



Messenger of Christ

Christ United Methodist Church

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THE CHURCH...

Friends, as we move into the new year, it is helpful to rethink our purpose in life and the direction we are heading. Many are making resolutions that will keep them in good health or good faith, while others are just grateful to live to see another year. It is always beneficial to think critically about who we are and what we want in life. Life is as good as we make it to be ... it takes thinking, planning, and discipline. Most successful people are great thinkers, planners and are self-disciplined.

As Christians, I believe we should always examine our beliefs and understandings of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. In the bible, followers of Jesus are referred to as *"those who are called"* (Jude). What does it mean that believers are "called"? Followers of Jesus are "the called", that is, we have been called out from the kingdom of the world and are now living in a new kingdom... a new community called "the church". We are a community living in the world, though we are not of the world; the church exists in the world, but we are called to pattern our living after that of Christ our Lord.

We all know that the church is not the building where we worship... the church is not an institution ... it is not a place where we get to make friends, get married or have our funeral services there, though these naturally happen when we do life together as a community. Rather, the church is made up of people who not only professed their faith in Christ but have committed themselves to follow Jesus faithfully and sacrificially. These are people who truly have met Christ and have personally been transformed by his grace and mercy. The church consists of people who love God with all their hearts, minds and souls ... and are prepared to defend their faith to the end.

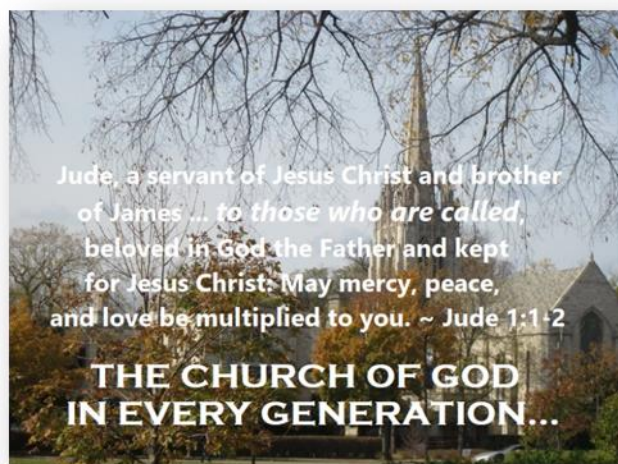
For the next six weeks, we will be looking closely at what the church is ... what the church believes ... and why we must be diligent in growing our faith and knowledge of the word of God. We live in a culture that is increasingly becoming more and more hostile toward the church. So, in order to continue the mission Christ has given us, it is crucial that we understand who we are and what we believe. To not do so will defeat our very existence as 'the church'.

As any successful person who thinks critically ...plans strategically ... and with discipline, are able to achieve the impossible, 'the church' must also be of the same attitude and mind. We are, however, different from these successful people in that, without God we can do nothing. But we must keep in mind that without effort, God cannot accomplish anything through us. My prayer is that we will do all we can to accomplish the tasks that God has placed before us.

May you have a wonderful New Year and I look forward to seeing you in CHURCH!

Blessings!

Pastor Mao Her



COMING UP SERMONS... "THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EVERY GENERATION"

January 1st	<i>"Defender of the Faith" (part one)</i>	Jude 1:1-25
January 8th	<i>"Defender of the Faith" (part two)</i>	Jude 1:1-25
January 15th	<i>"One Foundation"</i>	1 Corinthians 1:10-31
January 22 nd	<i>"Church Discipline"</i>	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
January 29 th	<i>"Many Gifts We Bring"</i>	1 Corinthians 12:1-30
February 5th	<i>"Sharing in our Suffering"</i>	2 Corinthians 1:3-11; 4:7-12



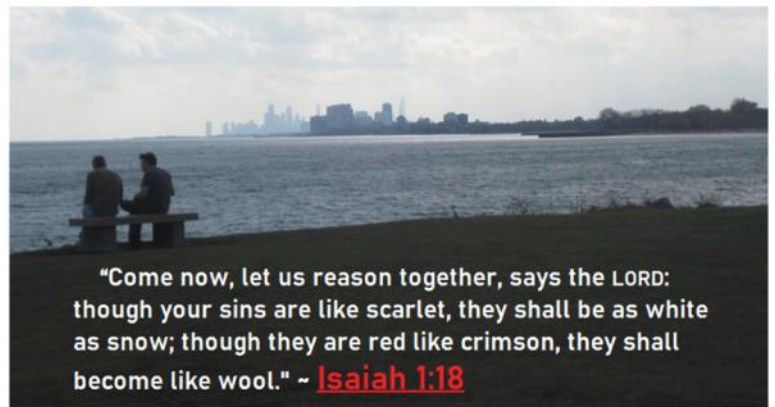
COMING IN FEBURARY... There will be opportunity for you to join a VIRTUAL BIBLE DISCUSSION CLASS.

This will be a 6-week class being held on Tuesdays @ 2:00 PM.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding the topics of this class. They will be topics of 'hard discussions'.

I hope and pray that you would be willing to join our conversations as we go directly to the scriptures for help on these topics.

Pastor Mao



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY

1st Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany Sunday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Revelations 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

New Year's Day

8th Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Baptism of the Lord

15th Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11 (UMH 774)
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

22nd Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758)
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

29th Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15 (UMH 747)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Birthday(s) This Month...

4th Katie Behling
8th Moang Her



Please wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** when you see them!

GOODWILL BINGO...



We will be having our monthly bingo/lunch with the folks from Goodwill on Thursday, January 19th, at 11:00 AM.

Please see the sign-up sheet if you are interested in helping in any way.

VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

BULLETINS

1st
8th
15th
22nd
29th

COFFEE HOUR

1st Denise Edlund
8th Janet Brown
15th Carol Olson
22nd
29th

COUNTERS

1st Janet Brown, Nancy Wolski
8th Denise Edlund & Gail Montgomery
15th Pam Seri & Janet Brown
22nd Carrie & Steve Montgomery
29th Denise Edlund & Nancy Wolski

LAY LITURGISTS

1st Denise Edlund
8th Janet Brown
15th Beth Schramm
22nd Carrie Montgomery
29th Ron Stinson

Thank You!



UMW CORNER

The Caring UMW will meet on the Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 AM at church.

We look forward to seeing each other and joining in worship and Christian fellowship. We will as always end with lunch out. All are welcome!



Please see the sign-up sheets on the credenza outside of the church office... thanks!

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Proposed Budget for 2023

Foot Notes	Description	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
	Pastor		
	201.0 Cash Salary	\$ 44,578.00	\$ 46,391.00
	202.0 Travel	\$ -	\$ -
	207.1 Accountable Reimb Plan	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	209.0 Utilities Allowance	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
	203.0 Continuing Education	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
	204.0 Health Insurance	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 18,276.00
	205.0 Pension	\$ 6,972.00	\$ 8,678.74
	207.0 Professional Expense	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	210.0 Housing Allowance	\$ 14,400.00	\$ - 14,400.00
	211.0 Annual Conference	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	Pastor Total	\$ 86,350.00	\$ 92,545.74
	Apportionments		
	301.0 Conference	\$ 19,932.00	\$ 20,101.00
	302.0 Metro South		\$ -
	Apportionments Total	\$ 19,932.00	\$ 20,101.00
	Office		
	401.0 Secretary Salary	\$ 14,453.00	\$ 14,453.00
1	401.1 Secretary FICA	\$ 896.00	\$ 896.00
2	401.2 Secretary Medicare	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
	402.0 Postage	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	404.0 Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	405.0 Finance Committee	\$ -	\$ -
3	405.5 Accounting & Payroll Svcs	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
	410.0 Copier Lease	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
	411.0 Internet Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
	413.0 Computer Repair	\$ -	\$ -
	414.0 Treasurer Salary	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
1	414.1 Treasurer Social Security	\$ 261.00	\$ 261.00
2	414.2 Treasurer Medicare	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00
	Office Total	\$ 27,331.00	\$ 26,631.00
	Church Building		
	502.0 Utilities	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
	506.0 Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	507.0 Snow Removal	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	508.0 Janitor Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

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	510.0 Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
	512.0 Janitor Salary		
1	512.1 Janitor FICA		
2	512.2 Janitor Medicare		
	512.5 Cleaning Service	\$ 6,900.00	\$ -
	513.0 Floor Waxing/Carpet Cleaning	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	514.0 Bank Loan Interest	\$ 480.00	\$ 262.77
	514.1 Bank Loan Principal	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 3,284.67
	515.0 Lawn Service	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
	517.0 Trash Removal	\$ 700.00	\$ 750.00
	Church Building Total	\$ 39,430.00	\$ 36,797.44
	Program		
	701.0 Education / Small Groups		
	701.5 Vacation Bible School	\$ -	
	702.0 Leadership	\$ -	
	703.0 Worship	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00
	705.0 HMO	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	706.0 Organist Salary		
1	706.2 Organist Soc. Sec.		
2	706.3 Organist Medicare		
	708.0 Tech Assistant	\$ 1,228.50	\$ 1,228.50
	708.1 Tech Assistant Social Security	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00
	708.2 Tech Assistant Medicare	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
	711.0 Alternate Organist Fees	\$ -	
	711.1 Music Administrator Salary	\$ 8,557.50	\$ 5,200.00
1	711.6 Music Administrator FICA	\$ 531.00	\$ 322.40
2	711.7 Music Administrator Medicare	\$ 171.00	\$ 75.40
	714.0 Outside Speakers	\$ -	\$ -
	715.0 ERAS Mission	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 11,183.00	\$ 7,421.30
	GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 184,226.00	\$ 183,496.48

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	REVENUE		
	Envelope Giving	\$ 77,460.00	\$ 84,236.00
	Envelope Giving, Other Than Pledges	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Apportionment Pledges	\$ 4,009.20	\$ 6,720.30
	Visitor & Plate	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Family Ministry	\$ -	
	Fund Raising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Hall Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Southside Adventist Church	\$ 8,400.00	\$ -
	Goodwill Adult Day Care	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 38,400.00
	Bulletin Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Health Ins - Agape	\$ 4,392.00	\$ -
	Snow Removal - GW portion	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Other Income/Misc Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 164,661.20	\$ 162,556.30
	Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (19,564.80)	\$ (20,940.18)

Footnotes:

- 1 - 6.2% of Salary
- 2 - 1.45% of Salary
- 3 - Includes Cost of Misc Financial Items

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM – Coffee Hour 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE – Communion – Epiphany Sunday HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 6:30 PM – Accountable Leadership Board Meeting	3 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	4	5 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	6	7
8 9:30 AM – Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM – Coffee Hour 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE – Baptism of the Lord	9	10 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	11 	12 10:00 AM – Caring UMW 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	13	14
15 9:30 AM – Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM – Coffee Hour 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	16 The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Observance	17 6:00 PM - Jazzercise	18	19 11:00 AM – BINGO with Goodwill COC South 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	20	21
22 9:30 AM – Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM – Coffee Hour 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24 600 PM – Jazzercise	25	26 600 PM – Jazzercise	27 	28
29 9:30 AM – Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM – Coffee Hour 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	30 	31 600 PM – Jazzercise				

**The NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE FOR
February is:
January 22nd**

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Worship 10:30 AM

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the
First Sunday of each Month*

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