

# CHRIST CHRONICLES

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

*October 2021*



## Worship Services For October

**October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 AM  
October 3 - Holy Communion, 11:00 AM**

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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, Eleanor Bridge, 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, Emmett Michael Poto, Joyce Puzak, Shirley Robb, Bailey Robinson, Charlene "Charlie" Roble; Emily, Eva, and Graeme Sautter; Ken Sible, Laken Smith, Pastor Avis Specht, Rick Stahl, Larry and Loretta Staruk, Nathan Stevens, Scott Thompson, Ken and Sheila Yost, Sara Young

**We especially remember the Family of John Brajdic  
who passed away August 31, 2021.**



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.

<b>Week of October 3</b>	<b>Joseph Soufl; Dottie Stahl and Art Dira; Nathan Stahl</b>
<b>Week of October 10</b>	<b>Richard and Debra Stahl; Ryan Stahl; Daniel and Megan Stahl-Messmer and Samuel</b>
<b>Week of October 17</b>	<b>Larry and Loretta Staruk; Ted and Pam Steiner; Gloria Stevens</b>
<b>Week of October 24</b>	<b>Nathan Stevens; Bob and Carolyn Stutzman; Ryan, Brook, Peyton and Parker Thomas</b>
<b>Week of October 31</b>	<b>Sally Walker, Judie Weyandt, Joyce Wible</b>

### USHERS FOR OCTOBER

October 5	Harvey Noel and Sally Walker
October 10	Jim and Elena Sillaman
October 17	Bob and Carolyn Stutzman
October 24	Art Dira and Jim O'Connor
October 31	Harvey Noel and Sally Walker



### LAY READERS FOR OCTOBER



October 5	Elena Sillaman
October 10	Linda Repko
October 17	Carolyn Stutzman
October 24	Rich Baker
October 31	Bob Stutzman

*No matter who you are or where you've been, you are welcome here!*  
*Mission Statement: To reflect Christ's love in everything we do*  
*Vision Statement: Not our will, but God's*

Dear Friends,

The work we are doing together during this interim time includes looking at the past and wondering about the future. The best way to do this is when we invite God in Christ to join us in reflecting. When we place ourselves in God's loving Presence, knowing that we are forgiven, held, and invited into new life, we are able to take everything in and proceed with hope. I encourage you to use the prayer included in this newsletter that speaks of this open and free space God gives us to deepen our life in God's love. Read those words often and remind yourself that we are created by God to love and for love. That is what it means to be ourselves and what it means to be the church.

Through the practice of placing ourselves in God's love, we gain insight into how we live. We recognize ways in which we ignore God's Presence and ways in which we welcome and receive God's presence. At the end of the day, it helps to review where we saw God alive and well and where we missed and dismissed God.

This is the practice I encourage as Christ Church works through the critical issues during this time of interim ministry. The more open and honest we are with ourselves and each other, the more we can receive God's goodness to us—and the direction God wants this church to move in.

Join us for "Faith Sharing" most Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. This is where we go deeper into the practice of the Presence of God.

Pastor Bobbie



#### PRACTICE: SEEKING YOUR HEART'S DESIRE

Prepare to pray by attending first to your body, to any tensions or energy or fatigue that it carries. Then attend to your mind, with its chatter and naming and judging. Invite your body to relax and be attentive. Let your mind take a break for the next few minutes. Pay attention to your breathing as you let your body and mind relax.

1. Dedicate this time to God. Ask for the Holy Spirit to notice your deepest desires, to name them accurately, and to respond appropriately to what you find.
2. When you are ready, ask yourself, as you sit quietly in the presence of God, "What do I want?"
3. When you recognize what it is that you want, give it a name and jot it down. Return to the relaxed attentiveness. Ask "What do I want?"
4. Again, notice and jot it down.

REPEAT THIS PROCESS UNTIL NO MORE DESIRES SURFACE.

5. Now, look at all the desires you have named. Notice which seems to be the most central, the most attractive, the most full of energy. Select one that, for now, seems most important, and bring it to your attention.
6. Ask yourself, "What is underneath this desire? What desire is even more basic than this one?"
7. Gently repeat this question for each subsequent desire that surfaces. Ask each one, "Is there an even more basic desire underneath this one?"
8. When you come to the deepest desire, honor it as central to who you are.
9. Finally, offer it back to God, just as it is, as an expression of who you are at this moment.

(From "The Way of Discernment" by Elizabeth Liebert)

## A BOOK REVIEW

If you have ever read one or two detailed biographies of George Washington, you might not find much new from “You Never Forget Your First,” by Alexis Coe. On the other hand, if you're looking for a relatively concise, yet informative, biography of our first president, this could be your book. Now in paperback, and sporting some favorable comments from The Boston Globe, The New York Times Book Review and others, this readable recounting of GW's career and relationships offers some interesting details about a few of the lesser-known aspects of his life.

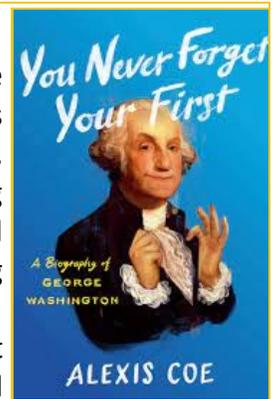
For example, some historians have described George as having a fraught relationship with his mother, Mary. She has been portrayed as being somewhat cold and demanding. But, as Ms. Coe points out, his mother had an exceptionally difficult life. Her father died while she was an infant, and by the time she was 12 years old she had buried her stepfather, her mother and a half brother. She was left in charge of an overseer who had worked for her stepfather, and he actually sued her (as a member of the family which had employed him) for back wages! At age 23, she was fortunate in marrying a widower, Augustine Washington. In the next 12 years, they had six children, the first of whom was George. Sadly, Augustine died, leaving his larger home, Mt. Vernon, to his eldest son by his first marriage, Lawrence, and a small, tobacco-growing farm (Ferry Farm) to Mary. At age 35, she had to manage that, including some enslaved people, while rearing the younger children. There were almost constant financial difficulties, but Mary, of necessity, became a tough, resilient woman, accustomed to dealing with the hardships of life. Before his death, Augustine had seen to it that Lawrence and Augustine, Jr., were educated at a prestigious school in England. But his sudden demise meant that George and the other siblings were not going to receive such a high-class education, with its attendant connections to people of wealth and status. Mary had maintained a good relationship with Lawrence, and she saw to it that George made frequent visits to Mt. Vernon where he could be in the company of people of class and education. Associations such as this no doubt served as an impetus to George to work hard to educate himself and to aspire to a higher status in life, one of the constant features of his career.

Another interesting chapter, “Frenemies,” portrays some very recognizable relationships for us in our polarized political times. Today, most of us ascribe positive attributes to the men who wrote our founding documents and served as our early political leaders. We are so appreciative of the sound footing they provided for us at the beginning of our country that we unconsciously assume that they always admired and respected each other. Not so! In this one page chapter Ms. Coe provides a small chart of quotations from John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Madison and Monroe which show that each of them made some wonderfully positive comments about George when he became our first president, contrasted with some very demeaning, even vicious, remarks about him at the end of his second term. Such about-faced opinions among politicians are quite familiar to us today.

As with some other of our founding fathers, George had a “bipolar” attitude toward the institution of slavery. He is quoted as saying that he was opposed to the selling of slaves in the marketplace. But plantation owners in the south were dependent on slave labor to harvest their tobacco crops and maintain their large estates. And their financial status was always subject to the waxing and waning price of tobacco. So, each of them had to come to a decision about the enslavement issue. Many people believe that Washington at least freed his slaves via his will upon his death, which has some truth to it. But the provisions of his will stipulated that they would be freed after Martha had no need of them. Further, many of the slaves of their family had come to them from Martha's side of the family, and they were not directly included under the provisions of George's will. And during his earlier years, George had actually initiated active pursuit of two slaves who had run away to the north.

These few paragraphs provide some examples of the interesting way Ms. Coe tells us about the complex man known as the “Father of Our Country.” Although we learn of some flaws or imperfections in his character, the overriding sense of his personality is that of great strength and perseverance through many trying circumstances. For me, he was the right person in the right place at the right time.

Jim Sillaman



## October Happy Birthdays!

October 1 Virginia Marcinik  
October 4 Art Dira  
October 10 Mary Crawford  
October 14 Judith Short  
October 14 Parker Thomas  
October 24 Gary Steck  
October 29 Patricia Will  
October 31 Donna Dinco



## October Happy Anniversaries!

October 11 Seth and Alyssa Boring  
October 23 Robert and Gerry Boring  
October 25 Lisa and Dwayne Amoroso



## Children's Sunday School



We offer a warm welcome to all children to attend Sunday School starting in September. Sunday School will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. October dates are the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. After Pastor Bobbie's message, the teachers will take the children to the fellowship hall for the lesson. The fall lessons include fun Old Testament stories, Dear God letters and a simple art project. Each lesson will start and end with a prayer, including grace and the Lord's Prayer. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. As always, parents are welcome to attend, also. If you have any questions, please contact me. And we hope to see your child/children as often as possible. Elena Sillaman 724-694-9907

## “Faith Sharing” Most Wednesdays at 10:00AM

The Faith Sharing group will be using the prayers that are featured on Sunday morning--like the prayer about our desires. By discussing and praying together, we will discern what God desires for Christ Church.

We may need to arrange another time so that all may participate in this important work!  
There will be NO Faith Sharing on October 13.



## 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

The Lay Life and Mission pumpkin roll sale (from The Pie now until October 31st, with pick-to 12:30 p.m. at the Church. The roll. An order form is available at the St. Clair Street entrance table. *If paying by check, please make it out to Lay Life and Mission Committee.* Correct change would be appreciated if you are not paying by check. Please wear a mask when picking up your order. Thank you in advance!



Committee is having a pie and Shoppe in Laughlintown) from up *November 13th* from 11:30 a.m. price is \$10.00 per pie/pumpkin



Lay Life and Mission Committee's Soup Sale ends this Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$7.00 per quart. An order form is available at the St. Clair Street entrance table OR email Dorothy Paulovich at [dpaulovich@hotmail.com](mailto:dpaulovich@hotmail.com) to place your order of homemade "Vegetable Soup" and/or "Chili". Pick-up is on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Church. *If paying by check, please make it out to Lay Life and Mission Committee.* Correct change would be appreciated if you are not paying by check. Please note that facemasks are to be worn during the soup pick-up. Thank you in advance.

*Lay Life and Mission Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.*

*The Blessing Box mission is ongoing, should you want to donate items, a box is available in the Chapel. Thank you!*

**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.)

## SUPPER CLUB

Come and join in the food and fun!



October's supper club will be *October 15, 5:30 P.M.*  
DeNunzios at Latrobe Airport. Anyone interested,  
RSVP to Sally Walker at 724-708-9032 or [noteach5@comcast.net](mailto:noteach5@comcast.net)  
OR Julie Sexton at 412-215-1367 or [julsexton@comcast.net](mailto:julsexton@comcast.net)

## “C” Dollar Bills for the Union Mission

As of September 5, the accumulated  
total donated to the Union

Mission is **\$708.**

Thanks to all who have  
helped to reach this amazing total one  
dollar at a time.



**SENIOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION is scheduled for  
Tuesday, October 19**

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

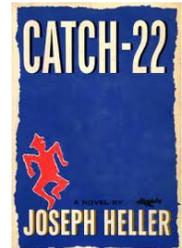
## A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has prayed and is continuing to pray for my husband, Geary. He suffered a heart attack on September 22, and had open heart surgery two days later. He is now recovering at home and doing very well. Your kindness has warmed my heart. Please continue to pray for Geary as he has a long road ahead. God is Good, and is a Refuge and Strength. He is a very present help in times of trouble. God Bless each one of you. Caryn

## BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 6, 2021 - 10:00 am

**The story of a World War II bombardier who is frantic and furious because people he doesn't know keep trying to kill**



## BIENVENUE

On **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**, we will meet at Carol & Dave's Roadhouse, 122 North Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ligonier.



**ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE**

**Friday, October 15**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11:00AM Worship  Holy Communion  Worship and Music Mtg. after	4     6:30PM LayLife	5 10:00AM Book Discussion	6 10:00AM "Faith Sharing"  12:30PM Bienvenue at Carol and Dave's	7     6:30PM Bell Practice 7:30PM	8	9
10 11:00AM Worship  Children's Sunday School following Children's	11     6:30PM Consistory	12	13 10:00AM "Faith Sharing"	14     7:30PM Choir Practice	15 Newsletter Articles Due  5:30 Supper Club at DeNunzios	16
17 11:00AM Worship	18	19 8:30AM Senior Food Distribution	20 10:00AM "Faith Sharing"	21     6:30PM Bell Practice 7:30PM	22	23
24 11:00AM Worship  Children's Sunday School following Children's Sermon	25	26	27 10:00AM "Faith Sharing"	28     7:30PM Choir Practice	29	30
31 11:00AM Worship						

## October 2021 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Heavenly God, help us to never grow weary in well doing, but as often as we have the opportunity, help us to do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family of faith.  <i>Based on Galatians 6:9-10</i>					1 Pray for those recovering from hurricanes.	2 Pray for firefighters.
3 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> – Thank God for all who tell of God’s love and grace.	4 Pray for those who serve as our elected officials – may they be wise in their decisions.	5 Pray for those suffering from addiction.	6 Pray for children whose parents are deceased.	7 Pray for those who protect wildlife habitats.	8 Praise God for the beauty of creation.	9 Pray for those with no access to clean water.
10 <b>National Clergy Appreciation Day</b>  Remember Pastor Bobbie in your prayers today.	11 Pray that God will prompt many supporters to increase their monthly gifts.	12 Pray for the town in which we live.	13 Pray for new believers.	14 Give thanks for community services, such as the library.	15 Pray for those suffering from abuse.	16 Pray for children who feel unloved.
17 Praise God for blessings received.	18 Pray for the poor and oppressed throughout the world.	19 Pray for the lay leaders in churches.	20 Pray for congregations without pastors.	21 Thank God for his love and mercy.	22 Praise God for the beauty of Autumn.	23 Remember our shut-ins in prayer today.
24 Pray for seminary students.	25 Thank God for the promise of a new day.	26 Thank God for those you love and those who love you.	27 Thank God for His love.	28 Pray for government employees.	29 Pray for those in pain or suffering from a chronic illness.	30 <b>St. John’s Bazaar</b> – Pray for our brothers and sisters at St. John’s.
31 Pray for people with impaired vision.	Continue to pray for those affected by COVID 19 – patients and their families and health care workers.					