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On the following pages, you will find reports from several council members, committee chairs, and team leaders. Enjoy!

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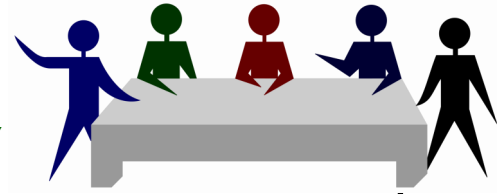
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Love. Grow. Serve.



GOVERNING COUNCIL



Hopefully all have had an enjoyable summer and looking forward to some cooler weather with the change of seasons.

For the past several months, Christ Community Church has been fully reopened and welcomed everyone inside with no face mask restrictions. However with some geographical areas experiencing a rise in the virus variant, you should feel welcome and not embarrassed to wear a face mask when attending Christ Community Church if you wish.

A hearty welcome to recent new members Suzanne Brehm, Tom Ulbrich and Gary Wood. We look forward to many years of worship and fellowship together.

Thank you to Shirene and Joel Gentry for conducting the Thursday night Bible studies in July. Christ Community Church is fortunate to have these dedicated member leaders. And thanks to our Pastor and all committee chairs and committee members for your dedication and continued efforts to make the worship and fellowship experience so meaningful and enjoyable at Christ Community Church.

You hopefully received an email recently concerning the rekeying of the Church's exterior doors, and the planned disposal of old books accumulated in the little house. Please see Glenn Ulman or Mike Kordich if you need to sign-out a new key and help yourself to as many of the accumulated books as you want.

The called and virtual Congregational Meeting in June resulted in a vote of approval for the Audio-Visual Upgrade Project. This project will replace and significantly upgrade outdated existing equipment, including the addition of two large-screen Sanctuary monitors. Installation and training will be scheduled when the equipment arrives. Get ready to be impressed!

Our gracious appreciation and thanks to Reverend Liz Lazenby for delivering an inspiring sermon on the last Sunday in August while Pastor Derek was on vacation. Long time members, more recent members, and all in attendance enjoyed greeting both former Christ Community Church pastor Liz and husband Don.

Are you wondering "How can I become more involved at Christ Community Church?". What Church ministries are you most interested in and seeking more information on? Please contact Pastor Derek, myself, or any Governing Council member to discuss how your interests, energies, experiences, and talents might be used to the glory of God at Christ Community Church.

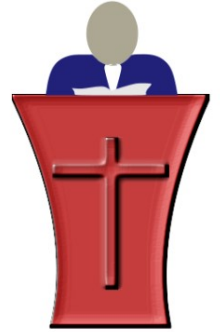
MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

For The Governing Council,

Bruce Gilbert

Chairman

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



¹For everything there is a season,
A time for every activity under heaven.
²A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
³A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
⁴A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance.
⁵A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.
A time to embrace and a time to turn away.
⁶A time to search and a time to quit searching.
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
⁷A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be quiet and a time to speak.
⁸A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3)

As I sit in Hawaii and write this, a plethora of emotions overwhelm me. While I am enjoying all the natural phenomena of the Big Island, military families across the mainland are processing the hard reality of never seeing their loved one again. I feel happy and blessed for the opportunity to travel somewhere that contains such beauty, an opportunity afforded to me by the sacrifice of so many families in our great nation. I also feel sad and fearful. After watching an interview given on FoxNews by Steve Nikoui, father of fallen Marine Kareen Nikoui, I came to realize I am now faced with the same uncertainty so many other military families have faced before me. Steve knew his son was working at the time of the Kabul airport bombing and waited anxiously to hear that he was okay. Unfortunately, he realized Kareem was killed in the blast as he saw three Marines approach his front door to deliver the devastating news. His life will never be the same.

Much like nature, life has seasons. Each of us has experienced seasons of extreme happiness, sadness, anger, and many other emotions. As we find ourselves in uncharted circumstances, we struggle to cope and adjust to our new realities. Solomon, in his wisdom, suggested we will experience many different seasons over the course of our lives. Some of the seasons are repetitive and we are equipped to deal with them. However, many we experience for the first time, and they wreak havoc on our lives. Whether we face a familiar season in life or an unexpected one, there is one constant in both, God's presence. God's presence in our lives is not circumstantial. He is always there. He soothes our souls and helps us navigate the grief, sorrow, and anger that attempt to derail our faith. He is patient with us as we question his allowing such negative realities into our lives. He invites us to trust him as we process the many emotions going on inside of us. I wonder...what season do you find yourself in? Do you sense God's presence as the seasons come and go? Do you trust him in the good times and the bad?

Blessings ahead!

Derek

You may reach Pastor Derek Layman at 540.420.6836

PRAYER LIST

We are asking the membership to please review the Prayer List and let us know who can be removed! We certainly want to keep anyone on there that needs our prayers and support, but the list is becoming a bit outdated.

You can find the Prayer List on the [Sermons & Prayer List](#) page of our church website www.christfamily.org

Please email admin@christfamily.org with names that can be deleted.

Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee has been quite busy this quarter. The resumption of in-person church services has brought us new members and many more to church directory. As a reminder, we are updating photos and information in the church directory in hopes of doing a (limited) printing of a hard copy directories sometime this fall.

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Tom Ulbrich became a member of the church

Gary Wood became an associate member of the church

Recently added to the church directory, please join us in welcoming:

- *John and Robyn Blair*
- *Suzanne Brehm*
- *Joan Gallante*
- *Walt and Malina Gaynor*
- *Kenneth Kazda*
- *John and Becky Meldrum*
- *Jim 'Wojo' and Jenny Wajciechowski*
- *Angela Wilmoth*
- *Andrea Wrightenberry*
- *Tom and Cathy Zahalka*



Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wilson

CCC Membership Committee Chairman

SECURITY

The church's Security team continues to train to react to different threats and emergency situations that may arise on the church property.

Always present on my mind is keeping the church and congregants safe. In doing so, I currently have two main focuses.

COVID: Current COVID cases mirror what we were seeing in the October time frame of 2020 in the counties surrounding the church. Contributing factors are lack of social distancing, lack of Masks, the Delta variant, (according to some sources will abolish herd immunity), and not being vaccinated contribute to the uptick of daily cases. From the sources that I get my information as of this writing, there have been no recent deaths from COVID. Most spikes in area cases have corresponded to weekends, and high visitation days (i.e., last weekend before school starts, 4th of July, etc.). I have not recommended any changes to the current conduct of services at the church to the Governing Council. I currently have no plans to do so. Masks are still supplied on the table immediately on the left when entering from the little house door. Currently, there is a Lambda variant of COVID out there, and the news has been broadcasting about the Delta variant and how contagious it is. If your personal decision or want is to wear a mask, (vaccinated or not vaccinated) there is no need to feel embarrassed. From my point of view, you are keeping yourself and others safe and I definitely have the utmost respect for that.

TERRORISM and CRIME: Whatever you want to call a person entering a gathering of people with the desire to hurt, maim or bring fear to them, please use that. I will look at them as a terrorist. On Aug 13th, the Department of Homeland Security issued a National Terrorist Advisory System Bulletin (NTASB). Currently, we see the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, the upcoming anniversary of 9/11, the loss of COVID benefits and other anti-Government views, which may have an agitating effect. This all may lead to a rise in terrorist or crime acts in urban/high population density areas. I will not discount a spillover that could hit this area. From the greeters at the doors to myself, we are always looking for things out of the ordinary. I ask all congregants to keep your eyes open, and if you see something that doesn't look quite right, please say something to security personnel and we will investigate. (People at door or people with full American Flag name tags.) Please stay safe, and when this is published we have 21 days left of summer.

Security Team
Glenn O. Ulman
Team Leader

**Make
your church
the safest
place in town.**

OUTREACH



We received notes of appreciation from The Franklin County Resource Center, Lake Christian Ministries, God's Pit Crew, Free Clinic of Franklin County, and Helping Hands of Franklin County.

We do make a positive impact on our community!

2021 SML Walk to End Poverty

10 AM, Saturday, September 25, SML State Park

Benefiting Lake Christian Ministries & Local Families in Need

Make a Difference Together!

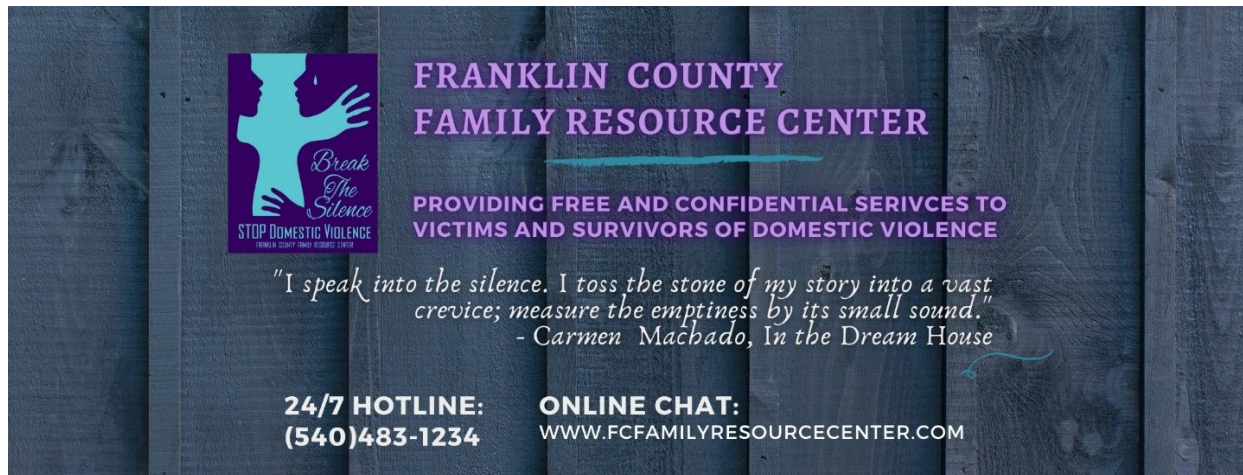
Walk Registration & Donations: Enjoy a fun morning at the SML state park and make a difference for local families in need. If you are not able to walk in the event, you can still participate by making a donation. We encourage everyone to use the easy online website – [www. smlwalktoendpoverty.com](http://www.smlwalktoendpoverty.com) – to register and/or to donate online in advance. If you do not wish to register or donate online, paper registration and donation forms are available on LCM's website, www.lakechristianministries.org. Event Day Registration starts at 9 AM - so be there early. The 5K or 10K Walk (or run) begins at 10 AM.

After Event Activities: Live music, lunch and door prizes are provided following the walk. Paper applications and donations can also be dropped off at the LCM office at 13157 South Old Moneta Road, Moneta on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 AM to noon until September 20.

OUTREACH



Christ Community Church Members
We have a call for assistance from
Franklin County Family Resource Center.



Can you help by bringing any of the following supplies needed by the Center to church on the next 3 Sundays: Sep. 5, 12 and 19?

PAPER TOWELS

FLOOR CLEANER PRODUCTS

FURNITURE POLISH

LAUNDRY DETERGENT/DRYER SHEETS CLOROX/BLEACH

ETHNIC HAIR CARE PRODUCTS

DISH DETERGENT

TOILET CLEANER/LYSOL

HAND SOAP

FABRIC SOFTNER

There will be a large box designated for these goods available inside the church. If you prefer to make a monetary donation to OUTREACH, specific for this entity, we will utilize such funds to purchase the needed supplies.

THANK YOU

OUTREACH



NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

As of press time, we know about Glade Hill and Ben Franklin Middle School for the school year 2021-2022. For Glade Hill we will be providing weekend nutrition for 24 students each week during the months of October, November, January and February. For Ben Franklin Middle School we will begin in September providing 67 backpacks each week of the school year.

We have contacted Rocky Mt. Elementary School and are waiting for meeting with Guidance Counselors.

Once again, we will reach out to area churches for potential partnership with the backpacks for the Middle School.

Caring Crafters:

Stay tuned for more information on the direction of Caring Crafters. (Emogene Weller)

Comfort Quilters:

September 21st is our next meeting: 9:30 AM until noon at Dill's Lakeside Marina office.

Please remember to sign up at KROGER so that purchases will sync with Christ Community Church for any rebates. It can add up for our church. (Barbara Armstrong)

WARM CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN

We have been very blessed with funding to supply 3,000 hoodies for children in our area. We will be distributing these in Oct, so if anyone wants to donate to this, please note on your check. Thanks to all who support this project! (Sharon Agee)

NOTES:

School Clothing support was provided to three families.

Thank you to the many supporters of the Christ Community Church's Outreach program. Through your love, we are able to reach out to so many in our community.

Jody Lawson Barbour and Anne Wood – Co Chairs

MUSIC PROGRAM

I want to welcome our two new choir members, Shirene and Joel Gentry. We are so happy to have them with us. They both have lovely voices and Shirene is also an excellent pianist.

I also want to welcome back Barbara and Bob Armstrong. The choir has missed Barb's lovely voice and the 4th of July would have been even better with Bob on the drums.

Lillian Farling



PROPERTY

The Property Committee has changed the locks on the main building of the church. The reason for the change was that we did not know who had keys, and over the last three years a number of new keys had been made. Under our new policy each key has been numbered and assigned to a name when they are given out. If you would like to have a key, please see Glenn Ulman and he will provide it. The combination for the lock on the little house and the lock for the garage have not changed.

A calendar has been added by our Communication Director to the events page of the website. Everyone in the congregation can see what is happening at the church. If you would like to add an event, please contact either Laura Southall or Mike Kordich with the date, time and which part of the building you would like to use. This addition will help us with adjusting the temperature for your event and prevent double scheduling.

We are planning to perform some much-needed renovations to the first floor of the little house. We plan on repairing the plaster above the fireplace, renovating the bathroom, and installing vinyl plank flooring throughout. I would like to have a work day on Saturday October Second to completely empty the first floor with the exception of the piano. If you have anything in the house that you plan on keeping, you have the month of September to move it. It can be relocated to one of the rooms upstairs, but please mark who it belongs to so that we don't just move things from one place to another.

Mike Kordich



BOOK FAIR

Located in the "Little House".

You are welcome to take as many of the books and Bible study materials as you like (excluding music materials).

Feel free to give to friends and neighbors, too. Help is available to load your car.

These books and materials are FREE, FREE, FREE to everyone.

Bruce Gilbert



FELLOWSHIP

Mike is back making coffee to enjoy
before and after church!



The fellowship committee stays busy providing snacks after church. A sign up sheet has been posted for anyone to volunteer to bring snacks. If you would like to get to know the "kitchen crew" better, that would be a great way to do it. You might even like it enough to join our committee!

On September 12, we are hosting a Sunday Brunch. This is a new event and we hope it will be well received. There are bright pink sign up sheets on the bulletin board for attendance, so we can get an idea of how many will be attending. There is another pink sign up sheet if you would like to contribute fruit or coffee cakes for the brunch.



LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

We are in the planning stages for a Veterans Day lunch on November 7th, 2021, likely immediately after our service. And I'm sure we will host an event during the Christmas season.

Denise Wilson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Beginning Thursday, September 9th, CCC will host a Ladies' Bible Study, led by Sara Willard.

11:00 am-12:30 pm every Thursday

Sara will focus on the books of the Bible, most likely beginning with Revelation.

We hope you can join us!

Please sign up on our church bulletin board.

Questions?

Call Sharon Agee at 540-293-1430

