



CASCADIAN WEEKLY

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Cascade Christian Church,

One of the things I am very grateful for is to be part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are not a large denomination in Michigan, and are not as well known as Methodists, Lutherans, or Baptists. Small as we are, we have a mighty message of the grace of God for a hurting world. This week and next I am going to share some of the characteristic beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In January I will be holding some Wednesday night classes on our denomination, including the importance of communion and baptism, the history of Cascade Christian Church, and will have information on church membership.

Two basic concepts have marked and shaped the life of the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) from our beginnings in the 19th century American frontier:

First, we believe that the oneness of the church is essential to God's mission in the world.

A passion for Christian unity was one of the primary motivations that began our church. One of our early leaders was Barton Stone, a Presbyterian minister who broke with his denominational heritage when Christians were excluded from the Lord's Supper. He referenced **Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.** Stone believed unity of all Christians was an essential element for effective witness and evangelism on the American frontier, and declared, "Let Christian unity be our polar star." In this he urged that our one-ness in Christ be the point from which we take our bearings and chart our course as a church.

Others who joined Stone in this movement of unity included Thomas and Alexander Campbell, father and son ministers who immigrated from Ireland to found what became known as the "Disciples" - urging Christian to simply follow Jesus and not exclude others by "fencing off the Table", or by use of creedal conscriptions before a person could take communion. The Campbells believed that "The church of Christ upon earth is essentially intentionally, and constitutionally one." To be a divisive Christian was, in their eyes, a betray of God's promise of oneness in the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross, and a denial of the Gospel itself. Which leads to our second core belief.

Second, the sole authority for the church's life is the Bible, with particular emphasis on the New Testament as the primary source of revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

The movement that Stone and the Campbells lead became known as the Restoration Movement, with the desire to restore in the church the New Testament principles, especially those found in Acts 2:42-47. "No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible" became one of the ways this was expressed, as well as "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak. Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent."

The two foundations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) can be seen in anyone of our worship services - there is the centrality of the Lord's Supper, and the preaching of the Word of God from the Holy Bible. All who profess Christ as Lord are welcomed at the Table, and all are encouraged to read the Scriptures for themselves. Unity and scripture, that is a big part of who we are as a church. I hope you'll join us in worship in-person or on-line. The Table is open to you, and we'd love to have you explore

God bless you and keep the faith, Jill

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sunday_(11/7).</u>	Sunday School - 9:30 AM Crib Room - 9:30 AM Worship - 9:30, 11:00 AM
<u>Monday_(11/8).</u>	Book Club Advocates - 11:30 AM (Coffee House) Alcoholics Anonymous - 8:00 PM (Coffee House)
<u>Tuesday_(11/9).</u>	Men's Group - 6:30 AM (Coffee House) Women's Bible Study - 9:00 AM (Centennial Hall) Young Adult Small Group 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM (Centennial Hall)
<u>Wednesday_(11/10).</u>	Overeaters Anonymous - 3:30 PM (Coffee House) Wednesday Night Classes 6:30 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study "The Chosen" • Wednesday Jubilee - Elementary School • Youth Group - Middle & High School Scouts - 7:00 PM (Centennial Hall) Alcoholics Anonymous - 8:00 PM (Coffee House)
<u>Thursday_(11/11).</u>	Grief Share - 10:00AM (Coffee House) Be Bold - 5th-7th grade class 4:15 - 5:45 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - 8:00 PM (Coffee House)
<u>Friday_(11/12).</u>	Church Office Closed Open Talk Group - 7:30 AM (Coffee House)
<u>Saturday_(11/13).</u>	

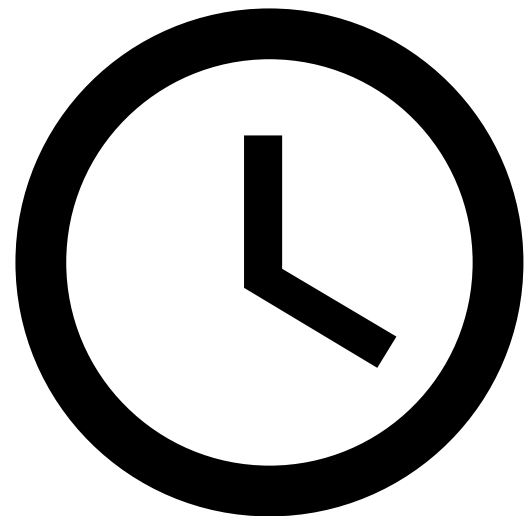
Financial giving for
the week ending in
10/31/2021:
Budgeted: \$10,652
Given: \$5,226

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

This Saturday night Daylight savings time ends! Don't forget to set your clocks back so that you don't show up an hour early on Sunday! Unless of course, you want to volunteer... then we will see you at 8!

NO SERMON IN THE CASCADIAN

Just a note -- there is no sermon in the Cascadian this week, if you would like to view the sermon and are having difficulty accessing it online, please call the church office.



CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30

Our Sunday School class has been learning about the Fruits of the Spirit. Children are encouraged to bring money for an offering each week. Near Christmastime, we will use the money we've collected to buy toys and books for kids at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Parents, please talk with your children about tithing and what it means to be generous.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - NOV. 12TH

Parents' Night Out Returns! On Friday, November 12th, we are offering a night of free childcare from 6:00 to 8:00pm for children 3 months - 10 years of age. Dinner will be provided! Email Adam Carlson (acarlson@cascadechristian.com) or call the church office to sign up.



BIBLE SUNDAY - NOV. 14TH

We are having Bible Sunday in just a few weeks! If your child is 4th grade and up and hasn't gotten a Bible on Bible Sunday before, encourage them to take part in this important tradition at our church. To sign up, please call the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday Night Youth Group for elementary kids is up and running again. We are doing our own unique lesson, playing some fun games, doing crafts, and having a great snack each week. Come learn more about God, and hang out with some of your friends from Elementary Camp!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are getting ready for the Christmas program here at Church. If you have a child that would like to participate in the program, please contact Adam Carlson before Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing what they put together!



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

BE BOLD

We are holding a class for 5th-7th graders on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 - 5:45. Each week we'll be wrestling with questions about the faith. If your child needs a ride from school, please contact the church office.

ROLLAWAY SKATING/BOWLING

Sunday, November 21st -- we will be meeting at Cascade at 12noon to go to Rollaway Skating/Bowling. Again, feel free to come to Sunday School at 11 and then be picked up back at Cascade around 3 pm.

JUBAL BRASS BRUNCH

On December 5th the Middle School and High School Youth Groups will be hosting the Jubal Brass Brunch to help raise money for our Winter and Summer activities! Please let Michael Dirksen know if you are able to help volunteer for a time to help work the brunch.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Our Wednesday Night Youth Group is up and running again. We are following the lessons in Sunday School and learning more about what we learned that week in Sunday School. We hope to see you here each week!

EVENT SIGN UP -- IMPORTANT!!

We are so excited to get youth group underway. We will be going to Spring Hill for a winter retreat, Mackinac Island, on a mission trip, and doing some fundraisers to help pay for these events as well. If you'd like to help out or you know that your child would like to participate, please fill out the form. Let Michael know if you have any questions.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year we are working our way through the whole Bible. Come right up to the youth room at 11:00 AM (we will not be dismissing from Church). We hope to see you there!

TRIP TO SCHWALLIER'S

Some of our Youth Group took a trip over to Schwallier's Country Basket during their last weekend of the season. We had a great time shooting apple cannons, running through the corn maze, and some great cider & donuts.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Middle School Madness is returning on November 19th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. (high schoolers are welcome to help!) Join us for games, food, and a fun Friday evening!



GENERAL NEWS

VETERANS DAY SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 14 the church will recognize our veterans in both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. We hope that all of the veterans of the congregation will be present to stand and receive our gratitude during a time of thanks during the service. We continue to update our list of veterans, and apologize when people have been left off. Veterans are encouraged to send Caitlin their name, dates of service, which branch they served under, and a photo. Please email photos to office@cascadechristian.com or drop them off at the church office and we will scan them and return them to you. Thank you to all who served God and country!

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

All are invited for our annual Fall Clean Up Day for the church grounds Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 Bring a rake and gloves.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP

Assembling, ironing, cutting, and stitching sustainable menstrual kits for young women, in Centennial Hall.

November 20, 1-4

All skill levels, sewers and non-sewers alike. Contact Diane Phelps (email dianephelps2010@gmail.com), or call the church office.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE – THANKSGIVING DINNER – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Many thanks to the Congregational Care Committee under the direction of Susan Strobel and John Duchon for the work on the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens. Due to precautions issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the church will be hosting a drive through- take out dinner again this year. We simply do not have enough space to safely distance and host this as a sit-down dinner. Last year many chose to eat their dinners together with friends off campus, and we encourage all who are comfortable to do the same this year. The invitation for the dinner will be coming out in a few weeks. If you are a senior citizen (over 70 years of age) and are unsure if you are on the invitation list, please call the church office. If you would like to serve on the committee who will prepare for this dinner, please be in touch as well.