



## Worship Service is back Inside the Sanctuary as well as Online

Susie Phillips summed it up in the following email:

.... Mark and I want to give a huge thank you to Pastor Zane and the other members who made us feel so comfortable moving back into the sanctuary. From the seating in every other pew to the pre packaged individual communion wafers and wine cups, to the masks for people like me who forget to bring one and hand sanitizer at the door. It was truly a blessing to have service there!

Now if we can only have Hymns and Hops again! But I won't be greedy and just be grateful for the blessings we have!

Susie Phillips



A huge shout out of Thanks to KJ and Myra Ullfer, Doris Westfall and John West who make sure the sanctuary is sanitized and safe and prepare communion for those who come to worship inside.

AND a huge THANK YOU to those of you who have been so faithful in your giving during this difficult time. Because of Covid-19 we aren't passing the plate, but offerings can be placed in a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Those who are worshipping at home can send your offerings to the church. Finances have slowed down, but we still have to pay the bills, so we appreciate your remembering to give whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or at home.

### Happy September Birthdays

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|-------------------|----|
| Steven Morgan     | 1  |
| Delaynee Berryman | 3  |
| Nancey West       | 8  |
| Jacque Wells      | 12 |
| Todd Lewelling    | 15 |
| Charlotta Gilbert | 23 |
| Joseph Smith      | 25 |
| Ronald Van Vleet  | 25 |



### Happy Anniversary!

Coury & Trysta Gagne  
September 8, 2012



# Christian Caller

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### Greetings Church Family,

Welcome to September of 2020, whatever it may look like. We've survived a warm summer, and we have returned to our sanctuary, while still providing online worship opportunities for those who need them. We are sending our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren back to school in difficult circumstances, and during our pastoral prayer on the 6th, I'd like to say a special blessing for the challenges and opportunities of virtual school, and to pray for all our students, teachers, and families.

As a congregation, we have been able to navigate difficult congregational decisions with collaboration and grace. Myself and others have become concerned, however, with the political conversations that have occurred on Facebook. I'm grateful that our congregants feel passionate about the state of this nation and how we may do and be better, but I worry that the tense, public, text-based setting of social media is not the best place to engage one another in these conversations. I would love to hear from you on how difficult conversations may be held, but I know many other Disciples congregations in our area have been having difficult yet rich conversations on race and politics via Zoom. Most importantly, I want us to survive this election year with integrity, collaboration, and unity, rather than insults and division. I'd like to invite you to this Sunday's scripture passage, Romans 12:9-21, for a beautiful invitation to love fiercely, show kindness in situations of disunity, and to trust that God is doing a work

amongst all of this. Finally, I would like to remind that it is dangerous territory to put someone else into a box about what they think, believe, and feel. It is not our responsibility to control or dictate to others what they may think, even if we vehemently disagree with the copy and paste they share. This is not a specific calling out of certain people, but that last reminder is a personal preaching to myself as well, that to fight others is to fail in our duty to lift others above ourselves, to seek justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. And please, when in doubt, get off Facebook!

God Bless,  
Zane Ridings

### Scriptures & Sermon Titles:

September 6th :Romans 13:8-14 "love is law"

September 13: Romans 14:1-12 "eat & live"

September 20th: Acts 9:10-19 "Ananias"

September 27th: Philippians 2:1-13 : "Lift others up"

## Pastor Zane will be on Vacation August 31—September 5

### Virtual Bible Study Every Thursday at 11:00 AM

Please join us!

Contact Pastor Zane for zoom information.

There will be no Bible Study September 3rd while Pastor is on vacation.

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# OUR YOUTH IN ACTION

The August youth group service project was another resounding success. Nine youth helped set up for the yard sale, then they served 97 meals to guests. It's amazing to watch our youth interact with the guests with compassion and love.

L to R around the table: Kaden, Jaymeson, Casey, Solana, Greyson, and Max in white. In the back: Pastor Zane and Hailee.

Photo credit Paul Simpson



## Congratulations Gabi Simpson!



Paul Simpson's eldest sister Gabi graduated from South Albany on Tuesday the 24th. She plans on taking a year to figure out a job and apartment, then start community college. Congratulations Gabi!

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steven Morgan  
Jesse LeSeur  
Cathy Johnson  
Taylor Phillips  
Arlene Breckel  
Del Eggert  
Myke Eggert  
Betty Lou Rockwell  
Ruth Moss

Millie Patterson  
Judy LeSeur  
Vila Adkins  
John Stolsig  
Addy Opel  
Diana Johnson  
James Lenfesty  
Clint Evans  
Gary Brown

Joe Adkins  
Ronita Slayden  
Gertrude DeButts  
Diana Hoover  
Shelley Alsdorf  
**Service People:**  
Sgt. Scot Noss  
Cpt. Tory Petersen  
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson  
Marine Capt. Pete Brawn

**Pray for our World, our Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen, and our Regional Ministers.**

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