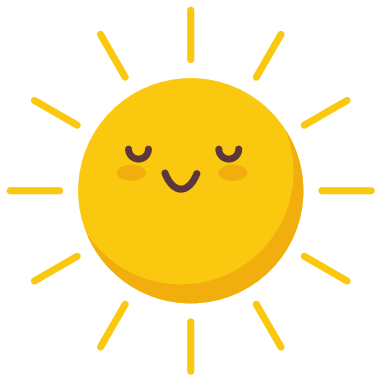




Weekly Newsletter

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I have always struggled with writing. Part of it is the particular way my brain functions. But I've come to realize another part is that I feel the need to write as well as possible the first time. And I'm not very good at writing. So that feels impossible. What I really struggle most with is to start writing.

I think we all have things we struggle with like this. We feel like we have to be perfect, or at least prepared, before we can start. We wait for the right conditions, the right moment, the right practice, or the right whatever else to come. But that's not life. Life is about trying and failing. Trying and failing. Trying and failing. And then trying and succeeding. From the time we are born these are the facts of life.

But there is also a faith element to a willingness to try something when we don't feel ready to do it. When we sense an urgent calling we can want to put it off. For a better time. When we're more prepared. When we've got the resources we need. Sometimes this kind of preparation and waiting can be faithful. But a lot of the time it's about our own need for control. For sufficiency. For success.

Jesus calls us to the miraculous. To that which doesn't make sense. To do what we don't feel ready to do. But he doesn't call us there to do it on our own. He calls us there so that we can experience what we can do with God's help. So that God can continue to build a better, more just, more abundant world, with our help.

Thankful to be experiencing God's faithfulness alongside you,

Pastor Ben

*For those that want to stay in touch with **Nina Aidam**, here is her address:*
11-D Yale Dr, Newark, DE 19711

First Christian Church, Pulaski prepared their first meal as a new partner with **Community Table** on July 25th. They will prepare meals about once a quarter. We are thankful for their participation in this vital ministry of our congregation.



SIGN UP TO HELP AND DROP OFF YOUR WATER ANY TIME BEFORE 8/20!

Upcoming

- 8/1** Community Table 4-4:30pm Grove Team
- 8/2** Worship 11am
- 8/3** Brown Bag Bible Study 12-1pm at UCC
- 8/4** Oasis Circle 10:30am; M&M's Circle 6pm; CWF 7pm
- 8/8** Community Table 4-4:30pm Moore Team

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK

- 3. Isaiah 13-15
- 4. Isaiah 16-18
- 5. Isaiah 19-21
- 6. Isaiah 22-24
- 7. Isaiah 25-27
- 8. Isaiah 28-30
- 9. Isaiah 31-33

WORSHIP AUGUST 2

Announcements/Greeting
Children's Blessing
Music Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Grace always demands the answer of gratitude

People: Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth

Leader: Grace evokes gratitude like the voice of an echo

People: Gratitude follows grace like thunder follows lightning.

***Opening Hymn** no. 453 (1,2,4)
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

***Opening Prayer**

Special Music

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21, Isaiah 55:1-5
Good News "We Aren't Ready"

Prayer for the People/Lord's Prayer

Moment of Gratitude
Prayer for Offering
Invitation to Communion

Church Members:

New Concerns:

Susan Barton, Ken Bratton, Ruth Hinkley, Betty Jones, Lauren and Addisen Lawson, Joe Marshall, Jim Mitchell, Sandy Pascoe, Alban and Phyllis Shumate, Brittney Stike, David and Angela Thompson

Long-Term: Frances Carter, Johnny and K.C. Cole, Sharon Dodson, Alice Gallimore, Glenn and Karen Johnson, Jessica Jonas, Tenny Jones, Max Mottesheard, Richard Sandoe, Aubrey Scaletta and family, Danielle Shelton, Phyllis and Alban Shumate, Keith Whitt

Community Friends: Hope Aidam, Teddy Altizer, Pamela Bartle, Larry Beverley, Matt Byrd, Becki and Addy Calfee, Douglas Chapman, **Family of Vince Clark**, Carly Sandoe Cole and family in Dubai, Lucy Coleman, Mike Crews, Kem Darden, All military in the Middle East, **Family of Steve Earles**, Brooke Exum and baby Emory Exum, Catherine Fox, Jerry Gill, Phillis Grubb, Toby Hedge, **Family of Phil Hendrix**, Ricky Jackson, David Johnston, Rosemary Kesling, Jeff Lovvorn, Jeff McConnell, Dori Meginle, Joey Murphy, Renie Price, Wayne Queen, Harold Rhodes, Kay Snider, Mary Ann Tate, Pam Thomas, **Family of Kate Vicars-Soloway**, Amanda and Alex Wilkens and family

Shut-ins:

Delilah McConnell - Commonwealth, Christiansburg
Betty Wilson - Kroontje Health Care Center
Doyle Barton - Kroontje Health Care Center
Annie Akers - Heritage Hall

If you need specific prayer, send an email to:
prayers@unitychristianchurchradford.org

Communion Hymn no. 414 (x3)
"Eat This Bread"

Prayer for Bread and Cup
Words of Institution
Share in Communion
Prayer After Communion

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn of Invitation** no. 452(all)
"Here I Am Lord"

***Closing Prayer**

***Going Forth** "Weave" no. 495
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.

*denotes standing, if able

Serving in Worship

Rev. Ben Moore
Elder: Susan Barton
Media: Cody Evans
Worship Leader: Kelly Evans
Deacons: Jesse and Maria Shepherd,
Dwayne Dickerson, Gary Davis
Music: Praise Team
Accompanist: Gina Rhea, Scott Thayer