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PASTOR'S LETTER

“Winter is coming!” That’s the line that echoes throughout George R. R. Martin’s *A Song of Ice and Fire* high fantasy series from which the HBO drama *Game of Thrones* is adapted. Winter is this looming threat throughout the series where people band together to survive it. There’s a line by one of the characters about winter that says “when winter comes...the lone wolf dies, but the pack survives.” I’ve been thinking about this quote lately. I’ve noticed some of our “packs” or teams have been turning up a little short lately. That’s not good. A lone wolf can’t thrive or survive. Our Council, committees, and teams at church are only as strong as those persons who are involved in them. Every person involved is a leader. A number of folks are going off Council this year and some of our teams and committees are looking pretty slim in general. We could use more folks so we don’t end up with one wolf in the pack doing all the work. We specifically could use more Sunday school teachers, someone to be available every Sunday for nursery care, more liturgists, folks who are excited about stewardship, and people for Council. If you think “I’m not a leader” then you need to think again! Jesus led through serving others. Got kids? Well, we’re going to work on providing childcare so you can actually serve on stuff without getting a babysitter. I know your pain, believe me!



Friends, before winter comes, both figuratively and literally— we need some new leaders to step into positions. When volunteers dwindle down and one person takes the stick with projects—like a lone wolf, they, and the project, don’t thrive or survive. One person carrying the load of a team will become burned out and then everything we do as a church suffers (worship, mission, giving, outreach, support). I want to

encourage you to step out of your shell and try something new. Stewardship Sunday is coming up in November and it would be nice for those of you who don't serve on any teams to be a leader. Jesus didn't hire professionals to follow him – he called a bunch of fishermen and carpenters who didn't know a dang thing about church as we know it. We can manage to learn together to keep things running as a pack. So before winter comes, I challenge you to be a pack animal and find a way you can jump in to help out.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Dan

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Question: What do fruitful, thriving congregations do that produce disciples of Christ and deepen faith? That's the question that a group of us have been pondering and wrestling with for several months. You will find a summary of our efforts in this Chronicles. Soon it will be time to share our excitement and ideas in greater detail and to identify opportunities for everyone, young and old, to participate in. Events and activities geared to deepen our faith and to be God's people in the world.

The future of our church does not rest in the status quo. Join in the journey as we focus on practicing the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.

-Bill Borchardt

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on October 1, 2017 as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. This year's theme is "**Protect the Sacred: In a Just World, Clean Water is Life.**" Clean water is needed for? a) Developing healthy brain cells and strong bodies b) Crops, trees, and flowers across the planet c) God's beloved creation d) All of the above, and even more! Please join in supporting the NIN special mission offering.¹

Peace, Howard Fritsch, Stewardship

¹ This information comes from www.ucc.org/nin

FINANCIAL STATUS: GENERAL FUND FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER 2017

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Total
Budget	\$ 47,946.00	\$ 47,946.00	\$ 95,892
Receipts/In +	\$ 44,206.30	\$ 44,434.53	\$ 88,640.90
Disbursements/Out -	\$ (51,717.23)	\$ (46,399.67)	\$ (98,116.90)

FIVE PRACTICES UPDATE

The Five Practices Team met on Monday, August 14 to choose a few ideas that we are most passionate about from four out of the “Five Practices”.

Radical Hospitality – Adult supervision in the nursery, standardize the signage throughout the church (move from paper to more permanent signs), continue to communicate through the church website, possibly have a small coffee station upstairs prior to the church service, postcard or e-mail to visitors and invite neighbors to Easter and/or Christmas services via a mailing or the web.

Intentional Faith Development – Introduce post confirmation education, lectionary explanations possibly online, adopt a faith development project and attend outside motivational activities possibly at other churches.

Risk-taking Mission and Service - Mission moments to include our existing mission partners, work with our existing mission partners to establish hands-on service, install smoke detectors, intergenerational mission trip, beach/park clean up, Bay View Community Food Pantry, encourage involvement of non-members in our mission work i.e. Bay View Neighborhood Association (post our projects on Bay View Assn. website)

Extravagant Generosity – Crown Ministries, estate/endowment planning, deliberate stewardship (ongoing and consistent), personal thank you notes, promote involvement in mission and outreach (giving of time), improve opportunity for use of unused specs and communicate/research “best practices” from successful churches.

We also reviewed what our goals were when we began this program. The main goals were to make or grow disciples, open ourselves to new ideas trusting in God’s direction, obtain a deeper faith and wider knowledge of the Word. We discussed core beliefs and what is Christ church’s identity. Is Christ Church the building or the people? Do we only worship on Sunday morning during the church service or do we worship in our daily lives with our actions and our involvement in the community? September 11 we will meet to prepare presentations to the congregation. Watch the bulletins, chronicles, website and announcements for more details. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the “Five Practices” program, call the church office at 414-481-3530 for more info. – Joan Gaeth

NEW: THE CHRONICLES IS GOING DIGITAL

Brace yourselves...Beginning this fall The Chronicles is moving to a digital format in October. This will allow Christ Church to be a little greener and leaner. Paper copies will be available at church for you to pick up and bring home. Paper copies will be mailed to those whom are unable to attend worship.



If you would prefer to receive The Chronicles by email, a copy will be sent to you so you can read it anywhere and anytime. If you're interested in receiving The Chronicles by email the [Church Administrator \(christ-church@att.net\)](mailto:christ-church@att.net) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). You can also sign up by writing your email on one of the sign up sheets in your bulletin this fall and handing it in with your offering.

NEW: MAKE YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

Online giving is now a possibility! If you're in the pew and you'd like to give something other than cash or a check, you are encouraged to use your phone to visit www.christchurchbayview.org and tap the [donate](#) button at the bottom. You can pay with an existing PayPal account or with any credit card. It's easy and it saves your information for the next time you visit! Wondering what one of these weird scanny codes in the bulletin is? Give them a scan with a QR reader app on your phone and it will bring up the donation page! Want more information about online giving? See [Pastor Dan](#) or contact the church office at 414-481-3530.



NEW: A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER IS COMING

Have you ever showed up to church on Sunday and forgot about something happening that weekend? Maybe it was a special offering, donation, or event. Have you ever forgot that you signed up for something? We've all been there. Beginning in October a weekly e-newsletter will go out on Fridays via email to remind you about what's going on at church. You can also see who's signed up to read, greet, usher, or if there's a need for volunteers. If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the [Church Administrator \(christ-church@att.net\)](mailto:christ-church@att.net) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). You can also sign up by writing your email on the sign up sheet in your bulletin and handing it in with your offering.

OPPORTUNITY: DARTBALL

The UCC dartball league is finalizing plans for the upcoming year. The Christ Church season will begin with a short practice on Monday, September 18 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. League matches take place on Monday nights at 7:45 pm - end of September through end of March (no games in December). Members interested in playing darts this year should see Todd Hansen. You can also contact him at (414) 744-0042 or thansen@wi.rr.com. See schedule on the next page.

2017 CHRIST CHURCH DARTBALL SCHEDULE

9/18 Practice @ home
9/25 Trinity @ home
10/2 @ Calvary
10/16 Greendale @ home
10/23 @ Trinity
10/30 Calvary @ home
11/20 @ Greendale
11/27@ Trinity @ home

1/15 @ Calvary
1/22 Greendale @ home
1/29 @ Trinity
2/5 Calvary @ home
2/19 @ Greendale
2/26 Trinity @ home
3/5 @ Calvary
3/19 Greendale @ home

OPPORTUNITY: FALL CONFIRMATION CLASS

Do you have a 7th-10th grader in your family? Pastor Dan is doing a head count for confirmation this fall (beginning in October, 1 year long). Interested persons can contact the church office @ 414-481-3530 or pick up one of the sign up sheets around the church any Sunday morning!

EVENT: ELEVENTH ANNUAL FOOD WALK

There's still time to help out with the annual Food Walk for the [Bay View Community Center and Infant Formula Pantry](#). Every year the Lutheran Chapel of the Cross hosts the Food Walk in order to raise money and awareness for these wonderful community resources. On Saturday September 9th at 10:00am, the 11th food walk will take place. If you have any loose change that you'd like to contribute to the coin jug, you are encouraged to do so. Pledge forms for sponsoring walkers and the coin jar can be found in the chapel. Call the church office at 414-481-3530 for more info.

EVENT: CHRIST CHURCH FALL PICNIC

Our annual fall picnic will be held on Rally Sunday, September 10th in Humboldt Park. Brats, Italian sausages, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided. If everyone brings a dish to share we will have pot luck picnic side dishes consisting of salads, veggies, appetizers, desserts, and whatever goodies are brought. We will also have grilled veggie burgers for those of us who prefer that option. Lunch starts around 11:30 am but you can gather in the park any time after 10:30 if you wish. Following lunch we will have our usual BINGO extravaganza with prizes for all. See Pam and Dean Kothrade for more info.

EVENT: INTERFAITH FALL PICNIC

The South East Covenant Association (SECA) is an interfaith group of churches in Milwaukee. Last year SECA hosted a picnic at Humboldt Park and had representation from various faith communities in the area. This year on Sunday, September 17th from 1pm to 5pm, another picnic will be held at Humboldt Park in Picnic Area 4. Please join us and represent Christ Church as a volunteer or participant. There will be great food, bounce houses, arts and crafts, face painting, and more. See [Pastor Dan](#) or contact the church office at 414-481-3530.

EVENT: CRAFT FAIR

Fall is just around the corner! The annual craft fair will take place on October 21st from 9am-3pm. Admission is free. Delicious treats and lunch items will be available for sale. Crafters are wanted and tables are available! Email or call Ken Klockow for more details at klockowken@yahoo.com (414-943-3210).

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School is an important part of every child's Christian formation. Children's Sunday School at Christ Church is 9:30-10:30 during worship, September through the beginning of June. We need a few more teachers to afford a rotation of Sunday School teachers that allows everyone to attend worship services with their families as well as teach. No experience is necessary. Materials and on the job training are provided. Call the office or call Pastor Dan at 414-481-3530 for more information on how to help.

NEEDED: MUSICIANS

Psalms 96:1 says, "Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!" Psalm 98:4 reads, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." We are looking for new singers and instrumentalists to join our team! If you are interested in choir or praise team please contact Pam Kothrade for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

- September 3: Worship 9:30am
- September 6: Praise Team 7:00pm
- September 7: Choir 7:00pm
- September 8: Wedding Rehearsal 4:30pm
- September 9: BVCC "Jug" Drive Ends, Crochet Class 10:00am, Wedding 2:00pm, Decorating in AM
- September 10: RALLY SUNDAY!! Choir 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship & Church School 9:30am, Christ Church Picnic Immediately following Worship
- September 11: "5 Practices" Meeting 6:25pm, Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- September 13: Quilters 10:00am, Praise Team 7:00pm
- September 15: CHRONICLES DEADLINE 10:00AM
- September 16: BV Bash 11:00am-5:00pm, Wedding Rehearsal 11:00am
- September 17: Praise Team 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Chapel Communion 9:00am, Worship & Church School 9:30am, Wedding 3:30pm, Interfaith Picnic 1:00pm-5:00pm
- September 18: Dartball Practice at Christ Church 6:30pm
- September 21: Choir 7:00pm
- September 23: Crochet Class 10:00am
- September 24: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Church School & Job's Daughter's Living Cross 9:30am
- September 27: Quilters 10:00am
- September 28: Choir 7:00pm

October 1: Neighbors In Need Offering, Choir 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am,
Worship & Church School 9:30am
 October 4: Praise Team 7:00pm
 October 8: Adult Ed. 8:30, Worship and Church School 9:30am, CROP WALK
 October 21: Craft Fair 9:00am-3:00am

Thanks for your commitment to Christ Church and to our Bay View Community! You are greatly appreciated!

WORDS OF THANKS

A Thank you was received from the Chicago Theological Seminary for our donation of \$100.00 to their Annual Fund which supports students across multiple faith traditions to put theology into action.

A Thank you was received from the UCC Conference for being a “5 for 5” contributing congregation to Our Church’s Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund and Strengthen the Church Special Mission offerings of the UCC.

A Thank you was received from the Best Friends Society for our donation to assist in their cause for non-kill shelters for companion animals across the country.

Thanks to all who participated in the “Spic ‘n Span” Clean Up. The building looks beautiful!

Special Thanks goes out to Dick and Joan Gaeth for the spectacular job done on stripping and waxing the basement floors. Job Well Done!

Thanks to Peter Jorgenson for the difficult job of repairing and reinstalling our Oklahoma Street railing and to Mike Behling for repairing the step.

To all who donated school supplies and monies for Parkside School. Because of your generosity we delivered an overflowing tub of backpacks, glue, markers, scissors and many other items on Friday August 18th. *The Social Concerns Committee and Sunday School*

CONGRATULATIONS

Riley Madison was born on July 19th, 2017. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Melissa Nyklewicz, Sister to Charlie, Granddaughter of Carey & Debbie Wells and Great Granddaughter of Roland & Loretta Senderhauf. Congratulations and best wishes to the family!

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

9/3 Howard Fritsch	9/10 Bill Borchardt	9/17 Randene Wick	9/24 Jill Unglaub
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

9/3	Ex:3:1-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b or Jer 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
9/10	Ex 12:1-14	Psalm 149 Ezek 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13: 8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20
9/17	Ex 14:19-31	Psalm 114 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21 or Gen 50:15-21 Psalm 103(107), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
9/24	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Jon 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8	Phil 1:21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16

USHER SCHEDULE

9/3 Julene Flanagan, Carol Dohoney, Tom Dohoney Bill Borchardt	9/10 Brian O'Brien, Fred Passow, Katie Sequin, Volunteer needed	9/17 Amy Waldoch, David Wareham, Joyce Zieman, Katelyn O'Brien	9/24 Mary Ann Mowery, Renolle Volz, Danette Volz, Brian O'Brien,
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma	9/3 Dan, Michelle, Andrew, and Aiden Vail	9/10 Kathy Schroeder	9/17 Doris Piacentine and Joyce Neumann	9/24 Eric and Laurelai Schmidling
Lenox	9/3 Brad, Cheri, and Aaron Boyle	9/10 Marion Schoenfeld	9/17 Dean and Mary Ann Mowery	9/24 Mark, Susan, and Benjamin Pfeiffer and Ruth Buenger

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

9/3 Volunteers needed!	9/10 Church picnic – No coffee hour	9/17 Volunteers needed!	9/24 Volunteers needed!
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LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

9/3 Jim and Randene Wick	9/10 Mike and Debbie Behling	9/17 Don Antoniewicz	9/24 Bill and Carol Borchardt
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PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	9/6 7-8:30pm	9/13 7-8:30pm	10/4 7-8:30pm	10/11 7-8:30pm
	11/8 7-8:30pm	11/15 7-8:30pm	11/29 7-8:30pm	12/6 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	9/17 8:15-9:15am	10/15 8:15-9:15am	11/19 8:15-9:15am	12/10 8:15-9:15am

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	9/21 7-8:30pm	9/28 7-8:30pm		
	10/26 7-8:30pm	11/2 7-8:30pm	11/16 7-8:30pm	11/23 7-8:30pm
	11/30 7-8:30pm	12/7 7-8:30pm	12/14 7-8:30pm	12/21 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	9/10 8:15-9:15am	10/1 8:15-9:15am	11/5 8:15-9:15am	12/3 8:15-9:15am

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all these wonderful folks!

“LARRY UNDER THE BRIDGE”

UPDATED DONATION REQUEST LIST

(Donations can be dropped off in the Chapel or Fellowship hall next to the stage)

tarps
razors
tents
candles
feminine products
bug spray
quart sized sandwich bags
(to make toiletry kits)

September 1

Johnathon Lovejoy

September 3

Rebecca Berger

Ryan Gaeth

Lynn Schmeling

Brad Bingheim

September 4

Hannah Bloor

September 5

Jocelyn Key

Madeleine Key

September 6

Ella Malecki

September 9

Tiffany Buell

September 11

Charlotte Stark

September 13

Marian Witter

September 15

David Hansen

September 17

Jack Tremarello

September 19

Jill Unglaub

September 20

Patricia Popp

September 21

Brad Boyle

Melissa Wells-Nyklewicz

September 22

Robert Fine

September 23

Jean Flynn

Madeline Flynn

September 26

Thad Spidell

September 28

Kathy Stouff

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