Take a moment to fill out this card and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

**TODAY’S DATE:**

**Service time:**
- 8:30 AM
- 10:30 AM

**I am a:**
- Visitor
- Regular
- Member

This is my/our:
- 1st visit
- 2nd visit

**NAME(S)**

**CHILD**  **AGE**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

**PHONE NUMBER**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- Finding a faith that makes sense
- Learning more about Community
- Finding a place to connect here

**HOW DID YOU FIND US?**

- A friend or family member invited me
- Online search
- Facebook
- Other

We are a congregation affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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**Last Week at Community**

Last Sunday we were happy to welcome Allison Bright back to preach. Following worship Jeanne Martin, Li Zhongjin, Judy Robinette, and Nancy Panzer-Howell toured the Summer Wheat: Blood, Sweat, and Tears exhibit with Donna Clark at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art.

We said a prayer for Tom and Elaine Scatizzi’s new journey as they move to Ohio. We are grateful for their years of involvement in our Community and we will miss having them with us.

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**What I really want to Say**

REV. SHANNA STEITZ
SENIOR MINISTER

Beloved Ones,

As I write this, members of our Executive Committee just completed a conference call to make some important decisions regarding our Community life together. We gathered this group shortly after Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas issued a State of Emergency for our city this morning.

As a faith Community, our first priority is always the spiritual health of people but we are a Community who strive to balance both faith and reason. We are people of head and heart. We are a community that emphasizes a holistic approach to loving God, loving self, and loving neighbors.

As such, we will be limiting all church related activities for the next 21 days. We will have only ONE worship service at 10:30 a.m. At the advice of Dr. Steven Stites, Chief Medical Officer at KU Med and longtime church member, the Committee decided to cancel 8:30 a.m. worship for the next three Sundays. There is a concern that the chapel space is too small and too crowded to practice safe social distancing. The sanctuary space allows us to spread out and limit our close personal contact with one another.

We will celebrate communion during worship but will offer only bread. I will be the only one handling the bread and I will do so with gloves. If you choose to refrain from communion but wish to come forward - the minister will offer you a blessing. Additionally, we’ll collect the offering without passing trays. We’ll also have a plethora of hand sanitizers and Clorox wipes available throughout the building. Finally, we will NOT have our nursery available, however, as always, children are welcome to stay in worship with their parents should they decide to join us.

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These are just a few adjustments we have made to keep those who choose to worship with us as safe as possible.

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March 15, 2020

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 15**
10:30 am Celebration Service

**Sunday, March 22**
10:30 am Celebration Service

**Sunday, March 29**
10:30 am Celebration Service

No other church events or activities will be held for the next 21 days.
**What is Sabbath?**

The is the third article in a series regarding our 2020 Sabbath Summer. You can find the earlier articles here.

What is a sabbatical? You may have heard conversation about Rev. Shanna taking a sabbatical. You may think of a sabbatical in terms of the academic or business community where a person is given time off their regular duties for a project and are expected to have a “product” at the end - book, article, etc. In the religious context, sabbaticals are seen differently. Sabbaticals are time apart for both clergy and congregational spiritual growth and are included in a Letter of Call.

Notice I said it was a time for both clergy and congregation. In the grant request, it is pointed out that the last five years have been a time of change in financial stability, renewed and shared leadership, and growth in worship. The congregation needs a time of separation with the hope that “our new way of being in ministry will find time and space to mature... apart from the guidance of a senior minister.” It will also give the congregation time to explore ways of spiritual development just as Rev. Shanna will be doing. It also means that individuals will need to step up to engage in ministries often done by our staff.

For Rev. Shanna the sabbatical is a period of stepping away from her day to day responsibilities to focus on her own renewal and spiritual growth with a commitment to return to the congregation with renewed energy for ministry. “Stepping away” is a key element. It means she will have very little to no contact with the congregation as such contact mentally (if not physically) brings her back into the role of pastor. It’s not that she will be trying to forget us - how could she? - but her focus is on renewal time with God, her Ryan, and her own growth. We will not be forgetting her as we pray for Rev. Shanna through the sabbatical.

The end of the sabbatical and the period of getting reacquainted and channeling our mutual enthusiasm for ministry is always a challenge. The Sabbatical Team is working diligently for smooth transitions, continuity of ministry, and opportunities for growth in the congregation. If you have any questions, I’d look forward to helping you understand this important season of our congregation.

-Laura Cayton

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**Tall Oaks**

Registration for Tall Oaks summer camps is open! Register before May 1 for early bird prices. Scholarships are available. Please talk to Rev. Suzanne if you are interested, and click here to register online.

- Day Camp (completed kindergarten-3rd grade): $50, June 13; July 11
- Primary (2nd-3rd grade): $252, June 13-15
- Grandparents (kindergarten-3rd grade): $215, June 13-15; August 2-4
- Jr (4th-5th grade): $299, June 13-16; July 6-9
- Chi Rho Classic (6th-7th grade): $362, July 17-21
- Chi Rho Fine Arts (6th-7th grade): $362, June 22-26
- Eighter’s (completed 8th grade): $477, July 5-11
- Equestrian (6th-12th grade): $346, July 6-9; August 2-5
- CYF (9th-12th grade): $393, June 21-26

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**Save the Date:**

**Tall Oaks Spring Carnival**

Enjoy a fun day at the carnival at Tall Oaks on Sunday, May 3 from 2-6 p.m. Pre-registration is $5/person and includes one foot of game tickets. All registration includes one hot dog meal or vegetarian option. Visit the Tall Oaks website to register and learn more!
Jesus spoke to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time, he sent a servant to collect from the tenants his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But they grabbed the servant, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again the landowner sent another servant to them, but they struck him on the head and treated him disgracefully. He sent another one; that one they killed. The landlord sent many other servants, but the tenants beat some and killed others. Now the landowner had one son whom he loved dearly. He sent him last, thinking, ‘They will respect my son. But those tenant farmers said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ They grabbed him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

“So what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others. Haven’t you read this scripture, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?’”

They wanted to arrest Jesus because they knew that he had told the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd, so they left him and went away. They sent
some of the Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap him in his words. They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you’re genuine and you don’t worry about what people think. You don’t show favoritism but teach God’s way as it really is. Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay taxes or not?” Since Jesus recognized their deceit, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a coin. Show it to me.” And they brought one. He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” His reply left them overcome with wonder.

The Word of God for the People of God, and together we say:

Community: Thanks be to God.