

The Community Church
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I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. John 15: 1-2

Community Church News September 2021

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Community Church of Boulder Junction

Steve Slagel Wrap-Up

August 2021

Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to enter your space and walk with you over the past nine months. The experience has been both challenging and rewarding for me. I began serving you as interim pastor in December 2020. We moved into action quickly with building the Transition Team and engaging the congregation in household interviews.

My role as pastor included some normal pastoral duties such as worship leading, preaching, and pastoral interactions with the congregation and some members of the surrounding community. As a strategic interim pastor, however, I served as a listener/observer and a facilitator. These are my sweet spots.

I enjoyed working with the Transition Team – Sue Fehlandt, Bruce Greenhill, Laurel Malicki, Wendi Neupert, Bonnie Pollard, Kris Reed, Bill Spear, Lorine Walters, Maggie Wolfe – what an amazing group of people!

I loved opening the Council meetings with scripture, prayer, and brief input. What I enjoyed most about this was that even though the year began with a lot of anxiety and tension in the Council, including a painful battle about masks, we were able to address the anxiety and directly. I was thrilled to hear that the August Council meeting was an encouraging and hopeful experience.

A highlight for me was leading through the Conversation Groups. A lot of important steps at building relationship connections and cultivating empathy was done by all those who joined in. I hope you can keep this going. Even before the pandemic, most North American congregations had lost these skills.

It was also a delight to lead two task groups: one worked at creating a process of support and supervision for the pastor, and the other prepared the way for the new pastor search. This work directly addressed areas of need for CCBJ at this time.

Looking Ahead

You have lived through one of the darkest seasons in the history of your congregation. While some of the pain and anguish of division lingers, your future is full of possibilities. Some encouragement:

- ↪ Remember the 5 Values of Community: *Invitation, Possibilities, Listening, Commitment, and Focusing on Gifts.*
- ↪ Be gracefully direct with each other about your disagreements, placing others interests ahead of your own.
- ↪ Do not let the pandemic break you (be kind and considerate).

May you be well and full of hope.

Steve Slagel

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Farwell Pastor Steve and Thank You





***Birthdays & Anniversaries
September 2021***

- 1st Don Pollard
- 2nd Krista Maurer
Bruce & Kathy McMyler
- 5th Darrell Clough
- 8th Don Osborn
- 9th Sue Fehlandt
Connie Christopherson
Jim Kassien
- 10th Jennifer Bjork
Bonnie Spear
- 11th Peter Koester
Cherie Sanderson
- 18th Dick Nelson
Zachary Sanderson
Charles Sauter
- 20th **Matt & Jodi McMahon**
- 21st Nelson VanDeursen
Matt Maurer
- 22nd Joanne Eick
Ruth Johnson
- 24th Scott Ondracek
- 25th Laurel Malicki
- 26th **Richard & Claudia Russell**
Champ & Donna Ruffner
Tim & Cherie Sanderson
Emma Sauter
- 27th Betty Hamilton
Claire Boston Denton
- 28th Linda Sterba
- 29th Don Gatzke

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

September 5th	Ron Winter & Deb Halverson
September 12th	Mindy, Sarah & Sabrina Poisson
September 19th	Don & Bonnie Pollard
September 26th	Pete & Ruth Johnson

The Worship & Music Department has resumed scheduling ushers for our services. Currently we are scheduling only 2 ushers per service. If you are available to assist the ushers with the weekly offering, etc. it will be sincerely appreciated. Thank you to our members listed above who volunteered for this important task in September.



September 5 th	Judy Prentiss
September 12 th	Bonnie Pollard
September 19 th	Tari McGriff
September 26 th	Betty Clough

September Special Gifts

<i>September 5st</i>	<i>Sarah Poisson</i>
<i>September 12th</i>	<i>Sharon Iltis</i>
<i>September 19th</i>	<i>Sue Poulson</i>
<i>September 26th</i>	<i>Joan Christgau</i>

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed September 5, 2021.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Our final Outdoor Worship service of the season will be Sunday September 12th 9:30.

COUNCIL MEETING

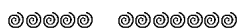
Church Council meets Tuesday, September 14th, at 5:30 p.m. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elders will meet @ 4:30. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other Departments or Committees meet.

2021 Annual Report is available in Fellowship hall or one can be mailed to you by calling 715-385-2146 or email Nancy at commchbj@centurytel.net. Also, if you would like an updated address directory, please feel free to request one.

Please remember to mark your events and group meetings on the Event Calendar located by the Church Office

Our Mission

We are a Christian community of worship, welcoming and accepting all who seek to live in loving relationship with God and God's creation, accepting all God's children and guiding all on their spiritual journey through study, reflection, fellowship, and service to our neighbors at home and around the world.



We continue to average 60-70 people at our weekly Sunday Services. In addition, an average of 20 people view our Services online either on Sunday mornings on Facebook Live, or on our YouTube channel through our Website.

It is so wonderful to see everyone in the sanctuary and also in fellowship after, but it is also such a blessing to know we can be together (via technology) when we are away. If you would like to join our technology team, please contact Lorine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
July	\$ 19,509.28	\$ 9,685.11

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes will be ordered by the end of September. Unless a change has been received, you will be issued envelopes with the same frequency as the prior year. If you did not receive envelopes in the past and would like them, please let Nancy know.

Annex Reminder: all departments must remove their materials from the annex by September 15. Please place them in the pole barn.



Notes from Worship & Music

The Worship & Music Department is resuming the practice of scheduling ushers again in September and will continue to schedule special music and readers for our services. We sincerely appreciate all who volunteer to make our services meaningful and efficient. The Worship and Music Department meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the church conference at 1:00pm. Meetings are open to everyone, and we hope you will consider joining us. We are currently looking for someone that will help schedule ushers and will appreciate help with this important task. Please contact a W&M Department member if you are able to help with this important task.



Food Pantry requested donations for September. The Community Food Pantry is asking for the following items in September: Toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant wipes, glass cleaner, antibacterial hand soap, and paper towels.



Stay Tuned.
More
information
coming Soon.



Joyful Sound Rehearsals

The CCBJ Bell Choir, “Joyful Sound”, will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. We know that the choir will not look like it did prior to Covid-19 but we welcome all who have an interest in ringing to join us. Many of our members have commented on how much they miss the choirs. Come ring with us!

Glen Wildenberg
Bell Choir Director

During this season of Transition, the Elders are available for your Emergent needs. Their contact information is on the front page of the Newsletter or call the Church office 715-385-2146.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is usually observed on the first Sunday of each month and is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. The Pastor and Elders will gladly call on those who are ill, in need of spiritual advice or desire to unite with the church. A local benevolence fund, Act of Love, is available to those in need. We welcome you to regular worship and participation in the fellowship, education and life of our congregation.

How can you serve the church??

Would you like to serve the church in the coming year by serving on a church committee? Below is a list of the many committees working to keep the church vibrant. If you'd like to join any of these committees, please call or email Ellie Orbison (715-892-1240 or ellieorb@aol.com) **OR** visit the bulletin board outside the church office to add your name to the list.

Banner Beautification Constitution & Bylaws Endowment Fellowship Library Memorial	Newsletter Nominating Pastoral Relations Pastoral Search W.C.C. Website
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If you're already serving on a committee and can no longer continue, please let Ellie know or visit the bulletin board to remove your name from the committee(s). (If you wish to continue serving on a committee as you have been in the last year or more, no action is needed.)

If you have questions about what these committees do, please reach out to anyone currently serving on the committee for more information.

Thanks for responding by September 12th so the committee list can be approved at the September 14th Church Council meeting. We hope you can see a way you can serve the church.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

August 10, 2021

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:38pm. Devotions were presented by Christian Education. Secretary Orbison opened the floor for nominations for Council Chair. Bill Spear was the only nomination and approved. Laurel Malicki was the only nomination for Vice Chair and was approved contingent on her acceptance.

Minutes for the July 13th 2021 meeting were approved as corrected. Treasures Report was presented and approved. Income for July was above budget.

Department Reports: Elders are searching for an interim pastor and have received a couple candidates for review. Christian Education is reviewing the Sunday School agenda and exploring a women's Bible study. Stewardship is meeting with Pastor Steve to develop a "Narrative Budget". Property reported they would like items cleared out of the Annex by September 15th. Worship and Music reported the Andrew Haines was enjoyed by those in attendance. Committee Reports included Transition Teams Pastoral Search Process submitted 7 names to establish a Pastoral Search Committee. Motion and approved Co-Chairs Anne Derber and Jim Naylor. Members Bonnie Spear, Ellie Orbison, Don Pollard, Kris Kassien and Jamie Zogata. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact the Co-Chairs.

Fellowship following August 22nd service will allow an opportunity to thank Pastor Steve for his tenure with CCBJ.

Next Council meeting September 14 at 5:30

Editor's Note: Church Council minutes are available on the bulletin board outside the office. Copies are available. Contact the office manager to pick one up or have mailed to you.

Ministry Priorities for our future pastor July 2021

Thank you everyone for completing the Ministry Priorities for the next Pastor. Your feedback is important. We are grateful for your time and thoughtful responses.

39 surveys were completed

Highest votes to least votes

- Preaching (26 votes)
- Interpreting the faith (26 votes)
- Pastoral Care (25 votes)
- Nurturing the fellowship (21 votes)
- Worship preparation and leading (20 votes)
- Education and nurture (17 votes)
- Conflict management (13 votes)
- Spiritual development (12 votes)
- Communication (9 votes)
- Community assessment/involvement (9 votes)
- Visitation (7 votes)
- Members gifts (3 votes)

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

We would like to announce the names of the Pastoral Search Committee. They are: Bonnie Spear, Ellie Orbison, Don Pollard, Jamie Zogata, Kris Kassien, Dorinda Jensen, Jim Naylor (co-chair), Anne Derber (co-chair). The Pastoral Search Committee will begin their important work at the end of August and will work to keep members of the congregation informed as appropriate. Please keep these members in your Prayers.

Church Council

as of 8/15/2021

Chairperson	Bill Spear
Vice Chairperson	Laurel Malicki
Secretary	Ellie Orbison
Treasurer	Bruce Greenhill

Department of Elders (5)

Bruce Wilsie	Emeritus
Harold Eick	July 2022
Duane Marquardt	July 2023
LeeAnn Ondracek	July 2023
Shelby Tallroth	July 2024
*Lorine Walters	July 2024
Ellie Orbison	July 2026
Bonnie Pollard	July 2026

Department of Worship & Music (3)

Helen Townsend	Emeritus
Mary Anderson (2)	July 2022
Lorine Walters	July 2022
*Glen Wildenberg (2)	July 2022
Jamie Zogata	July 2023
Joyce Marquardt	July 2024
Carole Rowe-Zaeske	July 2024
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Organist	<i>ex-officio</i>

Department of Missions (3)

Nancy Naylor (2)	July 2022
Linda Sterba	July 2022
Don Miesbauer	July 2023
*Stephanie Miesbauer	July 2023
Laurel Malicki	July 2024

Department of Stewardship of Finances (3)

Connie Christopherson	July 2022
Jim Rennheck	July 2022
*Wendi Neupert	July 2023
Sue Fehlandt	July 2024
Dorinda Jensen	July 2024
Bruce Greenhill	<i>ex-officio</i>

Department of Christian Education (3)

Josie Allen	July 2022
Gracee Vickerstaff	July 2022
*Luella Doss	July 2024
CE Coordinator	<i>ex-officio</i>
Youth Director	<i>ex-officio</i>

Department of Church Property (3)

Deb Halverson	July 2022
Jim Naylor (2)	July 2022
Bill Spear	July 2022
*Ken Carlson	July 2023
Anne Derber	July 2024

Department of Personnel (5)

Betty Clough	July 2022
*Laurel Malicki	July 2022
Vicki Gillett	July 2023
Ellie Orbison	July 2024
Kris Roepke	July 2024
Bonnie Spear	July 2024

* = Chairperson

Elders – 5 year term

(2) = Second Full term

Members listed by term, then alphabetically

All others – 3 year term

(_) minimum number of department members per bylaws

Women's Retreat at Covenant Point

How fun would it be to attend the Women's Retreat at Covenant Point from Friday, October 1-Sunday, October 3! Check it out on the Covenant Point Website, at <https://www.cpbpc.com/womensretreat/>. Indicate your interest with a phone call or email to Lorine.

Dave Evans Service of Celebration

can be viewed on You Tube by all who knew and loved him.

<https://youtu.be/4oLcHWyo5Z8>



Are you interested in a Women's Bible Study? The CE Department is planning to begin one this month. Contact Luella Doss.

Christmas Card Alert!

Dave Sullivan will again have a picture album with various greetings for your Christmas card selection along with a 2021 order form on display in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday. Your donation will be made to a Mission Project selected by the Church Mission Department. Dave thank you for your support.

www.CreativeCertificates.com

*Chancel Flowers -
Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or just to brighten up the altar. A Sign-up chart is located on the entrance door to the Fellowship Hall.*

September Lectionary

Revised Common Lectionary, Year B

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Clergy
September 5th Communion	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125	James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37	Bob Cryer
September 12th Outdoor Service	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38	Duane Marquardt
September 19th	Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1	James 3:13 -4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37	Bonnie Pollard
September 26th	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50	Sister Mary Ellen

Editor's Note: Thank you to all who contributed to this Newsletter. A reminder for those who have items to contribute, please have information to me at ccbjnewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd Thursday of the month (or before) so there is time to place everything and distribute prior to the end of each month.
Thank You Wendi Neupert