



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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Folks found creative ways to decorate their cars for the July 4th weekend (above left). Pooches and their people continue to come to Drive-In Church (above center). The Little Free Library gets a facelift (above right). Nine friends gathered on the front lawn for Talk with Ten at Ten (or Talk 10-10) on July 17th (below).



MINISTER'S MOMENT

Many of us have seen the iconic photographs *Kissing the War Goodbye* by Victor Jorgensen and *V-J Day in Times Square* by Alfred Eisenstaedt. These images depict couples exchanging celebratory kisses in New York City in 1945. Both pictures captured the spirit of joy and sense of relief that Americans experienced at the end of World War II.

For four long years, people in the United States put their personal lives on hold as they collectively concentrated on winning the war. When President Harry Truman announced on August 14th that Japan had surrendered, relief erupted into euphoria. People understood that years of self-sacrifice and deprivation were ending, and happier days were on the way.

As we enter the fifth month of dealing with the pandemic in Iowa, I wonder if we can learn some lessons from “the Greatest Generation” who lived during World War II. I wonder if we can absorb their understanding that victory over a persistent enemy requires self-sacrifice, cooperation, and time. In our case, the persistent enemy is COVID-19. We may be encouraged to take steps to protect vulnerable members of our population. We may retrain ourselves to delay our instant gratification if it keeps us from putting others at risk. We may learn to be patient as scientists work together to find a cure for the menace to all.

The Greatest Generation made sacrifices that continue to benefit us today. Our Savior, Jesus, made the ultimate sacrifice that will benefit humans forever. We have the opportunity to emulate their selflessness as we make some sacrifices now that will help all to thrive in the future. Happier days are on the way.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dawn

AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE

DATE	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	SERMON TITLE
AUGUST 2	Isaiah 55:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21	“Bountiful Bread”
AUGUST 9	Psalm 85:8-13	Matthew 14:22-33	“A Scary Scene”
AUGUST 16	Psalm 67	Matthew 15:21-28	“Compassion & Crumbs”
AUGUST 23	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	“Gifts of Grace”
AUGUST 30	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-21	“Overcoming”



Even though the 2020 Beavertdale Parade has been cancelled, we will have a chance to celebrate it anyway! On Sunday, September 20th, you are invited to come to Drive-In Church in decorated cars. The theme is “Hope Floats.” Let Pastor Dawn or the Worship Team know if you would like to drive around the block after the service.

TEAM WORK



The Outreach Committee invites us to donate toiletries for the teens at Meyer Hall during the month of August. Please bring your items on Sunday mornings and place them in the cardboard boxes next to the offering tubs after church.



Because the “Hike Awards & Recognition Banquet” was cancelled, the organizers of the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike sent our certificate to the church this summer.

OUR NEW REGIONAL MINISTER

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest is happy to announce the call of Rev. Joshua J. Patty as our new Regional Minister and President. Thursday, July 23, 2020, the Regional Operations Council met in a joint in-person and on-line meeting with the Regional Search Team and Rev. Patty. The Operations Council voted unanimously to call Rev. Patty to the position.

Rev. Patty comes to the Upper Midwest from his current position serving as Senior Minister at Eastgate Christian Church in Independence, Missouri and as Chair of the Kansas City Region's Ordination and Standing Commission. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School and brings with him experience in small, medium, and multi-racial congregations. Josh is in the process of becoming an Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Trainer, which is one of his many passions in ministry. He is excited about what has been happening over the past decade in the Upper Midwest and looks forward to being a part of discerning our vision for the future.

Rev. Joshua Patty will be relocating to the Upper Midwest with his wife, Rev. Sara Patty, and their two active boys, ages 3 and 1. He will begin duties October 1, 2020.





Allison bought a house! Contact the church office to obtain her address.

Pastor Dawn,

I can't begin to thank you for all the ways you and the church continue to provide for me. Thank you so much for the Amazon card. It will be useful when I realize how empty my apartment is.

But also, thanks for allowing me to make music in the sanctuary. Even with social distancing, just being in the space feels closer to the community. Thanks for showing me what real community is.

Tyler

Mahayla also sent a thank you note for the support that she's received from Glen Echo:

"Thank you for the card! I've found a place and hope to return to the church soon! Thank you for the care, love, and support you've given me!"

Mahayla

Dear Church Family,

Even during a pandemic, you continue to show your care and concern for our congregation and community.

Thank you so much for the well wishes, birthday cards and gifts that you sent for my birthday. I always appreciate them, and they were especially meaningful this year because they bridged the gap across the physical distance necessitated by the pandemic. You are a lovely group of people, and I'm glad that I get to serve God with you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dawn



The people walking through the doors of Central Iowa Shelter's Services have often times hit rock-bottom. Your donation helps provide the foundation they need to rebuild their lives.

Thank-you

Chelsea

A Ciss Volunteer

SENSE OF VALUE

*The June 2020 Financial Report is below.

5/30/20 Balance	\$ 6,012.37
June Receipts	8,481.50
June Expenses	13,842.44
6/30/20 Balance	\$ 651.43

Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Terri, Stewardship Chair

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy

Ruth

Jim

Dave

Marlene

Mike

Disasters around the world, including COVID-19

Don's family

Betty

Obie

Jim

Clark

DeeAnn

Virginia

Eileen

Sandy

George

Lawrence

Donna

Sue

Easton

Tyler

Galdino

Mary

Monica

Bill

COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



This is one of the two new air conditioning units that have been installed, thanks to your generous response to the Cool-Aid Campaign.



AUGUST 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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2 10:15 Drive-in Worship	3	4	5 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	6 2:00 Prayer	7	8
9 10:15 Drive-in Worship	10	11	12 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	13 2:00 Prayer	14	15
16 10:15 Drive-in Worship	17	18	19 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	20 2:00 Prayer	21	22
23 10:15 Drive-in Worship	24	25	26 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	27 2:00 Prayer	28	29
30 10:15 Drive-in Worship	31					

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SERVING SCHEDULE

August 2

Drive-In Worship at Glen Echo
Christian Church's Parking Lot

August 9

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August 16

Drive-In Worship at Glen Echo
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August 23

Drive-In Worship at Glen Echo
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August 30

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