

The Newsletter of Community Church

August 2023 **Pastor's Letter**

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; grace that provides divine assistance for daily living and peace to comfort us through all circumstances of life through the power of the Holy Spirit! Those words reflect the opening blessing of Paul the Apostle as he opens his letters in the Bible to believers; it is also a blessing that the Community Church Waterford and the Union Grove Church desires for you!

In sermons you often hear me talk about spiritual gifts and natural abilities, and both are a crucial part of your Calling as a believer in Jesus Christ. However, it is also important to know the difference between spiritual gifts and natural abilities. For example, a person may be a very good public speaker or musician, but that doesn't naturally mean they are gifted by the Holy Spirit for ministry. You may only be seeing natural abilities, and that ability does not correspond one-to-one with spiritual gifts that Holy Spirit offers for long-term, fruitful ministry.

So how can we tell the difference between natural abilities or talents and spiritual gifts? Simply put, spiritual gifts from God are not natural abilities and they will always work in union with the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5. Let's say a person has the spiritual gift of leadership, that gift will work with the Fruit of the Spirit. This means that individual will lead with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness (power under control), and self-control.

If a person with a natural ability to lead, and they step into a leadership position, he or she can easily become filled with an unhealthy sense of pride, which leads in a worldly manner of politics and power. Then more often than not, that person will handle conflict and resistance much differently than how God directs us in the bible.

Galatians 5 explains what happens when a person leads in a worldly manner (as opposed to God's way): "a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community." Paul goes on, "This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom." The Message Bible

When a person, gifted by the Spirit and motivated by the Fruit of the Spirit, participates in ministry, he or she leans on the Holy Spirit, not their abilities. They understand successful ministry as growth in discipleship and transformed lives, not just numbers. Peace will manifest when things go wrong, patience is exhibited with those who disagree, kindness is demonstrated, and gentleness (or strength under control) is practiced when they are tempted to be harsh.

Yes, we are naturally attracted to talented people, and they may be really great. But what best indicates one's character traits are a person's humility, kindness, patience and ability to serve, especially when no one is looking or when working with those smaller or weaker.

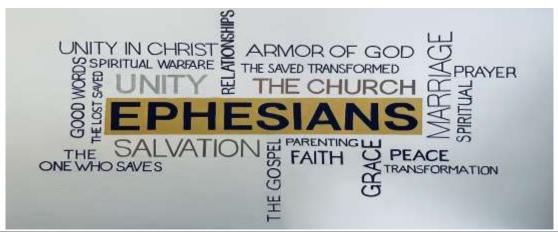
Soon, our church will be contacting people about participating in ministries within the church; I strongly encourage you to complete the SHAPE Analysis' that are available in several places around our Churches and return the last page to the office. Our purpose is to help you discover, become equipped and then empowered to participate in that purpose of which God created you for! The end result will be a life filled with fulfillment and satisfaction beyond your wildest imagination. That is a promise of God that God gives us in Jeremiah 29:11 "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Do you remember? Before 2016, all ministry and leadership positions had 3-year terms and a 2 term maximum, then after a one year Sabbath from serving in ministry, they can return to a ministry. We stepped away from that model after the congregation imploded in 2015/2016 because of a lack of volunteers, we didn't change back due to COVID and later the Disaffiliation.

This summer as the Leadership Development ministry meets, terms and term limits for all ministries will be reimplemented. That way we can make sure that no one is overwhelmed or overburdened by lengthy ministry terms.

If you feel a draw toward a particular ministry or see a ministry that fits your "SHAPE." Please contact me. If you are contacted by a member of the Leadership Development Ministry Team, please prayerfully consider the conversation.





Ephesians is a powerful letter, written by the Apostle Paul where he answers questions about faith and the Church in remarkable ways. Paul talks about how God makes all things new through Jesus and that the Church is a family saved by grace. He explains how the life of a disciple is an empowered life of resurrection and that the purpose of the Church is greater and more amazing than we could ask or imagine. In this sermon series, we will walk through the book of Ephesians and learn about the essentials of experiencing the Christian life. The Holy Spirit will use this sermon series to encourage and challenge you to examine what you believe, who you are, and transform your life.

Sunday, August 6 - Of Husbands and Wives II Ephesians 5:21-33

Sunday, August 13 - Secrets to a Vital Home (Outdoor Service) Ephesians 6:1-4

Sunday, August 20 - How to Bring God to Work Ephesians 6:5-9

Sunday, August 27 - The Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-17

Join us at 8:00 or 9:30am

Livestreamed on Facebook and CommunityChurchWaterford.org



communitychurchwaterford.org

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community church waterford



A Huge Thank You!

Vacation Bible School was AMAZING! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who help make this event happen. It wouldn't have been possible without you. We were able to share Jesus with over 100 children plus their families on the closing night. Fun was had, Bible lessons were taught and songs are STILL being sung. It was a great week and you are all so appreciated for helping in the many ways needed for this event.



See you here



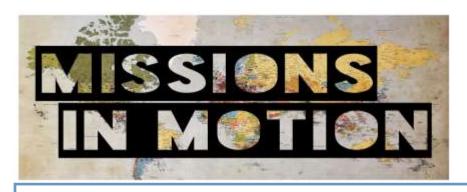
COMMUNITY CHURCH CORN ROAST

SUNDAY. AUGUST

Join us for ONE outdoor worship service at 9:30am followed by the Annual Corn Roast!

Delicious food, great

fellowship and fun games! Remember to bring your lawn chairs and Bibles



Community Church Missions collects monthly for a variety of organizations who appreciate our contributions to their cause!

M & M (has replaced the Noisy Can Collection)

A new name supporting the organizations that touch our hearts!

Sunday, August 13th - M&M Collection Exploit No More

Please prayerfully consider supporting this amazing organization Look for the orange M & M Containers!

MISSIONS IN MOTION

AUGUST 13TH, 2023

EXPLOIT NO MORE

MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS, EXPLOIT NO MORE RESPONDS TO THE IMPACT OF SEX TRAFFICKING THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

EXPLOIT NO MORE IS DEDICATED TO SEE ALL SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND THE ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD AND WORK TOWARD THEIR LIFE GOALS.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS
ORGANIZATION

HIS KIDS WEDNESDAYS

Start Date: Wednesday, September 20th 5:30-7PM

Our leaders are extremely excited to jump right back into the Word this Fall!

Wednesday Evenings beginning with diner for the whole family at 5:30PM

Then a split: Adult Bible study Led by Pastor Bill

Ages 5-11 years will have Biblical teachings, crafts and games led by Marissa

NEW Youth group grade 6-12 will be with Brooke for Biblical teachings and will be learning life skills!



CALLING ALL ADULT CONGREGATION MEMBERS!

WE NEED YOUR SKILLS AND WISDOM!

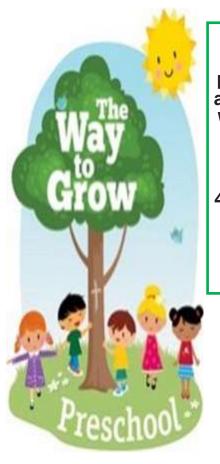
Coming this Fall our youth ministry (6th grade -12th) will be starting again. Wednesday nights starting with dinner at 5:30 and program from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

In addition to biblical teachings, we will be having life skill lessons. For example changing a tire, cooking lessons, gardening, etc..

Please prayerfully consider any knowledge or skills you could teach the youth of our community.

Contact Brooke

cell phone (262-210-6664) or email (<u>brookeschweitz42@gmail.com</u>) With any ideas, questions, or to find out how to get involved!



We had so much fun at our July playdate--thank you to all who came! On August 22nd, the preschool picnic is from 5:00-6:30pm. All preschool families and any families interested in having their child attend The Way to Grow Preschool in the fall are welcome to join us! We will provide dinner and drinks.

The preschool Open House is August 31st from 4:30-6:00PM! Bring your preschooler to the classroom to discover the room and meet their teachers!

Tricia Kelley 262-534-7998



THE WAY TO GROW PRESCHOOL

Now Enrolling 2023-2024 School Year



MAIN SKILLS



Early childhood education Classroom management Strong communication Learning Bible Curriculum

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CENTER BASED CLASSROOM



Focused on the whole child physically, intellectually, socially, creatively, emotionally and spiritually. Healthy, curious, confident children will be ready to succeed in school.

CHRISTIAN **PRESCHOOL**

Bible curriculum for ages 3-5 years

OUR TEACHERS



Preschool Director: Tricia Kelley

Preschool Teacher: Lindsey Molgaard

Preschool Teacher: Marissa Kelley





We have a well stocked Library downstairs (Room #3), with a wide variety of Christian books. You can come check out a book to take home to enjoy!

There are children's materials as well, come check it out!

War Room

This room is located on the lower level of Community Church (Room # 8)

Anyone is welcome to come pray in the comfort of the prayer room.

Prayer Gathering welcomes any and all—Meeting every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30PM.





Outdoor Prayer Path

-Right in our own backyard-

Walk the paths and enjoy the nature.

Our wonderful volunteers keep it trimmed and there are plenty of benches to stop and rest or pray along the way.

Please go enjoy it!





Scan the QR Code to go directly to the RightNow Media App.

RightNow Media is FREE to you!

Endless Bible Studies, Home School Curriculum, Conference Recordings and so much more.

The All-New 3.0 Experience:

https://www.rightnowmedia.org/us/app-features

Registration Link:

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/communitychurchwaterford

Registration Text Code:

Text CCWATERFORD to 49775

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Scan the QR Code to the left

It will take you directly to the new
Community Church App! Your online
giving, connect cards, how to get involved,
your Bible, sermon notes and more.

Everything all in one place!



Celebrate Recovery is a

Christ-centered, 12 step recovery

program for anyone struggling with
hurt, pain or addiction of any kind.

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to

find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

Continuing on Tuesday evenings throughout August - 6:00-8:30 pm.

Enter through the second set of doors on the back of the building. (Door #8)

Ministry Leaders: Scott and Joanne Swartz email: bullsitool@yahoo.com

Scott: 630-478-3968

6:00 pm Food, Fellowship and Welcome

6:30-7 pm, Worship

7-7:30 pm, Lessons and Testimonials

7:30-8:30 pm Small Group Sessions

Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. Each week is a stand alone session, so you are welcome to join at any time.

The care you need, information you can trust.

New 13 week session will start Tuesday,
September 5th (starting on a Tuesday because
Labor Day falls on a Monday!) and will continue
every Monday after that until the end of
November



Facilitators:

Janice Constantineau - 262-514-2954

Bernie Mann - 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy - 262-930-9488



Tuesdays at St. James in East Troy
Thursdays at Community Church
Join us at either location from
3-4PM

His Loving Arms Senior Program

Begins meeting again September 2023

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Enjoy your summer!





Men's Breakfast

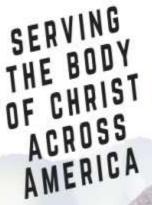
First Saturday of the month

October-May

8:00AM

See you again in the Fall!

The Wright Family





There are still opportunities to partner with this ministry - in need of monthly partnerships

- AUGUST 1-5 SERVING AT CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE FARM CAMP
- AUGUST 6 FELLOWSHIP BONFIRE @ COMMUNITY CHURCH
- AUGUST 6-27 VISITING WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS/PARTNERS

Text Bob @ 414-788-2711
to set up a time to hang out and share stories!
WE WANT TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU!

Rob, Sarah, Xander

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR WAYS TO PARTNER OR TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY UPDATES WWW.WITH-THANKSGIVING.COM

I WANT TO GET INVOLVED...

WHERE CAN I START??

Here are some first serve opportunities that you can pray about!

I don't mind talking to new people or being in front of others:

Front Door Greeter
Usher
Communion Server
Worship Team

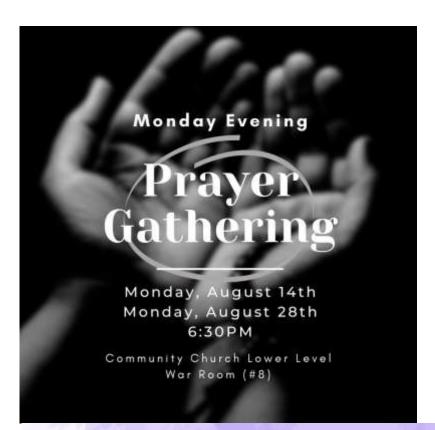
Children's Church Helpers

His Kids Helpers
His Kids Crafters - hands on helping with the kids
Sunday morning Nursery volunteers

-OR-

I really don't like being in front of people, but I would still like to be involved!:

Food Pantry—packing/preparing bags of food
Live Streaming worship service
Kitchen Crew for Vacation Bible School or any other events
Sound Technician
Short Term projects for VBS or other events
Prayer Ministry







VISITATION AND CARE MINISTER 262-210-6664

How can we pray for you?

Rease send any and all prayer requests to:

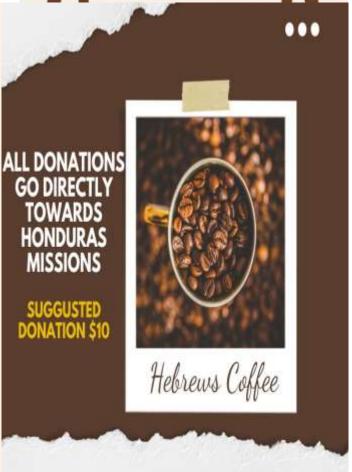
communitychurchprayer4you@gmail.com

The Psalms of the Bible Led by Mike Biesiadny Mondays - 1:00PM at St. James

2945 MAIN STREET, EAST TROY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE: 262-210-5702 Children's Church is taking a short break. We will begin meeting again Sunday, August 20th.







Glorify God Encourange One Another Share Jesus



This year's Jam Fest aims to raise funds for the Waterford Village Library, which faced a \$100k budget cut in 2023, impacting programs and personnel. The Library plays a crucial role in supporting individuals and families in the surrounding community.

The Waterford Jam Fest is a lively community music event spread across seven local businesses. Over the weekend, each venue will feature live music, creating a festive atmosphere. The event kicks off on Friday, August 18th, with Waterford River Rhythms at Village Park.

Music schedules will be available at participating venues, businesses and the Jam Fest Facebook page. Join in and prayerfully consider donating and enjoying a weekend of music, unity and support for our treasured local library.

Waterfordjamfest.com facebook.com/waterfordjamfest

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	2 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry	3 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	4	5
6 Communion	7 1PM Worship Design	8 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM Trustee Meeting	9	10 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	11	9:00-10:30AM East Troy Free Pancake Breakfast
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20 Waterford Jam Festival Childrens Church begins again	21 1PM Worship Design	22 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM Church Council Meeting	23	24 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	25	26
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