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8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
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“Don’t you see it?!”

MAY 2022

Every time I move into a new parsonage, survive the first winter, and joyfully wait for spring, something rather exciting happens. Something that can only happen the first spring in your new home. As the grey of winter begins to shift to sun, and the ground begins to soften again, I begin looking for signs of life. And not just the trees filling with buds, or the shrubs coming back to life, I get to look with anticipation for what will bloom that I didn’t see coming. I get to stroll through the yards, walk past the beds, and wonder where there will be life. The grounds are still unfamiliar to me a bit, so I get to wonder with discovery and anticipation if I’ll find something new. Just when I wonder if spring or life will ever come, I’m surprised with something brand new as flowers and buds come to life that I hadn’t seen there before. Tulips, and crocus, hyacinth and day-lilies surprise me with life where there seemingly had been none.



Pastor Sarah Wanck

It’s a very unique moment that allows me to live in anticipation and expectation. Usually, living in anticipation is bad. We try to anticipate stresses and concerns. We wonder what will go wrong, and desperately try to control outcomes in our favor. But this kind of anticipation is, well, wonderful! With anticipation about what we would discover our first spring in our new home, it wasn’t just tulips and hyacinth that we found...but beautiful birds too! Orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks, goldfinch, and cardinals, of course. New things are springing up all around us, and we’re currently caught up in the delight of discovery.

The book of Isaiah reminds us that God is in the business of surprising us with new joy. From Isaiah 43, verses 18 & 19, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” God delights us with newness, possibility, and surprise at every turn. Where we assume all is lost, he reinvents. Where we’ve given up, he reconfigures. Where there is death, he brings life. He makes streams in the wasteland.

But notice that something is required of us in order to experience the fullness of new life. He says, “do you not perceive it?!” Don’t you see it?! He’s already doing it, but he’s asking if we’re engaging in what he’s already working on. Are we discovering what he’s already up to?! There is an attitude, an expectation of our ability to see...to look for it. It’s not as if God isn’t doing new, beautiful, unexpected things all the time. It’s that we’re usually not busy looking. God is inviting us to the kind of joyful delight of discovery, as we open our eyes to see what he’s doing; to join in and participate in his redemption of the world, of bringing the broken things back to life. This spring, may you have eyes to see, an attitude of wonder, and a heart of discovery, as you look with expectation for God to do something new in you.

Thanks be to God.

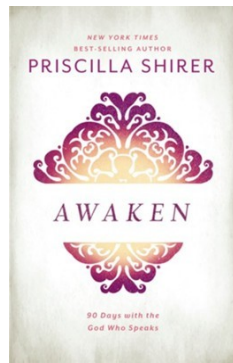
Pastor Sarah

May Happenings

Awaken May 1st ~ 5:30 p.m.

Awaken, a women's Bible study will begin on **Sunday, May 1st**. It will be held at the Carbon Cliff Campus, monthly on the first Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We will be served a meal by the 'fellas' who will prepare, serve, and clean up...yay :-)

The subject of the study will be one of the Priscilla Shirer studies using the devotional, "Awaken, 90 Days with the God Who Speaks." The book is available on-line at Amazon, and several other locations, but is not required for the study. All ladies are welcome to join us. We hope many will attend!



Senior Brunch May 21st ~ 10:30

The Christ Church CARE Ministry is hosting a Senior Brunch on **Saturday, May 21st, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of the East Moline campus. Everyone age 75+ is invited! In addition to brunch, we'll have devotions, music, and time for fellowship. Pastors Sarah and Gabe will be our guests so this will be your chance to get know them better.

Please call the church office to register, 309-755-2508, by May 18th. Also, let us know if you need transportation.

Plan to attend and bring a friend! We are looking forward to seeing you!

Steph Rabe and Janet Griffin,
Co-leaders for CARE Ministry



United Marriage Encounter

Thrive Together Workshop

Saturday, May 7th ~ 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church, East Moline

Marriage is an adventure, it helps to have a guide. Turn your relationship into a success story. This workshop is for couples of all varieties, from the newly engaged to the "been together forever", this workshop will give you the tools needed for long-term success. To register, go to honoringmarriage.com and click on "Thrive Together". The prompts will take you from there.



Mental Health First Aid for Youth

Mental Health First Aid for Youth will be held on **Saturday, May 14**. The course begins with a 2-hour, self-paced, on-line preparation, done at home before the day of class. The class day lasts about 4 1/2 to 5 hours with in-person, instructor-led training at the church. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, and caregivers how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who may experience a mental health or addictions challenge.

The course covers:

- common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges in this age group, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder
- common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges
- how to interact with a child or adolescent in crisis
- how to connect the youth with help
- expanded content on trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying

The class is free, but pre-registration is required. Please register with Steph or the office by calling (309) 755-2508 by May 5.



Christ Church sends out a Weekly Midweek News Update every Wednesday. If you are not on our e-mailing list and would like to be, please let the church office know. You can call us at 309-755-2508 or mark your weekly attendance card with your information. Thank you!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who prayed, sent a memorial, staffed the entrance doors with smiles and guidance, or helped in any way on the day of Robert Death's funeral. Our church family poured out their love to his family. A special thank you to the women who prepared the food and served the many people that showed up to celebrate Robert's life with his family. Thank you also to Larry O'Brien, Mark Thompson, Mark Claeys and Deb Sherbyn for working alongside everyone anticipating needs to make the day go well. From behind the scenes, it was wonderful seeing God at work as the Christ Church family stepped up to honor this family and host this funeral. Everyone worked together to show God's love.

Thank you to each of you!
Pastor Marty and Steph Rabe, Parish Nurse

Thank You

Thank you all for the cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization for pneumonia. The power of prayer really works, as I have experienced several times. It is a blessing to be a member of Christ Church and have friends like all of you. May God Bless you all.

In God's Love,
Chuck Oltman

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From Our Parish Nurse

Nurses Week is May 6 - May 12



Christ Church is blessed to have many nurses and health care workers in our church family. Some are just starting their careers, some are seasoned workers in many health-care areas, and others are retired, but still lending their help when needed to our Parishioners. Never did I imagine back in nursing school that I would still be practicing! However, as shown by every one of our nurses, we will always practice for we all care about others.

As we all are trying to move on after a season of COVID (hopefully), please take some time to thank a healthcare worker. It could be your children's school nurse, your primary care staff, your dentist and his/her staff, your pharmacist, or the person who gave you your COVID vaccine. A written note of gratitude means volumes! Even here amongst our church family, the healthcare workers were working behind the scenes helping out to get us all through. I could not have done as much as I did, without each of them stepping up to the plate often!

To each of our nurses and other healthcare workers, you are loved and appreciated. Thank you for all you do for others!

With heartfelt thanks-
Steph



Medical History List for Your Home

Does anyone remember the red health information packets that we used to fill out and place on our refrigerators for EMTs to find in case of an emergency? Well, those are no longer available. And if you have one, it probably needs to be updated.

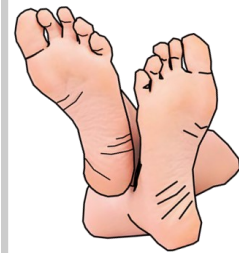
Diana Lovett and I have developed a larger version of health information sheets or Personal Planning for Emergencies to keep on your refrigerator. I have them located in the bin outside my office door. Feel free to take one, fill it out, place it in a large baggie, and attach it to your home refrigerator. It is recommended that you fill the medications out in pencil, so changes can be kept up to date. Your health information is not only on hand in case of an emergency but also ready to grab each time you visit the doctor or dentist. Please take one!

In health, peace and love,
Steph

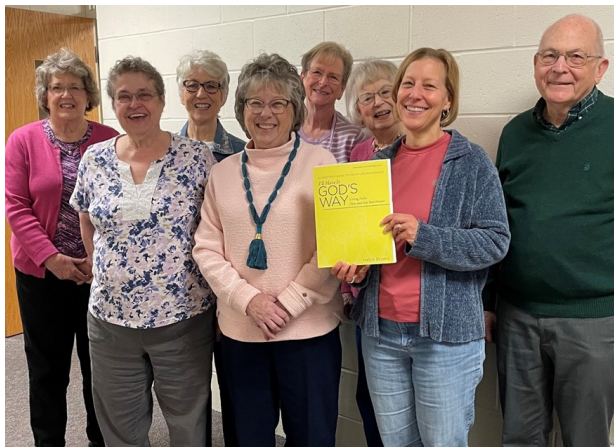


This wonderful group of Park Vista people completed the "I'll Have It God's Way" Bible study. Several people are missing from the picture, including Diana Lovett who was the co-leader with Steph. We had 19 people attend this class as our weekly, Friday morning Bible Study.

Thank you Park Vista!



The next Foot Clinic will take place **Monday, June 13**, starting at 9 a.m. at the East Moline Campus. The cost is \$30 and it is asked that you bring two clean towels. Please let Steph know if you would like an appointment. This is an excellent way to have those feet checked that the skin is intact with no open areas that could be a start of an infection. Especially with summer right around the corner, keep those feet healthy! They work hard every day!



Elaine Bridge, Roberta Garrett, Jan Lindstrom, Bobbi McCoy, Kathy and Dave (missing the last class) Ramp and Bill Parker took the recent "I'll Have It God's Way", Bible study for Advance Care Planning. The study is 6 weeks in length and taught by Steph Rabe and Diana Lovett.

News to Know

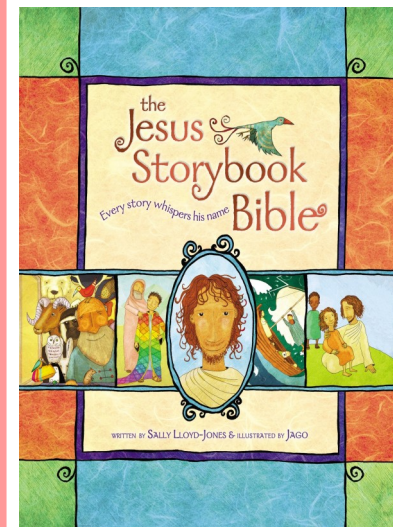


The Outreach Committee of Christ Church will once again be serving cookies and drinks at Glenview's Night of the Stars on **May 8th and 19th**. We will need dozens and dozens of cookies for each night. Donated cookies (packaged accepted) can be brought to the church on **Sunday, May 15th**. Please bring in disposable containers if possible. Nut-free is also preferred. Questions can be directed to Theresa Sack

at sackachris@frontier.com or 309-236-9572. We will be serving 250 students plus their families each night. At 2 cookies each, you can see the quantities we will need. Night of the Stars recognizes students achievements in academics, attendance, extra-curricular activities, etc. Let's do our part to congratulate these kids.



It could help but it's not necessary! Volunteers are needed to help at the Silvis Community Gardens. Harvested fresh produce goes directly to the East Moline and Silvis Campus Food Pantries. Planting begins in early April, weeding begins not long after and continues through the summer. Harvesting begins in late April and continues through the summer. Come be a part of our mission to make Jesus Christ famous in the Quad Cities by providing much needed food support to families in the area. If you can help in any way, please contact Carl Dittmar, 309-278-7022.



Vacation Bible School June 6 - 10 East Moline Campus

Plan on joining us for a wonderful week of Jesus Storybook Bible School - as we learn, grow, connect, and have fun together!

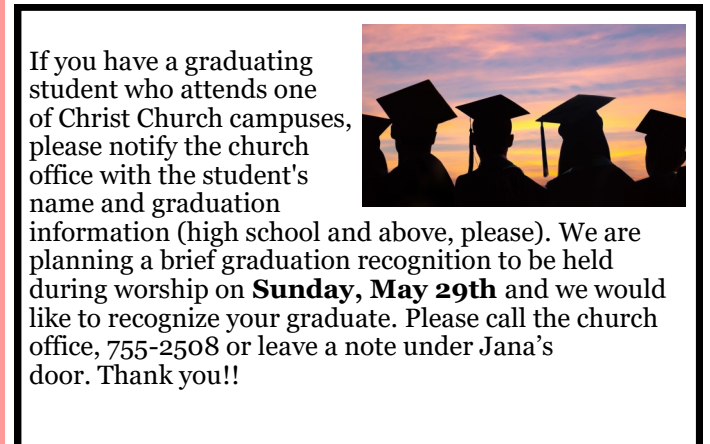
At Christ Church we believe that the best way for kids to grow in Christ, is for them to grow with us! We are better together. Adults and kids, learning of the love of Jesus - side by side - is our greatest hope! So register the whole family for a very special Vacation Bible School Experience.

This event will be held June 6th - 10th, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in the Christ Church East Moline Campus fellowship hall. We'll make sure to feed the whole family at 5:30pm. Then share all the things you love about VBS; Music, Learning, Food, and Activities.

Christ Church adults, whether you have kids at home or not, register for a fun week to connect and enjoy our Christ Church kids - as they teach us a thing or two about faith.

Please register so we can prepare food and supplies for every person attending. Children will need an adult with them each night - for our special all-ages Storybook Experience.

See you there!



If you have a graduating student who attends one of Christ Church campuses, please notify the church office with the student's name and graduation information (high school and above, please). We are planning a brief graduation recognition to be held during worship on **Sunday, May 29th** and we would like to recognize your graduate. Please call the church office, 755-2508 or leave a note under Jana's door. Thank you!!



The Christ Church monthly newsletter, The Courier will be on hiatus for the summer months, June, July, and August. During the break, please keep tuned to the midweek weekly e-mail and Sunday morning worship announcements for your source of events and information. Thank you!



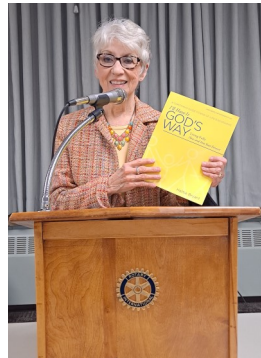
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Is God moving EACH day in your life? Do you see Him in the blossoms on the trees and bushes? Do you stop and feel Him in the wind and the rain and the warmth of the sun? Watch for God each day!

Do you know "Youth Hope"? Our ladies have been strong supporters of this organization who serves the children of our area. In March, we had 8 ladies attend the annual fundraiser at The Rust Belt in East Moline. We are so proud and excited to be a part of this great work.

Our March meeting was a busy one. Thanks to Diana Lovett for presenting an intro into "Doing it God's Way." (for info on this... see Diana or Stephanie Rabe). Our Gratitude Offering was \$132 which went to United Methodist Women Legacy Fund which helps to subsidize the current programs of the UMW. A gift of \$300 was approved for Eagle Ridge Schools to help teachers and student programming.



On Wednesday, May 4, the Glory Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center classroom (note permanent change meeting room) Please use the Food Pantry Entrance. Also, the Patience Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room #5. ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND EITHER GROUP.

Our May 24, 2022 meeting begins with the leadership team at 10:30 a.m. The UNIT meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. We are honored to host Pastors Sarah and Gabe Wanck who will be presenting the path of their trip to the Holy Land. We have invited ladies from several sister churches to join us. Reservations are needed for our setup. Please call Bobbi McCoy, 309-792-3624.

Our Annual UMW booklets are available, call the church office and leave a message if you would like one.

EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

FUTURE UNIT and CIRCLE MEETINGS:
(Ladies: please mark your calendars)

- June 1 - Glory Circle, 9:30am, FLC classroom
Patience Circle, 12:30pm, Gathering Room
- June 28 - Leadership Team Meeting, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Unit Meeting, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- NO JULY meetings
- August 3 - Glory Circle 9:30am, FLC classroom
Patience Circle, 12:30pm, Gathering Room
- August 23 - Leadership Team Meeting, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Unit Meeting, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

OTHER GATHERINGS:

- May 6 - 9:00am Church Women United May Fellowship at Trinity Lutheran, Moline
- June 3 & 4 - Cunningham Quilt Show
- ROTARY: May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25
- Morning Connection (Stonecroft Ministries): May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17



Pat Reuter presented the "Call To Prayer and Self-Denial 2022" program at the April 22nd Unit meeting.



CALLING ALL LADIES TO *Fellowship Springing Forward* United Methodist Women East Moline Campus

Inviting All Members and Guests to our Fellowship Hall

- On Tuesday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m.
- On Tuesday, May 24th at 1:00 p.m.
- On Tuesday, June 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Dessert and Beverages will be served

The program for April will be by Jane Parker: "One With Each Other and One With the World"

The program for May will be by Pastors Sarah & Gabe Wanck speaking on their recent trip to the Holy Land

The program for June is music provided by "The Called" and Cathy Gardiner explaining the history of Dr. Joe Gardiner's Pastoral Robe



Reservations are due by
Friday, April 22nd
Friday, May 20th
Friday, June 24th

Please call Bobbi McCoy, 309-792-3624