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A note from Cindy...

One afternoon recently I was meandering through our backyard and a little too close to Bill's beehives. I had just remarked to myself, "Boy, 'the girls' really seem busy this afternoon." I could hear the hum of the hives and noticed a few buzz past me. I kept on walking. And then, you guessed it, one of them, perhaps on her speedy journey out into our hayfield, ran right into me and stung me on the ear. I felt immediately that this was not her initial intention, but that I had simply gotten in her way. I managed to get the stinger out fairly quickly and then sat down for a moment to settle the throbbing.

Got me to thinking . . . how often we simply get in the way. We get in the way of people we love the most - offering our criticisms and suggestions. We get in the way of the good will of others, second guessing their intentions. We get in the way of God, who truly only wants the best for each of us.

We "get in the way," because we think we know best. Call it pride, stubbornness or simply an unwillingness to let our path be determined by anyone but ourselves. And this great desire to determine our own destiny backfires. It is not that we don't have any say in the course of our lives. Certainly we do. But if you live long enough, life will send you on one detour after another, unplanned and often unwanted.

So how do we get out of the way and allow God to guide and direct our path? May I gently suggest that we turn our hearts daily to a prayer of surrender. It may only take a few moments - but say it out loud - or at least clearly under your breath: "Dear God, I surrender to You in this day. I surrender my agenda. I surrender my fears. I surrender my doubts. I surrender my ridiculous belief that I actually am in control. And . . . I look to You to guide me, to provide me with the wisdom and the love to be who you created me to be."

As for me walking through the wilderness of Bill's beloved bees . . . I will detour around them - give them a wider berth - and try harder to just stay out of their way. God help me.

Cindy



September is Apple Dumpling Time! Update Your Calendars!



The Apple Dumpling Gang is getting ready to ride again. Come ONE, COME ALL! Bring your friends! We are going to be selling them at the church like we did last year! It was such a success and sooooo much easier on us!

Apple dumpling production will be held on the last 3 Saturdays in September. Even if you can't be there for the entire time, come join the fun and help. (Please remember — long hair needs to be tied back or under a cap.)

September 16th—8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (approximately)
September 23rd—8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (approximately)
September 30th—8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (approximately)

Apple Fest is October 7th & 8th with set-up most likely Friday, October 6th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church to set-up the tent and organize all supplies. More to come later!

Apple Fest Booth shifts—we need people in the kitchen, at the end of the driveway taking money, and at the booth back by the garage. There are also needs in making sure that the area is cleaned up as we go.

Saturday, October 7th-10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Clean-up)
Sunday, October 8th-11:30 a.m. (right after church) to 2:45 p.m.
2:45 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Clean-up)

This is a HUGE fundraiser for the church and is the biggest draw for Apple Fest they have! Plus, it is a great opportunity to get to know others in the congregation. And having the skills for making apple dumplings is great on a resume or Curriculum Vitae! These are also great community service hours for students! Please put this on your calendar and watch for more information in the coming weeks. If you have questions check with Jeff Elsea or Francie/Bill Stoner.



Welcome September

New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes.
May the month give you courage, strength, Confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace. May everyday in September fill your days with Hope, love, sunshine and energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.

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Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Theologian and Scripture Scholar, is facilitating four two-hour sessions on **Christianity and Sexual Diversity** on Wednesday evenings in October via Zoom, 7-9 PM Central Time. The sessions are repeated In-person and Livestreamed on Thursday mornings in October at Lord of Love Lutheran Church, 8306 E 171st St, Belton, MO 64012, 10 AM to Noon. The sessions will also be offered at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208, October 30, November 6, 13, and 20, 2023 ~ 6:30-8:30 PM.

The sessions explore the interpretations of biblical texts often used by Christians against sexual diversity, especially focused on homosexuality. The biblical texts are examined in light of modern biblical, scientific and sociological studies, which are to be in constant dialogue with relevant and actual human experience of homosexuality and sexual diversity.

All interested persons and faith traditions are most welcome. **To register, email Biagio at biagio46@gmail.com** When emailing Biagio to register, please specify the time frame: either Wed Evening Zoom sessions or Thursday morning in-person sessions at Lord of Love Lutheran Church. To register for the Monday evening sessions at Village Presbyterian, please go to their website: <https://www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.html> or call the church at (913) 262-4200 and ask for Laura Hobbs.

Micah Ministry

Thanks to all who donated school supplies for the kids at Micah! What an outpouring.



Sophia Center in Atchison Kansas is a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters. Every month they offer some fascinating and thoughtful offerings to help individuals develop a deeper spirituality. Pastor Cindy is very familiar with many of their facilitators and topics. She encourages everyone to take a look.

Sophia Spirituality Center
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All WCC Elders Invited...

"Elders, come and join other Elders for networking, prayer, and support."

Dr. Pat Manahan, elder, First Christian Church, Bonner Springs

Elders in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were always intended to provide spiritual nurture, to be examples of good discipleship and stewardship, and to collaborate with clergy to lead the missions and ministries of the Church within and beyond their congregations.

That calling may be more challenging to fulfill these days – challenging but not impossible – especially if we can be there with and for each other.

What else can you expect if you come to First Christian Church, Bonner Springs, KS for the Greater Kansas City Elders-Helping-Elders gathering 9:30 am – 2:30 pm on September 16th?

- Bible Study (Ephesians 4:11-16 and Acts 15)
- Tabletop exercise
- Discover and try out new resources for elders and other congregational leaders
- Good food and fellowship
- Forming a Regional Elder Leadership Team

Sign up [online](#): or call 913.432.1414.
Portions of the gathering will be recorded and uploaded and links made available for those unable to travel.

BY ALL THESE
lovely tokens
SEPTEMBER
days are here,
WITH SUMMER'S BEST
of weather
AND AUTUMN'S
best of cheer.



helen hunt jackson

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We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.
As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.
– Micah 6:8

Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth."
– Acts 1:8

Our Confession

As members of the Christian Church, We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

September Church Calendar

Today

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September 2023

Month

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