



# Pathways October 2023



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## What's Happening

Journey  
Community Church  
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Worship  
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional  
Worship in Sanctuary

**FREE**

**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**FREE**

**Journey  
Community Church**

**Saturday, Oct 28th**

**4:00 - 6:00**

**6997 Hamilton Ave  
Cincinnati, OH 45231**

**CANDY**

**FACE  
PAINTING**

**CRAFTS**

**TRICK  
TREAT**

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of newsletter  
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www.journeyc.cc.com

Anyone is welcome to come join the fun. Decorate the trunk of your car, bring a lawn chair and pass out your candy. There will be face painting, crafts and music. A box will be available for donations if you want to participate, but unable to attend.

## Pastor Words of Wisdom

I know it might seem early to be talking about Halloween already, but it's almost October and the passage of time never seems to stop, does it? Which means it's time to talk about Halloween!

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays (though I must admit that I enjoy pretty much every holiday). It's a time when people get to dress up and pretend to be someone or something else for a night, wearing masks and collecting candy.

But I sometimes wonder if some of us take the spirit of Halloween and carry it with us throughout the year. By which I mean, how often do we wear masks and costumes and pretend to be someone else?

One of our church's core values is authenticity. We define that as "we believe vulnerability opens our hearts to creating true community." It's a good value to have and a noble goal to strive for.

If only it were that easy. I think authenticity, and by extension vulnerability, is one of the most difficult values to live into. We are constantly pressured by the world and by others to be something else or something different or something that makes sure we are the same as everyone else.

We are often afraid to be our true selves, because we fear we might not fit in or that others will judge us for who we are. It's scary to be authentic and it's scary to be vulnerable.

So instead we put on masks and costumes and walk through the world pretending we are someone else. But God did not create us to be someone else. God created us to be *us*. God created you to be *you*.

Each of us is created in the image of God, and our uniqueness and specific existence are special and worthy and perfect-as-is.

Halloween is a fun time to pretend to be someone else. The rest of our lives are not. It is painful to hide who we are and it is damaging to think that who we are isn't good enough.

My hope is that our church and community is a place where we are all comfortable being exactly who we are. Where we don't have to fear being judged when we are authentic and that it is safe to be vulnerable. Like our core value says, it's in vulnerability that we find community.

So this Halloween, have fun wearing a mask and scaring children. But the next day, make sure you take it back off so we can continue to see the real you - the one created in the image of God.





Steve opened meeting with and Brian prayed at 6:08pm. Five board members and pastor were present.

### **Finance Funds Investment Discussion**

- Finance team shared Edward Jones investment proposal for \$300k of the investable funds primarily from the selling of the Mount healthy Christian Church building.
- 300k portfolio breakdown
  - 250k mutual funds
  - 50k individual stocks and cash
- Reports and portfolio breakdown with specifics, along with fee structure was shared with the board.
- Goal of this investment is to obtain some dividend reinvestment and to have funds available to meet our annual budget needs as needed. (Ex. During summer when giving and attendance is typically down)
- A motion to move forward with proposed strategy with Edward Jones passed 5 to 0 in favor of this allocation of 300k.

### **Team/Committee Reports**

#### **Finance (Mike I)**

- Shared budget numbers (need to verify)
  - Journey Checking Balance: \$15k+
  - Journey Savings: \$786,246.50
  - St. Paul Checking: \$25,020.83
  - St. Paul Savings: \$92,114.15
  - St. Paul Endowment: \$133,496.14
- Giving Totals July: \$8,458.25
- Suggestion was made to have budget draft by September
- Voted on computer replacement for office last week and were able to get additional discount from Best Buy.
- Mike B. is working with Best Buy to expedite the installation of updated A/V sanctuary system.

August 14, 2023 Board Meeting Notes Continued:

- Skip to review Best Buy contract and working with Mike to expedite next steps to complete the install as soon as possible.
- Motion was passed 5-0 to give Anne permission to move forward to sign documents for employee retention credit program (ERC). This program should result in the church getting a credit reimbursement.
- Motion was passed 5-0 to commence with stewardship promise campaign.
- P&G shares paperwork will be received soon.

### **Building (Skip)**

- Lights are fixed in the parking lot and the light that shines on the cross in front of Church.
- Electrician will be working to fix dusk to dawn timer.
- Electrician to put motion sensors in all the bathrooms to help save energy.
- Motion was passed 5-0 to work to install a new ductless mini split AC system in the head start room. Estimated cost: 10-11.5k.
- Leaks upstairs in sanctuary are fixed.
- Working on getting more quotes for additional AC needs for building.

### **Personnel (Ben)**

- Continuing efforts to hire a full-time musician/music Director.
- Met with Skip and Steve to review updated Sexton job description.
- Continuing to work through and update job additional descriptions.
- Steve and Ben met with Rob to provide feedback regarding Rob's performance as well as to ascertain more information regarding his specific duties in Cleaning the Head Start area.

### **Spiritual (Robin)**

- Team conducted a service opportunities ideation session.
- George our fill in organist and the guest jazz trio are alternating leading music Sundays currently.
- There are sign-up sheets for Sunday school teacher participation
- It was discussed and agreed that information for the Sunday bulletin Will have a Thursday deadline for finalization.
- Trudy has begun a Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the café.
- Kim and Darlene are beginning a card ministry
- Missy is setting up a CPR – AED training
- Working on stewardship involvement, developing a tailgate community get together for NCH on September 29, their homecoming, as well as a fall cookout on September 24.

August 14th Board Meeting Notes Continued:

**Pastoral** (Brian)

- Passed out a calendar for the church filled with events, times and dates.
- Working to add the calendar to our website

**Board Chair** (Steve)

- Distributed Zwoster scholarship recipient letter

**Reading of Previous meeting notes**

- Sharing of previous meeting minutes were read
- June Minutes accepted with a few minor corrections.

Brian closed with a prayer at 8:30 pm



10/1	Bob Combs	10/12	Carolyn Push	10/22	Bobbie Compton
10/3	Jennifer Frost- Cornish	10/14	Dave Schleutker		Joe Jester
	Diane Griswold	10/15	Aaron Hauer	10/25	Dick Manifold
10/6	Judith Lewis-Combs	10/16	Joyce Compton	10/28	Judith Boyce
10/10	Kathi Kelley	10/18	Robin Lighthall	10/30	Scott Leist
		10/19	Evan Heitman	10/31	Doug Hutchison



11/1	Jason Hauer	11/8	Phyllis King	11/20	Julia Sprong
	Ed Roberts	11/9	Margaret Maybury	11/22	Mike Iverson, Jr.
	Patrick Woods	11/12	Mike Bartholomew	11/23	Jacob Sauer
11/2	Estie Hutchison	11/13	Chelsey Davis	11/25	Gerald Stegman
	Angie Oaks	11/15	Dot Kahle	11/27	Joan Lewis
11/3	Mason Dahm	11/17	Missy Sauer	11/29	Nic Turner
11/7	Todd Mittler	11/19	Marla Banks	11/30	Greg Marshall

*Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:*

*Home Bound Members*

Charles Brown Wm & Eileen Church Doris Dunn Alice Graber Sharon  
 Frazier Diane Griswold Ruth Hoeweler Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer  
 Nancy Lanza Melitta & John Marx Bob Runk Dave Schleutker  
 Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon  
 Wagner Del Yung

**Special Prayer Request**

*Our Service Men and Women*

*The Country of Ukraine*

*Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers*

*Cities affected by any and all Violence*

*Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence*

*Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake*

*Civil War in the Sudan*

*Victims of Children Trafficking*

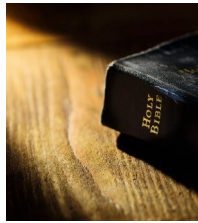
*For those experiencing the Extreme Heat, Floods, and Tornadoes*

*For Maui, Hawaii*

Nola Apro Harry Archer LaRue Baker Victoria Baumstead  
 Bob Bechtold Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso Mike Burriss Andy Campbell  
 Bill Carter Kim Caudell Wm. Church Jim Cobb Debbie Dee  
 Derrick Carrie Devine Baby Dorian Brian Drinnen Dorothy Dumford  
 Carolyn Dykes Farlow Family Theo Gruber Michelle Henn  
 Allen Holmes Dan Mc Donald Harper Manning Carol Boyce-Martinez  
 Max , Brian's Stepmom's Grandson Hannah Mikes Vicki Newport  
 Jackie Northrop Barb Nuckols Darlene Reed Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross  
 Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Bob Schebens  
 Tom Schumm Kari Shell Ann Shellman Colleen Smith  
 Karen Street Anne Vander Molen Travis Wiesman Chad Wilcocks  
 Ann Winkler Mike Woeste Linda Woods Paula Zellner  
 The Kathman Family Gloria Stagman Family Family of Janet Lerch  
 Family of Charles Rogge Family of Jackie Petrocelli  
 Family of Jude McCollough

*Please keep the office informed when  
 Names can be removed or need to be added*

**Worship Leaders  
in October**



**Communion Servers  
in October**



10/1/2023	Roxanne Reed
10/8/2023	Ben Sauer
10/15/2023	Cheryl DuPriest
10/22/2023	Vicki Celenza
10/29/2023	Terry DuPriest

10/1/2023	Roxanne Reed	Lois Bates
10/8/2023	Ben Sauer	Louise Pitcher
10/15/2023	Cheryl DuPriest	Kathy Terrell
10/22/2023	Vicki Celenza	Margaret Maybury
10/29/2023	Terry DuPriest	Bobbie Compton

**PARISH NURSES**

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, October 22nd, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST**

Our prayer list is an ever changing necessity for our members, friends of our members, and those on the prayer list. If you have placed someone on the prayer list, who is not a member of this church, and would like for them to receive a card from the church, please call the office and give to Anne the address of the person you would like to have a card sent to.

Our team of card writers will be happy to send a card to let them know the church is thinking about them and praying for them.

Information can be called in to Anne during office hours at 513-931-2205 or it can be emailed to her at [office@journeyccc.com](mailto:office@journeyccc.com).

Thanks in advance!

**CALLING ALL VETERANS**

If you are a veteran of one of our military services, please call the office and let Anne know, or drop her an email at [office@journeyccc.com](mailto:office@journeyccc.com). Thanks in advance!

**NOVEMBER  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the November edition is Wednesday, October, 18th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating.  
Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**NO DINNER ON October 3**  
**NO DINNER ON October 31**

**ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

This year the Scholarship Team announces the recipients of the Zwoster Scholarships are being awarded to:

Mandi Cornish  
Madyson King  
Dylan Poynter

Congratulations to all three students and they continue their education!

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

**ONLINE GIVING**

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the CR code below. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,  
Finance Team





**THANK YOU FROM LYNDA STAGMAN**

Thank you from the Stagman/Kroeger family for all your prayers and cards for our mom, Gloria Stagman, who passed away on September 5th.

We appreciate your donations to her church and to hospice. Also, thank you, to those who attended the funeral. Mom enjoyed her visits to St. Paul and the many friends who attended.

Lynda Stagman

**ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

Fall is here and St. Paul Early Learning Center has started another school year! Our preschool friends are settling in as they are forming new friendships and learning the school routines. Our weekly Chapel Chats will begin soon! What is Chapel Chat? Each week all classes meet in the Narthex. We read Bible stories, present those stories in ways which young children can understand, and sing songs. Our primary goal is to teach love, kindness, and forgiveness through the Bible. Feel free to check out one of our Chapel Chats in person.

Have you noticed the improvements which were made this summer in the Learning Center? Our playground was extended including a new fence and gate and a privacy fence was installed around the HVAC system. All classrooms and halls received new light fixtures and were converted to LED lights. Our parent resource area has a fresh coat of paint and a beautiful tile floor! New treads will be installed on the steps shortly. The bathrooms have new stall dividers and paper towel holders. If that was not enough, a closet which holds learning materials was enlarged. We sure have been busy! Do you want to hear the best news about these improvements? They did not cost us a penny! Everything was paid for through a grant which St. Paul Early Learning Center received.

We are extremely proud of St. Paul Early Learning Center! Our dedicated staff are incredible and are truly sent by our heavenly Father to guide young children on their educational journey. Feel free to contact me if you would like to hear more about the preschool and our vision for the future!

Thanks to Journey Community Church for your support. Together, we can do great things!

Judy Staudigel  
Director

Pictures of the updates in the preschool area are on the next page!

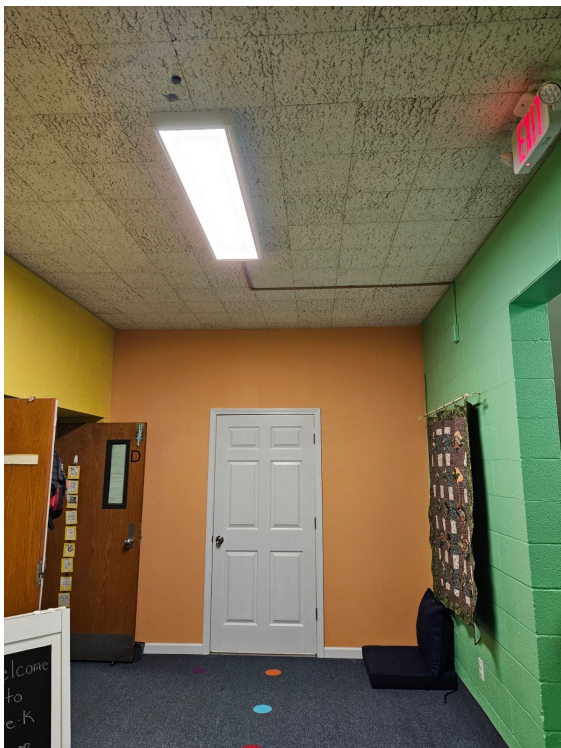




**NEW PRIVACY FENCE FOR AIR CONDITIONERS**



**NEW FLOOR. PAINTED RESOURCE AREA**



**ENLARGED STORAGE CLOSET AND NEW DOOR**



**NEW STALL DIVIDERS AND USED TOWEL CABINETS**

**Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs**

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant  
Hand Soap  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Non-Perishable Foods

Shampoo  
Toilet Paper


Personal Care Items

Toothpaste  
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes  
Spring Cleaning Supplies



# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship - Jazz Trio World Communion Sunday	2 HS - No School Finance Team - 6 pm Spiritual Team - 6 pm	3 No Dinner	4	5	6 HS - Teachers Only  AA Mtg - 8 PM	7  AA Mtg - 8 PM
8 Worship - George Theders  Crew Meeting 1:30 pm	9 HS - No School Personnel Team - 4 pm Board Mtg - 6 pm	10  Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	11	12 Final Luke Bible Study 6:30 - 8:30 pm	13  AA Mtg - 8 PM	14  AA Mtg - 8 PM
15 Worship - Jazz Trio	16 HS - No School	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20  AA Mtg - 8 PM	21  AA Mtg - 8 PM
22 Blood Pressure Screening - Nurse 9:15 - 9:45 AM Worship - George Theders	23 HS - No School	24  Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	25	26	27 ELC 2.5 yo Halloween Party  AA Mtg - 8 PM	28  AA Mtg - 8 PM
29 Worship - Jazz Trio	30 HS - No School	31 Happy Halloween ELC - 3/4/PreK Halloween Parties  No Dinner				Building Team meets On Sundays after Church as needed.