

# 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 4th excerpt from "6 Reasons Membership Matters," an insightful article originally written by Kevin DeYoung, pastor of the University Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan.

*5. Joining the church will help your pastor and church leaders be more faithful shepherds. Hebrews 13:7 says "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority." That's the responsibility of "laypeople". Ministers' responsibilities include "Keeping watch over members as men who must give an account." Faithful pastors take very seriously that responsibility. This is hard enough to do in a mobile society, but it's nearly impossible for a minister to shepherd the flock when he is not certain who among those who attend really considers him their shepherd in the first place.*

## Memorial Service

A memorial service for *Christ Church* charter member, Hilda Mitchell, will be held this afternoon at 2:30 in our Sanctuary.

## Pictorial Directory

*Christ Church* is making a new pictorial directory and we want you (members & friends) to be included. You can make your photography appointment at the desk in our administrative wing, or by calling the church office at 634-2009. Photography dates are September 6, 7 and 18, so please plan ahead.

## Potluck Luncheon

Mark your calendar to join us after service on **Sunday, August 6th**, for a church-wide potluck luncheon. 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 16 -- 119

Offering: \$2, 441.00

### Please pray:

#### Family concerns:

Betty Bryant, Bob & Gerry Graham, Clare Herrick, Bonnie Hilton, Jim Kennedy, 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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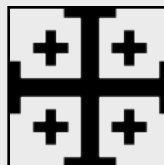
#### Office Hours:

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 30, 2017  
8th Sunday after Pentecost.

Genesis 29:15-28

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52