

# THE COMMUNICATOR

August 2019



## From the Pastor's Keyboard

### "Ministry Plans"

I am writing this report at Camp MoVal, while our campers and counselors are spending time in their Family Groups, working with the Camp Program Staff. Zabibu, Lilly and Hazel are here having a great time; as well as counselors Shelby, Alexander, and Isaiah Jackson-Post. Yesterday the counselors met with the Program Staff to plan their activities for today and outline the rest of the week. Then today, it started raining...and it has rained all day. No pool, no hikes, no archery, no canoeing. It was and is time to implement "Plan B."

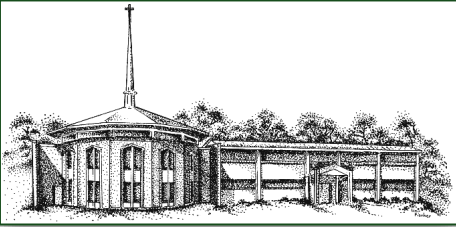
Of course, there is a "Plan B." There is also a "Plan C" and a contingency plan for everything that could possibly happen here at camp. An incredible amount of planning goes into a week of camp. The Session Directors (that is what I am doing here) spend months and weeks recruiting counselors, developing schedules, creating cabin assignments, and formulating the spiritual reflections and activities for the week. The counselors make plans for their campers to enhance accountability and enjoyment in their cabin life. The Program Staff create the overall plan for the camping program and how our week of camp will fit in. *Excellent ministry happens around well executed plans.*

This is a model I hope we are striving toward at Columbia United Church of Christ as well; intentionally planned ministry, rising us to a level of excellence worthy of the faith our community has placed in us. To that end, I am going to be inviting all of our Ministry Teams, in August and September, to do some intentional planning for the 2019-2020 program year.

Last year we began to do this. After our Vision Team produced our 5-year plan, our Ministry Team looked at those plans and developed Implementation Plans; how their Ministry Team was going to intersect with those goals. As we head into this program year, I will be asking us to look at that 5-year plan and the implementation plans we drew up last October and see how we are doing. What have we accomplished? What have we left undone? What do we need to address in 2019-2020? Then, we can make 2019-2020 plans based on where we are so far. This will all intersect with the Vision Team as it gathers in the next couple of months for the same purposes of planning and assessment.

Excellent ministry happens when a well-articulated and well-developed plan is put into place and used to guide the actions of that ministry. We have made great strides in the past several years to lay a foundation of planning and implementation; and now, this fall, I hope we can begin building a firm ministry structure. We have great work to do in our Ministry Teams; careful planning and creative implementation. I am looking forward to working with each of you as this congregation grows into the vital place of ministry God has intended for us!

-Pastor Rick



# NEWS & EVENTS

**COLUMBIA  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
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**Rev. Rick Oberle**  
Pastor

**Rev. Fred Brandenburg**  
Pastor Emeritus

**April Rothweiler**  
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**Kristin Veteto**  
Music Coordinator

**Amy Crousore**  
Organist/Accompanist

**Erika Maltsbarger**  
Director, Little One's Day Out

**Lloyd Viehland**  
Building Monitor

**Raj Tolani**  
Financial Secretary

**Sunday Worship Schedule**  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship

9:30 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

**Office Hours:**  
Monday through Friday  
9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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## Save the Date—Sunday, September 22

We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of CUCC at this location!

If you have stories or memories you'd like to share, please send your thoughts to the church office as soon as possible.

## Unique CUCC experience Saturday, September 21, 2019

Keep your calendar clear for the first CUCC-MU  
**TAILGATE PARTY!**

We will begin the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the church structure Saturday afternoon.

This event will take place either before or after the MU-University of South Carolina ball game. Watch the [CUCC website](#) for specific times depending upon the football schedule.

## 50th Anniversary Catered Dinner

Sunday, September 22  
Following Worship Service

## Rally Day

On September 8, Sunday School (9:00-10:00 am) will include a get to know you activity with your Sunday School teachers and classmates, followed by FUN and FRIENDSHIP at three rotating stations, including crafts, tattoos and a Bounce House.

## Rally Day Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for the first ever CUCC Fish Fry to be held after church on Rally Day Sunday, September 8. Fred Malicoat has graciously agreed to furnish and fry the fish - I imagine there might be a few "big fish stories" to be shared.

Fellowship and Hospitality will furnish the sides. Please feel free to bring cookies to share.  
-Jolene and Val



Celebrating 50 years of walking to end hunger globally and locally.

Save the Date  
Sunday September 15  
Stephens Lake Park -Gordon Shelter  
Registration 1:00 - Welcome and Step Off 1:45

*save the date*

**Celebrating Missouri's Heifer Story**  
Join us as we celebrate 75 years of good.  
Saturday, November 9, 2019  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Broadway Christian Church  
2601 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO  
*for more information, e-mail MOHeifer75@gmail.com*



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation to Growing Hope Globally. Your gift will help provide hungry people with the training and resources they need to end chronic hunger and break the cycle of poverty. Your partnership means even more people will experience that same hope!

With deep gratitude,

Steve Smith  
Chief Operating Officer

Long before email, texting, or even phones (18th & 19th century), flowers were used for communication. This type of communication was called floriography.



The beautiful and colorful Gladiolus Flower is one of the "Birth" flowers that represents the month of August. Birth flowers each have a unique meaning. The Gladiolus, also called the Sword Lily because of its shape, is a symbol of strength of character, remembrance, and sincerity.



The Poppy flower is the other August "Birth Flower." It symbolizes remembrance and imagination.

**Address & E-Mail Corrections**

Mike & Ginny Van Hove  
(new address)  
**20 Flemming Dr.**  
**Columbia, MO 65201-5419**

Helen Schultz new e-mail:  
**h.schultz2017@gmail.com**

**Root Beer Float Success!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased ice cream floats to support our Camp Scholarship Fund on July 21, 2019.



\$116 was raised. Thank you to Lena Muench for organizing.

**Congratulations to:**

Jolene Kirchhoff for the winning bid of the beautiful quilt, hand-sewn by our very own CUCC Quilters!



**CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

- No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
- No matter where you are on your faith journey;
- No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
- No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
- No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
- No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
- You are welcome here!



Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

## Moderator's Moment

Summer greetings from your Church Council! We have been busy throughout these hot and humid months taking care of the church's needs and continuing to plan for the upcoming 50-Year Celebration of our sanctuary building. That celebration will happen on the weekend of September 21 – 22 of this year. The Heritage Committee, led by Doug Privitt, will be announcing plans for the weekend very soon. I know for certain there will be food, fellowship, favorite memories, and faces from the past! It will be a celebration you won't want to miss.

We know that summer means vacation time for many of you, but with a special thank you to Mason Jaberg and Alexander Oberle, you don't have to miss Pastor Rick's sermons. They have been recording his Sunday sermons and the Office Staff has been posting them on the CUCC website. You can also find them on CUCC's Facebook page. Be sure to like and share the posts so your friends and contacts can discover all the great things going on at CUCC.

George Zimny, the leader of the Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team, reported that they are creating a mid-year giving statement that will go out to members in August. They have also announced a seminar on October 20, with a special speaker who will educate us on Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts and Charitable Giving. You can read the article on page five of this Communicator. I'm happy to report that midway through the year, our financial condition is very good. A big thank you needs to be extended to Christine Staelens, our Treasurer, and Doug Privitt, our Recording Treasurer, for maintaining our financial records and keeping the Church Council informed on a timely basis. We are fortunate to have them in your church leadership team.

Another special thank you goes out to our Building & Grounds Ministry Team leader, John Bullerd, and his wife Mariann. If you have noticed new potted flowering plants around the circle drive at the lower east door, that is their handiwork, which is part of the landscaping planning that is ongoing by the Building & Grounds Ministry Team. There will be more to come as we work to develop a landscaping masterplan.

Also, don't forget, on August 24, CUCC will be a welcoming force at Columbia Pridefest. If you would like to volunteer at our booth, see Alisa Lau-Sieckman, leader of the Inclusion Ministry Team, or any of the other Inclusion Ministry Team members.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." 1 John 3:1

In faith,  
John Graves

## Greetings from the newly formed Inclusion Team!

Our current members include: Lindsey Oberle, Ally Jaberg, Lena Muench, Isaiah Jackson-Post, Claire Kespohl, Tricia Price (elected Secretary), Steve Keithahn, Elaine Trout, Pastor Rick, James Melton as Counsel representative, and myself.

We will be prayerfully building a network with the congregation and ministry teams to fully realize our commitment to be completely open and affirming to all God's children.

Several items under discussion include:

- ◆ Participation in Pridefest August 24
- ◆ Celebrating Open and Affirming Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Observe calendar events such as Black History Month and Mental Health Awareness Month, etc.
- ◆ Host more educational activities that encourage strength in diversity
- ◆ Identify and implement ways to publicly declare our welcome to all who wish to join us in worshipping the living God.

If you have suggestions, questions or comments, please contact one of the team members.

Respectfully submitted by Alisa Lau-Sieckman, elected Inclusion Team Chair



# FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Look at the impact CUCC is making on the lives of our members:

*I feel the "Spirit of the Living God" constantly working within the CUCC church body. From the pulpit messages, to the children's ministry, to the musical talents that abound, to the multiple outreach/service opportunities every month, to our fellowship gatherings... I feel blessed to have found this community.*

Alisa Lau-Sieckman

*CUCC has given me a strong spiritual connection and encouraged me to find opportunities to serve others. I'm inspired by the generosity and dedication of the people here.*

Mahree Skala

*This church played was a part of my wife's life growing up as a child and now full circle has made a tremendous impact on our daughters, Raelyn and Adelynn. Everyone is so loving and caring and the focus on youth development has always been strong.*

George Zimny

## Guest speaker, Herb Willbrand on Estate & Tax Planning—October 20, 2019

A recent study conducted by H&R Block found that the average American has just four hours and twenty-six minutes of free time per week. With meetings and obligations inundating our daily schedules, it can often feel as though somebody with a remote control has set our lives to fast forward.

We must all make sure to get our estate planning in order as soon as possible. Failing to do so may allow our assets to fall into the wrong hands after we are gone.

When working with a local estate planning attorney, an individual must make certain decisions. For example, all individuals must name a fiduciary in each estate planning document. In a will, this person is called an executor or personal representative. In a trust, this person is called a trustee. In a power of attorney, this person is called an agent or attorney-in-fact.

Parents must also name someone in their wills to serve as legal guardian for any minor children. Once parents have considered who they would choose as guardian, they should interview that person to confirm that he or she would be willing and able to take on responsibility of raising their child.

Please join us on October 20 following worship when Herbert C. Willbrand will be answering questions and educating us on this topic. Herb graduated in 1959 from University of Missouri School of Law. He specializes in estate and tax planning including wills and trusts.

This event is sponsored by the Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team. We invite you to enjoy a soup and sandwich luncheon while listening to the speaker, so mark your calendars for this very informative presentation.



## CUCC NOW HAS ONLINE GIVING!

You can now give online to Columbia United Church of Christ through our online giving partner, Kindrid! There are several ways to make a one time or recurring gift through Kindrid:

1. click on this link: <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/cucc>  
(or type it into your web browser)
2. Access the Kindrid giving site through our CUCC website: [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com) and click on the "Donate to CUCC" button.
3. Text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the directions on the text you receive back to set up your one time or recurring gift.

Give it a try! Text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and check it out!

### Financial Update

	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
June Income	\$26,432.14	\$23,646.04	\$2,786.10
YTD	\$160,172.14	\$152,828.62	\$7,343.52
June Expenses	\$26,165.54	\$32,368.06	(\$6,202.52)
YTD	\$153,392.51	\$159,513.36	(\$6,120.85)
YTD Income	\$160,172.14	\$152,828.62	\$7,343.52
YTD Expenses	\$153,392.51	\$159,513.36	(\$6,120.85)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,779.69	(\$6,684.74)	\$13,464.37
May Attendance	530		

### TREASURER'S REPORT Doug Privitt, Recording Treasurer

Date	Attendance	Actual	Budget
06/30/19	101	\$10,975.96	\$4,620.74
07/07/19	105	\$3,874.21	\$5,822.38
07/14/19	77	\$5,933.00	\$5,822.38
07/21/19	111	\$1,678.72	\$5,822.38

## OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY MINISTRY TEAM

### Fun Facts About the Month of August

- ◆ August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar and has 31 days because he wanted as many days as Julius Caesar's month of July had.
- ◆ The birthstone of August is the Peridot.
- ◆ August is related to the word "auger," which is a digging tool. This is because farmers dug for the next season at this time each year.
- ◆ On August 12, 1981, the IBM Personal Computer was released.
- ◆ On August 1, 1834, slavery was abolished in the British Empire with the Slavery Abolition Act.
- ◆ "Shark Week" is in August each year.
- ◆ On August 2, 1790, the first U.S. Census was conducted. There were 3,929,214 people counted that year.
- ◆ On August 10, 1984, *Red Dawn* was the first-ever PG-13 movie to be released in theaters.

### Loaves N Fishes

The July 15 meal at L&F consisted of spaghetti, beef stroganoff, salad (donated by Patty Beeson), and a variety of desserts. Servers/dishwashers/helpers were Patty Beeson, Jessica Jenks, Laurie Frew, Donna Marsh, Darla Privitt, Keith Birkes, David Martin, and Larry Noxon. What a great crew!

We served approximately sixty firsts and sixty seconds and carry-outs. Thanks again to everyone!

If there is a group within the church interested in cooking and/or serving a month at L&F, let Audrey Lasley know at [aklasley@centurytel.net](mailto:aklasley@centurytel.net).

Thank You to all who donated school supplies so all Columbia children can have a joyous first day of school! Learning is so much easier when they have the tools they need to succeed.

### Looking for a place to volunteer?

Volunteer Columbia has several events and areas that need help.

Opportunities range from litter pickup to home improvement projects to festival help.

You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.como.gov/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities-2/>



### Food Bank News

We will resume our regular volunteer shift at the Food Bank on Tuesday, September 10, 6:00-8:30 pm. The Choir has signed up to take the lead, and everyone is welcome to mark their calendars and join in.



# LODO HAPPENINGS

## BACK TO SCHOOL



Little One's Day Out will soon be Back to School! Our staff will return on August 15 to prepare for our new and returning students! We can't wait to start our year of learning, playing, and growing!

We still have a few openings in our classrooms. Please let your friends and family know about CUCC's wonderful preschool ministry! Information about our program can be found on our website at [www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome](http://www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome).

**Thursday, August 15 9:30am** - LODO Staff/Planning Meeting

**Thursday, August 22 5:30-7:30pm** - Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night

**Monday, August 26** - First Day of LODO School Year

**Monday, August 26 6:00pm** – LODO Staff CPR Training

CUCC members are welcome to attend this training to receive CPR/First Aid Certification. The cost is \$60/person due at the training and payable to the trainer (Angie Wendt). Please contact Erika Maltzberger at [littleonesdayout@yahoo.com](mailto:littleonesdayout@yahoo.com) if you are interested in attending the training.

With love and laughter,  
Erika Maltzberger



Come play and learn  
at  
Little One's Day Out

Spaces available for children  
ages 1-5 years for the 2019-2020  
School Year!

August 26th - May 15th

Schedule your tour at  
[littleonesdayout@yahoo.com](mailto:littleonesdayout@yahoo.com)

Additional information available at  
[www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome](http://www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| August 15 | LODO staff returns for planning/staff meeting            |
| August 22 | LODO Back to School Night and meet the teacher 5:30-7:30 |
| August 26 | First Day of LODO—students return                        |



## 2019 CROP WALK Kick-Off Rally

Sunday, August 4 ~ 6 to 8 p.m.

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture Farm  
Smith & Fay Streets

*Get CROP Walk information and resources! Meet local food program partners!  
Enjoy a light meal featuring produce from CCUA's farm & a tour!*

*Please RSVP to ensure enough food for all - or questions - contact [cucc.brad@gmail.com](mailto:cucc.brad@gmail.com)*

### STEPPING UP TO END HUNGER FOR 50 YEARS!

*Join us in celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the first CROP WALK.*

*In October 1969, 1,000 people in Bismarck, ND walked in the "grand-daddy of charity walks" and raised \$25,000 to end hunger at home and around the world.*

*More than 5 million walkers have participated in 36,000 Walks in the past 20 years alone. In 2018, over 2,000 communities joined in CROP Hunger Walks.*

<https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/about-the-crop-hunger-walk-and-cws/>

<https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/50th-anniversary/>

<https://cwsglobal.org/about/history/>

**SAVE THE DATE: Columbia CROP Hunger Walk**  
Sunday, September 15 - Stephens Lake Park beginning at 1 p.m.

#### What is a Hunger Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

<https://cwsqlobal.org/about/history/>

#### Promotional Resources & Questions:

- Come to the KICK-OFF RALLY on August 4.
- The Church World Service CROP Walk website <http://resources.crophungerwalk.org/>
- Columbia CROP Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/comocrop>
- Contact Brad Boyd-Kennedy, Walk Co-coordinator at 573-424-5999 or email [cucc.brad@gmail.com](mailto:cucc.brad@gmail.com)

#### How does it work?

Walkers and their sponsoring friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and business associates make donations.

Take your fundraising to the next level! Go to

<https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/resource/50th-tips/>

Bring the funds you raise to the Walk event on September 15. Cash and checks made payable to CWS/CROP are accepted. Credit card donations accepted through "Walk on the Web."

#### "Walk on the Web"

Register on the CROP Hunger Walk website at [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo)

- Set up your personal walker page!
- Invite sponsors!
- Make a donation even if you don't walk!

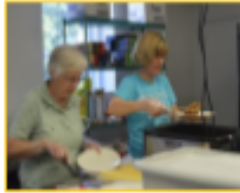


## ***CROP - Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty***

The Walk is planned and coordinated by a team of representatives from faith communities and local partners.

### **Local Grant Recipients**

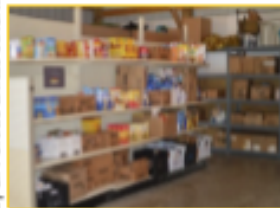
25% of the funds fight hunger in Columbia through food and meal programs who make annual application.



**Loaves & Fishes Community Meal**, operating under the auspices of the St. Francis Catholic Worker Community, is housed in Wilkes Blvd United Methodist Church at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Wilkes. Each evening more than 100 meals are provided and served by church and community groups to anyone who needs a meal. CROP WALK funds help cover the Soup Kitchen's basic operating expenses such as rent, equipment repair and replacement, meal supplies such as napkins/trash bags, and supplemental food and milk.



**Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry**, 108 E Ash Street, is open two Saturdays per month and served 3,850 persons last year. People served live in the immediate neighborhood and throughout the County. CROP WALK funds purchase food to supplement food received from the Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri and pays for other expenses of the pantry, such as utilities, transportation, and refrigeration.



**Latter House Food Pantry**, 4914 Prairie Ridge Street, is an outreach ministry of Destiny Worship Center (formerly Latter House Kingdom Ministries) in northeast Columbia. The pantry, open 1 Saturday per month and as needed, served more than 85 persons per month last year – providing food and household items. CROP WALK funds purchase and transport food to supplement that received from the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri and provides emergency assistance to families in crisis.



**Fifth Street Christian Church** provides a monthly community meal - *Feed the Community* - in their neighborhood on North Fifth Street and delivers meals to elderly who cannot travel to the church building. CROP WALK funds are used to purchase food and supplies for the meals and emergency food for families when needed. Last year, approximately 100 persons per month were served a meal on one Saturday a month. The Church serves a transient population and the needs change from month to month.



**Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA)** provides food and education for the community in a variety of ways. CROP WALK funds support the *Planting for the Pantry* program which provides fresh produce from the Urban Farm to local hunger relief agencies. The *Opportunity Garden* program empowers families living with reduced resources to independently grow, cook and preserve food by providing mentoring services and garden supplies.

### **Church World Service**

75% of the funds are forwarded to Church World Service, the national CROP sponsor.

A collaborative ministry of 30 faith organizations, working to provide innovative, sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty around the world, CWS works with local partners to provide critical resources wherever needed: emergency supplies, blankets, food packets, seeds and gardening supplies, water wells, literacy and community development training, micro-grants and loans and so much more. Learn more at <http://www.cwsglobal.org/>

# NURTURE AND EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

## PARENTS MEETING FOR ALL CUCC MS/ HS YOUTH

By now, all Parents and Guardians of our High School and Middle School Youth should have received a special invitation in the mail; an invitation to come to a gathering at church on Wednesday, August 21, to plan and prioritize Youth Ministry in this place.

The Nurture & Education Ministry Team will be serving a catered dinner at 6:00; and shortly after, will lead parents on a planning session to set the agenda for our 2019-2020 youth ministry program. The goal for this meeting will be for parents to take ownership of our youth ministry program and prioritize it in the lives of their children. This will happen through intentional planning; not by the Youth Leaders of the Nurture & Education Ministry Team, but by the parents of our Middle School and High School Youth. Parents will also be asked to chaperone and supervise all youth ministry events.

We will finish our meeting by 8:00 p.m. and childcare will be provided in the nursery. Parents and youth are both encouraged to participate. RSVP using the card that was mailed home so we can plan how much food to purchase. The future scope of youth ministry in the coming year will be dependent on your input. For more questions, information or input, talk to Pat Forward.

## Sunday School

This Fall we will have four Sunday School classes for our children and youth: Preschool/Kindergarten; 1-4 Grade; 5-8 Grade; 9-12 Grade.

If you would like to help lead our young people's Sunday School classes, contact Pat Forward, Chair of Nurture & Education Ministry Team at [pdfoward@msn.com](mailto:pdfoward@msn.com).

## Safe Church Training

Everyone who is concerned about the safety of our children and youth is invited to stay after worship on **August 25** for a special one-hour training session with Pastor Rick on Healthy Relationships. This is mandatory training for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Group Leaders, Choral Leaders, and anyone who works with youth; however even for those who do not work directly with youth, this training session will be informative. We will cover topics from recognizing signs of the four types of abuse to healthy interactions with youth on social media.

Most importantly, this session will help adults to gain a greater understanding of the impact our actions have on the lives of our youth, and how that impact can be most beneficial. Plan on sticking around after worship on August 25; we will be finished by 12:15 at the latest. As our church focuses on our youth, let's work together to develop healthy relationships!

The children and youth are helping Ronald McDonald House by bringing aluminum can tabs to CUCC. Adults can bring tabs too! Please put your tabs in the boxes in the gathering area.

## CUCC LUNCH BUNCH

On the fourth Thursday of each month, a hearty group of Columbia United Church of Christ members and friends get together for a noon carry-in meal that we like to call the CUCC Lunch Bunch. This group is open to everyone regardless of age or any other determining factor. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring a dish to share.

After our meal at noon, we have a guest speaker who presents a program from 12:30-1:30 on topical issues in our community.

**On August 22**, Rev. Sally Robinson will be talking about the activities of the Columbia Older Adult Ministry. This vital ministry provides chaplaincy services at Lenoir Woods, Bluff Creek Terrace, The Arbors, The Bluffs, The Terrace and Tiger Place, among others. Founded in 2004, Columbia United Church of Christ has been a supporter of this ministry for many years. You are invited to come and find out more about Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry!

**The primary purpose of the Memorial Education Fund** is to encourage theological or Christian education in the United Church of Christ. The fund is to provide financial aid in the form of grants to any woman or man in the congregation who is preparing for ordained ministry or other religious vocations. Persons are to be (1) encouraged by the church to pursue their religious educational goals, and (2) will be assisted financially as funds will allow.

Funds may secondarily be used to support youth and college groups within the church and to support the education and training of teachers and leaders of Christian Education within the church as the committee shall determine on a case by case basis.

Over the past 44 years the fund has

- 1) provided support to five seminary students,
- 2) funded church school training,
- 3) supported 35 campers, funded the purchase of Bibles for the Sunday School students,
- 4) funded the Youth Leader's attendance of the National Youth Event.

Please contact the church office to get an application or for more information.

### CUCC Men's Softball Schedule

Come out and cheer on your CUCC Men's Softball Team!

CUCC vs Knights of Columbus	August 1, 7 p.m.	Cosmo Park: Rainbow Green
CUCC vs Forum Christian	August 8, 8 p.m.	Cosmo Park: Rainbow Orange
CUCC vs Alive in Christ Lutheran	August 15, 7 p.m.	Cosmo Park: Rainbow Purple
CUCC vs Midway Heights Baptist	August 22, 9 p.m.	Cosmo Park: Rainbow Yellow

## YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Hope Keithahn and Piper Page stand in front of Boston's Floating Hospital for Children.

Pictured above is one of CUCC's youth, Hope Keithahn, with her friend, Piper Page.



The duo chose to spend their summer traveling and performing at various children's hospitals around the U.S. To read more on this awesome pair of talented musicians, visit the [Columbia Missourian](#) online.

## MEMBERSHIP AND CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Calling all those that would like re-do pictures or new pictures of their family...we have an opportunity for Lifetouch to come take photos if you are interested in a new picture (added family member) or re-do picture. If we get 15 or more interested, they will print off a brand new directory for each member! Please let the church office know at [office@columbiacucc.com](mailto:office@columbiacucc.com) or Stefanie at [Stefanie.zimny@gmail.com](mailto:Stefanie.zimny@gmail.com) if you have any interest!!!

Membership and Care had fun encouraging others to invite friends into our church and we don't want to stop there! Check out this blurb, "*The simple act of inviting friends and acquaintances to your church can impact eternity. A study by LifeWay Research found about two-thirds of churchgoers made it a point to invite someone to church in the last six months, but nearly a third said they hadn't extended an invitation to anyone. As God puts people in your life pathway, will you intentionally invite them? Ideally every Church Service should be an 'Invite a Friend' event.*" This is a statement that we should live by at CUCC. Below are two great articles with examples of ways to invite someone should you feel nervous, apprehensive or afraid.

<https://finds.life.church/heres-easy-way-invite-people-church/>

<https://godcenteredlife.org/topic/how-to-invite-people-to-church/>

Starting Sunday, Sept. 8, Rally Day, we'd like for our culture to be inclusive and inviting of anyone and everyone that you feel may be looking or needing a church family. We'll start this initiative and continue it moving forward on the first Sunday of each month. Communion Sunday is a great Sunday to feel welcomed at God's table as it represents the greatest expression of God's love for His people. Looking to extending our fellowship.

Please let me know if you have any questions!  
Stefanie Zimny, Chair Membership and Care Ministry Team

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

### From Your Music Coordinator

"What a summer it has been! The sun, the flowers, the warm weather .....something about it just makes me want to sing!

Looking forward to this fall, we are excited to begin rehearsal for Celebration Singers and Chapel Ringers on **August 21!** The fall will be full of a variety of music that we will work together to joyfully share with our congregation and community.

Please reach out to me at [kristinnoelveteto@gmail.com](mailto:kristinnoelveteto@gmail.com) or by phone at (309) 221-3198 if you are interested in being part of the music at CUCC. The options are vast: Celebration Singers, Chapel Ringers, Youth Choir, Youth Bells, Special Ensemble, and others. I encourage you to join if you feel lead!

We have a lot of fun and work hard to share joyful music each Sunday!

With Gratitude,  
Kristin Veteto  
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# FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY TEAM

## FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY MINISTRY TEAM MEETING AUGUST 18

Are you interested in helping plan CUCC Fellowship activities for the 2019-2020 program year? The Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team will be meeting on August 18 after worship to plan Rally Day and other upcoming activities through May. Stick around after worship as we brainstorm together what great hospitality events can take place this year!

### RALLY DAY FISH FRY

Mark your calendars for the first ever CUCC Fish Fry to be held after church on **Rally Day Sunday, September 8.**

Fred Malicoat has graciously agreed to furnish and fry the fish - I imagine there might be a few "big fish stories" to be shared.

Fellowship and Hospitality will furnish the sides. Please feel free to bring cookies to share.

Jolene and Val



### ATTENTION

If you are in the Church building after office hours and the office staff (or another person) is still downstairs, please let the office (or that person) know so the alarm is not set while you are still in the building. We have had numerous alerts and calls from our security system team due to the alarm going off while someone was still in the building. We are charged if the police show up to check the premises, even if the alarm goes off by mistake.

Also, please make sure you check the building prior to setting the alarm and be sure it is set and all the church doors are locked prior to leaving. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

### Sunday Volunteer Schedule for August

Below is the Sunday Volunteer Schedule for August. As you can see, we are in need of some spots to be filled, and other spots to be shared with new faces. Part of being in the church family is often expressed by sharing the roles that make all of our members and guests feel welcome.

If you can fill the needed role or a role in the future, please let one of the leaders know. We appreciate you and we're glad you have chosen CUCC as your church home!

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolyte	Sound Booth	Hospitality
08/04	Carol Duermeyer Stefanie Zimny	Brent Marcks Charlie Marcks	Audrey Lasley	Katelin Odneal	Jamie Rapp	NEED
08/11	Anne Heine	Anne Heine Keith Burkes	Mahree Skala	Abby Dennis	Phil Dennis	NEED
08/18	John Muench Brenda Muench	Llona Weiss	Ember Piersee Ryan Schoeneberg	Riley Hayward	Pete Jaberg	NEED
08/25	Helen Schultz	Paula Wilson Helen Schultz	Andie Rapp Sophie Schupp	Katelin Odneal	Doug Privitt	NEED

## COLUMBIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS WORKING IN MOROCCO

The Christian Pentecostal Church of Cuba (Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostal de Cuba- ICPC) is a grassroots church established in 1956 by Puerto Rican missionaries. ICPC’s priorities include evangelism, building construction, equipping church buildings and parsonages and Theological education. ICPC has been a long-standing partner of Global Ministries and has been an important window into Cuban society for US and Canadian Christians.

ICPC is one of our Global Missions Partners through Global Ministries, our shared mission agency with the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ. Global Ministries provides special support for projects with the ICPC, such as a retirement fund for its growing number of retired pastors, improvement of church facilities, and the development of a campground in Las Tunas where the church owns a parcel of land. Please keep Global Ministries and ICPC in your prayers in August!

In August, please keep these UCC/DOC Global Ministries missionaries in your prayers:

July 29-August 3	Marilyn Cooper	Working in Ecuador
August 4- 10	Jeffrey Mensendiek	Working in Japan
August 11-17	Ricardo Mayo	Working in Guatemala
August 18- 24	Rosie McArdl	Working in Micronesia
August 25-31	Violeta Roch	Working in El Salvador



## YOUTH IN MISSION AT HIRAM FARM

From July 21-26, five youth from Columbia UCC and five youth from Peace UCC, Hartsburg participated in a mission trip to Hiram Farm in Hiram, Ohio. Hiram Farm is a working farm providing work and teaching life skills to adults with autism. Our youth participated in several projects while on the farm. Their main project involved renovating the farm house. The front porch, back porch, and front porch roof were in serious need of help, so the youth spent several days cleaning moss and mildew off the roof, cleaning mud and growth out of the gutters and downspouts, scraping, sanding, and painting both decks. When they finished, the house looked much better.

They also spent time working in the barn with the “farmers” (the clients with autism) and on their last day, played a game of kickball with the farmers. Their final day in Ohio was a “fun day” spent at a waterpark in Cleveland, and visiting the National Offices of the United Church of Christ. They even got to meet with our General Minister and President, John Dorhauer!

This was truly a life-changing experience for these youth as they grew closer to each other and developed their faith even more. You will be hearing more from these High Schoolers as the days and months go by as they share with you the lessons of faith they learned working together at Hiram Farm!



## Looking For a Place to Serve Locally?

The Central Missouri STOP Human Trafficking Coalition is looking for volunteers who can give rides, deliver groceries, help at events, and more.

If you are a over 18, have a vehicle, and a heart for those who have survived the harsh reality that is Modern Day Slavery, contact [Nanette Ward](#) at 573-289-1842 with any questions you may have, or to volunteer.



**ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR IN AUGUST**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Yoga Sunday</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	<b>5</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b> No Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> 9am-1pm Quilters <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b> 4-6pm Chinese Choir	<b>7</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b>  Conference Event @ CUCC Fellowship Hall 10-3
<b>11</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	<b>12</b> <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b> No Staff Meeting	<b>13</b> 9am-1pm Quilters <b>Pastor Rick Vacation</b> 4-6pm Chinese Choir	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Membership & Care	<b>15</b> 9:30am LODO Staff Mtg  <b>LODO Teachers Return</b> <b>CPS First Day</b> 6:30pm Inclusion Team	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship 11am Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	<b>19</b> No Staff Meeting 4:30pm Loaves & Fishes 6pm LODO CPR Training <b>CPS Kg First Day</b>	<b>20</b> 9am-1pm Quilters <b>Communicator</b> <b>Articles Due</b> 4-6pm Chinese Choir 6:30pm Council	<b>21</b> 6pm Youth Group Parent Meeting w/ Dinner	<b>22</b> 12pm CUCC Lunch Bunch 6pm LODO Back to School Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Pridefest</b>  8-5 Conference Event in Fellowship Hall
<b>25</b> <b>New Member Sunday</b> 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship 11am Safe Church Training	<b>26</b> No Staff Meeting <b>LODO FIRST DAY</b>	<b>27</b> 9am-1pm Quilters 4-6pm Chinese Choir 6pm Finance & Stewardship	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Chapel Ringers 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Celebration Singers	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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### Interested in Church Membership?

If so, please contact  
Rev. Rick Oberle  
for further information  
rick@columbiaucc.com

**Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family**



*Rainbow House*  
28<sup>th</sup>  
**Golf Classic**  
*Play with the Pros*

**Monday, July 30**  
**The Club at  
Old Hawthorne**

8:00 am  
Registration, Breakfast, Driving Range Open,  
Free Kids Clinic for ages 7-12 — ends at 9:00 am

9:15 am  
Opening

9:30 am  
Shotgun Start

Complimentary Lunch & Beverages  
FREE GAMES: Longest Drive,  
Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt,  
Hole in One, Long Drive Entertainer

*Register  
Today!*

Contact April Barnett at [abarnett@rainbowhousecolumbia.org](mailto:abarnett@rainbowhousecolumbia.org)  
or visit [rainbowhousecolumbia.org](http://rainbowhousecolumbia.org) for more information.

## Columbia United Church of Christ Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;  
No matter where you are on your faith journey;  
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;  
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;  
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;  
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;  
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.