

News to share from the Church Council 4/25/2017

*"In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land." Psalm 95: 4-5*

"The earth has music for those who listen." Shakespeare

In the rhythm of our church, May marks the time for new leadership. Thus, we would like to thank the following church leaders for their service to Central Union Church Council. Chair Suzie Schulberg's leadership has inspired trust, transformation of focus and a freedom to believe in the impossible. She has been a tremendous partner in ministry as we have strived to create a leaner structure and focus more on ministry and impact. We also say mahalo to Mike Hodges, Kevin Foster, Traci Khan and Pixie St. Denis. Each of them has helped us to move CUC further into this new era, with grace and love. Thank you for all of your time, questions and willingness to be a servant! You have blessed our church and we look forward to seeing how God uses you at CUC into the future! Please join us in thanking them for their service when you see them on campus or at the grocery store or Longs!

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS UPDATE:

- Unfortunately, we have recently discovered the Sanctuary has some repair and fumigation needs! Termites have been discovered, primarily in the lectern and the organ lofts, and the roof is leaking which will necessitate a new roof! Just as with any building, there is a constant requirement for repair so we are working to get a quote to for tenting and replacing the Sanctuary roof. We will keep you updated.
- We are working with the company, *Hibiscus*, to create a new website. We anticipate this project to later encompass an update for our preschool website as well as multi-language capabilities so that we may reach a wider community.

Save the date to help us celebrate 130 years of Central Union Church ~ November 11, 2017

News to Share from Alice Taum, Director of Congregational Care

- **Journeying through Grief Books**

We have implemented a system of follow-up care using a set of four booklets that we send to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. The booklets are written in a voice that walks alongside the reader as he or she goes through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance. The four booklet titles are: *A Time to Grieve; Experiencing Grief; Finding Hope and Healing; and Rebuilding and Remembering*. Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that point in grief—offering understanding, empathy, compassion, and hope. Please contact Alice Taum if you too would like a copy of these books.

- **Care Notes**

We have two locations on campus where Care Notes are available, in the Narthex and reception area in the Administration Building. The notes are free to anyone who needs them, both members, as well as visitors. Most popular Care Notes:

- Checklist to Strengthen Marriage
- Family Caregiving
- Five Steps toward Forgiveness
- Loving Someone with Mental Illness
- Ten Helps for Alzheimer Family Members *What everyone should know about Dementia*

Good News! The Church Council has approved the hiring of a Thrift Shop Manager and a Minister of Congregational Life! For job descriptions, please ask Kelly Fletcher, Administrator.