

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

September 16, 2020

Generosity Update

Since March when we closed our doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Christ United members have been tremendous in providing financial support for ongoing ministry. Despite the fact that we were unable to meet in our building until late August, your generosity helped us to upgrade our online worship opportunities. Your generosity helped us make online group meetings for fellowship and church business possible. Your generosity helped us stay in touch with grieving people, stressed families, and anxious members. We couldn't have survived without your help!

However, in the spirit of honesty and transparency, our giving is at its lowest level in ten years. There's no surprise about this; the pandemic has affected every congregation in the nation. Christ United Methodist Church has fared better than most. However, our giving at this point in the year is still at a 10-year low.

Our leaders – staff and lay – are well aware that some of our members have been hurt by the pandemic and are not able to contribute right now. On the other hand, some of us have not been overly affected – and we need those who are blessed in this way to help in this time.

Next month – OCTOBER 25th – is GENEROSITY SUNDAY. This year we are taking a low-key approach to asking for your support in 2021 because of the uncertainty of the times. We also recognize many people have been financially affected. So on October 25th, we'll be asking people to pledge their support for 2021 in light of 2 Corinthians 8:12:

**Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly.
And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.**

This is simple generosity. We give as God has given to us. We don't give what we don't have. But for the rest of 2020, we're asking Christ United Methodist members who are able to be generous to do what Paul says 2 verses later in 2 Corinthians 8:14:

**Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need.
Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it.**

These are trying times for sure, but God is with us. Thanks be to God!

Make it a great week!

Bob Rambo

Bob Rambo, Lead Pastor



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Lead Pastor

WORSHIP



Instructions on Registering for Worship / Kids Ministry

Click [HERE](#) to register for in-person worship for this Sunday, September 20 at 9am or 11am.

When you register your family for in-person worship, please also register your children. Registration for children closes each Thursday morning at 7am for the upcoming Sunday. At 9am we offer nursery for 0-2 year olds, and at 11am we have programs for birth - 3rd grade.

Remember that you may also join us on online for worship at 9am or 11am 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 [HERE](#) for last Sunday's Traditions or click [HERE](#) for last Sunday's Bridge.



For more information on Kids Ministry on Sunday mornings, click [HERE](#).

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.*)

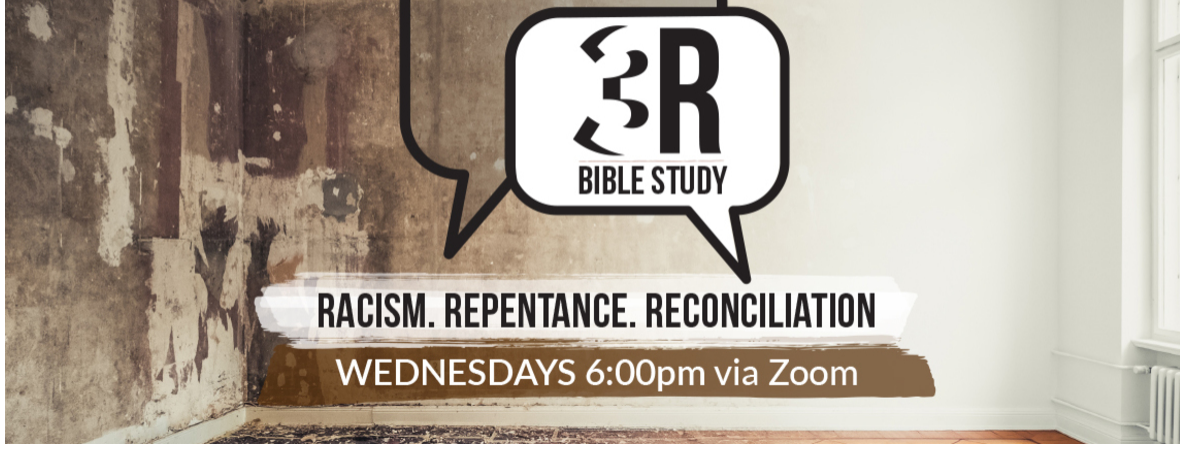
GROW

Group Life @ Christ United

We are currently offering the opportunity for groups of 17 or fewer to use the church building to meet. We are asking that you maintain the recommended COVID protection guidelines. Rooms will be accessible Monday through Friday (no weekends). There are three time slots for each of those days (7-10am, 11-2pm, 4-8pm). This allows for us to clean each room properly after each use. If you would like to meet on campus, please contact Cathy Shofner by email at connections@christunitedjxn.org.



Join our prayer team at 5:30pm online TONIGHT as we pray for our church. If you have a prayer request, please email them to prayer@christunitedjxn.org. Click [HERE](#) to join tonight's meeting via Zoom.



Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register to receive the Zoom link for tonight's 3R. Click [HERE](#) to view a recording of week one of the large group conversation.



Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm | September 15 - October 6

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register to receive the Zoom link for The Harvest.



Are you looking for a great guide to studying God's Word throughout your week? If you would like to know more about the daily SOAP study or want to sign up to receive the link via text or email each Monday - Friday morning, Click [HERE](#) for more information or to sign up.

GIVE



Click [HERE](#) to be directed to online giving.

GO

hos·pi·tal·i·ty /noun/ kindness in welcoming guests or strangers

Please join our Hospitality Team on Sunday mornings! We need friendly faces for all three of our services - 9:00am Bridge, 11:00am Bridge, and 11:00am Traditions. Please contact Cathy Shofner at cathy.shofner@christunitedjxn.org to serve in this rewarding ministry!



Christ United is offering a great opportunity to help Stewpot Community Services fill their Food Pantry. Saturday, October 17 from 10-11:30am, drive through the covered drop-off on the southside of the church. Stewpot volunteers will load your donations from the trunk of your car into their truck. We've attached a grocery list (below) for you to get started shopping.

Click [HERE](#) to download a printable PDF of the list below.

- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Blackeyed Peas (canned or dry)
- Lima Beans (canned or dry)
- Greens
- Canned Meats
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Hamburger Helper Meals
- Chef Boyardee Canned Foods

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