

Mitchellville Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



Pastor's Ponderings

In our first month together I have really enjoyed our Wednesday morning “get acquainted” coffees and I want to thank those who were able to attend. I have spent time acquainting myself with your worship style, your structure and this community.

August will be a month of preparing for fall. We are meeting to plan the great ministry the congregation provides for children, the WOW ministry. We will do some surveying in August to see about interest in a Bible study led by John Bolen and perhaps a book study led by Pastor Alice. This isn't just to keep us busy, it is to explore the congregations priorities for ministry. How will we live out the Great Commission? It is found in Matthew 28:19-20 and states:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

I just finished reading a book, apparently some of the congregation studied together, called “Autopsy of a Deceased Church” by Thom Rainer. A couple of his observations from studying dying or closed congregations might be good for discussion as we plan for the future. The first was; “dying churches are concerned with self-preservation.” In other words they are all about serving themselves. The second was his observation that dying churches seldom prayed together. I think when a congregation has a small number in worship, fear that they might not survive does move people to think more about self preservation and less about ministry. Fewer people in worship means fewer people to carry out the ministry which can lead to burn-out or despair. It is easy to lose sight of our purpose, our commission. The Pandemic has led more people and more congregations into this kind of conversation.

As your interim pastor I hope to encourage us to have these conversations, even if they are hard. How do we fulfill ministry to others and also nurture our own spirits? I look forward to opportunities to discuss these thoughts individually and as a group.

Pastor Alice

SCRIPTURES FOR AUGUST

In August we will begin a sermon series exploring the question of where God is leading us as a congregation.

August 7 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 14 Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

August 21 Luke 13:10-17

August 28 Hebrews 13; 1-8, 15-16



I hope you will join us in person or online.

Pastor Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

(for the summer)

Wednesdays—9am to noon.

I will be at the church or out visiting on Wednesday afternoons.

Out of the office 8/3 for vacation

Schedule

We are worshipping in person and online.

Those comfortable may join us at the church. Worship services will still be available to join on Zoom and recorded and posted weekly on our website and YouTube.

Please contact us at mitchellvillechristian@gmail.com if you need an invite to a service.

Sundays:

10:30am Worship live in person or via Zoom/YouTube, recorded and posted.

4th Sunday of the Month:

9:30am Elders Meeting

Website:

www.mitchellvillechristianchurch.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/mitchellvillechristianchurch

Check out our website at www.mitchellvillechristianchurch.org
Missed a Sunday or prefer to give ONLINE? Go to www.mitchellvillechristianchurch.org/onlinegiving.html

Our Mission

We seek to be a diverse Community of Christ growing through inspirational worship, dedicated service and stimulating education.

Prayer List

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Judy Helm-Burns
 - Ann Pearson
 - Joanne Reiman
- Floyd & Dona Seiberling
 - Jeff Zaugg
- Discovery Time Preschool
- Our pastoral search team

For God's active Spirit moving through our congregation.
For our local, state, national and world leaders.

Serving this month

Elders: Fred Fricke
Worship Leader: Steve Dillavou
Pianist: Penny Zaugg
Worship Service Tech Support: Jeff Zaugg, Casey Hope, Tammi Dillavou



August 7th-Potluck and Board Meeting following worship

August 11th-5:30pm WOW Planning Meeting. We encourage anyone willing to help in any way with WOW to attend that meeting.

August 14th-4pm Dedication of Bill Spangler-Dunning Treehouse at CCC

August 28th-9:30am Elders Meeting


***SAVE THE DATE*-October 29th-Harvest Supper**

We will be asking for turkey donations, donations of pies, cookies, and bars.

Sundays-10:30am Worship (In-Person and via Zoom/YouTube)

Birthdays: 3rd-Sandi Beukema, 4th-Ona Fink, Casey Hope, 5th-Pat Underwood, 10th-Carter Hope, 12th-Sheri Roberts, 19th-Trish Loeb, 20th-Tammi Dillavou, Dona Seiberling, 21st-Bea Gilland, JoAnne Rieman, 25th-Lane Hamner, 27th-Floyd Seiberling, 29th-Cordell Pace, 31st-Joey Riley

Anniversaries: None

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