He was listed as Killed in Action per a Milwaukee Sentinel article dated December 28, 1945 and a memorial service was held at Christ Church on August 11, 1946. He is memorialized at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial in Nettuno, Italy..



Creation Care Corner

Dear Christ Church Creation Caregivers & Chroniclers,

As you may remember, a few months ago, I shared with you the lonely photo of me tied up alone at the Christ Church bicycle corral. To my spoked surprise and two-wheeled joy, I came to worship on a summer Sunday morning and found a mate, already tied up and waiting for me! This new friend was red, and since this was around the time of Independence Day celebrations, I thought, "How very nearly patriotic! Now all we need is a white bike to join us for a red, white and blue bike rack display!"

I was also reminded that when you start out with one, and one more joins in, the numbers are doubled and it is cause for great rejoicing. I know that one or two bicycles on the road instead of one or gas-burning vehicles will not solve the planetary climate crisis, just as using glass communion cups again instead of single-use plastic ones won't threaten the fossil fuel industry. But even a big journey begins with the smallest of steps. Or, in my case, a few revolutions of our wheels.

Blue Bell, the Bike

p.s. I am still waiting to learn the name of our "Red Rider" rackmate.



From the "Season of Creation" event at Redeemer UCC Sussex, co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference UCC Creation Care Team and the Waukesha County Green Team. Sandy Graham sings as John Helt leads the prayer service in the outdoor sanctuary. Nov. 4 marked the end of the "Season of Creation" and the 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi.



NOVEMBER *birthdays*

Happy birthday blessings to YOU!

Sandra Graham – 9

Laurel Dayton – 12

Evan Berger – 14

Gabriel Wick Moreira – 19

Isabella Tremarello – 25

Bob Zieman – 28

Mary Gross – 30

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

To
the Christ
Church UCC Family,

Thank you for the great send off Oct. 4 after church! I appreciate all your cards and well-wishes for a simpler life and travel to visit our grandchildren. I have such warm memories of rehearsals, worship services, and lifetime friendships we have made.

We'll still be around and will visit. The Athabaskan tribe in Alaska have a word "Tlaa," that translates as "See You." Mary TallMountain in her poem "There Is No Word for Goodbye" writes about this word they use instead of the word Goodbye. So Tlaa everyone – See You!

Terryl and Janet

We'd like to **thank the congregation** for the warm welcome Karen and I have received since attending Christ Church. Everyone has made us feel very welcome.
Thank you!
Gary Aubry and Karen Rasmussen

How many yummy pies can you find?

Happy Thanksgiving

Memory Verse

Color and cut out the bookmark!

Give thanks to the *Lord* for he is good; his love endures *forever*

Psalm 107:1, NIV

Quiz Time!

1. Who should we give thanks to?
   A. God
   B. Ourselves
   C. The animals
   D. The weather
2. What is one way we can show God that we are thankful?
   A. By helping others
   B. By complaining
   C. By being selfish
   D. By refusing to share
3. Which of these is something we can thank God for?
   A. Our food
   B. Our family
   C. His blessings
   D. All of these
4. Complete the verse: "In every thing give _____."
   A. praise
   B. thanks
   C. gifts
   D. joy

I'm thankful for...

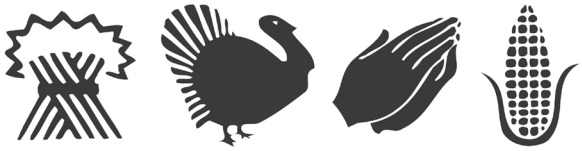
Turkey Maze

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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

"___ will ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
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20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV







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