

The Voice of Christ Church

“ROAD TRIP”

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath

As I check my social media page every so often, I see some of you enjoying time away with family and friends. That’s great! I hope that rest and relaxation are renewing for you in body, mind, and spirit.

While you’re out having fun, whether near or far, take your church family with you! Here’s a neat way all of us can share in the fun together.

Take a picture (or send a video if you know how) of as many of these ten things while on vacation (or stay-cation!) this summer and post them on social media @ChristUMCBaltimore using the hashtag #SummerRoadTrip.

1. Bulletin of a church you attended while on vacation
2. Eating at a great place you enjoy
3. A mountain, beach, or nature scene
4. A beautiful cross
5. Landmark or iconic location
6. Performing an act of service
7. Funny church sign
8. Selfie by a yellow car
9. Someone praying
10. Visitors Center or Rest Stop

Stay tuned in the coming weeks to catch all the travel experiences we’ll have together this summer!

See you on the road!

Pastor Steve

WORSHIP AND SERMON THEMES

Sermon Series:

Road Trip: A Journey Through
Acts 13-20

July 4th

Communion Sunday
“A Fight for Freedom”
Acts 15:1-11

July 11th

Work Camp Sunday

July 18th

“On the Road Again”
Acts 16:1-10

July 25

“Jailhouse Rock!”
Acts 16:16-40

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CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW

Contributed by Louise Smith

Mark Your Calendars & Save the Date!

October 23, 2021 - Saturday

Craft & Antique Show

After a year off with Covid-19, much discussion and prayer, we have located new craft show co-chairs. The craft and antique show will be back again this fall. Please plan to join us for another great event to raise funds for church ministries. Information and applications have been sent to sales vendors from previous years. If you have an interest in having a sales table at the craft and antique show this year, please contact Becky Ety at (740)862-4050 or Sharon Gates at (614)864-5550 to reserve your space. Thank you to Melissa Bader and Marsha Smith for agreeing to co-chair with us this year.

CONNECTION CENTER

Contributed by Denise Vandermark

The Connection Center will reopen in July! If you are interested in serving at the Connection Center, please contact Denise Vandermark via text or call (740)503-6018 or by email at dvandermark1024@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for helping with this outreach ministry.



FOOD PANTRY

Contributed by Leslie Martens

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving.”

2 Corinthians 9:11

I spoke to Ruth Crutcher from the Baltimore Food Pantry and she wants to extend her sincere thanks to all who participated in “The Simply Give” program the past few months through Meijer.

As soon as the program ends in July, she will have a total of money received and will let you know how much she will be able to spend on food for the pantry. Your generosity is much appreciated.

If you know of anyone in need of the services provided by the pantry, please have them contact Ruth at (740)862-4082.

Baltimore Food Pantry is open on Saturdays, from 10:00am to 11:30am.

Special needs this month: Canned vegetables and fruit.

Thank you,
Leslie Martens

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN: A JOB "WHALE DONE."

July 2021

Once among the titles on the shelves of my office at home there was a delightful little book by leadership coach Ken Blanchard called *Whale Done!* It is a simple, yet powerful story of how trainers at Sea World get those giant whales like Shamu to do all the amazing tricks they perform.

If you've ever seen them, then you can recall the sheer amazement and delight that comes from these powerful creatures and their astonishing feats. So just how do those trainers get these giant animals to do such things? The answer is remarkably simple: positive encouragement. In essence, they praise and affirm good results!



Though I've never swum with a giant whale, I do believe that there is an important lesson for all of us to consider. When was the last time you saw someone in our church family do something outstanding and worth praising? When was the last time you paid someone a compliment for something that helped us succeed in our mission of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Too often, a little of our human nature creeps in and looks for things we don't like and would rather criticize. Instead, try looking from a more positive perspective. Catch someone doing something well and thank them for it! Encouragement can be just as contagious as criticism, and it is so much better to spread good news than bad.

Does this seem too good to be true? It seems that the Apostle Paul had some pretty glowing things to say about the early church in Thessalonica. Listen to some of what Paul writes to them:

Encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."

Paul commends them for doing a "whale of a job" at being encouraging, enthusiastic, energetic disciples of Christ. Let me briefly offer the same blessing to each of you.

Thank you God! Each day I awaken I thank you for the many blessings you bring into my life. For family, health, home, friends, and so much more, it is easy to become complacent and take things in our lives for granted. We've all learned much together over this past year, and we are reminded that the simple gift of a smile and a cheerful greeting can mean so much. Help us remember that encouragement is something we all can give one another. In the spirit of brightening the day of someone else, we find our own brightened as well.

Joining you to spread the Good News!



Pastor Steve



WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY 2021

By Kay Panovec and Amy Graham

The 52nd Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference was a virtual gathering of nearly 1,800 clergy and lay members. Bishop Gregory V. Palmer presided over the conference under the theme, Perseverance, rooted in the scripture, Hebrews 12:1-2.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...”

During the Episcopal Address, Bishop Palmer spoke to the weariness facing church leaders and congregations. “There is no shame in naming weariness,” he said. He reminded conference members of the stories throughout the Bible of people who persevered.

“Their stories remind us that we are not the first to walk this journey, to toil and to struggle to be who God called us to be,” he said. “Jesus’ way does call for us to inconvenience our preferences and our egos for the larger vision of beloved community, of just relationships; it calls for us to release some of what we have so others may just have something. It causes us to be our very best selves and we must persist. We have been called to be those who persevere even in the midst of obstacle and inconvenience,” he said.

In keeping with the theme of perseverance, Bishop shifted his context to Hebrews 12: 3-4-and invited the membership to ask themselves these three missional questions: “Who do you see around you on this journey? What are we willing to get rid in order to really be the Church and, to what lengths are you willing to go for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world?”

Legislation

Recommendation #1 - 2022 Budget PASSED (as is with editorial correction: Book of Reports page 41, lines 22 and 24—change 2020 to 2021)

- The 2022 budget was adopted as presented. Conference is well positioned financially to continue training leaders and equipping local churches to transform people and communities. Financial resources continue to be in place to fulfill our promises to retirees. The Board of Pensions requested no apportionment support for 2022. The amount apportioned in 2022 reflects a 3.3% reduction over 2021 apportionments. Since 2018, it is lower by 21%. The 2022 budget will replace eight separate district apportioned funds with a single aggregate district fund.

Recommendation #2 - Commission on Equitable Compensation PASSED

- The 2022 Equitable Compensation recommendation was adopted as presented. Minimum salaries increase 2% for each credential. The committee sought to balance the needs of appointed clergy and the financial challenges of the local church.

WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY 2021, CONTINUED

Recommendation #3 - Board of Pensions PASSED

- Eligibility for retiree and health care plans did not change. The recommendation reported the board's plan to implement a Health Reimbursement Account approach for retiree healthcare, replacing the employer sponsored group plan. This is in partnership with VIA Benefits and Wespath. Pre-1982 pension plan years of service will increase to \$623 per month, an increase from \$611 over 2021.

Recommendation #4 – Christmas Covenant – REFERRED to West Ohio Conference General and Jurisdictional Conference delegations

- The West Ohio Conference referred the recommendation back to the delegation for further study and review alongside the Protocol. The Christmas Covenant legislation would establish regions across the denomination, including the United States. It was authored and advanced by delegates in Central Conferences. The West Ohio general and jurisdictional delegations supported the legislation. The resolution asked the West Ohio Conference to fully support the Christmas Covenant, the leadership of Central Conference delegates and encouraged West Ohio General Conference delegates to support the Christmas Covenant and send a letter to the General Conference Secretary in support of the legislation.

Recommendation #5 - Loved as the Image of God - PASSED

- West Ohio Annual Conference desires to be aligned with a United Methodist Church witness that is inclusive of all people and is theologically diverse.

Recommendation #6 – Call to West Ohio Annual Conference to recognize and validate persons' calls to ordination without prejudice toward sexual orientation or gender identity - TABLED

- The recommendation asked that the Board of Ordained Ministry consider requests for ordination and conference membership without prejudice toward a candidate's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Other business

- Commissioned two provisional deacons and seven provisional elders
- Ordained one deacon and nine elders
- Honored retirees including 30 elders, two deacons, one associate member and seven local pastors
- Commissioned three Deaconesses
- Authorized the Annual Conference Planning Committee to determine the location of the 2023 annual conference session based on current and emerging realities
- Bishop Palmer advised the body of his short-term assignment to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) as to provide episcopal oversight for the IGRC July 1-December 31, while Bishop Beard is on medical leave. He encouraged the conference to widen the circle of prayer for Bishop Frank and Mrs. Melissa Beard and the people of the IGRC.

The 2022 West Ohio Annual Conference will be held June 2 – 5 at Lakeside Chautauqua.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 Josephine Eversole
Phyllis Johnson
Nick Whittington
- 2 Olivia Coakley
- 3 Abby Coakley
Austin Ety
Shirley Mathias
Ashleigh Summers
- 4 Tim Stump
- 5 Tessa Jewell
Mike Stilwell
- 7 Tom James
- 8 Glenna Hoisington
Barb Taylor
- 9 Frank Anderson
- 15 Luke Dern
Matt Maldovan
Jillian Wagner
- 16 Charlie Kilger
- 18 Jodi Anderson
- 23 Steve Vandermark
- 24 Manny Clum
- 26 Kyeong Min McCreery
- 30 Ryan Motsch
- 31 Dana Hoisington
Marilee Snider

Anniversaries

- 5 Dick & Ruth Staten
- 5 Tim & Peggy Lawlis
- 12 Micah & Kyeong
McCreery
- 18 Robin & Mary Johnson
- 20 Jim & Sharon
Anderson
- 21 Tom & Patti James
- 23 Waid & Rita Radford
Steve & Denise
Vandermark
- 25 Dan & Jill Maldovan
Bob & Lorri Wright
- 26 Scott & Amy Helsel
- 31 Charles & Carol
Cooley

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath

Join Pastor Steve as he leads us in a five-week study of the life and culture of the Apostle Paul and his ministry in the biblical city of Philippi. We will discover there is much we can learn from these early Christians and their faith in a hostile world.

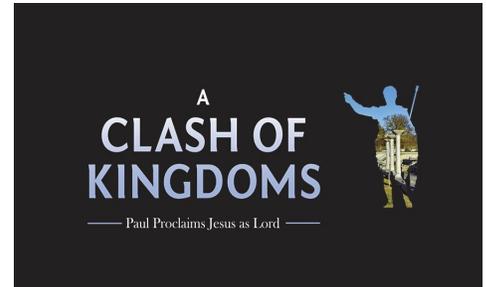
Each session will require about 30 minutes of daily reading and study before our lesson together.

Study Books are \$10 each.

Reserve your copy by contacting the church office at office@christum-baltimore.com or (740)862-4343.

Sundays at 6:30pm

Our five-week study begins on August 1st.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		May 2021
IN-PERSON WORSHIP		390
FACEBOOK LIVE-STREAM		158
YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAM		109
TOTAL		557
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	149	

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Contributed by Darla Reedy, Treasurer

2021 REPORT	May	YEAR-TO-DATE
OPERATING INCOME	\$30,046	\$137,081
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$19,705	\$133,838
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$0	\$0
COINS FOR MISSIONS	\$0	\$26
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$827,333	

TRUSTEES

Contributed by Dana Hoisington and Jim Anderson

The Trustees had their Annual Work Day on Saturday, June 5th. We were blessed with a beautiful day and a small group of talented and hard working men. We hope you notice the shrubs have all been trimmed and are looking nice to compliment the beautiful flower beds around the church.

After many years of not working and being knocked around by lawn mowers, the floodlights out front are up out of harms way and working again!

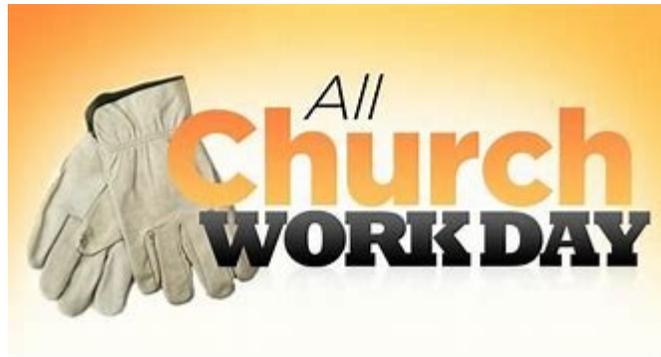
The spouting seams were checked for leaks, the playground had the weeds pulled and will be ready for Preschool this fall. The black mildew stains on the Family Life Center were tackled and not as noticeable. One of the benches out front was reattached to the sidewalk.

Looking to the front of the Sanctuary there is a new handrail installed to assist us up and down the steps.

Hope you can make it next year, we usually have a pot of coffee on and some donuts.

Thanks so much,

Jim Anderson and Dana Hoisington,
Co-chairs Trustees



PRAYER MINISTRY

Contributed by Kristy Schooler

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

1 Chronicles 16:34

I remember one hot summer afternoon when on impulse, I pulled into Schaffner’s (the ice cream shop, just in case you don’t know) with my young son. It was spontaneous; I knew he liked ice cream almost as much as I do! The delight on his face warmed my heart. As we entered the shop I told him he could order anything he wanted. He ordered a chocolate sundae and when they asked what him what size, he looked at me. I shrugged and answered, “Whatever size you want.” His eyes grew huge and he grinned as he asked for a large.

As we placed our ice cream on one of the picnic tables, Blake hugged me fiercely and said, “Thanks, Mom! You’re the best mom in the whole world!” What joy it gives our hearts to give our children good things and to receive their appreciation! At that moment I had one of those ‘gotcha’ moments, when you hear God speak quietly to your heart? “Yes, indeed!” God gently reminded me, “I am constantly sending you simple, lovely gifts to give you joy and I am so happy when you think to thank me.”

From that day forward, I have been intentional with my gratitude towards God. I have SO much for which to be thankful and it’s absolutely amazing how my expressions of thanks and praise to God have quickened our relationship. “What a gorgeous sunset, Lord! Thank you for the beauty at the end of this easy day. You are the best Father in the whole world!”

Give thanks! God is good and He loves you!

Keep praying and praising,
Kristy

CHURCH YARD SALE

Contributed by Louise Smith

The Family Life Center has been reserved and items to be donated for the sale can be left at the gym entrance to be sorted and priced. **No electronics or TVs.**

Donated items can be dropped off at these times:

- July 22, Thursday, 9a-3p
- July 23, Friday, 9a-3p
- July 24, Saturday, 9a-12p
- July 26, Monday, 9a-3p and 6p-8p
- July 27, Tuesday, 9a-3p

Please do not bring any items before July 22 and after July 27.

The sale hours are:

- July 29, Thursday, 8a-5p
- July 30, Friday, 8a-5p
- July 31, Saturday, 8a-12, Saturday is bargain day-Items will be half-price.

The sale is coordinated by the Rebekah Circle with the assistance of the entire church. Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up tables in the FLC, Wednesday, July 21, 4p
- Sort and price items before the sale opens
- Check customers out and keep items straightened
- Saturday, July 24, 1p, to pack unsold items, put tables away and sweep the floor

If you can help at any of these times or would like more information about the sale, please contact the church office at (740) 862-4343 or Louise Smith at (740) 862- 6018.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting July 11.

WORK CAMP 2021

Contributed by Waid Radford

“...We will work with each other, we will work side by side and they’ll know we are Christians by our love!”

-Peter Scholtes

Work Camp 2021 took place June 13th through June 18th and was very successful!

We took a group of adults and youth to Ironton, Ohio and completed several projects. We completed two ramps to help residents move more comfortably in and out of their homes. We also helped prepare and distribute food for the Ironton, Wheelersburg communities.

We had about 35 total participants from Christ UMC and Summit Station UMC, who shared thoughts and talents at the work sites and during evening devotion time. The group was thrilled to resume friendships that had been put on hold during the COVID Pandemic.

Our cooks, Amy Helsel and Nicole Jewell, provided an abundance of food that helped keep us nourished and able to do our tasks!

We want to thank our congregation for their prayers and financial support! Your generosity was amazing! We were not sure of our total costs due to increased material and food costs, but your financial support helped us meet all of our needs!

To see a recap of the week in pictures, go to the Christ UMC Facebook page, and be sure to join us on July 11th, for Work Camp Sunday, where the youth will share their thoughts during the service.

May God continue to help us minister to a needy and struggling world!

Blessings to you all!

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July 2021 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Canal Strings (FH) 6pm	6	7 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-1pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 Finance (FH) 7:00pm	14 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-1pm	15 Baltimore Sen- ior Citizens (FH) 10:30am- 1:00pm	16	17 Community Cook-out Dinner (FH) 4:00pm- 6:30pm
18	19 Canal Strings (FH) 6pm	20	21 Community Lunch (FLC) 10am-12pm Yard Sale set up (FLC) 1p-5p	22 Yard Sale Drop Off (FLC) 9am- 3pm	23 Yard Sale Drop Off (FLC) 9am- 3pm	24 Yard Sale Drop Off (FLC) 9am-12pm
25	26 Yard Sale Drop Off (FLC) 9am- 12pm and 6pm -8pm	27 Yard Sale Drop Off (FLC) 9am- 12pm	28 Community Lunch (TBD) 10am-1pm	29 Yard Sale (FLC) 8am- 5pm	30 Yard Sale (FLC) 8am- 5pm	31 Yard Sale (FLC) 8am- 12pm.

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**CHRIST UNITED
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Our Mission:

To help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Our Vision:

Connecting people with God through worship, with the church through whole-life discipleship, and with the world through mission

CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday School and Worship Schedule

Sunday School - 8:45am - Classes meeting in Fellowship Hall and Parlor

Worship - 10:00am - In-person OR live-stream on Facebook and YouTube at Christ UMC Baltimore

Personnel

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