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**9 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 A.M. WORSHIP
WATCH LIVE AT CHRISTSUMC.ORG**

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MAY 2019

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A Young Woman's Missional Call

Over the past several years, God has been shaping my heart through incredible opportunities to do ministry internationally, locally, and everywhere in between. This past year specifically, I've been directed towards urban ministry and challenged with what it truly means to do missions within the context of a city. These strong thoughts and feelings have pushed me to explore some options that have led me to the Center for Student Mission.



I am being forced out of my comfort zone...



CSM is a non-profit ministry focused on mentoring and educating students on missions in urban settings. They are headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, and have locations in cities all across the U.S. Each summer, they hire "city hosts" as interns to lead students, ages middle school to young adult, through missional experiences, and I've been blessed to be offered a position at their New York City location this summer. As a city host, I'll be working with high school students and guiding them through the city, framing ministry experiences, and debriefing through prayer and conversation.

God is already challenging and encouraging me through this process. I'm being forced out of my comfort zone and pushed into the uncertainty of a new city, new people, and new experiences. While these challenges can feel daunting, I have faith that this summer will be used for incredible things.

As I head into this season, I ask for genuine and fervent prayer for this summer, because I truly believe God is preparing something absolutely amazing. He has huge plans not only for me, but other city hosts, CSM staff, incoming groups, and every ministry, organization, and with every person in which we come into contact.

So, please pray for endurance, patience, and absolutely anything else you can think of!

Laura Horton

Laura is the granddaughter of Jim and Gail Horton

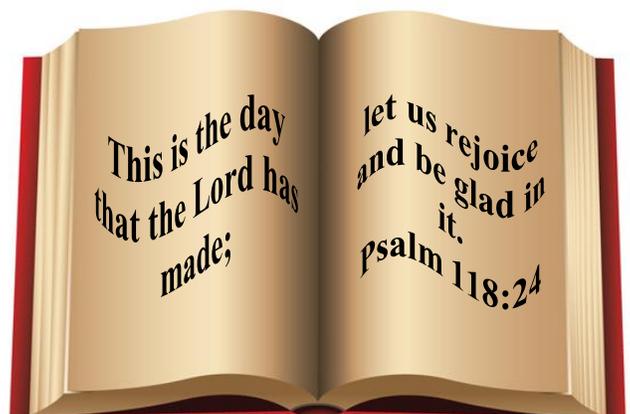
May Scriptures & Sermon Titles

5th – Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-6; Revelation 5:11-14; Hebrews 12:1-6; "Intersection of Messiness and Jesus" / Communion

12th – Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 9:1-7; "Spirituality Saboteurs"

19th – Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 4:6-15; "Messy Rejection"

26th – Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5; Matthew 10:5-15; "Messy Discipleship" / Bucket Sunday



From Pastor Judi: I'm ceding my space to Bishop Trimble this month. Below is a recent letter from him to the Indiana Conference:

Watching Over One Another With Love

Grace and peace to you, my brothers and sisters!

There is one desire we all share: we want to be valued. Wrapped up in that desire is what I believe is a deep need to be loved, heard, and seen. I see this in everyone from little children to aging adults.

When we find ourselves in a place of disagreement and even discord in the Church, how should we proceed? With this recent Special-Called General Conference, and now the Judicial Council ruling, it for some has been made more difficult and stressful.

[The Judicial Council has clarified and affirmed most of what was supported by the majority votes of General Conference held in St. Louis.](#) While there is no shortage of commentaries or nuanced interpretations on social media, I appeal to you to consider this invitation.

I invite you to join me in watching over one another in love. This is a choice we can make. I borrow from Dr. Brene Brown, in her writings and Netflix TV special, "Called to Courage." "To love is to be vulnerable." Our access to courage and joy finds its birth place in being vulnerable.

To love is to be honest and humble and not hurried. In May 2020, the General Conference will gather in Minneapolis. Do not rush to actions; be Holy Spirit-led. Remain focused on building communities where all are welcome.

I am approaching our upcoming Annual Conference with a full commitment to trust you to pray for one another, engage our mission field with the life-saving love of Jesus, and come prepared to celebrate

baptisms and the Great Commission.

We are called and loved by God, and we are privileged to serve as sent people. Don't grow weary in doing good or welcoming all people (Galatians 6:9).
"Let all that you do be done in love." - I Corinthians 16:14 (ESV)

"The soul of the one who loves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing." - St. John of the Cross

Be encouraged,

Bishop Julius C. Trimble

Um-Um Good!

Since I've received so many compliments on the butterfly cake, I'd thought I'd share the recipe.

The cake is just your ordinary yellow



cake mix right out of the box. The glaze is made thusly: Mix two cups of confectioners' sugar with 1/3 cup lemon juice and one tablespoon of lemon extract until smooth, then drizzle over the cooled cake.

Pastor Judi

**We gave our
todays in
order that you
might have
your
tomorrows.**



Memorial Day

May 27

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
CHURCH COUNCIL
May 1, 2019

Those present: Denise Blacketer, Troy Deckard, Pastor Judi Early, Joan Gathright, Randy Gathright, Joey Gerold, Ruth Grant, Gail Horton, Linda Kingry, Paul Largent, Linda Melevage, Jane Remley, Jerry Whalen, Loretta Whalen, Sue Whalen

Loretta Whalen, chairperson, opened this meeting with prayer.

PPRC (Joey Gerold) A few months ago, it was brought to Christ's attention, that Trinity UMC would no longer be able to retain Pastor Judi as their pastor. The conference superintendent was informed and the decision was made to untether Christ's and Trinity, and appoint her to another church. The conference superintendent began searching for another Montgomery County church with which to tether us, because our financial situation will not allow us to support a full-time appointment; and the part-time supply of student or local licensed pastors is hard to come by. Darlington UMC has not had an appointed pastor for a little over year because of that issue. So, the conference superintendent approached Christ's and Darlington about sharing a pastor. The PPRCs of both churches met and were in agreement and Pastor Dirk Caldwell will take his appointment to both churches on August 1. He is currently serving in the extension ministries of the UMC as an active duty navy chaplain, but will be reassigned to naval reserves. There was a question as to whether Pastor Caldwell had ever preached somewhere other than a naval environment and the answer was that known past appointments included Jamestown UMC and Jacob's Chapel UMC. There could be others of which we are not aware. The financial package for Christ's UMC will look something like this: Salary, \$12,815, + \$4,500 (\$1,500 each reimbursement for continuing ed., travel, misc.) + \$3,000 housing allowance, since he will not be using the parsonage. Also, since he is considered part-time, the church is exempt from providing health insurance or pension benefits. Darlington's total package is \$30,000.

Pastor Caldwell will be in town sometime in June and hopes to meet with both churches, as there needs to be decisions made to scheduling programming and worship at both churches. Pastor Caldwell has expressed that he wants ample time at both churches on Sunday mornings. Not clear if he will be meeting with just the PPRCs of the churches, or if this meeting will be open to all interested. A question was asked as to who was going to develop the expectations encompassing the division of programming and worship times? It might be that we need to first listen to what Pastor Caldwell has to say.

A question was asked about what will happen to the parsonage. The conference superintendent has advised us and Darlington to not be hasty in eliminating them. A question was asked if there was a mortgage against our parsonage. The answer was yes, with approximately \$14,000 still owed. (This is from a loan that was obtained for doing some major renovations to the church.)

So, Pastor Judi's last Sunday is June 16, and Pastor Caldwell does not take his appointment until August 1. The Nurture Committee needs to find guest speakers for the Sundays left open, June 23 and 30, and all of July.

Received an update on The Way Forward. The Traditional Plan was upheld at General Conference and a gracious exit has been outlined for those wishing to abdicate from the United Methodist Church. Please contact the church office for handouts if you wish to read the entire summary.

Update on the backpack program: The Sugar Creek Cluster has been providing 24 take-home weekend food packs for Sommer Elementary School. Packs were sorted and filled on site, but since Sommer has been remodeling, the packs and food supply were transferred to Christ's

UMC. Upon Sommer's remodel completion, how will that affect the program? The financial account for this program is under Christ's EIN and Pastor Judi oversees that account. Upon her exit, how will this affect the program? It was posed to the council that maybe we could continue to house this project? There were some that volunteered to be on the premises and oversee the continuation of the program. Since Pastor Judi will no longer be treasurer, some other entity will have to take over the accounting, and Christ's account will be closed. The summer portion of this program is handled by a "sister" agency. Pastor Judi will let the group know that we are willing to continue to house the supplies and work from here.

Trustees (Jerry Whalen) – After major repairs to the refrigerator and the install of a new furnace, all is working well. Scoping out two new front doors for the church and will purchase in the near future with funds already promised for this project, exempting the use of church funds. The water bill and sewer bills took a substantial hit from a running toilet (basement women's restroom) and an outside open water spigot. It was approved for outside vendors to use the education wing for a bizarre in May or August. Vendors will make a donation to the church.

As no other business was noted, a motion was made to adjourn, a second was heard, motion passed. This meeting was adjourned.

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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

3rd – Kevin and Becky Kirsch

Birthdays

3rd – Mark Anderson

9th – Brinton Siefertman

13th – Patsy Simonds, Linda Melevage

17th – Lakoda Daugherty

19th – Russell Weir

20th – Sandy Dossett

23rd – Nancy Martin

26th – Bill Whalen, Phil Dossett

27th – Loyal Bell, Bowie Kline

He should have conveyed the significance more often

A pastor nearing retirement was reflecting on the more than 5,000 times that he'd preached, and realized that he'd preached only once on the Ascension.

After all, he contemplated, not only is the story told in detail in the first chapter of Acts, but it's referred to in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, as well as in the First Epistle of Peter. Furthermore, it's in the Apostles' Creed: "He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

The pastor began to prepare a sermon focusing on the Ascension. He started with the story of Jesus' being lifted up and disappearing into heaven. Jesus' friends who witnessed the event were left standing, opened-mouthed, looking skyward. St. Luke, who wrote the most about this story, tells of two men in white robes who appeared and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" (Acts 1:11 NRSV).

To the pastor it seemed as though the messengers of heaven were saying, "Christ has risen from the dead. Christ has ascended into heaven. Stop gawking and go tell this glorious good news to everyone!"

That is an order the Church needs to remember always.

From The Newsletter, Newsletter, May '02

Mother's Day is May 12

Honor them well



MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>EACH SUNDAY</u> 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Coffee 11 a.m. Worship	<u>WORSHIP LDR</u> Kay Phillips <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u> 5 th – Jerry & Judy Conkright 12 th – Karen Gerold & Carol Kline 19 th – The Luzaders 26 th – Jerry & Sue Whalen			<u>USHERS</u> Joe Hutchins Linda Kingry <u>ACOLYTES</u> The Remleys	<u>CLEANING</u> Finance Cmte. <u>COFFEE HOST</u> Nurture Cmte.
			1 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	2 NOON National Day of Prayer (south steps of the courthouse) 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	3 May Friendship Day	4
5 Third Sun. of Easter / Cinco de Mayo Communion 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies	6 Christian Family Week	7	8 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	9 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	10	11
12 Fourth Sun. of Easter Mother's Day / Festival of the Christian Home	13	14	15 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	16 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	17 Change the World Weekend	18
19 Fifth Sun. of Easter	20	21	22 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	23 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	24 Aldersgate Day	25
26 Sixth Sun. of Easter Bucket Sunday Offering	27 Memorial Day Offices Closed	28	29 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	30 Ascension of the Lord 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	31	

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