



# Down by the River

News from the River of Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## From the desk of Pastor Betsy:

Why is my Preacher looking at Phone in the Sanctuary?

When people make the effort to attend church, I feel they deserve my full attention. Before Covid I always left my cell phone in the office during worship. I feel like it's rude to have my phone in the sanctuary. However, in the aftermath of Covid-19, it is essential that I have and use my phone during worship.

Why?

We have chosen to continue to offer a Zoom/on-line worship option even though most of our members are attending in person. We have shut-ins and people without transportation who attend on-line regularly. Also, people who are away on vacation, or not feeling well, can participate in Worship, Bible Study, and Coloring. However, this convenience comes at a cost.

Cary and I each purchased a Zoom account. We must schedule every meeting and send out the link, via email, so others can join. Then, we must use our personal cell phones (or computers) to open and run the meeting. We must set this up shortly before the service begins and shut it down afterwards. If someone is having trouble joining the meeting, they might text and ask for assistance. On Sunday, the wonderful folks in the sound booth can assist us by admitting people to the meeting, however, they can neither start nor run it.

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Please know that if the worship leader is looking at a phone, they are assisting another member of our community. The River of Life fellowship members have done an amazing job of learning technology during the last 18 months. We have continued to worship and meet despite the pandemic.

As always, I'm grateful for each of you.

May God bless and keep you,

Pastor Betsy

## Let Us Not Grow Weary of Doing Good

It is often That statement may have some merit to the secular world, but I don't think it is Biblical. stated that doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result is the very definition of insanity.

What should we Christians do when we try to live according to God's word, and yet things continue to go awry? What do you do when you do right, but the wrong things continue to happen?

A quick look at the headlines shows that political conflicts continue, divisiveness rages on, and the virus is gaining momentum yet again.

Regardless of your political affiliation, elections come and go, yet issues persist. Regardless of your stance on masks and vaccines, people are still suffering and dying.

What do you do when the good you are doing doesn't seem to work?

The Bible, of course, has the answer to this not-so-hypothetical question. Consider Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

What do you do when the good you are doing doesn't seem to work? If you are "doing good," you keep doing it.

Think about Joseph. He was sold into slavery, yet he continued to honor God with his life. He was falsely accused and thrown into jail, yet he continued to honor God with his life. He was forgotten about for a couple years in jail, yet he continued to honor God with his life.

He continued to do good, but bad things continued to happen. Was he crazy for continuing to do the same thing, to continue to honor God with his life, and hope for things to change? No, he wasn't crazy. He was a man of faith.

We are called to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). And doing so often requires us to do the same thing over and over and expect a different result.

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Maybe you are praying for a friend or family member to come into a saving relationship with Jesus, but they keep resisting.

Maybe you keep living a life that honors God, but things continue to be rough for you.

Don't let the circumstances around you discourage you from doing good. Don't stop praying for the issues we face just because they don't seem to be changing.

Pray without ceasing and expect a different result. Yes, it may sound crazy from the world's perspective. But for us, its walking by faith, and that's not crazy.

Cary

## September 2021 Announcements

**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. led by Cary Green at the Church and on Zoom  
(Information for Zoom will be sent out to join)

**CONVERSATION & COLORING:** Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church and on Zoom  
(Information for Zoom will be sent out to join)

**GREETERS NEEDED,** please sign up at the welcome table

**COFFEE CLOSET HELPERS NEEDED,** please sign up at the welcome table

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will resume on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**BROAD MEETING:** September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Church

We Are Still Collecting Food for the Emmaus Food Mission, please bring your donations on Sundays....We will set up a date to deliver to Emmaus.

The Church is planning a Memorial Service for those that passed away during Covid on October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are aware of a member passing, will you please let Betsy or Martha know.

A Message from our Custodian

Ken Uchida has requested our help. If you see something that needs to be done around the church, please put a note in Ken's box. Ken wants to do the best job he can for our congregation.

Thank you.

# Serving in September

## Praying at the Table:

5 Martha Brown  
12 Julie Jones  
19 Ted Jones  
26 Connie Kiesling

## Worship Leader:

5 Marsha Iles  
12 Jane Kollmar  
19 Dennis Kollmar  
26 Bonnie Minglin

## Greeters

5 Bonnie  
12 Skip Perry  
19 Marsha Iles  
26 MaryAnn McIntire



## JOYS:

Nancy Bellus (Ken's sister) is recovering from Covid-19 and pneumonia  
Max and Winnie Landes celebrated 77 years of marriage on August 31, 2021  
Tiara Denny is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the state in girls' softball for her age  
Claire Huntzinger is better and scored a goal in soccer  
Baby Gus Minnick is better

## CONCERNS:

Barb Erickson is having surgery on September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Prayers for the Humberto Sanchez's family, a Marine who was killed in Afghanistan. His father, Julio sang at our church a few years ago  
Prayers for protection for all our Military in service for our country  
Ken Uchida on the death of his sister, brother-in-law, and longtime friend  
Prayers Janie Long, Cindy's mother-in-law  
Skip Perry  
Skip's nephews J. P and Stuart facing health issues  
Ed and Betty Denton  
Students, teachers, and all school personnel as Covid rages  
Afghanistan  
Haiti  
Louisiana in the aftermath of the storm  
Grant Long, Cindy Erickson's father  
Alice Snider  
Ben Ashby  
Iris Ashby  
Ron Flickinger  
Bob Rihel  
Bonnie Uchida  
Kamryn Kollmar  
Matt Hughes  
Neil Myers  
Joe and Janny Ewing

**SHUT-INS:**

Joan Hipster (Woodbridge Rm 203)  
 Marge Ingmire (Woodbridge Rm 103)

Cyndy Gentry (McKinney Place)  
 Norma Harris (Millers 322)

**BIRTHDAYS**



Roslyn Morgan  
 Chloe Iles  
 Gwen Frank  
 Norma Harris  
 Ken Uchida

September 11  
 September 19  
 September 23  
 September 30  
 September 30

**ANNIVERSARIES**



Chuck & Barb Erickson  
 Mac & Lucy Martin

September 14  
 September 20

## ALL THINGS SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER	AUTUMN	SWEATERS	COOL BREEZE
PILE OF LEAVES	HARVEST	PUMPKIN MUFFIN	CORN MAZE
FOilage	HAY BALES	ORCHARD	THIRTY DAYS
BACK TO SCHOOL	CRISP AIR	COUNTY FAIR	HOT CIDER
LABOR DAY	FOOTBALL	FALL FESTIVAL	BON FIRES
APPLE PICKING	FIELD HOCKEY	PIE	LONG SLEEVES

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