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MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR



“Shut The Front Door!”

One of my Mother’s favorite expressions when she heard something shocking or unbelievable. I felt like spouting this expression when I learned that churches were closing their doors AGAIN in response to pandemic statistics.

That was then, this is now, and NOW we have again shut our doors. That is, we have canceled all services and activities for the foreseeable future, probably through January 2021. Much as it seemed like it was probably not going to happen, it did. Numbers went up, the kind that we hoped and prayed wouldn’t. What’s more, it’s now family, friends, and neighbors, not just “someone unknown” over on the other side of town. There is a name on every one of those numbers.

This means the Clothing Bank, Advent Reflections, Monday Mamre, Sunday Worship, Sunday School, and anything else that involves more than a few people are closed. What will be open is the office of our secretary, Rebecca.

What ISN’T closed is the mission of the church.

Our mission statement: *University Place Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a community committed to representing Jesus the Christ in a fragmented world, to bearing witness to the fundamental unity of the church, to welcoming all people to its ministries of worship, education and service, and to working for justice in a disordered world.*

Our next Board meeting will be December 10th at one o’clock at the church. We will meet in the East room (M-1) unless there are too many people to observe social distancing, in which case we will be meeting in the Sanctuary. This is very important for multiple reasons, not the least of which will be keeping our congregation informed as to what our future as a church may be. Certainly reopening our doors will be one of the main concerns, but that cannot be decided at this time. Our budget will take priority. Please note that our 2021 Estimate of Giving **commitment forms** will need to be at the church by **December 10th**.

Please be in prayer for this congregation, its mission, and future.

Laurel Arnold
Moderator/Board Chairperson

DECEMBER 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture:

Isaiah 40:1-11;
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a;
Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 13 Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11;
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

VIRTUAL WORSHIP WITH OUR SISTER CHURCHES AVAILABLE

Because of the surge in COVID-19 cases and at the urging of both Pamela Holt, our Christian Church (DOC) Regional Minister for Oklahoma, and Edith Guffey, UCC Conference Minister for Kansas and Oklahoma, in-person worship services will not take place until further notice. For worship in our homes, both Central Christian Church and Christian Church of the Covenant (also not having in-person worship) have virtual services available on their websites. You are invited and encouraged to view these by going to:

enidcovenant.org—click on “Sunday Worship”, fifth box below title, click on the play arrow for the most recent service with other services chronologically listed below

centralenid.org—click on “View Sermons Online” third box below “Enid Welcome Table”, close the email sign-up screen, below “Central Christian Church, Enid OK” click on “Videos”
Feel free to call the Church Office if you have any questions.




NEW MEMBER

David Morrison
2025 East Eucalyptus
Enid OK 73701
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Birthday: August 20

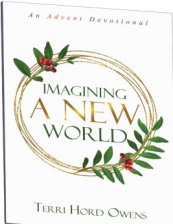
Welcome to our newest member, David Morrison. David is the fiance` of Jackie Egelston and a new resident of Enid.

Welcome also to Nancy Smith, who is Martha Hatt’s sister. Nancy recently moved here from Florida and has been joining us on Sundays. We are looking forward to the future when our worship services will be restarted and we can officially welcome David and Nancy.



STAFF CHRISTMAS

The time is drawing near for expressing our appreciation for the employees of UPCC. Rebecca Trebilcock, Cynthia Smith, and Delia Felix have been manning the office, pounding the keyboards and cleaning for many years. It’s this time of year that we express our appreciation for the wonderful job well done. Please send your “Staff Christmas” designated check to the church by December 15.



ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Remember to read each day from your 2020 Advent daily devotional booklet *Imagining A New World* by our Christian Church (DOC) General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO 12/06—Jerre Lollman

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

REMEMBER!

As we continue to walk through the wilderness of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Church is still at work. Many have stepped up in incredible ways, and we all know that the work of the Church is needed now more than ever.

Closing our doors does not mean EVERYTHING is shut down. There are still bills to pay and commitments to honor including our secretary and custodian. Please mail checks to the church or drop off cash during the week, except Wednesday. Your tithes and offerings are important!

-Laurel Arnold



BOARD MEETING
NEW DAY & TIME
Budget & 2021 Planning
1 P.M. THURSDAY
DECEMBER 10th



2020 ROOF REPAIR FUND

We have raised \$5,670 of the \$6,500 to repair our east wing flat roof! **\$830 to go!**



Health Concerns: Raquel Jacobo, surgery recovery; Deby Scott, surgery recovery; Terry Walborn; Dick Duckworth, hospice; Miles Hardage; Patricia Acevedo, Dottie Harkin’s niece, cancer surgery recovery; Jerre Lollman; Julie Torson; Nancy Agard, hospice; Ann Harkin, Dottie Harkin’s sister-in-law; Sheila Trebilcock, Rebecca Trebilcock’s niece, terminal cancer; Arline Walters, Laurel Arnold’s sister; Carol Rooney, Dottie Harkin’s niece; Tena Ruggia; Helen Day; Ken Smith, cancer; Jim Byers, Charlie Jones’ cousin; Connie, Robert Smith’s friend, Alzheimer’s; Dillard Moore, Robert Smith’s cousin
Other: Family of Barbara Scott, Kay Fortson’s daughter-in-law, loss of loved one; Students, teachers & staff; Health Care Personnel (Leslie Robinson, Robert & Cynthia Smith’s daughter; Alex Smith, Robert & Cynthia Smith’s grandson; Shelby Ramirez, Rebecca Trebilcock’s daughter, & Earl Dethloff, DeeDee’s (Arnold) husband); CDC and those working on the vaccine; Braman Christian Church, Braman and Burlington Christian Church, Burlington, Northwest Area Churches Praying for Churches



Sundays —
10:00 Worship Service
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