

# 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

In an attempt to emphasize why membership in the local church matters, we are pleased today to publish a second excerpt from "6 Reasons Membership Matters," an insightful article originally written by Kevin De Young, pastor of the University Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan.

*2. Making a commitment makes a powerful statement in a low-commitment culture. Many bowling leagues require more of their members than our churches. Where this is true, the church is a sad reflection of its culture. Ours is a consumer culture where everything is tailored to meet our needs and satisfy our preferences. When those needs aren't met, we can always move on to the next product, or job, or spouse. Joining a church in such an environment makes a counter-cultural statement. It says "I am*

*committed to this group of people and they are committed to me. I am here to give, more than get."*

## Our Condolences

Christ Church wishes to extend our sincere condolences to Sue Anne Rees and family on the death of Sue Anne's sister, Diane. Please continue to pray for the family and friends left behind.

## Congratulations!

--To Christ Church's own Jack Gorden and Sue Rolf, who were united in marriage in our Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, June 25th.

--To Julie & Cooper Castleberry, the proud grandparents of Luke Tyler McCarty, born to their daughter Anne and husband on June 28th, weighing 7lbs 11oz at 19" long.

## Our Stewardship:

Membership: 151

Attendance:  
July 2 -- 116

Offering: \$26, 040.00

Please pray:

Family concerns:

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

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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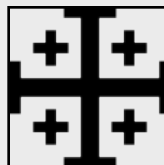
Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
9-11:30 a.m. - 1:30-4 p.m.

## MORE INFORMATION

Please remove the bottom portion of this page and give it to an usher or place it in an offering box if:

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



## LECTIONARY READINGS

Next Sunday, July 16, 2017  
6th Sunday after Pentecost.

Genesis 25:19-34

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23