

Parish Notes

Welcome! Christ Congregational Church is a house of prayer where, we pray, through Christ, the means of grace and the beauty and power of ancient liturgies will be used by the Holy Spirit to transform contemporary lives. For those worshipers who desire it, concurrent nursery care for children through 4 years of age is available at all of our regularly scheduled services. Should you be led to worship through giving, brass offering boxes are located on the narthex wall on either side of the center aisle doors.

Membership Matters

I've been thinking about church membership a good bit lately. It seems very popular in our culture today for people to migrate from church to church, or even be regular attenders at one particular church for an extended period of time, but never join. Why is that? It can't be that people are simply averse to membership *per se*--after all, it seems *Sam's Club* and *Amazon Prime* are doing OK. Do they think that joining a church means that they are automatically signed up to give by direct deposit (it doesn't, by the way)? Perhaps, they just don't understand why membership matters, why it is important. In thinking about these things, I ran across an article entitled, "6 Reasons Membership Matters," written by Kevin DeYoung, pastor of the University Reformed Church in East Lansing,

Michigan. We'll be printing excerpts from his insightful article in this space over the next few weeks. (Randy)

1. In joining a church you make visible your commitment to Christ and his people. You state before God and others that you are part of this local body of believers. It's easy to talk in glowing terms about the invisible church--the body of all believers near and far, living and dead--but it's in the visible church that God expects you to live out your faith.

How many of Paul's letters were written to individuals? Only a handful, and these were mostly to pastors. The majority of his letters were written to a local body of believers. We see the same thing in Revelation. Jesus spoke to individual congregations in places like Smyrna, Sardis, and Laodicea. The New Testament knows no Christians floating around in "just me and Jesus" land. Believers belong to churches.

Our Stewardship:

Membership: 151

Attendance:
June 25 -- 140

Offering: \$3,068.00

Please pray:

Family concerns:

Betty Bryant, Bob & Gerry Graham, Clare Herrick, Bonnie Hilton, Sonny Mahan, Leah & Gene Parker, Sue Anne & Tom Rees

Extended concerns:

Marilyn Hartsook (co-worker, Linda Mott [sister of David Mott]); Melia Hunter (brother, George Platt); Becky Weldon (father, Fred Baier); Jo Whitaker (mother, Jean; cousin, Penny).

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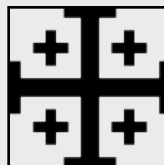
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Monday-Thursday
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MORE INFORMATION

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- you wish more information about Christ Church
 - you wish a minister to contact you
- We can contact you at:



LECTIONARY READINGS

Next Sunday, July 9, 2017
4th Sunday after Pentecost.

Zechariah 9:9-12

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30