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The Clarion

The Messenger of Good News

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Reaching Out to You to Join Outreach Committee!

The Outreach Ministry does many things, but we are especially good at feeding people. We hand out sack lunches daily to the unhoused community that stops by the church. From the beginning of the year through September of 2023 we have packed 1,700 lunches – compared to 1,100 in all of 2022. For 23 years we have provided a meal each month to Rare Breed for about forty teens and young adults on their own. Melissa Hall manages this with her group of volunteers arranged through SignUp Genius. Christ Church has several nighttime volunteers at Safe to Sleep, a women's overnight shelter. Thank you Jane Mellers, Carol Nasby, Anne Egbert, Keith LaFerriere, and Randy LaFerriere. Recently, the Outreach Ministry has begun providing the evening meal twice a month for forty women. Edith Van Hoesen has organized the shopping, cooking, and delivering of these meals. It's an easy and fun effort that is greatly appreciated.

During the warmer months of April through October, the Community Partnership of the Ozarks organizes groups to serve Springfield's unhoused population in outdoor locations. Christ Church has been providing meals to approximately 150 people outside Pitts Chapel on the third Friday of the month. We have been serving personal pan pizzas, chips, fruit, snack desserts, water, and even dog food for the canine companions. This has been quite an event and lots of fun to do. Join us at any or all of these events and come to our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at Christ Church. The next meeting will be on October 3rd. If you would like to connect more over any opportunities or want to be involved but are unable to make it to the meetings, contact Julia Taylor at juliaellentaylor@gmail.com to see about ways that you can help serve our community.

Submitted by Julia Taylor

Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning live at 10 a.m.
on our Facebook and YouTube
Channel (search Christ Church
Springfield, MO)

In-Person Worship

Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Rite
I at 8 a.m. and
Rite II at 10 a.m.

Thursday Evening Holy Eucharist
Rite I at 5:30 p.m. (with Healing Ser-
vice the last Thursday of the month)

Office Hours

Monday-Friday,
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12 p.m.-1 p.m.)

Sunday School

Sunday School for children aged 4
years old to 5th grade will meet at
10:00 a.m. upstairs in SS hallway.
Children will process in with the
choir and go directly out to the
right upstairs and will be returned
to their families before the Peace.



To know Christ and to make Christ known.



Calling All Young Adults and All Parents of School Aged (or younger) Children!

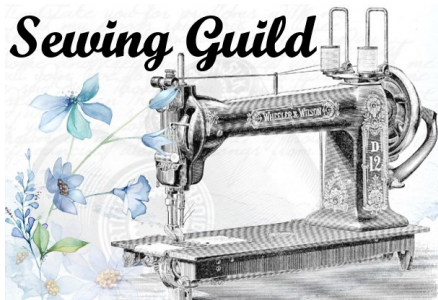


Your rector would like to spend some time with you to learn how Christ Church can be helping you on your faith journey with our Lord. At different points in our lives, we all need somewhat different things from our church community. And we have somewhat different things to offer for the good of our community. I believe that the Church needs to be there for - and with - all people and in all moments of life. As the Body of Christ, the Church must include each of us, neglecting none, in order to more fully reflect Christ.

To that end, I would like to have a brief conversation with our young adults (20's and 30's) on Sunday, October 8th at 9:15 a.m. upstairs in the KFC room (also known as room 207). On the following Sunday, October 15th, I'd like to meet with parents in the same place. I mostly want to listen to you during these times. Eventually, I'd like for us to be able to offer every person in our midst not only the full companionship of Christ Church generally, but also smaller sub-communities of fellow parishioners to walk with who are in similar places on your journey.

Ultimately, I want to have similar conversations with folks in other places in your journey, including recently retired and seniors. You have gifts and wisdom that Christ Church needs very much. Christ Church needs to know how best to be there for and with you as well. So, look for more about this in next month's Clarion.

Submitted by Father Joe Behen



In addition to sewing for Newborns in Need, two Sewing Guild members also have an extensive personal sewing ministry. Jan King and Elaine Martin make fleece hats, tote bags, and dishcloths for adopted families of Help Give Hope. They also shop for these families and wrap the gifts. Help Give Hope, founded by Nan Palmer's son, Wade, helps 200 families every Christmas. Jan and Elaine also make fleece blankets, hats, scarves, mittens and tote bags for Connecting Grounds. They also deliver healthy snacks, drink mixes, gently used shoes and clothing donated by family, friends and neighbors. Tote bags, fleece blankets, hats, scarves, and mittens are donated to the Well of Life (October-February) or upon request. Fleece blankets, hats, scarves and mittens are made to distribute through the church office to our friends in need that come to our church doors.

Jan and Elaine also volunteer at Crosslines and Ozarks Food Harvest, and they construct washable sanitary pads for Vinson Ministries to take to Kenya. In addition to their work in the Springfield area, they help Elaine's daughter-in-law with her street ministry in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They send or take 150 pairs of mittens and fabric for laundry bags. The laundry bags are for the unhoused individuals to bring their clothes to a laundromat and wash their clothes for free. If you would like to help Jan and Elaine with their ministry, you can reach out to them directly, Jan can be reached at (417) 224-0736 or Elaine at (417) 234-3300. You can make a donation to the Sewing Guild with Sewing Guild on the memo line or donate the following items to the church office - fabric (upholstery, sturdy cottons, terry cloth, fleece), thread (black or off white), towels (new or used), and flannel (new or used). Thank you Elaine and Jan for all you do!

Submitted by Nancy Hopkins

Be watching in the coming weeks as red drawstring bags become available to fill with items to be used by various agencies in town to help our unsheltered friends in need. Our first endeavor will benefit the many folks who come to our doors at Christ Church asking for a sack lunch. Last year, we distributed approximately 1,100 bags. This year, we have already filled more than 1,700. One of the things many request is a pair of socks. For the month of October, we are asking you to take a red bag and return it with new socks for men or women. They will then be given out as needed with our sack lunch program. The bags will be available at both entrances to the nave, beginning Sunday, October 1st and may be returned to a marked container in the Gathering Room throughout October. A new item will be requested in the coming months.



Veterans Take Flight



Honor Flight is a private, not-for-profit organization created solely to honor America's Veterans for their many sacrifices. All qualifying veterans of WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Era, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm are eligible to go on a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the WWII, Korean Conflict, Navy, Air Force, Vietnam, Iwo Jima memorials, and Arlington Cemetery. Christ Church member Tom Patterson was one of 81 veterans to fly on the August 23rd Honor Flight. Tom is a retired Army lieutenant colonel with a total of 41 years of service on active duty and in the Oklahoma National Guard and the Army Reserve. He served two tours in Vietnam (1968-69 and 1971-72). On Tom's flight, there were two veterans from World War II and one female veteran. There were also veterans from the Korean



conflict, but most were Vietnam veterans. Each veteran was required to have a "guardian" to accompany him/her. Tom's guardian was his son, Dan, who is also a retired Army lieutenant colonel. Dan also presented his father with a flight jacket complete with unit crests. Dan used YouTube to learn how to thread a bobbin on the sewing machine for this special gift. It was a long day, they were at the airport by 3 a.m. and returned to Springfield after 10 p.m. The visit to the memorials was moving, especially the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Vietnam Memorial. There was a beautiful reception at the Springfield airport: police, highway patrol, military reserve units, a Christian motorcycle group, Boy Scouts, the Sarcoxie football team, family, and friends. Tom and Dan were greeted by Tom's wife, Marsha, and Dan's Wife, Jill along with Christ Church parishioners Henry Foster and Julia Taylor. There were tears and smiles as the very tired veterans greeted all and Vietnam veterans were thankful to receive the warm reception that they didn't get years ago. A documentary of this event will be aired on Ozarks Public Television in March of 2024.



Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 7th at 10 a.m. be sure to bring your pets (big, small, scaly, or feathered) to receive a blessing! This event will take place at Christ Church. We are also collecting dog and cat food to donate to local shelters here in the Springfield Community. It will be a rebarkable time!



Bissett News!

Christ Church has not been able to provide new tennis shoes to children at Bissett Elementary since the pandemic, but we're back again! Converse will be the shoe sponsor this year and will provide them at \$30.00 a pair. There



are 225 kids at Bissett! The children will be measured and able to choose their color of shoes. We will need 10-15 volunteers to assist on October 10th for the children's measurements. You will need to arrive at Bissett at 8:00 a.m. but should be finished before lunch. If you are able to be a part of this team, please sign up on the hall bulletin boards or call Kathy Sheppard at (417) 861-9971 or email at kathysheppard1950@gmail.com. Donations can be made payable to Christ Church with Bissett Shoes in the memo line. Christ Church will also be providing donuts to Bissett three times this fall for their new morning program, Good Dads, which aims to promote positive relationships between dads and their children.



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| 8 Larry Paulette | 17 Molly Zinecker | 26 Landon Boaz |
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The Outreach committee is looking for help from the congregation for upcoming meals at Safe to Sleep. We provide dinner twice monthly on Mondays for 30-40 women. We need help for the October 9th and 23rd meal & other upcoming meals this fall in the following ways: Shop for needed food (turn receipts in for reimbursement), prepare the food using easy recipes provided (team of two), deliver the food to Safe to Sleep (drop off only). If you are able to help with one or more of these tasks, call or text Edith Van Hoesen at (417) 496-2974 or email at edithvanhoesen@gmail.com and she will get you on the schedule.

Did you know that Christ Church has a Nursery? Bring your children by for some fun each Sunday!



We are seeking volunteers for this year's Trunk-Or-Treat on October 29th, if you would like to help with this wildly popular event then please email Kenny Kabak at kennykabak1@gmail.com and let him know what you may be able to help with. Also you will find a Trunk-Or-Treat donation box for candy located near the front office doors, if you are able to drop off a bag or two, it would be much appreciated.



Please join us on Wednesday, October 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Springfield Brewing Co. (305 South Market) for food, fellowship and conversation. Drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time - whatever works with your schedule!



On October 20th, the Men's Fellowship group will meet at Pitt's Chapel at 5:15 p.m. to assist the Outreach Committee with feeding the unhoused. After serving at Pitt's Chapel, we will then meet at Hold Fast Brewing (235 N Kimbrough Ave).

It's been several years since we have talked about what to do in case of an active shooter event at Christ Church. I realize it is a grim and uncomfortable topic, but it is important and worthy of a reminder. I would also like to remind you of some of the additional safety protocols we have put in place since this article was published. For years, we have limited access to entrances on Sunday mornings. Our Sexton, Will Rohrer, and even some of our unsheltered guests keep a watchful eye on the doors. We have also installed timed magnetic locks on the red doors that will automatically lock once the service begins, and our ushers keep a watchful eye on these doors. I encourage you to give a big thank you to Will and our many ushers who keep us safe on Sundays.

Here is an article from the April 2018 Clarion on the program we have adopted, "Run, Hide, Fight," written by The Rev. Brad Heuett.

"First, when you become aware that someone is shooting, RUN. During any emergency, most people run to the door through which they enter. That door might be blocked by the shooter, or it might be blocked by other people trying to run. It is best to always notice all of the exits whenever entering a building or room—make a habit of it. In our worship space, there is an exit on the east side of the nave, which opens into the rest of the church and gives you several opportunities for escape if the perpetrator enters through the front door of the church. If the shooter should enter through the door closest to the pulpit, then you will run out the front door, which opens onto Walnut Street. If neither of these options is available, then break a window to escape. Yes, these windows are precious and help make Christ Church beautiful, but they can be replaced, and they are not as precious as your life. Our whole purpose is for you to get to safety and then call 911 to notify emergency personnel. If you are being shot at while running don't stop; it is much harder to hit a moving target than a stationary one; so your chances of survival have improved because you are moving.

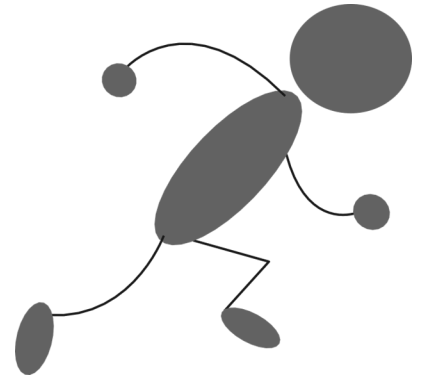
Second, if you cannot run away, then HIDE. Find a closet, utility room, or other space. If the shooter has to go looking for people, then his rate of killing has slowed, and more people are likely to survive. If you have gone into another room, barricade the door with everything you can find and hide out of sight. If the shooter comes to that door and is going to breach your barricade, then open or break a window and jump out to escape. You might break some bones, but students at Virginia Tech who escaped this way survived.

Third, if the first two options are impossible, then FIGHT. The purpose is to slow down the shooter's rate of killing until the police arrive. Episcopalians are especially well-armed in this regard. Throw prayer books and hymnals, your purse or bag, or even your phone at the attacker to cause him to protect himself while others overwhelm him. If many people do so, then the shooter will not kill as many people. This might sound like a sure way to die, and some probably will, but all of the mass shootings have shown that just hiding under a desk or pew will result in getting shot. The Virginia Tech shooter even put targets in rows on the ground and was observed slowly walking by and shooting each one, which is exactly what he did to the students who tried to take cover under their desks. If you fight and slow down his rate of killing, your chances of survival have improved, and you have improved the chances of others, too.

This is a scary subject, but if we work together, we can all learn to be safe and protect ourselves. One thing we do NOT want to do is to become so fearful that our fear causes us to lose sight of our mission and makes us unable to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant. We cannot lock ourselves out from the world because of our fears and anxieties. It is essential for us to take action to protect ourselves, but we also must continue to reach into the world "to make Christ known" and welcome all of God's children. With God's help, we can protect ourselves and continue to spread God's love to everyone we meet."

Submitted by Franz Ginsberg

Run!



Hide!



Fight!



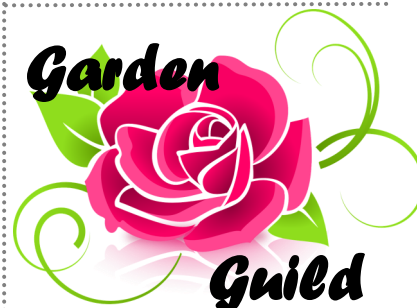
A Successful Sunday Sundaes Event for the Children!



**Thank You to All Cider Days
Volunteers! A total of \$3,029.12 was
raised for the Youth!**



The Book Club has selected *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Banani for its first book. We will meet on October 12th at 10 a.m. in the Library. Everyone is invited to join us! We will be finalizing our list for the next 6 months and would love your suggestions. Please look for a new bulletin board across the hall from the name tags. The book of the month will be displayed there as well as any information you may need!



Garden Guild will meet on Thursday, October 12th at 1:00 p.m. in room 102. We will review the year and make plans to sell wreaths this fall and at Christmas.



Sewing Guild Support in Kenya

Many in our congregation know of our support for Haiti and the Lespwa Timoun Clinic, but did you know we also offer support in Kenya? Our friend, Pastor Gaylon Vinson of Vinson Ministries, and members of the Sewing Guild at Christ Church have donated thousands of sanitary pads, dresses, and tote bags to women and girls in rural Kenya, where Pastor Gaylon and his mission group frequently visit. Christ Church and the Outreach Committee budget funds each year for the Sewing Guild for supplies such as cloth, thread, elastic, etc. Please give a special thank you to Nancy Hopkins, Elaine Martain, and Jan King for their amazing sewing talents and hard work helping neighbors near and far.



The summer months brought \$80.11 from the Quarter Tubes at the foot of the

stairs in the nave. That money has been forwarded to Light from Light to help provide the Plumpy Nut supplement for malnourished children in the Nutrition Clinic at Lespwa Timoun in Haiti. Thank you for your generosity!