



**Scriptures and Sermons
for August**

- August 2 Romans 9:1-5;
Genesis 32:22-31
Sermon: "Wrestling with God"
- August 9 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;
Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon: "Trusting in God"
- August 16 Genesis 45:1-15;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Sermon: "Forgiving like God"
- August 23 Matthew 16:13-20;
Romans 12:1-8
Sermon: "Living like Christ"
- August 30 Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28
Sermon: "Walking with Jesus"

Guidelines for In-Person Worship

1. Greeters will be stationed at the north and east doors to open the doors for you.
2. Please wear a mask. Additional masks are available. Wear it the entire time, especially if you are singing or speaking. 
3. Please do not shake hands, hug, or have any physical contact with other members in the church.
4. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are available on the table in the narthex.
5. Hymnals, bibles, and bulletins will be available on the table in the narthex. There are no books in the pews.
6. There will be an offering bowl in the entrance to the sanctuary for your offering. You are also welcome to mail your offering to the church.
7. You are encouraged to bring your own elements for communion. They will not be passed during the service. Some individually sealed communion elements will be available on the table in the narthex.
8. There will be no coffee or food available.
9. Physical distancing seating will be observed. 

Please note that Karl Road Christian Church has a new website name.

We can now be found at karlroadchristianchurch.com.

You will probably have to type the entire new name in your browser to be directed to the correct page the first time.

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The last time I wrote an article for the newsletter was just before Joyce and I flew to England to visit Andrew and sing with our friends in the Life and Mission choir. We expected we were going to have a good time, but we never expected this! One week in, the lockdown started. Two weeks in and we were scrambling for a flight back to the USA. And you know what followed: quarantine; virtual services; everything closed down; running out of toilet paper; masks and hand sanitizer everywhere. It was like a bad Science Fiction novel about the apocalypse and the end of time. I am fairly sure it is not the end of the world, although it might appear so sometimes. Some people keep saying: "Life is going to be different," and I was not sure I believed them at first. But as the weeks and months roll on, I can see how things are going to be different, for us as individuals and as a Church.

Since I came here, I have been talking about our congregation having a virtual presence in cyberspace and we just never got around to it. But the arrival of Covid-19 meant that we had to think creatively. So, while we were shut in, we developed a virtual church, first on Facebook and then on YouTube. It has been challenging for us as worship leaders and for the congregation as well. People are getting used to watching the worship service with a cup of coffee and in their PJ's. It was fun watching the service online, and helpful to know that was still a possibility, for those of us who are unwell or unable to physically attend at 5400 Karl Road.

We learned some very important lessons since we were in lockdown. We learned the value of washing our hands. We learned the importance of wearing a face mask. We learned the necessity of coughing and sneezing into our arms. But the most important lesson that was confirmed to me is that the Church is the people gathered, rather than the building in which the church meets! We are Karl Road Christian Church, a Disciples of Christ congregation in this neighborhood, in this city, in this state. Some of us come from Disciples of Christ background, some come from other backgrounds. Some have been Christian all their lives, some just a few years. Some are older, some are younger. We are a diverse congregation of people with a single goal: to praise the Lord God and to serve Him!

To be honest, no one knows what the future will bring. Businesses are closing around us and new ones are opening up. Some local businesses, like my barber, are riding the storm and preparing for a wonderful future. The future is unwritten. The future is ours to create. Let's be positive. God is not through with us. God has wonderful ministries for us to do that we might not have even thought about before. We continue to be a presence on Karl Road and to be a place of refuge and renewal for many people including our Nepali friends and the people from AA. The Lord is blessing this congregation and this congregation IS a blessing.

In the Lord's love and light,
Pastor John



Christian Education News



As some of you may know, both Nicole Bunch and Sara Waldsmith have resigned their Christian Education positions. As a result we are suspending our programming until at least October. Of course, it may be longer depending on the course of the pandemic. Pastor John will do occasional outings with the Youth Group. In the meantime, we are looking for any volunteers from the congregation who might interested in helping with the youth on a more regular basis. This may involve just one activity a month. There is the possibility of some compensation. Contact Lorna Gerhart at 614.361.2515 or email: lorna.gerhart@gmail.com

AUGUST

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bev Corner	8/2
Larry McVay	8/4
Seth Drees	8/6
John Lindamood	8/6
Vera Haines	8/7
Wyatt Daniel	8/9
Scott Taschner	8/13
Marlo Gilley	8/14
Erica Gonzales	8/14
Daryl Lynskey	8/14
Tyler Van Auken	8/20
Kim Anderson	8/29

Jesse and Shelby Varney	8/1
Glenn and Lorna Gerhart	8/4
Suzanne and Justin Nuzum	8/4



Calendar Reminders

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
In-person and Livestreamed on Facebook

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Live Meditation on Facebook with Pastor John

Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
ROMEOS meet at Fitzzy's Old Fashioned Diner (1487 Schrock Rd.)

1st Tuesday of the month—August 4
Staff Meetings at 6:00 p.m.
Team Meetings at 7:00 p.m.

2nd Tuesday of the month—August 11
Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Tuesday of the month—August 18
Elders' Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Collecting School Supplies

Even though schools are probably not opening for in-person classes until October or November, sales are going on now! Please bring your items to KRCC through August 30.



Prayer List

Joys:

Alex Headley's cast was removed. He is now only in a boot;

Margaret Kirkendall, Tom Rosser's granddaughter, passed three advanced placement tests in preparation for attending University of Cincinnati.

Concerns:

Rev. Larry Pigg: now in hospice care;

Ruth Years: immune-compromised co-worker having symptoms of COVID-19, waiting for test results;

Gerrie Miller: heart by-pass surgery;

Becky Fine: cracked bone in leg;

Janet Nichols, Bonnie Furr's sister: blood pressure;

Jody Reppart Fatig, Ray III's wife: her mother,

Shirley Reppart, is dying. Shirley and Bonnie Furr's mother were very good friends.

Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Rev. Jeff Bartlett, who passed away on July 25, 2020.

Care Team Loved Ones

Helen Goshe	Lois Haynes
Nancy Lamielle	Laurel Lyons
Janet Marshall	Dot McKnight
Sarah McGehean	Donna Thomas
Barb Wilburn	

Those in the Military

Austin Francis, Air Force, son of Jolynne and Eric Francis;

Mike Kerley, Air Force, son-in-law of Paula and Steve McCaw;

Megan Long-Tothe, Louisiana National Guard, granddaughter of Bonnie Furr;

Emerson C. Miller, Naval Reserve, great-nephew of Nancy McVay;

Bryon Stumph, Army Reserve, son of Cheryl Stumph;

Patrick Sonnenberg, Army, grandson of Ruth Stumph.



If you wish to add anyone to these lists please contact the church office at karloadcc@gmail.com