



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM A PASTOR'S DESK:

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit... we have the mind of Christ.” 1 Cor. 2:9-10, 16

Our world is awfully confused about what is right and wrong. Worse yet, it is largely ignorant of the way to God. If ever there was a time to speak up, this is it. Our needy planet is desperate for a word from God.

Paul tells us that no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God, which, by the way we have. The Spirit doesn't just know that general will of God, he searches all things, even the deep things of God. In a world hungry for truth, we have been given free access to it, and it is wonderful. There are plenty of opinions out there, but few words with the power of the Spirit behind them. A shallow world needs to hear the deep things of God.

That doesn't mean that our message will be gladly accepted by all. Like children who are hungry at mealtime, but reluctant to eat what is set in front of them, the dazed and confused seekers of our generation may not recognize the deep things of God when

they see them. But the Spirit who reveals them is powerful. He can penetrate any heart He chooses. Our job is not to convince people of the deep things of God, but simply to declare them. The spirit of God does the rest.

We have the mind of Christ. The Word says so. That places two equal responsibilities on us. The first is to be filled with, steeped in, and standing firm on the deep secrets of God. We have to be in God's Word to know His deep secrets. He didn't give us His mind for us to vacillate on His will. Wishy-washy Christians are called “unstable” and “double-minded” in James 1:5-8. The mind of Christ is not indecisive.

Our second responsibility is to give the world the wisdom it so desperately needs. We can't force it on anyone, and we can't expect people without the Spirit to understand spiritual realities. But we can make sure they hear, and the Spirit will help some see the wisdom in His truth. We have clarity where the world has confusion. We have the mind of Christ.

MEIJERS SIMPLY GIVE

As the number of people coming for food on Saturdays increases, it never ceases to amaze me at how God provides. Thank you to everyone who gave to the Meijers Simply Give program! We were blessed with \$1800 that we were able to contribute to Meijers

which resulted in them giving us back over \$6000! As the price of food goes up, so does God's provision!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – JONAH

When we think of the story of Jonah the first thought that comes to mind is his experience of being swallowed by the fish. That is pretty incredible, but it is just a very small part of the story. The book also teaches us about God's relentless love for Jonah, His patience, and His love for ALL people. We invite you to come join us as we dig into God's Word to find His deep secrets! Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

As the weather gets nice we all look forward to getting out and getting those things done around the house that need our attention. We have the same needs at the church. Will you consider helping to get our church property looking good too? If you are willing to help and would like to know how, please contact Mike Boyle who can give you a list of opportunities to choose from.

BUNKO NIGHT!

If you've been to our Bunko nights in the past you know how much fun we have together. If you haven't joined us yet, this is a great time to try it out! No previous experience is necessary, just show up and have fun. The cost is \$2 and includes pizza, salad, drinks, and prizes. We start at 6pm

and finish by 7:30pm. The next game night will be on Wednesday, May 15th at the church. There will be a sign up in the rear entry which helps us know how many to plan for. Please sign up. Thank you!

WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH CFC TO MICHINDOH CONFERENCE CENTER



Our women's retreat with Christian Fellowship Church is scheduled for Friday – Sunday, September 13th – 15th, 2024 at Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, MI.

Please mark your calendar for this fun, peaceful, enjoyable, and exciting time in the Lord. The price is \$177 per person.

You may invite a guest, but our members are accommodated first. Please check with Jane Einem or Debbie Boyle for availability and further information.

CLOTHING MINISTRY

Due to the construction in the education wing, the clothing ministry will not be accepting any donations until further notice.

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN

Christ Church Outreach is blessed once again to be a part of the Meijer “Simply Give” campaign. The campaign will run from March 31, 2024, through June 29, 2024. **Our Double Day will be Saturday, June 15th.** We will remind you when that date is near. **This campaign we will be partnering with the Meijer Store located at 21431 Grand River in Detroit.** If you have any questions about the Simply Give Campaign, please see Barb Christopherson.