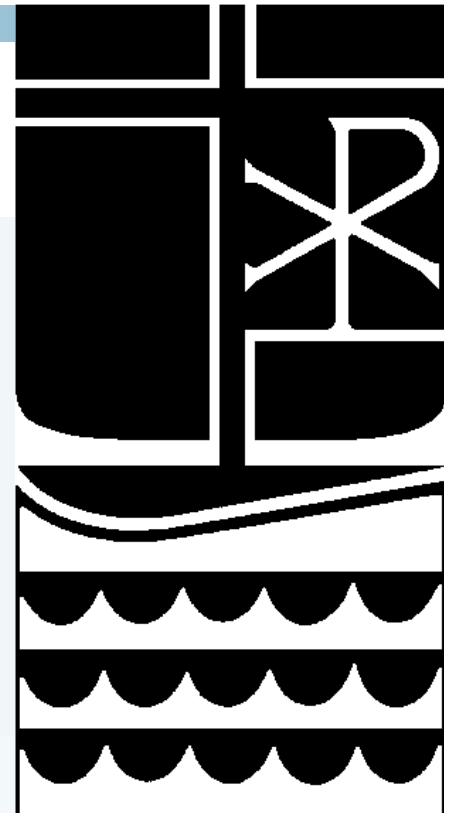


Life Together



Happenings with the Church Facilities

With the church facilities not being used during the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been able to accomplish much work.

A listing of some of these was published in an earlier edition of *Life Together*. Since then, here are some things we have been working on:

Removing all the hymnals and Bibles from the church sanctuary and chapel, and all items from the pew racks.

Removing all pew cushions from sanctuary and chapel.

Polishing all the pews in the sanctuary and chapel.

Tom Scott and Bob Hieb have been working on upgrading the youth room with new flooring, some new wall covering and new ceiling.

Tom and Bob are also refurbishing the church parlor with fresh paint and new carpeting.

David Graves has sanded and painted a number of interior doors and walls.

A major renovation project about to start is replacing the air conditioning units in the Birchwood tower. The tower has four levels and new AC units will be installed on the second, third and fourth levels. A new AC unit was installed on level one (nursery) last summer. The current units were installed in 1985!

If resources are available, we also want to install a new AC unit that cools rooms 325, 327, and 329 on the third floor of the 1956 education building.

Kenny Allen continues to strip and wax floors throughout the church building.

Janet Miller continues to give careful attention and expert care to the church's landscaping and grounds.

Two roof leaks have recently been repaired by the Merrick-Kemper Company.

We continue to clean out storage spaces in the church and discard items that need to go to the dumpster!

We are grateful for church members who have come in and worked on rooms and removed items that needed to be tossed.

I am grateful for the time and resources to do the work we are doing to care for a wonderful and priceless facility. We have been entrusted with a grand building and a moment in time to improve and prepare it for ministries yet to come. Bill Johnson

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The church office will be closed on **Friday, July 3** and **Monday, July 6** in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Keeping Our Youngest Ones Involved

Isolation, separation, quarantine, social distance...whatever term you want to call it, trying to keep folks safe during COVID-19 is challenging. The longer we are apart, I fear the more mental and emotional and spiritual stress people are enduring is becoming as damaging as potentially getting the virus. So as the staff and Church Council continues to weigh physical safety and well-being during the pandemic, we are also trying very hard to balance that with folks' mental and emotional and spiritual well-being.

While offering online services and Zoom Sunday School classes and other small group gatherings is helpful, we know it is not the same. We feel it too. Our children feel it also, and perhaps it is more difficult because they cannot articulate what being separated from friends, extended family, school, day-care, and their church is causing them to feel.

A Blurb from Bobbe

Wednesday Take Out Meals:

Wednesday takeout meals will continue to be available throughout the summer. Watch your emails on Sundays for the coming week's menu. We have been delighted to be able to offer this service. Thank you for participating. Please remember if you have friends and neighbors who are interested in this service; it's available to anyone in need.

From the Finance Office:

Thank you for always being willing to donate to our local charities in addition to CHBC. You are making a difference in a lot of lives!

At this time I ask that if you want to make a donation to anyone other than the church, please write the check directly to the intended charity. This ensures that the money can be received and disbursed in good time.

When you make your checks out to the church, the funds are delayed up to three weeks. We have to wait to deposit your check, then make out a new check to the charity, then mail it and then the intended charity must deposit the check and wait for it to clear the bank before it can use the funds.

I am trying to offer families ideas and activities to keep the youngest of us involved. CHBC offers two Zoom sessions a week for our kids. We have a lunch gathering, via Zoom, on Tuesdays at Noon for our elementary kids. We eat together, well, virtually together, talk about what we have been doing, play a game, and now we will begin to show our art projects to each other. On Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, we offer a preschool Zoom session where I read aloud a book, and in the next couple weeks we will begin to show each other our art projects.

Admittedly, Zoom meetings with preschoolers and children are a bit hit or miss, but when we do gather, the kids seem to enjoy seeing each other.

In the last week, I have sent out seventeen art kits that will serve twenty-three children and their families. These art kits included supplies for seven projects plus extra art supplies that can be used to create their own projects. Kits were made for preschoolers and elementary age kids. Activities included making your own play-dough, painting with tissue paper, sand art, sticker activities, sidewalk chalk activities, photo frames, glue gun projects (for our older kids), and a few other projects. In July I will be creating an at-home VBS/Passport Camp experience. Parents, watch your emails for more details!

Below are a few photos of some of the artwork our kids have been making.



A Word from Jason

In the wake of the deaths of Breonna Taylor and David McAtee, Rev. Jesse Jackson visited Louisville recently. Rev. Jackson stated that the United States is dealing with not one, not even two, but three pandemics. Of course, the first pandemic we are confronting is COVID-19. The second pandemic we are facing is police tactics that disproportionately harm and kill black people. The third pandemic the United States is wrestling with is poverty, which also disproportionately impacts black Americans.

Dr. Frank Smith is the head of the Interdenominational Ministers Coalition (IMC) in Louisville. Dr. Smith also is an active participant in EmpowerWest Louisville. The IMC is comprised of black pastors throughout the city and has been one of the leading organizations lobbying the Mayor, the Attorney General, and others to do whatever action is within their authority to bring about justice for Breonna and others .

Dr. Smith has noted that the home in West Louisville raided by police at the same time as Breonna Taylor's apartment in southwest Louisville is only one block from the location where David McAtee was killed. Dr. Smith has said that windows throughout downtown Louisville have been boarded up now. However, the windows of the houses in the area around 26th and Broadway have been boarded for years. That is due to the fact that poverty has plagued West Louisville for decades. Like Rev. Jackson, Dr. Smith argues that in order to address the first two pandemics - COVID-19 and police brutality - poverty must also be addressed.

Addressing poverty will require government policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels. Allocating more funding in the federal budget for Historically Black Colleges and Universities would be one meaningful step. Another would be bringing HB40, the so-called "Reparations Bill," before a United States House of Representatives Committee for a hearing for the first time. Individuals have a role to play too. Each of us can alleviate black poverty by spending money at a black-owned business or restaurant or encouraging a student at Simmons College of Kentucky.

The roots of the pandemic problems we face run deep. To rectify any one of the first two pandemics, we must deal with the third - poverty. No wonder Jesus said so much about caring for the poor. Poverty impacts so many other areas of lives and society.

UCHM Summer School Supply Drive

We have received the following request from Katie Litanga, Associate Director at UCHM.

UCHM has continued to provide services to the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; however, we have modified our in-person services. For our 2020 School Supply Giveaway, we will ask all families to pre-register and then pick up school supply packets through our current drive-up model ***the week of July 27th***.

We appreciate the generous school supply donations that your congregations have provided to UCHM for this drive in past years. This year, we are asking for monetary donations in lieu of school supply donations from our member churches. This will reduce the need for folks to go out and purchase supplies and thus decrease their exposure to COVID-19. On average, it costs \$20 per child to purchase all the necessary school supplies that required by Jefferson County Public Schools. ***We are asking our member churches to sponsor a child/children with a \$20 donation per child.*** Our Emergency Assistance Committee Members will purchase the needed school supplies based on these donations received and distribute them to families. ***To make a donation for our school supply drive, you can make donations on our [website \(www.uchmlouky.org\)](http://www.uchmlouky.org) and select "school supplies" under programs, or send checks to 150 South State Street, Louisville, KY 40206 with the memo line "school supplies".***

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support of UCHM and our mission to build better, more compassionate community. With you help, we hope to serve many families this summer through our School Supply Giveaway.

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11	Zaw Laywee (9)	9	Ku Ler Gay
12	Ken Nay Moo	8	Lynn Roberson
13	Rae Taylor	8	Hana Mahanes (18)
14	Ken Nay Moo	7	Christna Wah
15	Ken Nay Moo	7	Th'Zar Lay (8)
16	Ken Nay Moo	6	Jason Luke Htoo (4)
17	Ken Nay Moo	6	Jay Sanders
18	Ken Nay Moo	6	Jackson TharBlay Lah (5)
19	Ken Nay Moo	5	Sa Da Way
20	Ken Nay Moo	5	Rose Hala (9)
21	Ken Nay Moo	5	Elizabeth Weaver
22	Ken Nay Moo	4	Thomas Hill (4)
23	Ken Nay Moo	3	Tyler Ford (21)
24	Ken Nay Moo	3	Cynthia Canada
25	Ken Nay Moo	2	Louie Bailey
26	Ken Nay Moo	2	Jerry Brown
27	Ken Nay Moo	1	Dylan White
28	Ken Nay Moo	1	Jo Douglas
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