



Pathways September 2023



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What's Happening

GREAT STUFF HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Fall Kick-Off

Our new church year begins September 24th
We will be celebrating after worship at
The Creativity Cottage
Journey CC will supply the meat, buns and drinks,
Please bring a dish to share.
All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you!



Mt. Healthy Alliance

Community Food Drive
September 24th

Please bring non-perishable food items to church,
All food items will be delivered to the
Mt. Healthy Alliance.



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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

For an electronic version
of newsletter
please visit our website:
www.journeyccl.com

Pastor Words of Wisdom

As hard as it is to believe, summer is almost over and fall is well on its way - even if the temperatures are still in the 90s.

And with fall comes an inevitable but necessary time of change. We will soon switch from air conditioning to heat. We will go from shorts and shirts to pants and jackets. All of the green around us will slowly go away and the days will get shorter.

Change can be hard. I don't know many people who get excited that summer eventually turns into winter, or that the sun will start going down closer to 5pm instead of 10pm, or that flowers will no longer be blooming.

But change also brings new opportunities. Fall means football season (go Michigan State Spartans!), orange and yellow and red leaves, pumpkin patches, apple cider, a cool breeze, and much less sweat.

When summer ends, it brings the space and opportunity for something else good to come. The same is true of our lives.

We struggle to deal with change as human beings. We are naturally inclined to want stability and equilibrium. That's what feels safe to us.

But staying in the same exact place can also be dangerous. If we allow our lives to become stagnant, that means we are no longer growing and exploring and experiencing - all things that God wants for us.

Change is a central part of our faith because true faith demands that we both make ourselves better and follow God, and God often leads us to new places and new lives. If we are completely committed to staying in the same place then we will miss out on all of the exciting and life-changing things that God is calling us to.

Just as being in summer the entire year would not be a good thing in the long run (much of nature is designed to rest and recharge in the winter - just like us!), being in the exact same place we are now for the rest of our lives would be a tragedy.

It would mean we haven't grown or become better versions of ourselves or listened to the various ways that God is calling us forward.

So does change sometimes feel scary and annoying and overwhelming. Yes, of course! But never changing feels even scarier to me. We were created to grow and to experience life and to follow in the footsteps of God.

Kind of hard to do if we never move, don't you think?





Steve opened meeting with and Brian prayed at 6:00pm. Five board members and pastor were present.

- Sharing of previous meeting minutes were read
- Minutes accepted as presented.

Team/Committee Reports

Building (Skip)

- Keys: We have a key list all accounted.
- Waiting to hear back from parking lot light repair.
- Still following up with Hill Top Electric to replace bathroom exhaust fans, kitchen hood fan and motor replaced.
- Trees and Bushes work in front of church completed. Still other tree work to be done.

Finance (Mike I)

- Shared budget numbers (need to verify)
 - Journey Checking Balance: \$23,872.52
 - Journey Savings: \$788,289.30
 - St. Paul Savings: \$49,951.32
 - St. Paul Endowment: \$133,115.47
- Giving Totals first 5 months: \$77,122.93
- Need to get with Anne on Church Trac to do a more detailed breakdown of revenue
- Met with Johnson investments (Joe Carlos) to discuss investment opportunities- Were Impressed.
- One more investment firm to meet with within a couple weeks.
- Ultimately we will likely work with two investment groups.
- P&G shares paperwork in progress and will be finished soon.
- Have gotten with Griffin Fletcher Herndon firm to work on waterworks exempt transfer to journey community church.

Personnel (Ben)

- Have been in contact with George and continue to need to find musician substitutes
- Continuing to work through and update job descriptions.
- Musician/Music Director search continues.
- Was recommended that we have additional variety to our Sunday worship music experience.

Spiritual (Robin)

- Vickie's group met with Brian about visiting and how to best engage with our shut-ins. There are 8 volunteering for this.
- Spoke with Trudy about having music during service during communion, offering, etc.
- Pastor Washington is having his choir join and support music needs on the Sunday he preaches.
- Robin got quilt to Jaliah Williams, the young girl in our community who was hurt.
- Working actively on VBS.
- Missy working on church attending city local events.

Pastoral (Brian)

- Will lead funeral for Don Fisher this week.
- Preparing for to lead story at VBS and actively pushing out our VBS to the community via Facebook
- Working on getting T-shirts mocked up
- Received Best Buy quote for media upgrades. \$30k. This includes additional hook up of monitor in Sunday School Room, internet, among other items.
- Board agreed to increase original budget by \$4k. Motion passed 5-0.
- Mike continues to be point person on this project.

Board Chair (Steve)

- Zwoster Committee Recommendations. There was discussion concerning membership criteria to meet membership eligibility. There were 3 applicants.
- Motion passed for Dillon 5-0 who actively participated in church approved
- Motion passed for Mandy 4-1
- Motion passed for Madison 4-0-1
- Agreed that Steve would produce a letter articulating rationale and perspective on the approval to be sent out to recipients and recommendations for future scholarship criteria.
- Provided additional updates regarding the learning center grant monies to be used to improve facilities. Shared tile recommendations for floor to also be used at sanctuary Church entrance.
- Galbraith condos requested use of our café meeting space on Tuesdays. Board supported this as a form of community outreach.
- Fence update agreed on.
- Board agreed to suspend next board meeting in meet next in August.

Brian closed with a prayer at 8:17 pm



9/3 Jessika Combs
 9/6 Dolly Johnson
 9/7 Jazzman Johnson

9/15 Bill Luke
 9/22 Aiden Dahm

9/25 Amanda Iverson
 9/27 David Holmes



10/1 Bob Combs
 10/3 Jennifer Frost-Cornish
 Diane Griswold
 10/6 Judith Lewis-Combs
 10/10 Kathi Kelley

10/12 Carolyn Push
 10/14 Dave Schleutker
 10/15 Aaron Hauer
 10/16 Joyce Compton
 10/18 Robin Lighthall
 10/19 Evan Heitman

10/22 Bobbie Compton
 Joe Jester
 10/25 Dick Manifold
 10/28 Judith Boyce
 10/30 Scott Leist
 10/31 Doug Hutchison



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

Deodorant
 Hand Soap
 Dishwashing Liquid
 Non-Perishable Foods

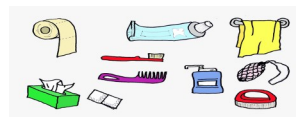
Shampoo
 Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
 Laundry Detergent

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Toothbrushes



Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Charles Brown	Wm & Eileen Church	Doris Dunn	Alice Graber
Sharon Frazier	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

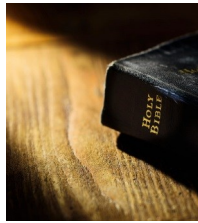
For those experiencing the Extreme Heat, Floods, and Tornadoes

For Maui, Hawaii

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

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

Worship Leaders
in September



Communion Servers
in September



9/3/2023	David Holmes
9/10/2023	Kathy Terrell
9/17/2023	Margaret Maybury
9/24/2023	Missy Sauer

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9/10/2023	Kathy Terrell	Judith Lewis-Combs
9/17/2023	Margaret Maybury	Terry DuPriest
9/24/2023	Missy Sauer	Trudy Jester

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, September 24th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area.
All are welcome!



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Gay Steinhauer

Elaine Sloan



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The newsletter deadline for the October edition is Wednesday, September, 20th. 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 September 5th

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>. 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

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AA Mtg - 8 pm	2 AA Mtg - 8 pm
3	4 Labor Day Office Closed Schools closed	5 ELC classes begin No Dinner	6	7 Luke Bible Study Café 6:30 - 8 pm	8 AA Mtg - 8 pm	9 AA Mtg - 8 pm
10	11 HS - No School Personnel Mtg 4 pm Spiritual Team 5 pm	12 Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	13	14 Luke Bible Study Café 6:30 - 8 pm	15 AA Mtg - 8 pm	16 AA Mtg - 8 pm
17	18 HS - No School	19 Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 Luke Bible Study Café 6:30 - 8 pm	22 AA Mtg - 8 pm	23 AA Mtg - 8 pm
Crew Mtg 1:30 pm						
24 Fall Kick-Off Following worship Creativity Cottage Alliance Community Food Drive Crew Mtg 1:30 pm	25 HS - No School	26 Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm	27	28 Luke Bible Study Café 6:30 - 8 pm	29 AA Mtg - 8 pm	30 AA Mtg - 8 pm