

October 21, 2012
Christ United Methodist Church
Annual Church Conference
Presiding Elder: Rev. Keck Mowry



WORSHIP

GREETING

Rev. Keck Mowry, Presiding Elder

THE GATHERING

One: Behold the Lighter of the stars
On the crest of the cloud,
And the choralist of the sky
Lauding Him.

All: PRAISE GOD!

One: Coming down with acclaim
From the Heavens above,
Harp and Lyre of song
Sounding to God.

All: PRAISE GOD!

One: Christ, the refuge of my love
Why should I not raise Thy fame!
Angels and Saints melodious
Sing with joy to Thee.

All: I PRAISE Thee!

Hymn *The Summons (vs. 1 and 2)*

The Faith We Sing #2130

Opening Prayer:

Ralph Bergstrom, Lay Leader

Scripture: *Psalm 22:27*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

DVD Presentation

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MESSAGE:

Rev. Keck Mowry, Presiding Elder

Hymn "The Summons" (vs. 3 &4)

The Faith

We Sing #2130

Celebrations of a Year of Faithful Ministry

Membership Report ...*Michele Linner, Membership Secretary*

Church Membership Roll

Prayer by Rev. Keck Mowry, Presiding Elder. A prayer for those who are being removed and for those who have gone before us in death.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee ...*Carolyn Bergstrom, SPR Chair*

Clergy Compensation Form / Clergy Compensation Agreement

Recommendations and Reports to Charge Conference

Lay Servant: *Doug Literski*

Finance/Stewardship Committee ...*Dave Clark, Chairperson*

2012 Apportionment Update

Budget for 2013

Stewardship Campaign Report

Board of Trustees ...*Eric Linner, Trustees Chair*

Trustee's Report

Parsonage

Other Reports: (Endowments, Bequests, Building, Construction, Purchase, Sales, Tax Exempt Status Filings)

Nominations Report

Recognizing and affirming Committees ...*Pastor Kangse Lee*

Other Ministry Reports

Other reports as needed from ministry and mission areas if any

Report of the Clergy ...*Pastor Kangse Lee*

Closing Prayer ...*Rev. Keck Mowery, Presiding Elder*

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UM Hymnal #140

Sending Forth ...*Pastor Kangse Lee*

**The following 2012 membership information
is submitted by Michele Linner, Membership Secretary:**

Professing Members 2011 Church Conference	172
<i>Correction on February 2012 report</i>	+ 3
Professing Members added since December 7, 2011 Church Conference	+ 3
3 Profession of Faith	
0 Transfers from Other UMC	
0 Transfers from Other Denominations	
Members Removed since December 7, 2011 Church Conference	<32>
1 Transfer to other UMC	
0 Transfer to Other Denominations	
0 Withdrawals	
1 Death	
30 removed by Church Conference action December 7, 2011	
Total Members	146
Baptisms since the December 7, 2011 Church Conference	0
0 children	
0 adult	
Members moved since December 7, 2011 Church Conference	1
Megan Linner	

No new members names submitted for removal in 2012

Staff/Parish Relation Committee Report

Submitted by Carolyn Bergstrom, 2012 Chair

Staff/Parish is an administrative committee of our church. This committee has had a challenging nine months that has produced a working team jelled together producing positive results for the church with three goals: to be a growing church, a caring church and a praying church.

Christ members are encouraged to participate in learning about the different cultures among our membership by sharing backgrounds, foods, faiths, and traditions. A blending together will strengthen each one. Pastor Lee and Maria have blessed us by sharing their Korean culture in discussions, with their hospitality and through sharing their faith. The warm hug greeting from Maria each Sunday morning upon arrival at church makes our church very inviting. We can celebrate learning about diverse cultures that will help our church to meet its goal to be a vibrant growing church. In addition we have hired April Patek as the new Director of Christian Education for our Children and Youth.

The church's goal of being a caring church is being achieved through the Helping Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry that touches people locally, all over the United States and internationally by preparing shawls, praying over them to bring comfort to individuals. Our Mission team expands in many directions to help families in need. The Stephen Ministers give of their talents and time to support people during difficult times.

Our church has many challenges before us this coming year. If we are united with God, we will accomplish the church's vision and goals.

We are small but **MIGHTY.**

Finance Report

Submitted by Dave Clark, 2012 Chair

Through September 30, 2012 the church has met all the financial obligations and we are up to date with Apportionments. During 2012 we have completed some maintenance that was needed:

- 1) A new sign has been purchased and installed. This was funded by the gift card program and other generous donations.
- 2) The sprinklers were replaced throughout the Church. A health insurance credit paid for this repair. The parking lot was resurfaced and stripes were painted. This project was funded from the United Methodist Investment Fund.
- 3) Based on 9 months expenses the total actual expenses for 2012 should be about \$168,000. Total offering for 2012 should be about \$168,000. The total giving and the total expenses are below budget by about \$19,000. The total budget for 2012 is \$187,551.

The stewardship campaign for 2013 has not been completed yet. When pledges are made later this year and year end expenses are tallied we will be able to better assess our finances.

2013 Budget

**Christ United Methodist Church
2013 General Fund Budget**

	2013 Budget
INCOME	
Contributions Received	179,800.00
Other Income	2,712.00
TOTAL INCOME	182,512.00
EXPENSES	
Staff Parish	
Compensation & Benefits	97,998.00
Travel	2,000.00
Continuing Education	3,650.00
Contracted Services	1,800.00
Other Expenses	350.00
Subtotal Staff Parish	105,798.00
Trustees	
Church Facility	31,893.00
Parsonage	7,545.00
Subtotal Trustees	39,438.00
Ministry Programs	
Membership	900.00
Adult Spiritual Development	562.00
Children's Education	1,725.00
Other Ministry Progs	0.00
Subtotal Ministry Programs	3,187.00
Stephen Ministries	0.00
Evangelism	0.00
Mission & Outreach	240.00
Worship	2,500.00
General Office Expense	4,831.00
Computer Expense	1,330.00
Stewardship	0.00
Apportionments	24,108.00
Annual Conference Expenses	420.00
Bank & EFT/DD Charges	335.00
Event Expenses	325.00
Misc. Expenses	0.00
Unallocated Expenses	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	182,512.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	0.00

2012 Trustees' Report for Church Conference

Submitted by Eric Linner, 2012 Trustees Chair

The Trustees committee, as always, has been focused on keeping the church and the parsonage in good repair. In 2012, as always, repairs and maintenance have been completed on the properties. A few of the larger projects are described below.

The Trustees committee spent a great deal of time and effort in 2011 on the selection of a new exterior church sign. An order was placed last fall with the hope of receiving the sign before the end of the year. The entire congregation was very excited. The manufacturer was not able to deliver the sign until March, but the excitement returned when the Trustees committee, with help from several other congregation members, installed the sign and got it working a few days after it was received. The electronic, full-color sign is very attractive and dynamic and has enabled Christ Church to reach the community in new and exciting ways. This fall, landscaping is being added around the sign to make it even more attractive.

During an inspection of the fire sprinkler system early in the year, we were informed that our sprinkler heads were recalled several years ago. The model we had may corrode and fail in a way that causes major water damage to the building even though no fire is present. This was very surprising news to us, and it required us to replace all of the sprinkler heads in the church building. The work was completed in May.

We were concerned that the poor appearance of the parking lot could potentially cancel the positive attention generated by the new sign. Repaving the lot has been a "to do" for several years, but this year we were determined to get the job done. Financing for the project was available using the investment gain on the money from the land sale a few years ago. The paving contractor gave us a very reasonable quote, and when extra work was needed above and beyond the quote, they donated it. The work was completed in July including restriping of the lot and adding two additional handicap parking spaces.

In 2013 we will continue to prioritize improving the exterior appearance of the church and grounds.

Christ UMC Leadership Report 2012 (for 2013)

Administrative Board Chairperson: Gary Slagle

Church Treasurer: Larry Fournier

Financial Secretary: Joe Greenwood

Membership Secretary: Michele Linner

Lay Leader: Ralph Bergstrom

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Peggy Literski; Kim Aupperle (Alternate)

Nomination and Leadership Development* (Chairperson: Pastor)

(2012 Michele Linner, Gary Slagle) 2013: Larry Fournier, Bryan Doyle 2014: Joe Kilberger

2015: + +

Appointed Officers: Lay Leader

Committee on Staff-Parish Relations* (Chairperson: Carolyn Bergstrom 2014)

(2012 Mia Geheren, Bud Akin) 2013: Amy Doyle, Evy Markowski 2014: Rosey Hidding, Judy Baker, Gary Gruebnau 2015: +Terance Agabin +

Appointed Officers : Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conf. (Young Adults/Youth)

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Board of Trustees (Chairperson:)

(2012 Deb Masek) 2013: Chad Aupperle, Eric Linner, Larry Fournier 2014: Eric Hugg, Robert Hidding, Duane Graf 2015: + + +

Finance and Stewardship Committee (Chairperson: Joe Kilberger)

Appointed Officer: Pastor, Church Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Ad Board Chair, SPRC Chair or Rep, Trustee Chair or Rep., Lay Leader, Lay Member, Stewardship Coordinator (Duane Graf)

Elected Member: Dave Clark, Elena Agabin, Ken Hein

Ministries Team Chairs

Adult Education: Pastor

Wednesday Morning Spirituality: Pastor

Thursday Morning Women: Amy Doyle, Judy Lange

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: Gary Slagle

Children's Ed: Mark Gatsakos, Cheryl Fournier

Membership Nurturing: Peggy Literski

Membership (Welcoming New Members): Doug Literski

Missions: (Tobey Sroga, Linda Chodan)

Stephen Ministry: Arlene Young, Linda Mullen

M&M: Muriel Wright

Worship Design Team: +

Praise Team: Gary Gruebnaue

Sound Team (Audio Visual): Don Deak

Youth Ministry: Lisa Greenwood

Special Events: Michele Linner

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Naomi DeLap

Web Communication Ministry: Julie Kukreja

Holy Communion: Joe & Eleanor Kilberger

Committee on Records and History: Janet & Duane Graf

Bell Choir: Janet Kleckner

Bethlehem Market Place: Janet Kleckner

VBS: Mark Gatsakos

Greeters/Ushers: Paula Green

Kitchen Committee: Janet Kleckner

Visioning Team: Gary Slagle

Other Ministry Reports

Administrative Board Report for 2012 Church Conference

Submitted by Gary Slagle, 2012 Administrative Board Chair

A leadership retreat was held in January to set priorities for 2012.

From that meeting the leadership team agreed to:

- **Focus more on the church's ministries.** The ad board meeting was changed to give ministry teams time to discuss and plan strategies.
- **Develop children's programs to educate and bring more children to know the gift of Christ.** To accomplish this we have hired a new youth director.
- **Improve the appearance of the church.** The trustees made a number of improvements, including resurfacing the parking lot.

Body by God

submitted by Kim Aupperle, 2012 Coordinator

Body by God is a small health group of approximately 12 people meeting once a month to discuss a healthy and balanced lifestyle through support of others, study and prayer. We look at different ways to maintain balance in life, health and spirit. Jesus Christ is the foundation and example of this small group helping to balance areas of our mental, physical, emotional and spiritual life. Our group follows the First Place for Health Bible study with video programs such as, My body His Temple and Life Style #9 by Graham and Treena Kerr. Many have had success in weight loss and have celebrated goals reached in this small group.

Started in mid-2009, we closed our last meeting of Body by God this past July. We celebrated 4 years of fellowship, support, prayer, Bible study and a healthy foundation in Jesus Christ as the center focus to our healthy lifestyle.

Mission Team Report

Submitted by Linda Chodan & Tobey Sroga, 2012 Mission Team Co-Chairs.

Below is a list of **projects** that have been accomplished by the Mission Team with the help of the congregation:

PADS (Public Action To Deliver Shelter) – We received an anonymous donation & sent a check to Cary United Methodist Church/Emergency Shelter. One month we brought cookies & milk. We also helped serve them dinner & dessert. Another month we brought a whole meal & dessert & served it to them.

Loose Change Jar – Collected loose change for Compassion's Water of Life System. So far we have been able to buy about a couple dozen filters for them.

Compassion Child – Esther Ruth is our church's Compassion Child. We had another anonymous donation & we transferred the funds into Esther Ruth's general account.

Heartland Blood Center – Donated blood for area hospitals.

Salvation Army – Donated clothing & household items.

Jewel Food Drives – Had two drives for the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry.

Food Collection - At our church daily for the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry.

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McHenry County Veterans & Family Services – Collected can goods.

School Supplies –Collected back packs & supplies for Perry school in Carpentersville.

Warm Ministry – The month of October we will collect gently used coats/jackets, along with new hats, scarves & gloves for Home of the Sparrow.

CARDUNAL CROP Walk – October 14 we will be hosting the walk. 75% of donations collected will go to Church World Services & the other 25% of donations collected will be divided between Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry, Fish Food Pantry & PADS Shelter.

Holiday Gift Program – The month of November we will collect gifts for a mother & her children at Home of the Sparrow. We will also collect miscellaneous items for the shelter.

Lord, thank you for the talents & skills you give us to use in serving others.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Submitted by Naomi DeLap, 2012 Coordinator

Helping Hands is the Prayer Shawl Ministry which provides a handmade shawl that has been prayed over, for comfort and love to the people of our congregation during challenging times in their lives, and for their family members and neighbors in our community. A prayer card is included with each shawl.

We have given 118 shawls. The prayer shawls have been given to former members when moving away, to Sherman Hospital for their patients and to their Cancer Center...we toured the Cancer Center in March. Our prayer shawls have been given internationally going to Canada, India, Korea, Mexico, and New Zealand. They have gone to many states.

We have helped sponsor the Youth Group trips. We make scarves and hats for the Mission Team's Warm Ministry. We meet at the church the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00pm. We have 10 or 12 ladies each time with a lot of good fellowship and a "food time". Anyone is welcome to join us. If you are interested and do not know how to knit or crochet, we will be happy to teach you.

Sherman Hospital has invited the Prayer Shawl Group to the hospital on October 31st, at noon, to honor our ministry.

The love of this church is far-reaching and the Christ United Methodist Church flame shines around the world through the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Savvy Coupon Stewards

Submitted by Lisa Greenwood, 2012 Coordinator

Our Savvy Coupon Stewards is currently serving four families with the coupons that have been donated by our congregation. In the future each month we are looking forward to sending the unused and expired coupons to military commissaries. The military commissaries are able to use the coupons up to six months after the expiration dates.

Special Events Committee Report 2012

Michele Linner, Katy Spooner 2012 Co-Chairs

This Ministry team's purpose is to plan free or low-priced fellowship events for church members and their friends. We have planned and implemented a number of events this year and have a few planned for the remainder of the year.

2012 Events planned and implemented:

...Soup and Sandwich/Family Game Night in February

...Family Lunch and Hike in May

...Church Summer picnic in August

Coming events for Fall/Winter 2012:

...Fall Hayride Friday, October 20th 5-7 pm Hayride, bonfire, dinner

...Cocoa and Caroling Sunday, December 9

For 2013 we have asked for a \$250 budget to help keep the cost of events down.

Stephen Ministry

Submitted by Linda Mullen, 2012 Stephen Leader

Stephen Ministry – a ministry of care. Through very intense, 50 hours in the classroom and with specific guidelines, we are trained to walk with others through a dark time in their lives. This is a confidential ministry where care receivers can feel safe and secure to discuss their thoughts, concerns, feelings and fears with their Stephen Minister. This one-on-one caring relationship lasts as long as the care receiver continues to need the support.

This has been a year of growth in our Stephen Ministry Team. Pastor Lee completed the week-long training to become a Stephen Leader. He joins Arlene Young and Linda Mullen in that role. We were very excited to have 5 people commissioned as our newest Stephen Ministers. We currently have 14 trained Stephen Ministers.

One focus now is to offer continuing education for the current Stephen Ministers. We also support each Stephen Minister through our peer supervision process. Our main goal is to make sure people are aware of what Stephen Ministry can do and to reach those in need of a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers know that we offer only care-giving and that we leave the cure-giving to God. It is our privilege to serve God through this ministry.

Worship Report

Submitted by Kate Hein 2012 Worship Chair

Current Committee members: Pastor Kangse Lee, Peggy Literski, Gary Gruebnaue, and Lisa Greenwood. Additional as-needed consultants to this group are: Robin Deak. Janet Halliday resigned in 2012, and Kate Hein has resigned as Worship Chair. Additional teams under this Design Team are; the Praise Team, Choir, Bell/Chime Choir, Kid's Bell Choir, Sound Team, Visual Arts Team, Usher/Greeter Team, Offering Prayer Ministry, Communion Bread/Set-Up Team, Children's Message Team, Multimedia Team, and Liturgists Team.

The team continued with the following guidelines for Worship in 2012. These are aspects of our Church's Mission that we have tried to use for guidance when developing our worship services:

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Goals within this committee:

- 1) To utilize our leaders' gifts and talents by developing more creative ways to present God's love within our worship service.**
- 2) To be attentive to the needs of our community through expressions of diversity within our worship service.**
- 3) To create opportunities within our worship service for invitation to discipleship.**

This was my first year in a leadership position I have enjoyed creating services for our church families. We were able to offer a new Maundy Thursday service in which people could experience the smell, touch, and sounds from that blessed event. We took a journey of Hope for Easter with each week adding a new addition to our suitcase. The final gift was a luggage tag to remember to always take Jesus with you on your journeys. We have continued to create and support the mission of CUMC with dynamic worship, passionate messages, and the support of a loving congregation. Our 'thank you' service was a great day that we could celebrate each other and thank those who continue to give their time, talents, and gifts to make our church what it is today.

It is with a heavy heart that I step down as Worship Leader but with my commitments increasing outside of the church it is no longer an option. I do hope we can find more people to get involved in this creative team in the future.

Youth Explosion Report

Submitted by Lisa Greenwood, 2012 Youth Director

In July our youth went on a mission trip for the sixth straight year. We went to Walpole Island, Ontario Canada, with five of our high school youth (Breanna Erdman, Ryan Greenwood, Logan Moring, Rachel Hugg, and Emily Williams) and one adult chaperone, Lisa Greenwood.

The Work Group theme this year was made from Revelation's 12:2 "Look I am Making Everything New!" Our youth helped to make things new for the residents that they helped. They "made" connections in relationships, worship and volunteer work. It was a very meaningful week as we worshipped and worked with over 350 other volunteers. We were split up amongst over 70 "crews" so that we were able to build new friendships while we did a variety of home repair work. One of the greatest blessings was meeting and spending time with the residents that we were helping. We were touched by their friendliness and, in many cases, faith. The kids built stronger relationships with God, within our youth group, and with new friends from other youth groups.

We have already started planning our next trip for 2013. In September the youth prepared and served an appreciation luncheon to our supporters as a way of thanking them. During service the youth gave a report on what the trip meant for each one of them. The congregation was presented a slide show during the appreciation luncheon.

The youth served God in numerous ways besides the mission trip: they served dinner this year at the PADS center in Cary United Methodist Church; for the Salvation Army; they went hungry during the "30 Hour Famine" and raised money for world hunger relief. Again this year our youth also raised money and walked in the recent Cardinal CROPWalk to fight hunger.

Many of the youth also serve the church individually in additional ways including: performing music as part of the Worship Team; running the sound board or audio/visuals as part of Sound Team;

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helping with children's Sunday School, serving on the Mission Team, hosting the fellowship table in October and giving the children's message every third Sunday throughout the year.

Our youth service this year was very memorable, with the Youth performing "The Giving Tree." We took over the whole service from music, message and offering prayer.

We have Youth Education most Sunday's during the 10:00am service. Youth Explosion has meetings/outings about 3 times per month. There are approximately 18 middle and high school youth that regularly attend.

Numerous "fun" events were held over the past year including a Great America outing, putt-putt and go-cart, two overnight "lock-ins", an overnight trip to a lake cottage, and various events involving food (always a hit with teens).

Vision for 2013:

...Increase our youths' knowledge of God and love for God through education (Sunday morning, Youth Explosion Spiritual Fitness, and short-term programs) ...Serve God by serving others: in service events (including mission trip, PADS, food pantry, 30 Hour Famine, etc.) plus serve our church (worship team, sound team, nursery, etc.) ...Have fun together and build relationships with each other in ways that honor God ...Increase attendance as youth invite friends and neighbors to Youth Explosion events

Report of the Clergy

Pastor's Report

Submitted by Pastor Kangse Lee

"Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?" (Amos 3:3 NLT)

We regularly experience diversities around us in our daily lives, like trees around us in this season now. It's fun and beautiful. Do we always celebrate them? Not always. Sometimes we experience frustration rather than fun. "Where are we going?" "Where should we go?" "How can we move without agreeing on the direction?" "What if we agree with each other but God doesn't agree with us?" As a pastor, these have been burning questions to me for the past two years. Thankfully, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our congregation has been faithful to its callings for various ministries even in challenges.

As I look back on the year 2012, I will never forget about the Stephen Ministry training. I am so thankful for the training that I went through last January to become a Stephen Leader. I have learned that the Stephen Series provides an excellent structure and organizational system for spirituality-based ministry that equips people to minister to one another. In April we began a new Stephen Minister's training in our church which was lead by 3 Stephen Leaders who worked together for 5 months, with 5 new Stephen Minister candidates. I am so thankful to God and to them. I am also praying for another leader who can step up to be trained as a Stephen Leader in the near future so that our church can be strengthened as a Caring Church of Christ.

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Another highlight of ministry in 2012 was as a result of the day we dedicated our new church sign. For almost three years numerous people shared a clear vision of the new sign to one day become a reality. Finally, we did it. I am so thankful for all those individuals who helped that vision actually become a reality. On the day we dedicated the new sign we had an opportunity to share our needs, dreams, and hopes. Through lots of sharing we learned that the tasks are very high and we are working on those lists. For some it might be slow but, with the help of God, we surely are accomplishing them.

I think the Year 2013 will be very special for our church. On October 8, 1989 the members of Lake In The Hills United Methodist Church officially dissolved that church and, on October 15, 1989 began a new church service in the gym of the Crystal Lake South High School. I am so thankful for those members who acknowledged the need for change and acted on that faith. That became a seed for our Christ United Methodist Church. In the year 2013 we will be celebrating 15 years of ministries in this building and location. And in the year 2014 Christ United Methodist Church will be celebrating her 25th anniversary. And so, I would like to take this as an opportunity to re-discern God's will for us, so that we can be fruitful Christians in this place and time. That's my prayer for all of you in here, and beyond this place.

Peace,

Pastor Kangse Lee

CUMC Vision Statement

The members of CUMC, inspired by the grace and love of Jesus Christ and strengthened by God's Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to bring the joy of God's love to others by:

- Having open minds, open hearts and being inviting to all
- Providing inspirational worship
- Developing our faith through study and service to our community
- Empowering leaders and encouraging all to be disciples of Christ