

THE COMMUNICATOR

October 2020



“Reformation”

From the Pastor’s Keyboard

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a monk, scholar, pastor, and teacher, posted 95 complaints about the apostasy of the church in a public forum; the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This posting was, in that context, the equivalent of a Facebook post today; it was seen by hundreds of people in the community the next day and it “went viral.”

The results of this post shook the foundation of the church to its core, and created a schism that has been our understanding of church to this day. Martin Luther was chastised by the church, called to stand trial by the church on charges of heresy, convicted by the church and sentenced to death. In the manner of Joan of Arc, Jan Hus, and Thomas Wickliffe, all of whom protested the apostasy of the church, Luther was to be killed by the church in dishonorable fashion.

With a little help from his friends, Luther escaped; and enjoyed some security in hiding at Wartburg Castle. After a time, the church was distracted by other affairs, and though the charges and sentence against Luther were never dropped, he was able to live in relative safety. He returned to Wittenberg and continued to speak and write about church reform.

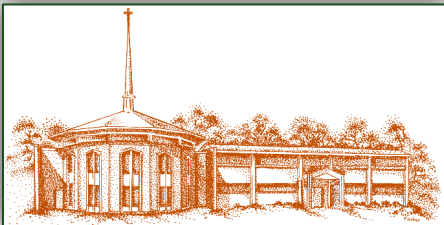
The event on October 31, 1517, the posting of the 95 theses, is lifted up as “the start of the Protestant Reformation;” and while it is okay to refer to it as such, we must not do so without realizing that events leading up to that posting were taking place for hundreds of years prior to Luther. That day was not inconsequential by any means; that posting, that protest, that spark, that courage on the part of Martin Luther, ignited a fire that would sweep all across Europe and make the protestant movement a reality.

That event changed the church forever. That event was the genesis of all the Protestant denominations that exist today; Lutheran, Reformed, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, and many more; all evolving from that moment of protest and the subsequent reformers who followed in the path of Luther; some agreeing with him and some disputing his theology. His ideas spread all across Europe, and eventually to the US. The world would never be the same, because of that Wittenberg protest.

For the past 500 years, the church has lived into the protests of Luther and those who followed him, and now, the church is changing again. On March 15, 2020, faith communities all across the world realized the effects of COVID-19 and decided to close their doors to in-person worship for a time. The disparities between the privileged and those who are not were revealed by the public reaction to the virus. Racial tensions that have existed for 400 years were brought to light and economic inequity was revealed in stark contrast. Now, in the new era of church that is emerging, we must address these issues. We must build a newly reformed church that continues the protests of Martin Luther, protesting apostasy in all its expressions.

On October 25 we will remember the Reformation, but we will do more than just remember an event long ago; we will think about new ways we can follow in Luther’s footsteps. How can we protest the injustices of today? How can we protest the apostasies of those who offer thoughts and prayers but no real relief? How can we construct a newly reformed church that is “Sola Scriptura;” faithful to the scriptures of our traditions and the ministries of Jesus Christ? Join us for Reformation Sunday as we live into the example of Luther!

-Pastor Rick



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CUCC LIVESTREAMING TO CONTINUE

The COVID pandemic has not only brought anxiety to our world, it has also brought a share of positive innovation, not the least of which is the opportunity to livestream our worship services at CUCC and reach a new demographic of viewers anxious to hear the Good News of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



We plan to continue livestreaming our worship services indefinitely, but for those of you who have been watching at home, you know the quality of the feed has been challenging. Limitations in technology and internet service have made some livestreams spotty and challenging.

But the best is yet to come! On Tuesday, September 22 the Church Council approved purchasing new technology for livestreaming our services; including two PTZ cameras with optical zoom that will be fixed in the rear of the sanctuary, a video switcher, preview monitor, network hub and more; all from Nelson Audio in Eldon, MO. They are the company that also installed our new sound system.

This technology is not inexpensive (around \$7500, installed and serviced) but it will make Sunday Morning "Couch Church" more transformative for all our viewers, both within and outside of the congregation!

Please be patient. Technological advances are coming soon! We hope to have all our new technology installed and working by the end of November (we are waiting on equipment to ship). Until then, please be gracious as we do our best to continue our livestreaming worship!



PLAYGROUND RULES

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PLAYGROUND SAFE FOR ALL CHILDREN BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

- ◆ The CUCC playground is designed for, and should only be used by, children ages 8 and younger.
- ◆ Adult supervision is required while children are on the playground.
- ◆ Mulch must stay on the ground. When children dig up mulch it creates holes that are tripping hazards. Children should only dig in the sandbox.
- ◆ Sand should stay in the sandbox. Please do not allow sand to be carried and dumped in the playhouse or on play structures.
- ◆ Use playground equipment in the manner it is intended.

SAVE THE DATES FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

October 25– Congregational Planning & Assessment Meeting hosted by the Vision Team. We will meet to hear our Ministry Team Vision for the year(s) to come! This is how we annually plan for the ministries of the church, and set benchmarks for success.

November 8– Congregational Budget Meeting hosted by the Church Council and the Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team. We will ask the Congregation for approval of the 2021 Church Budget. The Proposed Budget will be approved at the October Council meeting and presented to the Congregation two weeks prior to the Congregational Meeting, on October 25.

May 16, 2021– Annual Congregational Meeting hosted by the Church Council. This will be our first Annual Meeting under our new structure! Lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Mark your calendars!

Join Us For Falloween



"Trunk or Treating"...Games & Activities...

Good ol' Fashioned Fall Fun for All...

Costumes encouraged!

Saturday, October 24

CUCC Outdoor Area

Due to COVID restrictions, attendees must register to drop in during one of the following time slots:

1:00-2:30 p.m. OR 2:30-4:00 p.m.

To register: Scan the box on the left or go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49ada72faaf49-falloween>



We have lots of tricks and treats to make for as safe a Falloween as possible...being outdoors...limited attendance...masks required (10+)...lots of hand sanitizer...spaced-out "trunks", games, and activities... safe access to treats...social distancing galore...
AND SO MUCH MORE!

"Trunks" and Volunteers Needed: Please contact Lena Muench (cfg323@yahoo.com) for more information!

CUCC LUNCH BUNCH

CUCC Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, October 22**, in the Fellowship Hall at noon, with a carry-in meal. This group is open to everyone regardless of age or any other determining factor. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

De'von Moore, the Principal of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School, will join us to talk about our partnership with Alpha Hart, his philosophy on education, and how the Coronavirus has impacted the lives of our elementary students!

All are welcome to join us! Bring a dish to share, or a sack lunch if you wish. Wear your mask! We will practice social distancing and hygienic serving procedures. Come join the Fun!

Women's Fellowship Update

Women's Fellowship will be held on **Thursday, October 8, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Gathering Area upstairs.

There is a light brunch provided on a rotation. The current book study is "Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament." All women are welcome. Come join us as we dive into the true meaning of "lamenting."

"RACE MATTERS" BOOK STUDY IN OCTOBER

Racial Tensions have been exacerbated this year with the unjust killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd among others, and the recent unjustified shooting of Jacob Blake. There is no question that, as a nation, there is still much work to do to be truly anti-racist.

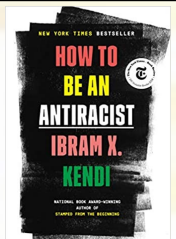
The Inclusion Team will be working on Race Matters this fall and into 2021 as part of our initiative to address issues of inclusion in our culture. To that end, we are excited to offer a book study Thursday evenings in October, centered on the book **How to be an Antiracist** by **Ibraham X. Kendi**. The book study will be hosted by Pastor Rick and will meet in the Fellowship Hall (and on Zoom) Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. starting October 1 and running through November 5.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

To prepare, please order the book and read it ahead of time. To get through the book in six weeks, we will be covering three chapters each gathering; it will be important to be prepared. Pastor Rick will have other handouts and materials to accompany the discussion.

This book is not what you may expect. Instead of levying accusations against certain people, the author looks at cultural and systemic racism, and discusses how all of us, white and black and everyone in between, are both beneficiaries and victims of these inequitable systems. It calls not for elevation of one group, but for unity of all groups as everyone, white and black and everyone in between, examines each of our racist default positions and strives to rise above them.

Join us Thursdays starting October 1 in the Fellowship Hall (and on Zoom) for this great book study with Pastor Rick! Purchase your copy today online or at your local bookstore!



Veterans Day Celebration!

We are very excited to celebrate and honor our Veterans this year for Veterans Day. Although things look a bit different, we have a very special day planned for them. In order to do our best and make sure we aren't leaving any members out, please reply to the church office, or [Stefanie Zimny](#), by **OCTOBER 15**, with those who have served our Country, and that you would like honored. Thank you for helping us make this a wonderful event.

Members and Friends at CUCC,

I would sincerely like to thank everyone for the recognition that you gave me on Sunday, September 13. It has been my privilege to do this "ministry" for the last thirty years. I probably should have logged some of the experiences that I've had, as many different things have changed over the years. I started before the addition was put on; witnessed the building process, and saw the addition completed.

Thanks for all those who have helped and supported me when the load got a little heavy.

Blessings, to all, Lloyd Viehland

Thank you to all who extended their condolences and support during the loss of our son-in-law. Your kind words, prayers, and actions have meant so much to us.

Fred & Carolyn Malicoat

Thanks to everyone for all the wonderful cards for my 80th birthday. I really enjoyed reading all the notes and (distantly) connecting again. This birthday was different than originally planned, but was a good one anyway.

Glenn Duermeyer.

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous donation to the **United Church of Christ** to support International Emergencies. Your kind gift will help people rebuild their communities and bring comfort to their lives.

Aid provided to individuals from the early days of recovery and relief through the long-term recovery phase makes a big difference. Communities faced with devastating challenges find strength and hope in knowing that you care. Your support allows UCC Disaster Ministries to bridge the gaps between the assistance offered by first-time responders and community revitalization.

Thank you again for spreading God's hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance as the UCC continues to build a just world for all.

May God's grace sustain you,
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer,
General Minister & President

Dear friends,

Your generous donation to the **Church World Service Blankets program** tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares."

We are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your compassion,

- Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter, and help with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.
- People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table—and take it to the market.
- Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water, and the nutritional food essential to growth, development, and life itself.

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you.

Sincerely,
Rev. John L. McCullough,
President and CEO, Church World Service

Dear Rev. Oberle and CUCC,

Thank you for donating to help the **Food Bank** as we continue to share food and bring hope to people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. May local families are facing food insecurity for the first time, and your support is crucial for our cause.

Your recent gift helps us continue our distribution of food. We are working with partner agencies throughout our service area to continue providing nutritious food to those who need it while taking precautions to ensure safety.

We are able to turn each dollar you give into ten meals. That bulk purchasing power comes from our partnership with Feeding America and relationships across the communities we serve. Thank you for entrusting us with your donation and bringing hope to your neighbors.

Gratefully,
Lindsay Young Lopez, President and CEO

LODO MINISTRY TEAM

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LODO ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS!

Four new LODO Advisory Board members were approved by the CUCC Church Council this past summer: Ann Stone-Meyer, Lorry Dreier, Linda Neale, and Kurt Heine. Continuing members are: Kim Oberle, Linda Evans, and Mariann Bullerd.

At their July meeting, Lorry Dreier was elected LODO Advisory Board President, and Linda Evans was elected secretary. As President, Lorry will also be representing the LODO Advisory Board on the Church Council.

The LODO Advisory Board is now the LODO Ministry Team!

With the passage of the new CUCC By-Laws at our Congregational Meeting on September 20, the LODO Advisory Board is now officially a CUCC Ministry Team!

Living into this new identity will mean several changes to the way we function; including a revision of our operating documents. We will be working on these and presenting them to the Council in the months to come.

How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask

7 Quick Tips for Parents 

Explain WHY

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.

For example, 'Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs.'

Take a Picture

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.

You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.



Practice Makes Perfect

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.



Let's Pretend

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.

Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.



Get Creative

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.

If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.



Start with Familiar Clothing

Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.

Some ideas include: a scarf, balaclava or bandana.



Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!



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The LODO Ministry is off to a wonderful start for the 2020-2021 school year! Our students have settled in to the routines of preschool and are busy learning. Friendships are blossoming as we learn what it means to make safe choices and be a kind friend to others. We will review green/safe choices throughout the year to give students a foundation of positive school behavior.

October Themes

Creation Apples Pumpkins The World God Made
(Camping/Forest Animals/Nature) Halloween

Important LODO Dates

- Monday 10/5 – LODO CLOSED
- Thursday 10/29 & Friday 10/30 – Classroom Halloween Celebrations



With Love, Ms. Erika

PLAY TURNS OUT TO BE SO STUNNINGLY ESSENTIAL TO CHILDHOOD, IT'S LIKE LOVE, SUNSHINE, & BROCCOLI ALL JUICED TOGETHER.

Share & Remember Lenore Skenazy

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Greetings to All,

Rally day has come, the first signs of fall are here, and we remain united together in Christian love! I want to, one more time, give my thanks to Lloyd Viehland and Kristin Veteto on their dedicated service to our church community and their dedication to acting out God's love amongst all of us. If you haven't had a chance to send them some love, I know they would appreciate hearing from you.



The Church Council has been hard at work seeing the business of CUCC to completion each month. Ministry teams have planned an excellent fall season of activities, worship opportunities, and essential upgrades to our building and sanctuary. Please take a close listen over the next couple of weeks as the upgrade to our sound system makes it possible for all of us to hear a little easier and enjoy every music note, word of scripture, and each thoughtful sermon.

Thinking about upgrades, we have been blessed to watch our LODO ministry grow each year since its beginning. We connect with so many families through LODO's incredible work. With this in mind, we have recently experienced a couple of incidents where playground equipment or other LODO materials have been damaged. Please help us maintain the high quality of LODO ministry by being good stewards of the equipment and materials that they need. We can do this by providing active supervision of children when playing on the playground, and being mindful of LODO's classrooms and spaces. Due to concerns with COVID-19, these spaces are closed off so that they can remain sanitized and safe for all the children coming to our building each week. Together we can make sure that LODO can successfully operate for years to come.

This leads me to some critical reminders regarding our operational plans concerning COVID-19 when we gather for worship and fellowship. While we have returned to having slightly larger worship gatherings and are all becoming accustomed to the new procedures and routines when dealing with COVID-19, we must remain vigilant about our practices. At Council, we recently discussed this important list:

- Help remind each other that this crisis is not over
- Be persistent about hand washing
- Mask-wearing
- Practicing good social distancing (including not sitting too close to friends in the sanctuary)
- Refrain from touching (examples include handshakes, hugging, shoulder grabs, and high-fives, etc.)
- We need to be responsible models for each other, our children, and the community
- Reinforce that it is okay and welcome to participate virtually, and that's why we are offering these services (particularly for the most vulnerable)
- Don't attend worship or gatherings if you are feeling ill, have a cough, fever, or have been assisting someone who might be experiencing symptoms

Together we can help fight this virus, lower the spread in our community, and keep each other safe. Grateful for our faith community and always yours in service.

Faithfully,
[James Melton](#), Moderator

FELLOWSHIP TIME DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Kitchenette and Gathering Space upstairs will be temporarily closed at this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we will still have Fellowship Time from 10:00-10:20 in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by our Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team. We will be implementing several safety protocols, including serving the coffee/drinks to you and having individually wrapped snacks. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 for those who wish to attend the Adult Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping serve, please contact [Stefanie Zimny](#), Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team Chair!

INCLUSION AND AFFIRMATION MINISTRY TEAM

- ⇒ Diversity is a fact.
- ⇒ Inclusion is an act.
- ⇒ Elections are a fact.
- ⇒ Voting is an act.

Only 58% of eligible voters went to the polls in 2016 (per United States Voting Project). Just over half of us voted at that Presidential election. Therefore, just over half of us made decisions for all of us. Let's not let that happen again.

Please, please act this November 3, and use your voice at the ballot box.

A new church brochure is in the final stages of development thanks to Lena and Pastor Rick.

We will continue our focus of Race in America with a weekly book study in October. The book is How to be an Antiracist. Please join Pastor Rick and the Inclusion Team for what will be interesting and enlightening discussions.

If you are unable to attend church and have difficulty joining via the internet, please let [Pastor Rick](#) or myself know. We are working on ways to assist you.



Blessings,
[Alisa Lau-Sieckman](#),
Team Chair



10 Tips On How To Talk To Your Kids About Race

By: Deanna Singh & Justin Ponder

1. Prioritize your kids.

Don't overwhelm them with your own feelings. Ensure conversations give them space to work through their emotions. Process your experience enough so the conversation with your kids can focus on them more than you.

2. Ask them what they know.

In the Information Age, your children probably already know more than you think. Respect them enough to assume they understand a lot. Start your conversation by letting them teach. Then, use their perceptions to form your discussion.

3. Provide facts, not editorials.

After asking them what they've heard, work together to discover credible facts. Then give them space to connect the dots for themselves. Instead of controlling their thinking, ask questions that help them connect pieces of information.

4. Use age-appropriate words and examples.

Consider your children's character, education, and interests. Start with personal experiences then widen to social issues. For example, with younger children, instead of asking, "What do you think about violent protests?" begin by asking, "What do you do when you're ignored?"

5. Let them ask questions.

The point of these conversations is not for you to teach your children but to create an environment where everyone learns. Make inquiry a two-way street. And remember one of the best answers of all: "I don't know, let's learn together!"

6. Curate content.

Show your children enough information to incite critical questions but not so much that it overwhelms them. Monitor how much your children can handle. Deliver enough to spark compassion but not so much that you exhaust them.

7. Be proactive.

Talk to you kids about race often, even when there aren't moments of grave racial injustice. Regularly consume media about race so your children have a broad vocabulary regarding these issues so they are more eloquent when it comes time to process traumatic events.

8. Show your work.

As your children struggle to improve their understanding of race, foreground your own difficulties. Foreground the mistakes, failures, and errors you've made and highlight the shortcomings you still have. Doing so will encourage your children to improve.

9. Share your values.

American society tells children the world is just. Prepare them for injustice by creating a family mission statement that prepares them to anticipate unfairness and obligates them to fight for equity.

10. Repeat.

No garden thrives when weeded once. No conversation worth having ever ends. Impress on your children that we must keep returning to these deep discussions. Emphasize that creating a just society is a continual process.

CUCC OPEN AND AFFIRMING/INCLUSION COVENANT

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!



Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

GROWING UP A STEWARD

I grew up at CUCC. When I was a kid, I didn't realize it at the time, but I was involved in stewardship. I wasn't actively giving money to the church as a child, but I was giving of my time and talent.

Stewardship is about giving of your time, talent, and treasures. We talk mostly about the financial side of things but giving of your time and your talent is just as valuable as the financial side.

I was encouraged to be active as a young adult and this has made a positive impact on my life. I learned how important the financial giving was to the church and was able to make a personal budget so I could give to the church regularly. I also learned that my presence on Council was valuable to the congregation.

I encourage the congregation to understand that they have value as well, and to find what makes them happy and get involved.



-[Brent Marcks](#)

CUCC HAS ONLINE GIVING!

You can now give online to Columbia United Church of Christ through our online giving partner, Kindrid!

There are several ways to make a one time or recurring gift through Kindrid:

1. Click on this link (or type into your web browser): <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/cucc>
2. Access the Kindrid giving site through our CUCC website: www.columbiaucc.com and click on the "Donate to CUCC" button.
3. Text "GIVE" to 573-240-4041 and follow the directions on the text you receive back to set up your one time or recurring gift.

50 for 50 FUNDS BEING SPENT

Last year, in honor of the 50th anniversary of our current location, the congregation of Columbia UCC raised \$66,292.40 for specific building and ministry upgrades, with the understanding that we would give a tithe (10%) to mission agencies with whom we have had a historic relationship.

We have begun distributing these funds. We have given \$1,657 each to Eden Seminary, Camp MoVal, Emmaus Homes, and Every Child's Hope. We have completed work on the Sanctuary eaves. This came in considerably UNDER budget. We spent \$7,265 on that project. We have placed a down payment of \$9,000 for our new Sanctuary audio system. Our landscaping was recently finished, as well! The price for this came in at just over \$10,000. This was done by Mill Creek Landscaping.

The new sound system is installed! Nelson Audio worked on this the last week of September, and we were able to debut our new sound system on September 27. There is more work to be done to upgrade our Sanctuary, including lighting and video equipment (should arrive in November) which is all in the works. We are also receiving bids for security upgrades and updating the Shelter House; these will be voted on by the Council in October, all part of the 50 for 50 facility upgrade plan.

The 50 for 50 funds are hard at work! All of our 50 for 50 upgrades should be completed by the end of this year. **Thank you for your commitment to the ongoing upkeep of this facility.**

TREASURER'S REPORT *Brent Marcks, Recording Treasurer*

Financial Update				Date	Attendance	Received	Budget
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)				
August Income	\$17,641.60	\$21,011.46	(\$3,369.86)	09/06/20	35	\$4,655.00	\$7,411.31
YTD Income	\$183,011.87	\$200,508.23	(\$17,496.36)	09/13/20	78	\$8,080.26	\$7,411.31
August Expenses	\$24,854.52	\$25,124.83	(\$270.31)	09/20/20	68	\$3,655.00	\$7,411.31
YTD Expenses	\$215,984.74	\$214,984.74	\$1,000	09/27/20	57	\$5,613.00	\$7,411.31
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$6,306.02)	(\$3,563.53)	(\$2,742.49)	Total	238	\$22,003.26	\$29,645.24
August Attendance	177			As of August 31, we are behind by \$17,496.36			

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY MINISTRY TEAM



Food Bank Continues to Feed Thousands Despite Obstacles

The number of people who need help has risen due to the pandemic and rising unemployment, and the Food Bank has dedicated itself to helping them, even while facing new challenges. Food donations have dropped, and national strains to the supply of shelf-stable food have made it more expensive and difficult to obtain food to distribute. They can't safely use volunteers to package food; a job now being done by paid staff.

The Food Bank has responded in new, creative ways. They're using a drive-through model to give out boxes of food at the Boone County Food Pantry. They've continued to provide more than 2,000 buddy packs weekly during the summer through partnerships with school districts. And they distribute 350 boxes monthly to veterans in need. The Food Bank will need our steady support in coming months so they can "share food and bring hope to all who need it."

RMD HOUSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to welcome back meal providers to the House! Meal providers can now cook in groups of four or less in the Ronald McDonald House kitchen.

When you provide a meal, you not only nourish families, but you also give the gift of time. Time parents do not have to spend cooking or washing dishes becomes time spent with their sick child or time for rest to get ready to face another difficult day.

Loaves and Fishes Update

The September 21 meal at L&F consisted of tater tot casserole and salad, provided by Patty Beeson, and cookies made by Mahree Skala and Llona Weiss. Jessica Jenks made and donated the PBJ sandwiches, which we hand out before the meal serving begins. Servers were Patty Beeson, Jo Ellen Grace, Cindy Deegan, Lauren Helmreich, and Pastor Rick. We gave out approximately 151 servings; firsts, seconds, and thirds.

It was a busy evening. Thanks again to everyone for helping with this worthwhile Outreach project. Our next time to serve will be October 19. Most likely, they will still be serving the guests outside, unless it is extremely cold by then. They are still trying to figure out a way to feed the guests when winter does arrive. Anyone who would be interested in helping to serve, please let me know!

CUCC Assists CoMo Helps in Meeting the Needs of Columbia Families and School Children

The CoMo Helps Fund was created to meet local needs caused by the pandemic. They recently announced a \$50,000 grant to Columbia Public Schools to purchase school supply kits for children. This funding (and the generous online contributions of individuals) allows CPS to make sure all children have the things they need to learn in this difficult new environment. CUCC donated \$5,000 from our 2020 Special Mission Project budget to CoMo Helps.

Other recent grants were awarded to Phoenix House for rent assistance for its outpatient clients, and to the Columbia Homeless Outreach Team to provide survival essentials like tents, sleeping bags, etc. to homeless people facing fall and winter outdoors. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these essential needs.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2020

The Festival of Sharing is taking place this year, but in a different form (like everything else it seems!). Regional gatherings are being held, with the closest one in Tipton on October 10. Participants will drop off collected items, but there won't be work projects or lunch as in past years.

So how can CUCC help? By supporting the Festival through a special offering during the month of October for Missouri Women's Prison Packs. Your contributions will go to the Festival office to purchase approved alcohol-free hygiene products in bulk at a much lower cost. Later, we can go to the local FOS warehouse to assemble kits for the women in the Vandalia Correctional Center. Each kit costs \$10.

Hygiene supplies are hard for prisoners to get, especially those without supportive family on the "outside." These items promote dignity and cleanliness and express our support for their continued healing. Please give generously through Kindrid, or by sending a check to the church office or leaving it in the basket in the back of the church. Thank you!

Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 4, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offer resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

When you give to Neighbors in Need, you are spreading God's love across the US, in places where it is needed most. You can give using the dropdown menu on the "Give to CUCC" tab on our website, or mail a check to the church office marked "NIN".

WEST COAST FIRE EVACUATIONS TAKE TOLL ON UCC CHURCHES, CAMPS

By Hans Holznagel; published on September 15, 2020 at www.ucc.org

As wind-whipped wildfires continue to take lives and destroy forests, homes, and businesses on the West Coast of the United States, United Church of Christ congregations are in stages ranging from evacuation to recovery to post-traumatic stress syndrome.

In the two hardest-hit UCC Conferences – [Central Pacific](#) and [Northern California-Nevada](#) – several congregations and church camps await word on the fate of their buildings. Others, evacuated days or weeks ago, are ministering to families and communities that escaped damage or are returning to inspect it. Daytime skies range from smoky gray to eerie orange to black as night.

"It feels like the whole coast is on fire," said Pastor Kimberly Williams of [Grace Community UCC](#) in North Fork, Calif., which got evacuation orders on September 6, her first official Sunday as pastor. In affected areas, "it's terrifying," she said. "Everybody is looking out their windows with this look of horror, but then realizing, OK, this is the reality, we've got to keep on going." Amid it all, pastors say they value how colleagues are checking in on each other, offering mutual support, advice and prayer – a response borne of years of relationship-building within each Conference.

At this writing, Oregon faces the most continuing damage and danger to population centers, with 10 deaths and 22 missing persons reported statewide as of Monday, September 13. "Right now, we're in the shock-and-awe phase," said the Rev. Tyler Connoley, Conference minister in Central Pacific. "Lots of members displaced. A few have lost homes, but no injuries that I've heard about. A couple churches and our camp are still in danger, but so far untouched."

Southern Oregon has been especially hard hit. There, fast-moving flames ravaged 3,200 acres and several communities September 7, killing two people and destroying some 600 homes and 100 businesses, many in the small towns of Talent and Phoenix, between Ashland and Medford, where two UCC congregations are aiding relief efforts. "One chaplain in Medford lost his home, and our pastor in Medford was in a neighborhood that burned, but thinks from some photos she saw on the internet that her house is still standing," Connoley said.

In a message to the Central Pacific Conference, Connoley responded to questions about where to send donations: "Remember that the UCC responds to a natural or human-made disaster once every three days through our Disaster Ministries and [One Great Hour of Sharing](#)," Connoley told the Conference. "Those systems are in place because of the money you gave in the past to prepare for just such a time as this." UCC Disaster Ministries is monitoring the situation and has set up a 2020 Wildfires relief fund, [found here](#).

NURTURE AND EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

We would like to thank our Sunday School Leaders who have volunteered to lead Sunday School this year:

- ◆ Preschool/Kindergarten – Audrey Lasley, Paula Wilson, Pat Forward
- ◆ 1-4 grade – Kim Oberle, Gina Pierson, **Vacancy**
- ◆ Middle Youth, 5-8 grade – Lena Muench, Jessica Lucas, John Tummons
- ◆ High School Youth, 9-12 grade – Lauren Helmreich, Kristy Odneal, Kurt Heine

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you have a gift, talent, or desire to work with children, we would love to have you help out with Sunday School. If you don't feel qualified to teach, just remember that sometimes best teachers learn alongside their students! There are openings for teachers in several of our classes, and a opportunities to lead small 4-6 week sessions in our Adult class (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

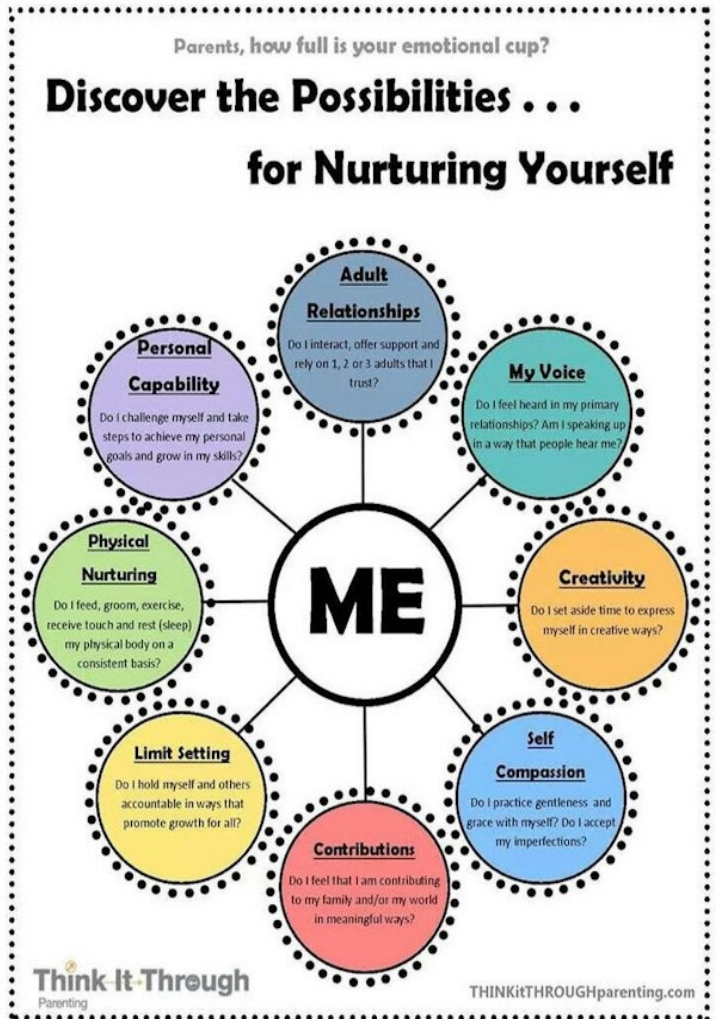
If you are interested in helping out in this ministry of CUCC, please contact [Pat Forward](#).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Art of Opportunity Parenting Series began on Sunday, September 27, hosted by Judi Privitt, and will continue for 7 additional weeks. The series was written by Bill Sanders. Bill has been a motivational speaker for parents, students and teachers for over 30 years. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All materials will be provided; we just need you!

Tentative Schedule:

- October 4:** “Kids Hear Best with their Eyes”
- October 11:** “We Do One Thing, They Learn Another”
- October 18:** “How Valuable Are Your Values”
- October 25:** “Put Your Values to Work”
- November 1:** “Nurturing and Teaching— A Season for Each”
- November 8:** “Classic Mistakes and the Walls They Build”



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

On Rally Day, Sunday September 13, five CUCC third graders were presented Bibles in worship. They are:

Steven Evans, Lillyann Lentz, Landon Muench, Raelyn Zimny & Katelin Odneal.

A Bible was also later presented to **Helen Fischer**, third grade granddaughter of David & Liz Fischer. These Bibles were provided by the Nurture & Education Ministry Team, presented with love, encouragement, and recognition of the traditions that are represented by our Holy Scriptures and the cloud of witnesses who gained theological understanding and relationship with God through them. Blessings to our third graders as they read and are shaped by this gift from their family at Columbia United Church of Christ!

NURTURE & EDUCATION PLANS WITH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- Teachers and all youth over age 10 will be required to wear masks
- We will move classes outdoors as much as possible
- Classrooms will be assigned as they have been typically in the past
 - Preschool-Kindergarten Room 205
 - 1st thru 4th Grade Room 204
 - 5th thru 8th Grade Room 206
 - High School Room 100
- The Adult Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall and practice social distancing
- Each Classroom will be supplied with cleaning materials and hand sanitizer
- Children will use hand sanitizer as they arrive and before they leave
- Teachers will thoroughly sanitize their classroom each Sunday following class
- Classrooms will be locked after class and not used until the following Sunday; or if they are used during the week, they will be sanitized after.
- Classrooms will receive additional sanitizing each Thursday morning from our contracted cleaning service
- Prepackaged snacks only will be distributed, purchased by the Nurture & Education Ministry Team, with special consideration for allergies

NURSERY: (Room 203)

- The Nursery will be locked until 10:00am, when the nursery attendant arrives. The nursery may NOT be utilized by church members prior to 10:00
- The Nursery will have a 6-child maximum capacity. If there are more than 6 children, the Adult Volunteer for that Sunday will bring some of the children into the Preschool Sunday School classroom; this room will also have a maximum of 6 children
- Parents will be required to sign their children in to the nursery, acknowledging that their child is in good health. Parents will be required to list their cell number as well
- Nursery staff (Amanda Dwyer & Samantha Forward) will sanitize the nursery each Sunday following use, along with the Preschool classroom, if used
- The Nursery will be locked following use
- The Nursery will receive additional sanitizing each Thursday morning from our contracted cleaning service

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

FROM YOUR MUSIC COORDINATOR

The first Sunday of October has been designated as World Communion Day to celebrate the unity of the Church universal. It is an annual celebration of the unity that binds us through the love of Christ. One of the hymns we will sing that day, Light Dawns on a Weary World, is a relatively new hymn by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle, a theologian and hymn writer from Brevard, NC.

I was first introduced to her hymn at a Worship and the Arts Conference at St. Olaf College, when she presented the most thoughtful and inspirational hymn festival I had ever experienced. Several years later, Mel became one of the editors of the new Presbyterian Hymnal. The hymn reminds us that light (Christ's light) will dawn on our weary world when all people are treated with dignity, when justice is lived, when the hungry are fed, when children's dreams are realized and when all creatures find unity and peace. When, and hopefully soon, these things happen, we will clap our hands, the mountains will sing, we will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. And the world in wonder will echo "shalom."

That is what Christ desires for us, that is what we desire for each other. I'm looking forward to the day when shalom will echo from every corner of the earth!

-Ed Rollins



MEMBERSHIP AND CARE MINISTRY TEAM

NEW SIGNS, NEW MEMBERS AND A NEW DIRECTORY

The Membership & Care Ministry Team has several new items to report!

- **New Signage:** Our parking lot directional signage has recently been installed! The new signs are in the same theme as the big sign at the road and provide clear direction around our parking lot.
- **New Directory:** Our new Pictorial Directory, which was delayed due to COVID closures at Lifetouch, will probably be here by the time you read this! They are to be shipped the last week of September. You can pick up your copy at church. Don't forget, this directory is also online! If you do not know the link, email the church office.
- **New Members:** We received five new members into our church family on August 23! If you have not met the Tummons and Smith families yet, check out their pictures and bios below.

The Membership & Care Ministry Team has also been focused on calling church members during this time of social isolation, offering a friendly voice and words of comfort. Each of our Ministry Team members (and a few helpers) are focused on this task, trying to be a word of encouragement to our church family as we learn new ways to live in a Coronavirus world. If you have any suggestions on projects for our team, let us know!

Jessica Lucas, Ministry Team Chair

Let's give an Extravagant Welcome to our newest members!

The Smith and Tummons families joined CUCC in August.
Be sure to greet them on Sunday and welcome them to the CUCC family!



Welcome Seth & Kelly Smith and their daughters Lucy and Lillian! They were drawn to CUCC by Pastor Rick's sermons and wanting to find a church home. Kelly grew up in Springfield, MO, and Seth in Kirksville. They both enjoy reading; Seth prefers non-fiction WWII history and Kelly English mysteries. Seth works as a public services librarian at Daniel Boone Regional Library, and Kelly's background is in library training although she currently works at Clover's Natural Market. Seth also enjoys cycling and drawing, and Kelly enjoys baking and running. Their sponsors are Pete and Lisa Jaberg.

Welcome Elizabeth and John Tummons and their children Sam and Sadie! They were drawn to CUCC by friends and our music ministry as well as participating in the structure of church to closer to God as a family. Elizabeth grew up in Columbia, and John lived in several areas of Missouri before moving to Columbia. John is a professor of Ag Education at Mizzou, and Elizabeth is the music teacher at Grant Elementary School. John enjoys farming, woodworking and metalworking, and working with 4-H and FFA youth. Elizabeth plays the flute and also enjoys reading, travel, and nature. Sadie's hobbies include dance and crafts, and Sam enjoys fishing and hunting. Their sponsors are Val and Jason Schoeneberg.



YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT CUCC VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Most of you know that your CUCC worship service is livestreamed each Sunday, but here are a few ways that you can more fully appreciate that worship service and share it with others in the community! With your help, we can spread God's Word exponentially!

- **Watch it later!** Even though the CUCC Worship Service is livestreamed each Sunday, you don't have to watch it live! You can come back and watch it at other times, or watch it again if you want to recall something that was said. Past livestreamed services are all on the CUCC Website and on Facebook.
- **You can host a "Watch Party!"** Select a worship service from Facebook and set up a "Watch Party." Invite several of your Facebook friends to watch it along with you at a time of your choosing. You can all comment together about elements of the service (just remember, the comments are public).
- **You can "share" the worship service on your Facebook page!** If you "share" it on your page, all of your friends will see it, too. If everyone in our church family would do this, our ministry reach would increase exponentially.

In this time of Coronavirus and social isolation, there are many ways to stay connected with CUCC, and there are also many ways to share CUCC with your friends through social media. Spread the Good News!

Sunday Volunteer Schedule for October

Below is the Sunday Volunteer Schedule for October. As you can see, we are in need of some spots to be filled and other spots to be shared with new faces. Part of being in the church family is often expressed by sharing the roles that make all of our members and guests feel welcome. If you believe you have the gift of hospitality, we would love to have you help make CUCC welcoming for all. If you can fill the needed role or a role in the future, please let one of the leaders know. We appreciate you, and we're glad you have chosen CUCC as your church home!

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolyte	Sound Booth	Hospitality
10/04	Carol Duermeyer	N/A	Lauren Helmreich	Abby Dennis	Phillip Dennis	Melba Shaffer
10/11	Jolene Kirchoff	N/A	Sue Ann Schaefer	Lil Smith	Carissa Graves	NEED
10/18	Helen Schultz	N/A	Pat Forward	NEED	John Graves	Jo Ellen Grace
10/25	Jessica Lucas	N/A	Darren Lasley	NEED	Matt Lucas	NEED

CORONAVIRUS AND CUCC REOPENING UPDATE

After a spike in Coronavirus cases on September 5, Boone County has seen a significant decline in new cases through the end of September. We have gone from a 5-day average of 143 new daily cases on September 5 to a 5-day average of 40 new daily cases on September 25. Vigilant attention to the safety protocols enacted by the Columbia City Council have paid off; and our strict observation of these protocols at CUCC are part of that action.

CUCC continues to maintain in-person worship with an option of online worship at the choice of each congregation member. We have implemented standards to create a very safe worship space, maintaining social distancing and practicing safety protocols (including mask wearing). This reopening has gone very well, and church members should be commended for their attention to these safety protocols. We will continue these procedures into the fall, but we also will be watching the numbers closely and will revisit our plan and adjust as necessary.

Moving forward, we want to remind people of a few safety measures:

- Please continue to practice social distancing in the Sanctuary and in other areas of the church
- Please do not sit in "blue taped" chairs in the Sanctuary
- Please keep at least two (or three) chairs between your family and the next family in the Sanctuary
- Please continue to wear masks at all times in the church building (unless eating) and observe social distancing
- Please do not "visit" with one another in the Sanctuary after Amy starts playing! This is a time for quiet meditation and reflection, not "visiting" (and sharing germs). The Gathering Space, Fellowship Hall or outdoor areas allow more opportunities to visit while practicing social distancing.

(Please see separate article for new Sunday School protocols on page 12.)

CUCC IS WORKING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa believes that each congregation is an autonomous gathering of Christian believers. Each church governs itself, but is inter-dependent on all other churches in the denomination as they pool resources to do together what they cannot do apart. The UCCSA is divided into Synods in the countries in which they are present: Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The UCCSA strives to be a missional church with a focus on justice. For South Africans, historical inequalities from the apartheid era have been compounded by growing political turmoil. The UCCSA believes in God's preferential option for the poor and oppressed. Their justice and mission work reflects the African philosophy of Ubuntu: "I am because we are."

UCCSA is a mission partner of Columbia United Church of Christ through Global Ministries, our shared mission agency with the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ. Global Ministries provides foundational support for this organization and support for their ongoing efforts. Please keep Global Ministries and UCCSA in your prayers!

In October, please keep these UCC/DOC Global Ministries missionaries in your prayers:

October 4-10
Sean Amato
Working in Egypt

October 11-17
Martha Mensendiek
Working in Japan

October 18-24
Phyllis Byrd
Working in Kenya

October 25-31
Carmelo Alvarez
Working in Venezuela



MEL AND BARBARA WEST MOBILITY CART CENTER OPEN

The Mel and Barbara West Mobility Cart Center (home of the PET project) is now open on 4823 E. Meyer Industrial Drive 65201! This has been an ongoing project for some time, frustrated even more by the COVID pandemic. But now they are in their new, bigger space and ready to serve even more people in need through their many ministry projects!

Check out pictures of the new center on the Mobility Worldwide Website:

<https://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/missouri-columbia/media/shop-new-construction/>

Looking For a Place to Serve Locally?

Did you know that human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation.

Globally, an estimated 71% of enslaved people are women and girls, while men and

boys account for 29%. <https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking#:~:text=Human%20trafficking%20earns%20global%20profits,and%20boys%20account%20for%2029%25.>



The Central Missouri STOP Human Trafficking Coalition (CMSHTC) has been serving the local and surrounding communities for over twelve years, providing assistance to victims, survivors, and their families, in many holistic ways. We want to give a voice to the voiceless and empower to the powerless.

If you haven't decided on who you will give to this year for CoMoGives, please consider the CMSHTC. CMSHTC is a non-profit organization that uses 90% of their donated funds to serve victims and survivors of trafficking. The other 10% helps cover administrative costs and fees. You can help us reach our goal of \$6,000, which will help provide shelter, health, and mental health services for individuals who have faced the reality of the modern day slave trade. You can give [here](#). Thank you for considering giving to help fight against Human Trafficking!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THIS FALL

Pastor Rick, Lena Muench and Lauren Helmreich are working to put together a schedule of Middle School and High School activities for this program year. Planning during a pandemic is not easy. We are not sure what our program year will look like! We would appreciate suggestions from anyone (not just youth)!

Are there activities you want to do or ideas you have for creative programming?

If so, contact Lena (Middle School) at: cfg323@yahoo.com
or Lauren (High School) at: lauren@downtownappliance.com

HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO CORN MAZE OCTOBER 9



Our High School Youth will be going to the Shryock's Corn Maze again this year on October 9! We will meet at church at 5:00 and travel to Shryock's, or you can meet us there at 5:30. The youth group will be paying the admission for the event; so just bring yourself and your positive attitude! We are looking into renting a fire ring at Shryock's so we can make Smores. Wear your facemask! We will be distancing as we are able and using safe hygiene methods.

Other activities this fall are pending; we do plan to have another game night at church and a Jack O'Lantern decorating contest. All High School Youth are welcome to come (Grades 9-12) and bring a friend! You will be getting an email from Pastor Rick in the next few days with even more details. For more information, talk to [Lauren Helmreich](#).

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Our Middle School Youth kicked off their program year with games and activities after worship on September 20; and they held their own mini-CROP walk! Pastor Rick shared a video of CROP and the work being done by Church World Service and then we walked around the church building— twice! We raised \$175 towards the church CROP Walk goal. We also had pizza from Shakespeare's and played fun games with Lena.

This month, we will have an "Outdoor Movie Night" at church in the field by the Shelter House on Friday, October 2. We have not decided what movie to watch yet! An email will be going out with the exact time and more details. All 5-8 graders are welcome! For more information, talk to [Lena Muench](#).

CONFIRMATION KICKOFF OCTOBER 26


Calling all 8th graders (and 9th graders who have not been confirmed yet): Confirmation is starting!

The first gathering for our 2021 Confirmation Class will be Monday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. (The date/time has changed from previous announcement.) We will meet in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) so we can practice social distancing. This will be a big class. We are expecting as many as ten students this year! This class will be confirmed on November 28, 2021 (the first Sunday of Advent that year). We will meet on Mondays during the Academic Year at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Do you have a friend who does not go to this church but would like to participate, too? Bring them along! All are welcome! For more information, talk to [Pastor Rick](#).

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020 WORKING HARD!

The Confirmation Class of 2020 is heading into the final classes of their journey! Lily Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, and Brandon Lavelly are in their final trimester and will be preparing their testimonies to share with the congregation later this fall! Testimony Sunday is November 22, and they will be confirmed on the First Sunday of Advent, which is November 29 this year. Mark your calendars now so you are present to share in their joy on these two special days!

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR IN OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday NIN Offering Collected 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship <i>Livestream will still be available.</i>	5 LODO CLOSED NO STAFF MEETING 5pm Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team 6:30pm Vision Team	6 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	7 6:30pm Confirmation	8 9:30am Women's Fellowship 6:30pm Book Study <u>How to be an Anti-Racist</u>	9 5pm HS Youth to Shryock's Corn Maze	10
11 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship <i>Livestream will still be available.</i>	12 10am Staff Meeting	13 6:30pm Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	14 April out of Office	15 April out of Office 6:30pm Book Study <u>How to be an Anti-Racist</u>	16 April out of Office	17
18 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship <i>Livestream still available.</i>	19 10am Staff Meeting 4:30 Loaves & Fishes 6:30pm Membership & Care Ministry Team	20 Communicator articles due 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	21 6:30pm Confirmation	22 12pm Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Book Study <u>How to be an Anti-Racist</u>	23	24 1-5pm "Falloween"
25 Reformation Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship <i>Livestream will still be Available</i> Congregational Meeting	26 10am Staff Meeting 6pm New Confirmation Class in FH	27	28 NO Confirmation	29 5:30pm LODO Ministry Team 6:30pm Book Study <u>How to be an Anti-Racist</u>	30	31 Happy Halloween! 

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LODO PLAYGROUND RESPECT

Please help us keep our playground safe for all children by following these guidelines:

- ◆ The CUCC playground is designed for, and should be used by, *only children ages 8 and younger*.
- ◆ Adult supervision is required while children are on the playground.
- ◆ Mulch must stay on the ground. When children dig up mulch it creates holes that are tripping hazards. Children should only dig in the sandbox.
- ◆ Sand should stay in the sandbox. Please do not allow sand to be carried and dumped in the playhouse or on play structures.
- ◆ Use playground equipment in the manner it is intended.

Interested in Church Membership?

If you are interested in joining, please contact [Rev. Rick Oberle](mailto:rick@columbiaucc.com).
rick@columbiaucc.com

**Become
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Columbia United Church of Christ Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.