# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting people to Jesus so that lives, families, and community can be restored.

### October 21, 2020

This Sunday is GENEROSITY SUNDAY at Christ United. We're asking members and friends – as you are able – to make a financial pledge for 2021 to help us carry on the mission of "connecting people to Jesus so that lives, families, and community can be restored." Pledge cards have been sent to all our members via email (click <u>HERE</u> for the link to the online pledge card) and there will be printed pledge cards available in the Great Hall this Sunday.

You may think it awkward or self-serving to ask people to live generously in the midst of a pandemic, but it's not. I'm not asking for you to be generous for my sake; I'm asking you to live generously to help carry on the work of God's kingdom here on earth. The Church is the ONLY body created to be the visible presence of God in the world



Bob Rambo Lead Pastor

and share the Good News of Jesus. Although we're in the middle of a pandemic, there's never been a more timely opportunity to consider how we're spending not just our money but our lives.

Our world seems to be in a mode of destruction. This is especially true of America. We are divided spiritually, economically, racially, and politically. But God is calling us to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. To be the "salt of the earth," the "light of the world."

Thank you for helping MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Make it a GREAT week!

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Christ United's Church Council meets tomorrow, Thursday, October 22, at 11:30am. This is a group of church members elected to serve as lay leaders who work with our pastors and staff to make decisions for our congregation. The meeting is online via Zoom. Church members are always welcome to view the meeting. Here's the Zoom link - <u>https://zoom.us/j/6559525405</u>





### Instructions on Registering for Worship / Kids Ministry

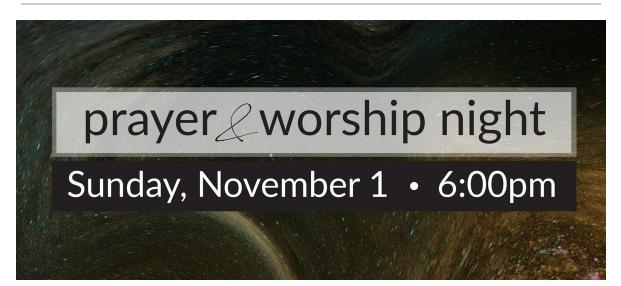
Click <u>HERE</u> to register for in-person worship for this Sunday, October 25, at 9am or 11am. When you register your family for in-person worship, please also register your children. At 9am we offer nursery for 0-2 year olds, and at 11am we have programs for birth - 3rd grade.

NOTE: This Sunday, October 25, at 11am, the Kids Ministry is offering a special outside worship experience for children ages 3 through 3rd Grade. We can't wait for this fun time with your children!

Remember that you may also join us on online for worship at 9am (Bridge) or 11am (Traditions) by clicking the livestream link on our website. The services are also streaming on Facebook Live at both times. Archived versions of previous sermons are available for viewing - Click <u>HERE</u> for last Sunday's Traditions or click <u>HERE</u> for last Sunday's Bridge.

## How to Cancel Your Worship Ticket

If you decide not to use your worship reservation, please take the time to cancel your ticket so someone else can attend. Follow these instructions to cancel: **1**) Go to your order. **2**) Log in to your Eventbrite account, then click your order on the Tickets page. **3**) Select 'Cancel Order" (next to your order details). Then choose "Yes, cancel this order." (*The attendee and event organizer will receive an email to confirm cancellation.*)



Christ United is having an outdoor Prayer and Worship Night. During a time when we are experiencing so many challenges in our lives, families, and community, a time of worship and prayer is greatly needed for our church. Prayer is one of the primary places we experience the presence and power of God. Worship brings peace, hope, and encouragement in a time where the world is desperate for these. Bring a blanket or a chair, and let's worship God together.

Since we are outside, we are going to invite singing, and masks are optional. We will continue to ask you to honor social distancing protocols unless you are with family or close friends. Food trucks will begin serving in the parking lot at 5pm.





The Prayer Room meets tonight at 5:30pm online. If you have a prayer request, please email them to <a href="mailto:prayer@christunitedjxn.org">prayer@christunitedjxn.org</a>. Click <a href="mailto:HERE">HERE</a> to join tonight's meeting via Zoom.



Wednesdays at 6pm • online via Zoom Bible study • November 4 - December 16

#### Click HERE for more information $\mathcal{L}$ to sign up.

Prayer is one of the greatest invitations of God to humans. It is God's plan for how we speak with him, listen to him, experience him, and be changed by him. According to research, prayer is practiced at some point by majority of people, including those that don't believe in God. At the same time, while many people pray, they don't feel confident in their prayers and don't feel the benefits of prayer. The Prayer Course is a 6-week course designed to teach you how to pray according to Jesus' teaching on prayer. If you want to grow in your competence and confidence when it comes to prayer, the prayer course is for you. We will meet on Zoom starting Wednesday, November 4. If you would like to join, click <u>HERE</u> to register.



Jesus says where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them. During this season, it is a challenge to gather together physically. However, we can still gather together in prayer. Starting the first day of November until the 28th day of November, we are inviting you, our church, to pray daily, and to pray the same thing daily as a way of gathering together. We believe it will be an incredibly powerful moment for our church to pray the same thing daily. We believe God will move in us and through us as he promises he will be with us.

Participating in the 28 Days of Prayer is easy. Click <u>HERE</u> to register and choose to receive a daily email or a text message beginning Sunday, November 1 with a link to the Scripture, topic of prayer for that day, and a prayer written by a Prayer Team member. Let's pray together in November!



Click <u>HERE</u> to be directed to online giving.

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