

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

We are pleased today to publish a third excerpt from "6 Reasons Membership Matters," an insightful article originally written by Kevin DeYoung, pastor of the University Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan.

3. We can be overly independent. In the West, it's one of the best and worst things about us. We are free spirits and critical thinkers. We get an idea and run with it. But who's running with us? And are any of us running in the same direction? Membership states in a formal way, "I am part of something bigger than myself. I am not just one of hundreds of individuals. I am part of a body."

4. Church membership keeps us accountable. When we join a church we are offering ourselves to one another to be encouraged, corrected, and served. We are placing ourselves under leaders and submitting to their

authority (Heb. 13:7). We are saying, "I am here to stay. I want to help you grow in godliness. Will you help me to do the same?"

Our Condolences

Christ Church extends our sincere condolences to the family of charter member, Hilda Mitchell. Hilda died on July 10th. Please continue to pray for the family and friends she leaves behind.

Potluck Lunch

Mark your calendar to join us after morning service on **Sunday, August 6th**, for a church-wide potluck luncheon. We understand that Vince Whitaker will be preparing BBQ pork and chicken. Yum! As usual, sign-up sheets are available at the reception desk in our administrative wing.

Our Stewardship:

Membership: 150

Attendance:
July 9 -- 103

Offering: \$2, 487.00

Please pray:

Family concerns:

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

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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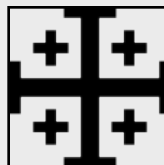
Office Hours:

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 23, 2017
7th Sunday after Pentecost.

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalm 86.11-17

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43