

Apron Strings Mother-Daughter Lunch May 2



Thank you ,Anne Wettstein, for taking photos!

Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am
 J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday
 K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays
 Communion served 4th Sunday
 Sunday School on summer break

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Youth Groups

Special events through the summer
 Jr. High: Jordan McKinsey | Seth Foor
 Sr. High: Danny Kaupp | Jordan Krone

Pastoral Staff

Andy Huetter, Sr. Pastor
 Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor

CHRIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF GRIDLEY

June 2015

Dear Church Family,

If you had an extra hour in the day today—if today were a 25 hour day—what would you do with it? Got an answer?

Now, imagine a second scenario with me. Imagine you have an extra hour in the day, but you don't know it. What if the clock ticked a tad slower, giving you the illusion that it was a normal 24-hour day, but in actuality you had one extra hour of time in the day? What would you do with your extra hour?

I admit this is an odd hypothetical exercise, but here's the point: In the first scenario we know that we have an hour of margin, so we are more likely to intentionally use this "free hour" of margin to do something that is enjoyable, life-giving, productive and/or restful. In scenario two, however, the extra time we have, but are unaware of, is more likely to be spent simply doing more of what we always do with our days. Whether that's hacking away at a to-do list, shuttling kids to and fro, or zoning out in front of a screen for a little while longer in the evening.

It's clear throughout Scripture that margin—time and space that is set apart for rest, worship, solitude, and relationship—is essential for spiritual vitality and joy. To keep the Sabbath holy is to intentionally protect margin in our lives for the sake of spiritual renewal, enjoyment of God's world, and the cultivation of relationships with others. To keep Sabbath is not to pharisaically determine what constitutes "work" and to outlaw such actions, but to cultivate a weekly rhythm of rest and worship.



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Each year at Christ Community, we take a break from Sunday School classes in the summer, and the reason for this is because spiritual transformation does not only occur through the imparting of biblical knowledge. Knowledge learned in Sunday School is good, but there's more to spiritual health than knowing facts about the Bible. Each summer when we take a break from Sunday School, we want to encourage the church body to recognize that there is "an extra hour in the day," and to use this time of margin for other spiritually nourishing activities. From June through August, there's one less thing on the calendar on Sundays, which presents each of us with a "free hour" of margin that can be filled with spiritually nourishing activity (or non-activity).

With your "free hour" this morning, I encourage you to resist filling it with the same things that you always do. Rather, consider how to enjoy the Lord, His world, and His Church. Consider lingering longer at coffee fellowship, picking up a good book, inviting some neighbors over for lunch, taking your watch off, hanging out with family and friends, walking and praying, or any host of life-giving means of practicing Sabbath.

Grace and Peace,
Andy

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:15b



Christ Community's Missions Team is responsible for coordinating missions education for Sunday School classes. This year, the final class included videos about missionaries' lives . . . and popcorn.



PreK-1st grade watched a video about missionary, Jim Elliott.

The sr. high class had balcony seats.



Apples of Gold



"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver." Proverbs 25:11



Susan Laiming, left, coordinates the Mom's Group. Marcia Mool, right, was one of the cooks who made brunch at a spring meeting.



Young moms and seasoned women have been gathering throughout the school year for study, fellowship, and intentional growth as women of God.



Vacation Bible School July 27-31 from 6-8 pm

"Shine" is the theme for VBS this year. The theme verse is from Psalm 34:5: "Those who look to HIM are radiant . . ."

Coordinators: Kaylene Butikofer, Erin Kaupp, and Lori Hardman.

Date/Time: July 27-31 from 6-8 p.m.

Classes: Pre-school, K-8th grades, and adults. The adult class time will be 6:20-7:50 with a break in the middle.

Dinner: served in the Fellowship Hall from 4:45-5:30 p.m. for VBS volunteers and their families.

Opening/Closing: We will begin and end in the Family Center. Kids can go directly to their class area in the Family Center at 5:45.



The VBS offering will benefit the Good Shepherd School in Guatemala.

Registration: Register children in June during Coffee Fellowship or online at our website: christ-cc.org and click on the *Ministries* tab.

Parent Pick-Up: Parents will need to personally pick up their kids in 3rd grade and under. Kids will stay in their designated area in the Family Center until they are claimed. 4th and 5th grade students may go directly to their parents.

Help Needed: We need help in the nursery and 10 dozen cookies each night. See one of the coordinators if you can help.

Missions Offering: The offering is designated to Good Shepherd School in Guatemala and will purchase school desks and a projector. Our missionaries, Dan and Christi Ucherek, work with the school.

... Weekdays around the church building ...

Men at work



Behind the scenes: Alan Schoppet and Grant Stauter hung the new banners in the sanctuary.



Little Lambs Circus



The circus came to town on May 19 and the Little Lambs classes spent time practicing. The Ring Master announced the Tight Rope Walkers while the rest of the class watched.

June Birthdays

- 01 Thomas Erwin
- 01 Jordan McKinsey
- 02 Hart Zeller
- 04 Ron Richard
- 05 Dan Dixon
- 05 Neil Jeffreys
- 05 Matty Wenger
- 07 Melvin Grace
- 07 Phyllis Smith
- 08 Jamie Erwin
- 10 Alec Ihlenfeldt
- 13 Zachary Johnson
- 16 Brian Buchanan
- 17 Mary Ferguson
- 17 Adam Ludy
- 18 Matt Wenger
- 20 Mark Butikofer
- 20 Jacob Ludy
- 21 Elise Morrison
- 24 David Hess
- 25 Jennifer Morrison
- 25 Michelle Porzelius
- 28 Mary Carls
- 29 Alice Guth
- 30 Caleb Kaupp
- 30 Logan Maughan
- 30 Ashley Neal

Anniversaries

- 02 Jordan & Alissa McKinsey
- 03 Timothy & Susan Johnson
- 04 Ron & Stephanie Richard
- 08 Jason & Michelle Porzelius
- 10 Andy & Abby Huette
- 13 Phil & Linda Hartzler
- 14 Larry & Carol Neuhalfen
- 15 Frankie & Stephanie Finck
- 28 Daniel and Jamie Erwin

New Births in May

- 11 Avery Joy Henson
Parents: Emily & Ryan Henson
Grandparents: Teresa & Jeff Porzelius

Attendance & Offering

5/3	300	\$ 8,233
5/10	337	\$ 9,198
5/17	315	\$ 9,744
5/24	267	\$ 5,382
5/31	324	\$ 6,368

Men's Canoe Trip Turkey Run, Indiana June 26-27.

See Grant Stauter for info



Children's Church



Children's Church (K-3) celebrated God's blessings with ice cream! Children's Church meets in the Family Center on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9 a.m.

Thank you, Heather Gentes, for photos!

