

# CHRIST CHRONICLES

**Christ United Church of Christ, 1414 Ligonier Street  
Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650**

*July/August 2021*



## Worship Services For July

July 4, 11, 18, 25 - Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 AM  
July 11 - Holy Communion, 11:00 AM

## Worship Services For August

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00AM  
August 1—Holy Communion, 11:00AM

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.**

## CONTACT US

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## Concerns of the Congregation

**Please pray for: Chad Amond, Henry Arelt, Marcie Baker, Baker and Hilty Families, Joan and Jim Banocy, Olive Barr, Donna and John Brajdic, Eleanor Bridge, Pastor John Cofield, Dick and Mary Crawford, Kristen Disciascio, Debbie Dowler, Dorothy Facemyer, Tim Farkas Family, Amy Flynn, Belinda Henry, Helen Hoover, Karl Horman, Ron King, Stacey Klug, Zoe Klug, Michelle Kutzer, Leanne Lehosky, Chuck McNerny, Ben and Jane Miedel, Dana Miller, Ruby RaeLynn Moore, Joan Musick, Bob and Evelyn Neighly, Harvey and Helen Noel, Charlene Pelar, Richard Porembka, Emmett Michael Poto, Joyce Puzak, Shirley Robb, Bailey Robinson, Charlene “Charlie” Roble; Emily, Eva, and Graeme Sautter; Ken Sible, Laken Smith, Rick Stahl, Larry and Loretta Staruk, Nathan Stevens, Scott Thompson, Ken and Sheila Yost, Sara Young**



Praying the roll: Everyone on the church roster will have a turn at experiencing the comfort and peace of intentional prayer. We are family and families pray for one another! Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers for the entire week.

**Week of July 4—Ethel Holzer, Rosella Holzer, Margaret and Wayne Horrell**

**Week of July 11—Amy Kimble; Ron and Catherine King; Stacy, Mickey, Ava, Zoe Klug**

**Week of July 18—Michele Kubicki, Rick Kunkle, Michelle Kutzer**

**Week of July 25—Jennie Lazar, Karen and Robert Lihan, Theodore Marcinik**

**Week of August 1—Virginia Marcinik, Aubree Maus, Jen McMahon**

**Week of August 8—Beverly McMaster, Danette Meredith, Sarah Moyer**

**Week of August 15—Evelyn and Robert Neighly, Rosella Nessmith, Harvey Noel**

**Week of August 22—Jim and Karen O’Connor, Dorthy Paulovich, Sandy Pezek**

**Week of August 29—Bonnie Pickle, Dorothy Piper, Susan Renz**

**Mission Statement:** To reflect Christ’s love in everything we do.

**Vision Statement:** Not our will, but God’s

### USHERS FOR JULY



### USHERS FOR AUGUST

July 4 Art Dira and Jim O’Connor  
July 11 Harvey Noel and Sally Walker  
July 18 Jim and Elena Sillaman  
July 25 Bob and Carolyn Stutzman

August 1 Art Dira and Jim O’Connor  
August 8 Harvey Noel and Sally Walker  
August 15 Jim and Elena Sillaman  
August 22 Bob and Carolyn Stutzman  
August 29 Art Dira and Jim O’Connor



## A Note from Julie



**"Come, let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God who protects us! Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise!" Psalm 95**

It is really comforting that we are getting back to our normal. It has been so great looking out at the congregation on Sundays, as I sit at the organ, and see your smiling faces! Virtual services were fine when that's all we could share, but there is nothing in this world like the fellowship between the people in church on a Sunday morning. People smiling and laughing and sharing stories and events that happened in their lives during the week. Sharing the highs and the lows, and giving those ever precious hugs to our neighbors.

**Thank You, God! We feel You moving in our lives.**

The Adult Choir isn't meeting formally, but I am putting together some individual anthems that we will be presenting as special music this summer. Last summer, when we were doing virtual services, we tried to do a remote all church hymn sing. Well, it didn't work so well, so I am hoping to do a live and in-person hymn sing one of these Sundays in July or August. I also have some special guest musicians in mind to share their talents with you.

I am very grateful to the singers and instrumentalists in the folk choir that covered all of the music on Sunday, June 20th. Thank you so much!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 2nd at 7:30 pm** for the first formal choir practice. I think that we will sing for our first Sunday on the 12th of September.

There will also be a meeting of the Worship and Music Committee in July. Date TBA.

On a final note, I want to say thank you to my dear friends, Loretta and Larry Staruk, for just being two wonderful, loving, and Godly people. I am going to miss you! God be with you as you make your new home in South Carolina!

I would like to wish my church family a fun and safe July 4th and a very relaxing July and August!

**"For You, O Lord. have made me glad by Your work: at the works of Your hands I sing for joy!" Psalm 92:4**

Love in Christ,

**Julie**

This song was sung for Postlude on Fathers' Day 2021 at Christ Church.

***Singing with the Angels*** by Ellen Grapes Sautter  
On the occasion of her father E.L. (Shorty) Grapes's death 3/30/2008

Chorus:  
He's singing with the angels  
In a brand new angel band.  
"Glory Hallelujah. I'm in Beulah land."  
  
He's singing with the angels  
With Mother at his side.  
He's safe with God and grace has led  
him home.

Verse 1  
There was always music  
When Daddy was around  
Humming hymns or whistling on his  
way.  
  
Yesterday he left us  
Crossing on to Jordan's shore,  
But still we hear his melody of love.

Verse 2  
He taught us by example  
For 94 long years.  
He liked to read his Bible and to pray.  
  
Everybody loved him.  
It wasn't hard to do.  
He followed Christ with sunshine in  
his soul.

## LAY LIFE AND MISSION UPDATE

### THE BLESSING BOX



The Lay Life and Mission Committee have chosen the 'Blessing Box' as the mission for July. Please take a Post-It from the list board that is displayed in the St. Clair Street entrance and place the donated item(s) in the box located in the Chapel. Thank you in advance!

Lay Life and Mission Committee will meet on Monday, July 5 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

The Lay Life and Mission Committee will hold their annual Flea Market and Book Sale plus a Bake Sale on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be setting up from Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Workers are needed during that week plus the day of the sale. Please contact Dorthy Paulovich if you can help (sign-up sheets will be available). Also, we need bake goods for August 14<sup>th</sup> with delivery on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**We are accepting fleas and books now through Sunday, August 8th!**

### HELP SUPPORT CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSIONS WITH A \$5.00 DONATION!

This beautiful quilt "Jacob's Ladder with Hearts" is on display in the Chapel. The dimensions are 82 inches x 108 inches. When you make your donation, place your name and phone number on one of the slips of paper along with \$5.00 (per name) and put it into the box.



A name will be pulled from the box on **December 6<sup>th</sup>** and someone will receive this lovely quilt. (You can place your name/phone number and \$5.00 into the box as many times as you want.)

### "C" Dollar Bills for the Union Mission

As of June 13, the accumulated total donated to the Union Mission is **\$562**. Thanks to all who have helped to reach this amazing total one dollar at a time.



**SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13 Tuesday, August 17**

**Volunteers will be needed those days at 8:30 A.M.**  
Thanks so much for your help as always.

## July Happy Birthdays!

July 3 Don Burd  
July 8 Ken Yost  
July 9 Sally Walker  
July 12 Sandra Fircetz  
July 12 Kenny Repko  
July 13 Marsha Ackerman  
July 14 Peyton Thomas  
July 15 Dean Grasmick  
July 18 Dana Silvis  
July 20 Karen Lihan  
July 26 Catherine King

## July Happy Anniversaries!

July 21 Dick and Mary Crawford  
July 23 Steven and Ann Baltich  
July 28 Ken and Shirley Vogt



## August Happy Birthdays!

August 8 Jarrett Gongloff  
Sandy Pezek  
August 11 Ethel Holzer  
August 17 Marcie Baker  
Wayne Horrell  
August 19 Wayne Sautter  
August 30 Richard Burns  
August 30 Carolyn Stutzman

## August Happy Anniversaries!

August 2 David and Stephanie Albaugh  
August 5 Brian and Aubree Maus  
August 14 Wayne and Margaret Horrell



### *BIG NEWS:*

In the most recent edition of the Westmoreland Historical Society's Quarterly, Dottie Piper's son Clinton has an article about Christ Church. There will be a limited number of copies available at the church. We ask that you enjoy the article and then return the copy for the next person to enjoy. Thank you to Dottie for this great opportunity!

### Christ United Church of Christ Consistory 2021-2022

Carolyn Stutzman, President  
Stephanie Albaugh, Vice President  
Jim O'Connor, Secretary

Harvey Noel  
Linda Repko  
Elena Sillaman

## A BOOK REVIEW

What does it mean to be a patriot in today's United States? How does an American patriot differ from, say, a German or a French patriot? Does being a patriot mean that you *always* support your country's policies or leaders, or does it rather imply an allegiance to some long-established principles which might be at odds with what's happening in your country? How, even, did the concept of patriotism develop, and what have political analysts and philosophers had to say about it?

Questions like these are explored in a recently published book, "Reclaiming Patriotism in an Age of Extremes," by Steven B. Smith, a professor of political science and philosophy at Yale. Although the book is not large, there is much in it to be thought about and digested.

There are some unique aspects to American patriotism. For most people around the world, being born into a country also means that you have been born into a particular ethnic, racial or cultural group which has a long history within that country. Most German or Japanese patriots, for example, were born and raised as part of that particular ethnic and cultural group. The United States, however, was founded by immigrants and has continued to be a land populated by waves of immigrants (voluntary or forced), each with its own ethnic and cultural influences. In contrast to most countries, we are a nation, as Smith says, of "many-ness." So, what does it mean to be an "American"? Smith rightly points out that we are a nation founded on *principles*, such as rule by the consent of the governed, democracy, equal rights and individualism. And certain of our founding documents, such as the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address, have enumerated and codified the most important of these. Thus, we are a nation of creeds, and people who would become citizens of the United States must study these and, ultimately, pledge to uphold the principles of the Constitution.

Smith points out that in our current time of political, racial and cultural divide various groups and political figures have laid claim to being the "true" American patriots, indicating that those who disagree with them are less than loyal citizens of our country. Perhaps as a result of this, others have come to reject the very idea of American patriotism, believing that they hold themselves to a higher set of standards than those who see no wrongs in our country's behaviors. They believe that the concepts of equality, democracy, the rule of law and humanitarianism should be rights for people everywhere and, furthermore, that those rights are not being fulfilled, or even eroded, here in our own country. Accordingly, they have a cosmopolitan outlook, and are much less prone to tout the benefits and value of American patriotism.

Professor Smith does not support this latter view, nor does he subscribe to the "my country right or wrong" viewpoint. As he points out in his last chapter, he sees value in being an American, and thus has a right to be called a patriot. It starts, he says, with a sense of loyalty to the best principles in our creedal documents. He suggests that even cosmopolitan citizens understand and exhibit loyalty, usually beginning with one's family and close friends, and extending to other groups, such as our religious faith or a civic or cultural group. The loyalty might not be blind and unwavering, and it might require some difficult choices if our loyalty is tested by bad behavior on the part of our group(s). But, to the extent that we want to be a part of those groups, we will work within them to make the changes which will make the group better. Smith enumerates the principles, such as those mentioned above and a few others, which have become part of the American culture. As he says, it is these principles, not our financial and military predominance in the world, which are the true nature of American exceptionalism.

There is much more to glean from professor Smith's book. His review of the history of citizenship in the ancient Greece and Rome is quite interesting, as is his short overview of British and American political history. I didn't know, for example, that the very concept of patriotism came into being in 17<sup>th</sup> century England with the formation of the first political parties, the Whigs and Tories. I highly recommend a reading of this book. If it were up to me, I would even make it required reading at the high school level in our school systems. Smith has put to good use his extensive knowledge of political history to provide us with a concise review of this important topic.

Jim Sillaman

*Reclaiming  
Patriotism  
in an Age  
of Extremes*

*Steven B. Smith*

## July 2021 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lord, you are to be blessed and praised; all good things come from you: you are in our words and in our thoughts, and in all that we do. Amen.</p> <p>--St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)</p>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Independence Day</b></p> <p>Give thanks for your freedom.</p>	<p>Thank God for the skill and caring of nurses.</p>	<p>Thank God for the skills of surgeons and anesthetists</p>	<p>Thank God for physiotherapists and occupational therapists.</p>	<p>Give thanks for those who donate blood.</p>	<p>Pray for all those in need of blood.</p>	<p>Pray for staff, volunteers and residents of the Union Mission.</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<p>Praise God for summer showers.</p>	<p>Pray for those with chronic diseases.</p>	<p>Thank God for hospital chaplains.</p>	<p>Thank God for hospital administrative staff, orderlies and porters.</p>	<p>Thank God for hospital social workers.</p>	<p>Pray for those with poor housing.</p>	<p>Pray for those who suffer with disabilities.</p>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<p>Pray for the Search Committee.</p>	<p>Pray for God's blessing on hospices and hospice workers.</p>	<p>Pray for people with autoimmune diseases.</p>	<p>Pray for those who have suffered deep loss.</p>	<p>Pray for those who face lifelong pain or disease.</p>	<p>Pray for those who are nursing a sick parent, partner or child.</p>	<p>Pray for search and rescue workers.</p>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<p>Thank God for ambulance drivers and EMTs.</p>	<p>Pray for new believers.</p>	<p>Pray for those who are hungry.</p>	<p>Praise God for birds that sing.</p>	<p>Pray for our country and our leaders.</p>	<p>Pray for <u>those suffering memory loss.</u></p>	<p>Pray for those with anxiety disorders.</p>

O God, let me not interrupt you with my chatter. Let me listen, rather, to your still, small voice.

## August 2021 Prayer Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Almighty God and Father, help us to be still in your presence, that we may know ourselves to be your people, and you to be our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*-From New Every Morning*

<b>1</b> Remember families of prisoners.	<b>2</b> Pray for those who support prisoner's families.	<b>3</b> Pray for those who are in prison.	<b>4</b> Pray for those convicted of crime.	<b>5</b> Pray for the innocent who are imprisoned.	<b>6</b> Give thanks for those who have devised laws upon which our security depends.	<b>7</b> Pray for those who administer justice.
<b>8</b> Pray for the police forces that uphold the law and detect crime.	<b>9</b> Pray for children with a parent in prison.	<b>10</b> Pray for people faced with difficult decisions today.	<b>11</b> Pray for those who are awaiting trial.	<b>12</b> Pray for those who work in prisons.	<b>13</b> Pray for probation officers.	<b>14</b> Give thanks for those who have the welfare of prisoners at heart.
<b>15</b> Pray for the Search Committee.	<b>16</b> Pray for victims of disasters.	<b>17</b> Pray for those who find life too much for them.	<b>18</b> Pray for those with poor housing.	<b>19</b> Praise God for the amazing universe.	<b>20</b> Ask God to lead us in ways of justice and peace.	<b>21</b> Thank God for the fruits and vegetables that help sustain us
<b>22</b> Praise God for the sun and warmth of summer.	<b>23</b> Ask God to bless the work of our church.	<b>24</b> Pray for those who are homeless.	<b>25</b> Praise God for blessings received.	<b>26</b> Thank God for the ability to hear sounds, music and voices.	<b>27</b> Pray for those who cannot hear the sounds of life.	<b>28</b> Pray for those who work with the deaf.
<b>29</b> Thank God for the hope we have in Christ.	<b>30</b> Pray for students and teachers.	<b>31</b> Pray for young people who feel overlooked.	Creator of the universe, watch over us and keep us in the light of your presence.			

# JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 11:00AM Worship— Cathy Bowser  Independence Day	5  6:30PM Lay Life	6  8:30AM Senior Food Distribution (annual sign up)	7 12:30PM Bienvenue	8  5:30PM Supper Club	9  5:30PM Supper Club	10
11 11:00AM Worship— David Ackerman  Holy Communion	12  6:30PM Consistory	13 8:30AM Senior Food Distribution (annual sign up)	14	15	16	17
18 11:00AM Worship— Cathy Bowser	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 11:00AM Worship— Cathy Bowser	26	27 10:00AM Book Discussion	28	29	30	31

## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021 - 10:00 am**

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams - After Earth is demolished to make way for a new hyper spatial expressway, Arthur Dent begins to hitch-hike through space relating the off-beat and occasionally extraterrestrial journeys, notions and acquaintances of the galactic traveler.



**NO book discussion in August.**

# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00AM Worship—Holy Communion	2  6:30PM Lay Life	3	4 12:30PM Bienvenue	5	6	7
8 11:00AM Worship	9 6:30PM Consistory	10	11	12	13 DELIVER BAKED GOODS	14 8:00AM— 3:00PM Annual Flea Market and Book Sale
*****SET UP FOR FLEA MARKET AND BOOK SALE*****						
15 11:00AM Worship  Newsletter Articles Due	16	17 8:30AM Senior Food Distribution	18	19	20	21
22 11:00AM Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 11:00AM Worship	30	31				



**Wednesday Morning Bible Study is on hiatus until September.**

**BIENVENUE** (All the ladies of the Church are welcome.)

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 12:30 PM** at Aroma Italiano at 2220 Ligonier Street, Latrobe PA.



**Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 12:30PM** at Gianni's II Restaurant & Lounge at 4816 State St. #30, Greensburg, PA 15601.

## WE SAY WELCOME TO OUR INTERIM PASTOR



Rev. Bobbie Hine has lived in Western Pennsylvania since 1996, when she came to serve as an interim for Third United Church of Christ in South Greensburg, PA. Since then she has served as an interim for the Presbyterians as well as the UCC and as chaplain for Redstone Highlands in Greensburg. Bobbie is married to Tom Ljungman and recently moved to Unity Township where she is cultivating her own little nature preserve with native plants. She enjoys hiking and biking, kayaking and cross country skiing. She looks forward to working with Christ Church as we increase our capacity to listen to God and respond in love to all God gives to us.

Greetings from Loretta and Larry

As we are beginning to unpack and settle in our lovely new home in South Carolina, our minds and hearts wander back to our family at Christ Church often. We will miss you all and will keep you and the congregation of Christ Church in our prayers.

We thank you all for your friendship over the years and for all the help you gave when needed. You were truly our family.

If/When you have the opportunity to visit Myrtle Beach, please be sure to look us up. We would be so happy to see you.

**We wish for them many more happy,  
healthy years together.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The LORD bless you and keep you;*

*<sup>25</sup> the LORD make His face to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you;*

*<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up His countenance<sup>[a]</sup> upon you and  
give you peace.*

*NEW ADDRESS:*

**Larry and Loretta Staruk  
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# 4th of July



## Second Annual Union Mission Golf Outing

Attention Christ Church golfers! The Union Mission in Latrobe will be holding its second annual golf outing at Glengarry Golf Links on **Monday, July 26**. There will be a 12 noon shotgun start, followed by dinner at 5PM. It will be a scramble format with skill prizes, a putting contest, raffles, and items for auction.

For registration and sponsorship information, please contact Union Mission at 724-539-3550. If you love to golf, please participate and show our church's continuing support for the Union Mission.

Visit our website [ucclatrobe.org](http://ucclatrobe.org) under the Community Events page for more information.

## SUPPER CLUB

Come and join in the food and fun!

July's supper club will be **July 9th, 5:30 P.M.** at **Chef Dato's**,  
Anyone interested email Art Dira @ [rtdira@aol.com](mailto:rtdira@aol.com).



August's supper club will be **August 20th, 5:30PM** at **The Touchdown Club**. Anyone interested contact Jim or Elena Sillaman at 724-694-9907 or email [esillaman@hotmail.com](mailto:esillaman@hotmail.com).

**ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**  
Please send to [ChristChurchUCC@verizon.net](mailto:ChristChurchUCC@verizon.net)