

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 1-8

Sun 1 Guest Pastor Sam Rathod
8:30 Worship, FLC
9:40 Sunday School/Fellowship
11:00 Worship, FLC

Also Meeting:
Christ Academy & PDO:
Monday-Thursday
7:30 am-5:00 pm.

Tue 3 Messenger Deadline

Fri 6 Christ Academy Closed for Teacher Planning Day
12:00 Rummage Sale Meeting, Room B
1:00 Messenger Assembly, Room A
6:30 Scrapbooking, Room A

Sat 7 2:00 Private Use, Room B

Sun 8 Guest Pastor Lew Kaye-Skinner
8:30 Worship, FLC
9:40 Sunday School/Fellowship
11:00 Worship, FLC

If you are interested in
more information on any
of the above calendar
items please call the
church office at 489-9618.

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Concerns—John Lind and family on the death of his grandson, Jason Von Busch of Colorado; Carroll Foust had knee surgery; Frances Thompson at Eastmont Towers care center

Air Conditioning Update—We are finally underway on the sanctuary air conditioning project. The contracted cost is \$92,388. We have already received some money towards the project, and the Endowment Foundation voted to commit \$50,000. A fund drive for the remaining funds (approximately \$27,000) will run through the end of the year. If you want to donate money for this project, please write “sanctuary air conditioning” on your giving envelope or check. The project is to be completed by September 1st; however, we may have some limited use earlier. If you have any questions about the project please feel free to ask any of the Trustees.

Connecting with visitors—The Hospitality Committee is making a real effort to personally contact our Sunday visitors to inform them about our church and its activities and to invite them back. We are making face-to-face visits in the visitor’s home and leaving a small gift and information about CUMC. Martha Wood is in charge of this program, and would love to have your help! **If you would be willing to help make some of these visits please contact Martha at 483-4165 or Amanda in the church office.** Thank you for helping to share how great CUMC is!

Meals On Wheels—We are still in need of an individual to coordinate the schedule for delivering Meals on Wheels, as well as a volunteer driver to deliver the meals on the first Wednesday of each month. You can also serve as a substitute driver—only called on as needed. If you would like to help with this rewarding outreach mission, please call the church office.

Reaching Out to Those in Need—There are several easy opportunities for anyone to become involved in the ministry of the church and help those in need. None of these even require you to leave your house! We are reorganizing our **telephone prayer chain**, establishing an **email prayer chain**, and starting a **telephone ministry**. If you would like to join any of these ministries, please call the church office. Thank you!

Cleaning Buckets are being distributing to assist those who have been affected by the flooding in northeast Nebraska. These supplies enable people to begin cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. If you would like to contribute, please write **Nebraska Advance 869—NE Flood Relief 2010** in the memo portion of your check.

Camp Fontanelle Challenge—An anonymous donor has pledged \$10,000 to Camp Fontanelle if the camp can raise \$20,000 by September 19 to help pay off the debt on the adjacent farm purchased in 2007. If you would like to help, please write **Camp Fontanelle** in the memo line of your check.

Chancel Flower dates that are open: August 29, September 19, and 26. If you would like to purchase flowers to help beautify our sanctuary in honor or memory, please write your name on the flower chart in the Great Hall or call the church office. The cost is \$40, and you may take the flowers home following the 11:00 service.



The Service of Worship
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lincoln, Nebraska
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

TENTH SUNDY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christ UMC family welcomes you as we worship God.

Please fill out the Friendship Pad, located in the pews.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in room 204.

In order to give focus to our worship, please silence all electronic devices.

GOD IS REVEALED AS WE GATHER

PRELUDE “The Cross Medley” Conkey/arr. Smith

Carrying the light of Christ before us Acolytes

WORDS OF WELCOME (8:30) Wendy Smith
(11:00) Andy Jewell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A word spoken, a voice heard,

A dream revealed, a mission received.

God calls, again and again.

God beckons us to follow.

To love, to serve,

To give, again and again.

God invites us to embrace the lonely,

To feed the hungry, to tell the Good News of Jesus,

To love and serve, and to sing praises all our days.

***HYMN 347** “Spirit Song” SPIRIT SONG

INVOCATION

Almighty God,

**We gather this morning to worship you
and rededicate our lives to you.**

**We thank you for this new day
and the wonder of your creation.**

Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word.

Empty us of ourselves and fill us with your Spirit.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

Dan Michaelson, voice

Jane Plettner-Nielson, piano

*HYMN 560

“Jesu, Jesu”

CHEREPONI

GOD IS REVEALED IN THE WORD

(As children come forward, the congregation is invited to sing)

HYMN 191 (St. 1)

“Jesus Loves Me”

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mike Frain

READING FROM SCRIPTURE (*Pew Bible Page 27, NT*) Matthew 25:31-40

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Father,

We gather together to hear from you.

Open our ears to your words.

We spend too much time speaking without necessity.

Today it is time to listen.

Change our hearts as we hear and reflect on your truths.

Thank you for the many ways you speak to us.

**As we open your Word, may we be willing and ready
to listen and obey.**

May your Holy Spirit guide us in all truth. Amen.

MORNING MESSAGE “Leave As You Find It” Rev. Sam Rathod

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal Page 895*)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PRESENCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Please offer one another signs of love and peace*)

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“I Gave My Life for Thee”

Bliss/arr. Smith

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND RESPONSE 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord,

We bring these gifts to you for your use in the world.

Help us to remember that we are all members of your family,

and that in caring for the “least of these” among us,

we are caring for you. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

*HYMN 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

(Please remain within the pews until after the Acolytes have recessed out)

POSTLUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Bach/arr. Smith

Carrying the light of Christ into the world

Everyone

* = Please stand if you are able

*The altar flowers are given today by
Dean and Teena Faubel in loving memory of
Marie Faubel.*

WELCOME TO CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

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Our Vision

Christ United Methodist Church seeks to celebrate and spread the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. Our mission is to welcome and nurture all who seek a relationship with God. We strive to build bridges to God through Jesus Christ.

A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

We strive to welcome all persons regardless of age, color, disability, ethnic origin, family status, gender, political beliefs, race, religion, and/or sexual orientation. We commit ourselves to maintain an environment that is safe and affirming to all persons.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolytes 8:30—Madison and Riley Clark

11:00—Che Rodriguez

Coffee Hour Servers Andy and Becca Jewell

Greeters 8:30—Vera Ficke, Nadine Link, Mark and Laurie Churchill

11:00—Dan and Jerrie Michaelson, Lucille Penterman, Bonnie Reida

Ushers 8:30—Diane Conley, Eldon Ficke, Tom Scott, Brad Carter, Bob Jones

11:00—Lynn Thelen, Cheryl Pope, John and June Garrison, Art Nicolai, Athalee Lynn (balcony)

Liturgist 8:30—Wendy Smith

11:00—Andy Jewell

Van Driver Cliff Thelen

Attendance ~ Sunday, July 25, 2010

8:30—214

11:00—199

OUR STAFF

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