



Down by the River

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

What is the Crossroads Committee?

This is a group of church leaders who are trying to find ways to increase our income and cut our spending. This is necessary because we are currently using money from our savings account to meet monthly expenses, especially the rising cost of heating and cooling.

We are NOT in a crisis. We are NOT closing our doors, as the rumor mill in Logansport reports. We are attempting to responsibly and proactively be good stewards of our resources.

On February 13, 2022, a group of people discussed ideas after sharing a Souper Supper in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone was welcome to participate. If you were unable to attend, we hope you will join in our next conversation. Listed below are some of the suggestions that arose from that discussion.

- Open a day care for children
 - Open a day care for the elderly
 - Open a coffee house
 - Open a co-working space with or without daycare
 - Sell the building and buy/rent something smaller
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Lease part of our building to a business (We would have to pay taxes on the income, but it wouldn't jeopardize our non-profit status.)

Rent space to another church and allow them to worship here

Invite Alcoholics Anonymous or other such organizations to meet here

Give up the trash dumpster and save \$200.00/month by taking the trash home

Your church needs to hear from you. We are seeking your input about the ideas listed above. We are curious if you have other ideas that aren't on the list. Please share them. If you have questions, please ask them.

You can speak with me, the pastor, Martha Brown, the Administrative Assistant, Ted Jones, the Board Chair, Dennis Kollmar, the Chair of the Trustees, Marsha Iles, the Chair of the Deacons, or Connie Kiesling, Vice-Chair of the Board. Contact information is available on the back of your church bulletin. You can also write your ideas/questions down and place them in the suggestion box in the narthex if you prefer to be anonymous.

Everyone who worships with us will be affected by the decisions that are being made now. This is the time to speak out.

Please pray for our fellowship as we move forward in partnership with one another and with God regarding the future of River of Life Christian Church.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Betsy

An Empowering Prayer

In my recent sermon entitled, "We have Not Ceased Praying for You," I asked you to pray for others the prayer that Paul prayed for the saints at Colossae (Colossians 1:9-12).

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

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¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

To help you get started praying this prayer for others, I am providing as an example a prayer I prayed for Betsy.

Father God in heaven, please fill Betsy with the knowledge of Your will so she can be who You call her to be and accomplish what You call her to accomplish.

Holy Spirit, please give her all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Lead her to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, bearing good fruit, and growing in knowledge of our Heavenly Father.

I pray Lord that You strengthen her according to Your might and give Betsy endurance and patience to walk with joy in Your will.

Let her know how much You love her and help her understand that she is qualified to receive Your all-encompassing grace and mercy through our savior Jesus Christ.

And please surround her with Your presence, protection, and blessings.

In Jesus name, amen.

This very simple example prayer is only a suggestion to help you get started. Please follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to adapt this prayer for the people you pray for.

I also encourage you to read the Parable of the Persistent Widow in Luke 18:1-8. Follow Jesus' teaching in this parable to always pray and never give up.

Cary J Green

March 2022 Announcements

COLLECTING PAPER PRODUCTS for Emmaus House Shelter (cups, plates, napkins etc.)

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

PRAYER, JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS:

Rick Benz is coming home, Thursday, February 24th
John & Bonnie Minglin visited with Bill & Betsy while in Florida

CONCERNS:

Cathy, Cary's cousin wife
Roslyn Morgan, had dental surgery
Dorinda Hylton, has pneumonia and on medication but is now home
Barb Landis is now at Woodbridge
Marlene Moore
Ted Jones
Jason Crittendon
Beth Chapman uncle, Danny's cancer is back
Vickie Jameson's husband had open heart surgery
Howard Lhamon
Marsha Iles
Bonnie Uchida
Ben Ashby is receiving palliative care
Sandy Dalton
Alice Snider, Kenny, and Tia Denny
Kian Busard (Marlene Moore's daughter)
Pat C. (Neighbor of Dorinda Hylton)
Patty Lohrman Barb Erickson's friend
Paige Smith, Barb Erickson's nephew, is battling cancer
Steve Erickson
Chuck Minglin
Kamryn Kollmar
Deb Britt, neighbor of Jim & Martha Brown
Bob Rihel (Ted Jones' brother-in-law)
Ed and Betty Denton
All who are struggling with health, work, grief, and loss.
All who are holding their pain privately
Peace in the Ukraine
Racial tensions world wide

SHUT-INS:

Joan Hipsher (Woodbridge Rm 203)	Cyndy Gentry (McKinney Place)
Marge Ingmire (Woodbridge Rm 103)	Barb Landis (Woodbridge)
Marlene Moore (Miller's Rm 120)	



- 10 MaryAnn McIntire
- 17 John Minglin
- 19 Susan Spencer
- 21 Chuck Erickson
- 27 Lincoln Uchida
- 28 Bonnie Minglin
- Gavin Morgan

If I missed your Anniversary, Please let me know

Serving in March

Praying at the Table:

- 6 Jane Kollmar
- 13 Connie Kiesling
- 20 Jim Brown
- 27 Martha Brown

Worship Leader:

- 6 Connie Kiesling
- 13 Jason Crittenden
- 20 Ken Uchida
- 27 Marsha Iles

Greeters

- 6 Marsha Iles
- 13 Skip Perry
- 20 Barb Erickson
- 27 Connie Kiesling

Coffee Closet

- 6 Marsha Iles
- 13
- 20
- 27





Happy St. Patrick's Day!



- TRADITION
- SHAMROCK
- PARTY
- SAINT
- LUCK
- MARCH
- PATRICK
- DANCE
- SNAKES
- HOLIDAY
- GREEN
- FOLKLORE
- EMERALD
- CELEBRATE
- RAINBOW
- IRISH
- IRELAND
- FEAST
- POT
- LEPRECHAUN
- PARADE
- CLOVER
- GOLD
- MYTHOLOGY

N L S H A M R O C K A U T I L U
 S U H M F K I R E L A N D W F P
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 N P A R A D E E R O L K L O F E





Ingredients

- 1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) Betty Crocker™ sugar cookie mix
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon mint extract
- 6 to 8 drops green food color
- 1 egg
- 1 cup creme de menthe baking chips
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chunks

- **tip 1**

Let your butter soften first before mixing up your dough to give your cookies the perfect cookie texture. Butter usually takes about 30 minutes to soften. To speed up the process, set sticks on a plate in the back of your oven as it preheats, but only for a few minutes!

- **tip 2**

Oven temperatures may vary, so be careful to watch the cooking time closely on these cookies to ensure they aren't overcooked.

- **tip 3**

For an added burst of chocolate, drizzle a little melted chocolate over the cookies after they cool. Let the chocolate set and then these cookies will be ready to impress!

- **tip 4**

Make the ultimate mint-chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches! Cool your cookies and add mint chocolate chip ice cream to the center of two cookies. Press together and either eat right away or wrap tightly in plastic wrap and freeze to enjoy later. Label the outside

- **tip 5**

Can't get enough of these mint chocolate chip cookies? Try this recipe for [chocolate mini pinwheels](#), another delightfully green cookie recipe with mint and chocolate swirls that also uses our classic Betty Crocker™ sugar cookie mix.