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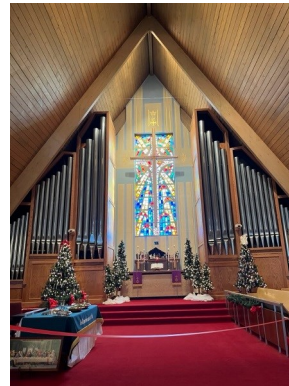
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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



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Pastor Words of Wisdom

This month my message is simple - find joy!

That's right, no stories with deeper meanings, no platitudes, no long introductions before I get to my point. Just a simple, important encouragement.

Find joy this month!

If Christmas isn't a time for joy, then what is? The lights, the songs, the presents, the memories, the friends, the family, the fun!

Not only do we get the joy of celebrating Christmas with the ones we love, but we also get the joy of celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Jesus, who is our source of eternal and everlasting joy. Jesus, who shows us the meaning of love and grace and compassion and kindness. Jesus, by whose life we know just how wonderful and capable and worthy we are.

Jesus shows us that we are worthy of good things at all times.

Which means you deserve joy. Yes, you!

You, in all your wonder and brokenness and exhaustion and excitement, deserve to find joy this Christmas season.

So find it. Seek it out. And embrace it with all the enthusiasm you can muster.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come.

And joy to you, now and forever!



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



12/2 Jess Hauer
12/4 Vicki Luke
12/5 Clare Brumfield
12/6 Melissa Holmes
Debra Nungester

12/14 Ginny Murphy
12/15 Lynn Hoffman
12/22 Rommie Turner
12/23 Terry DuPriest
12/25 Joy Packer
12/26 Jesse McIlhaney

12/29 Lois Bates
Louise Pitcher
12/30 Debbie Hauer
Bev Lewis



1/1 Haile Iverson
1/3 Jeanne Gourley
Karen Street
Sharon Wagner

1/7 James Mueller
1/11 Nola Apro
1/14 Ben Sauer

1/18 Roy Push
1/25 Rick Davis
1/26 Jim Hutchison

November 13, 2023 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with and Brian prayed at 6:13pm. Five board members and pastor were present.

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

Team/Committee Reports**Finance (Mike I)**

- Shared budget numbers (need to plug in new numbers to get from Treasurer)
 - ◇ Journey Checking Balance: \$31,423.68
 - ◇ Journey Savings: \$426,626.45
 - ◇ SPELC Grant Money: \$67,409.48
 - ◇ St. Paul Checking: \$20,543.89
 - ◇ St. Paul Endowment: \$133,029.41
 - ◇ Edward Jones: \$300,000
 - ◇ P&G: also with Edward Jones: \$81,000
- Targeting 150k in cash on hand
- Team recommends having major expenses executed or accounted for in next years budget
- Motion accepted submitted finance report.

Building (Skip)

- Led discussion regarding what building needs should next be addressed. Handout of estimates provided.
- Sanctuary heating and cooling systems, along with boiler needs. Prioritized Sanctuary, Sunday school room, offices and boiler room. Estimates totaled approximately \$135k
- Additional Items to be reviewed and prioritized with finance team to be considered on budget include front retaining wall, fire alarm upgrade, entrance to church parking area, and signage way-finding throughout church.
- Removal of leftover stumps also reported.

Personnel (Ben)

- Building Team lead and Personnel team reviewed updated contract with Jimmy. Next steps to work on contract framework.
- Reviewed Administrator and Treasure Job descriptions with Minister and Board Chair for feedback.
- Continuing to work through and additional job descriptions, along with contracts, salary increases, and Christmas staff gifts. Gifts to be handed out after Christmas Eve service.

Musician/Music Director search continues.

Spiritual (Robin)

- Trunk or Treat was a big success with over 200 kids in community attending. Appreciate all those from church who participated to make it such a success.
- Had about a dozen people attend AED & CPR Training.
- Breakfast with Santa ramping up with over 89 kids and 97 adults registered. Still need more volunteers.
- Advent starts December 3rd.

Pastoral (Brian)

- Stewardship Sunday went well. Annual report to be sent out to congregation.
- Will be informing church on the upcoming church board and team re-election process. Those one term team members may run again along with any new members of our church to fill positions for 2024.
- Preparation for Advent and Sunday congregational meetings including Dec 10th and Dec 7th budget and new board team member election.

New Business (Steve)

- Motion passed unanimously to have church pay \$100 charter fee for Scouts as an act of outreach.
- Steve lead discussion regarding board meetings be open to those congregational members who would like to participate/share on a given topic at a future Board meeting. Such participation would be scheduled with Board Chair.

Brian closed with a prayer at 8:11 pm

End of Meeting



Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Wm & Eileen Church 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 Maui, Hawaii
 For Israel, hostages being released

Erma Amrein Nola Apro LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister) Dawn Ball
 Victoria Baumstead Bob Bechtold Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso
 Amy Buschelman Mike Burriss Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell
 Wm. Church Jim Cobb Debbie Shelley Dauderman Dee Derrick
 Carrie Devine Brian Drinnen Dorothy Dumford Carolyn Dykes
 Huntleigh Enderle Pam Farlow Sue Geary Theo Gruber
 Michelle Henn Allen Holmes Jamie Kist Joan Lewis Dan Mc Donald
 Harper Manning Vicki Newport Jackie Northrop Barb Nuckols
 Jerry Oberjohann Terry Pitcher Darlene Reed Rhonda
 Bill Richards, Jr. Vicky Ritz Steve Rogers Ed Ross Cherie Lynn Sauer
 Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Tom Schumm Kari Shell
 Karen Street Kathy Terrell Anne Vander Molen Chad Wilcocks
 Ann Winkler Mike Woeste Paula Zellner
 Family of Chris Stifel Family of John Marx

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

**Worship Leaders
in December**



**Communion Servers
in December**



12/3/2023	Missy Sauer	12/3/2023	Missy Sauer	Roxanne Reed
12/10/2023	David Holmes	12/10/2023	David Holmes	Lois Bates
12/17/2023	Linda Woods	12/17/2023	Linda Woods	Vicki Celenza
12/24/2023	Judith Lewis-Combs	12/24/2023	Judith Lewis-Combs	Terry DuPriest
12/31/2023	Margaret Maybury	12/31/2023	Margaret Maybury	Louise Pitcher

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, December 17th, 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.

Thanks in advance!

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The newsletter deadline for the December edition is Wednesday, November 15th. 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 will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to my birthday party to make is such a big success.

Thanks to all who attended.

Thank you especially to Erma!

Dot Kahle

Nov. 14, 2023

Dear Brian:

Thank you to you and to the members of Journey Church for hosting the MHRRC meeting a couple evenings ago. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Best
member, First UCC*

FACEBOOK PAGE

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




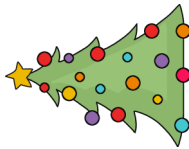

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeymcomchurch.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

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start	 4 HS - No School Finance Team Mtg 6 PM	 5 Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	 6	 7	1 HS - Teachers Only AA Meeting - 8 PM	2 Breakfast w/ Santa 10 am - 12 PM AA Meeting - 8 PM
3 Worship - First Sunday of Advent Jazz Trio	4 HS - No School Finance Team Mtg 6 PM	5 Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	6	7	8	9 FH Rented Private Party AA Meeting - 8 PM
10 Worship - Second Sunday of Advent George Theders	11 HS - No School Personnel Team Mtg 4 PM Board Mtg - 6 PM	12	13	14 HS - No School	15 ELC - 2.5's Party AA Meeting - 8 PM	16 AA Meeting - 8 PM
17 Worship - Third Sunday of Advent Jazz Trio	18 HS - No School	19 ELC - 3, 4, Pre-K Christmas Party Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	20 Newsletter Articles Due ELC- No School Til Jan. 2nd	21	22 HS - No School Til Jan 2nd	23 AA Meeting - 8 PM
24 Worship—Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Service 10 AM only Jazz Trio Worship New Year's Eve 31	25 Christmas Day Office is Closed Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28	29 AA Meeting - 8 PM	30 FH - rented Private Party AA Meeting - 8 PM