

The Heartbeat

April 2024

Vermont Christian Church

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Every Sunday :
Sunday School - 9:00
a.m.
Worship - 10:15 a.m.

We are beginning to see the changes of the season. The temperatures are getting a little warmer. The grass is greener. Precipitation is rain instead of snow. And, at least on some days, the sun seems a little brighter. All the signs tell us that our world has changed from winter to spring.

The season is not the only thing that is changing. On March 17, the congregation voted to call Stacy and Cindy Popejoy to the pulpit at Vermont Christian Church. After a three-year journey, the prospect of a full-time pastor seems to be at hand.

However, the congregational vote was not the final cog in the machine. There were still some important points to be worked out.

At the church board meeting on March 25, an employment contract was approved as well as a salary. There may still be some negotiating to be done.

The salary package that VCC has offered comes out to be less, in total, than what Stacy is currently receiving at his present church. This, of course, presents an issue. While the main focus of a pastor is not the number printed on a check, no one really wants to go backward in their standard of living either.

The truth is, the current financial situation of this church does not support a higher salary than what was offered. The financial committee and the board are looking at ways to improve that financial picture.

The bottom line, in my humble opinion, is that God is in charge. Despite the lower income, Stacy and Cindy Popejoy have agreed to come to Vermont Christian Church.

I have been in a position to watch God's hand at work throughout this process. I am convinced that this is God's will for our church. What we must do, as a church, is to pray about what God wants each of us to do for Christ's church in Vermont. If we remain in God's will, the future for this church is bright.

Blessings in Christ,
Mike



April 2024

Schedule of Events

7 & 21 Youth Group 4pm-6pm

11 Midwest food delivery at 11:00am

12 Community Cupboard Serving 4pm-6pm

21 Sunday Social, After worship in the Family Life Center

15 Area Camp Meeting at Bader Christian Church at 6:00 p.m.

****Every Week Invite A Friend*

March Averages

Worship - 58
General Funds- \$1,975.75
Faith Promise - TBD

Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27
Faith Promise - \$180.00

Building Fund – \$0.00

Monthly Needs - \$750.00

Sunday Servants

Greeters

7th: Terry & Diana Arnett
14th: Becky K. & Carmen M.
21st: Donna S. & Nancy P.
28th: Brian & Christen Parks

Communion Meditation

Donna Horwedel
Marla Butcher
Randy Parks
Becky Kluthe

Nursery

Sharon P. & Carmen M.
Connie M. & Emery B.
Charlene A. & Addie M.
Luis & Diane Martinez

Monthly Servants

Elder
Randy Parks

Deacon
Rick Riggins

Deaconess
Becky Kluthe



Birthdays



05 Everly Parks
09 David Brockley
12 Oliver Martinez
20 Diana Arnett
21 Chuck Fisk
26 Mary Horwedel
28 Connie Morrow



Anniversaries



21 Brian & Christen Parks
25 Brett & Becky Kluthe



Sunday Social

Sunday, April 21

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a lunch and enjoy fellowship time. You Do not need to bring a dish to join us during fellowship time! Please Join us as we continue to unify our church family with fellowship and food!



Please call the office if you are interested in learning more about meeting basic church needs. We are looking for people to

- Greeting
- Communion Meditation
- Youth Dinner
- Youth Lessons
- Nursery
- Junior Worship

Sign-ups are posted!

ONE OF THE
GREATEST GIFTS
YOU CAN GIVE IS
YOUR TIME

#VOLUNTEER

Thank you!
VCC Office – 309.784.5621

Stop in the foyer to sign up your graduate, to be recognized this spring!

Kindergarten

5th

8th

12th

And college

Graduating?

We have heard from Nick Turpin and he has shared his address. Feel free to send him a letter of encouragement as he works through his training.

Turpin, Nick

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1320 Truemper Street

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Results from the Soup & Dessert Cook-Off

Adult Division

Soup – Sharon Parks

Dessert – Shirley Roberts

Youth Division

Soup – Everly Parks

Dessert – Addy Behymer



Spring Flowers in memory of.....



Lyndall Snowden.....Michael Snowden, Eileen Martin, & Patrick Martin
Martinez Family.....Joseph & Jonathan, Grandma Gloria
Mike & Cathy Ulmer.....Loved Ones
Connie Morrow.....Sadie 🐾
Rodney & Brenda Parks.....Marjory Parks
Jere & Paula Greuel.....Loved Ones
Brian, Christen, Delaney, & Everly Parks.....Loved Ones
Aria Heller.....Donna Swigert
Donna Horwedel.....Loved Ones
Kathy Cox.....Loved Ones
Terry & Diana Arnett.....Loved Ones
Doc & Marla Butcher.....Loved Ones
Randy & Sharon Parks.....Marjory Parks

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