



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE...

Bailey and her people are some of the regular attendees of Drive-In Church (*above*). Pots filled with flowers add brightness to the church grounds (*above right*). Lilies from last year's Easter celebration produce beauty in members' yards (*below right*). Church member Carmon continues her ministry of masks (*below*).



MINISTER'S MOMENT



In the past, I was a person who thrived in fast-paced environments. Multiple tasks that had to be accomplished in a limited amount of time encouraged rapid thinking. Crossing completed items off long to-do lists produced mild thrills. Computer keyboards that responded instantly to the touch of fingertips brought a sense of delight. It was deeply satisfying to find ways to streamline jobs so that more could be achieved in shorter periods of time.

And then COVID-19 came. In a matter of a few disorienting days, life slowed down. Decisions had to be made about how to finish tasks that once took no time at all. No longer could quick and carefree runs to the store be accomplished without the risk of infection. Nursing homes no longer welcomed pop-in visits to see parishioners. Hugs and handshakes with non-family members were suddenly off limits. Priorities had to be reconsidered and habits had to be reformed.

But as these changes were made, new freedoms emerged. Essential components of life became evident, and the number of non-essential elements decreased. Buying food for our family was important, though going to the store more than once per week was not. Relevant ways to maintain communication with our congregation were vital, and less effective methods of contact could be released during this present period. Uniting in spirit to worship God was crucial, and creative practices to achieve these gatherings could be found.

This year, Independence Day has brought a new sense of freedom. My inner race car has been put in the garage, and I have the liberty to stroll around the track. More value is being placed on God's eternal time than humans' temporal time. I am discovering the truth of a card that sits on my desk: "It is good to have an end to journey towards, but it is the journey that matters in the end."

I hope that you have a blessed — and freeing — Independence Day.

Thankful to be on this faith journey with you,

Pastor Dawn

JULY PREACHING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST LESSON</u>	<u>SECOND LESSON</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>
JULY 5	Psalm 145:8-14	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	"Rest"
JULY 12	Isaiah 55:10-13	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	"Good Soil"
JULY 19	Isaiah 44:6-8	Romans 8:12-25	"This Present Time"
JULY 26	1 Kings 3:5-12	Romans 8:26-39	"More than Conquerors"



TALK AT 10 WITH 10

Do you miss visiting with your church friends? Would you like to get together, share your thoughts, and laugh with your pals? Beginning this month, you will have an opportunity to do so. July 17th will be the first gathering of "Talk at 10 with 10" (or Talk 10-10). On the third Friday of the month at 10 AM, groups of 10 people are invited to gather on the front lawn of the church for fellowship. Bring your own masks and chairs, and sit in one of the hula hoops that designates safely distanced seating. Please call or email the church if you'd like to participate in the gathering. (Talk 10-10 will be cancelled if it rains.)

Joel has written a rhyme for this new endeavor:

Gathering together on the lawn
Will certainly not be a yawn,
But rather splendor on the grass,
Reuniting with friends will be a gas,
Connecting hoop to hoop with you
I will smile and laugh, no longer blue
So bring yourself and a chair
It doesn't matter what you wear
Kinda like going to the fair

(Folks are also welcome to visit safely outside after Drive-In Church on Sunday mornings.)

TEAMWORK

PROPERTY COMMITTEE, LAWN MOWING TEAM, AND GREEN THUMB GROUP

Even though we are not gathering in the building for worship, various groups continue to maintain the church property. The following projects have been accomplished during the first half of the year:

1. A replacement dehumidifier was purchased for the Fellowship Hall;
2. A new water heater was installed downstairs, with financial assistance provided from the memorial funds;
3. Three leaky boiler pipes were fixed;
4. The software on the church's computer was upgraded from Office 2003 to the latest version;
5. New air conditioning units for the sanctuary have been ordered. (\$3,174 in donations are still needed to meet our \$20,000 goal, which will pay for potential overage and maintenance costs.)
6. The church grounds are being mowed.
7. Flowers were planted, and they are bloomin' beautiful.

Thank you to all who continue to support the church in so many ways.



THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE invites you to decorate your vehicles to celebrate Independence Day! You are welcome to come to Drive-In Church on July 5th in cars decked out in the colors of our country. Pictures will be taken, and the prize is the opportunity to have some celebratory fun!



The Outreach Committee recently sent a check to the Central Iowa Shelter that will provide enough food for 200 people for approximately three evening meals. Thank you, team, for your continuing concern for all of God's children.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the loving words that you expressed and the anniversary cards that you sent to us. With each year that passes, we become even more thankful that we get to spend this period of our lives with you. God's love flows through this church family in so many ways, and we are grateful to be the recipients of a portion of that divine love.

With great appreciation,
Pastor Dawn and David Ingram

Lily thanks the Glen Echo Christian Church family for the cards and well-wishes that she received when she graduated in May from the University of Iowa. This month, she begins her new job as a photojournalist with a major newspaper in Nebraska.



SENSE OF VALUE

*The May 2020 Financial Report is below.

4/30/20 Balance	\$ 8,406.09
May Receipts	7,235.00
May Expenses	(9,642.56)
Transfers	13.84
5/31/20 Balance	\$ 6,012.37

Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Terri, Stewardship Chair

COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



\$16,826 has been collected so far for the Cool-Aid Campaign.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy

Ruth

Jim

Marlene

Disasters around the world, including COVID-19

Jim

Clark

DeeAnn

Eileen

Sandy

Marilyn

George

Lawrence

Donna

Sue

Easton

Mary

Healthcare workers

Dorothy

Galdino

Monica

Sally

Maurice

Bill



JULY 2020



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	2 2:00 Prayer	3	4 Independence Day
5 10:15 Drive-in Worship	6	7	8 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	9 2:00 Prayer	10 11
12 10:15 Drive-in Worship	13	14	15 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	16 2:00 Prayer	17 10:00 Talk 10-10 18
19 10:15 Drive-in Worship	20	21	22 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	23 2:00 Prayer	24 25
26 10:15 Drive-in Worship	27	28	29 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	30 2:00 Prayer	31

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SERVING SCHEDULE

July 5

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

July 12

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July 19

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July 26

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