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2020 Circle Family Times  
**Sunday:** 9:30AM Bible Classes for all ages  
10:30AM Worship  
**Wednesday:** Various Life Groups  
**Office Hours:** S: 2-5; M-R: 8-4; F: 8-12

Family Newsletter

Please Pray For Our Family

Please pray for God’s healing hand to be on those with cancer:  
Les Brooks (malignant leukemia); Gregg’s cousin Susan, serious cancer

Please continue to pray for:  
Keith Cornell, Phil & Linda Weimer, Paul & Donna Johnson, Jean Woods, Linda Holland, Charlotte Bibb, Les & Joyce Brooks, Glenn Hallas & his family, Gregg Strawn, Reneé Gunselman’s parents, Deanna Patton, Connor Murphy’s mom (Linda Murphy)

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Please pray for Frank as he has an injury to lower back. We pray God will heal him and get him back to functioning at full capacity.

Pray for Nora's niece, Chris Hallas, in need of a liver transplant, that the liver will arrive and be received well by her body.

Please continue praying for Debbie (knee), David (cancer), Mary (cancer), Janice (severe deteriorating health) These are all good friends of Casey.

Please pray for a speedy recovery for Misty, and that she and James will be back worshipping with us soon. Renee's mom is sick with a lot of congestion, we pray for a quick recovery and improved health.

Please pray for Ed and Renee's granddaughter, Harmony, who is very sick right now with a stomach bug.

Physical:

Please pray for Melanie and her situation (Melanie is Susan's friend).

Pray for Susan's stepmom, as she is missing Susan's father, and for Susan dealing with the loss of her husband John.

Please pray for the people in Ukraine, especially our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Pray for Bill and Gail McCaughan's grandson and his family as they move this week from AZ to CT. They will be driving 2 vehicles, and their 18-month old son is travelling too. Please pray for safe travels.

Spiritual:

Help us be your hands and feet around us, so we can set people free from what binds them and they can be free from oppression.

Military: John, Betty Carter’s grandson, Navy

Expecting Mothers: Maria Zhang

Praise:

Praise that Susan has lost weight, we are thankful her efforts are being rewarded. Casey praises God that Kalene was able to go home after 6 months of dealing with lower back pain. Please pray for God to continue her recovery, and let it be complete.

**Deacons:** Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen, Bob Parsons, Jose Reyes, Jake Shore

**Outreach Programs:** Bay Area Rescue Mission, Christian Relief Fund, Clothing Drive, East Asian Missions, Food Boxes, Mountain States Children’s Home, Orphan Sunday, Quilts for CASA, Special Situations, University Christian Center



“The Main Thing”

1. To **love the Lord** our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.
2. To **love our neighbors** as ourselves.
3. To **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Christ has commanded us.

Upcoming Events

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** From Creation to Chaos Bible Class  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ  
**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm:** Wednesday Evening Study: Walking With God in the Desert by Ray Vander Laan (in-person only; no livestream)

From The Desk of  
Jennifer House

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Did you know that Easter Sunday is the most attended day of the year for Christian churches worldwide? Many people (hopefully most,) are reverently looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, but I'm not sure that's the case with all people. As with most holidays, the event which we are supposed to be honoring often gets drowned out by all the hoopla -- brand new Easter outfits, egg hunts, and chocolate bunnies galore. None of those things are bad, but they can certainly serve to distract us from focusing on the incredible gift of Jesus's resurrection. Over the past few years, I've found it helpful to prepare my heart and mind ahead for Easter Sunday by focusing on the event which Jesus celebrated during His last supper: Passover.

If you're unfamiliar with it, Passover is a holiday that God instituted as a time for the Israelites to remember how they were saved from having to endure the death of their firstborn and set free from being slaves in the foreign land of Egypt. Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites travel into the desert to worship the Lord, so God sent ten plagues down on Egypt. The Israelites were spared from the first nine, but on the last one, the death of the firstborn, they were required to act in order to be spared. God told them to take a **perfect lamb**, kill it, and **cover** their doorpost with the blood of the lamb. Then, when the angel of death came, he would see the blood and would **pass over** that place, so no one in the home would have to die. The Israelites were also supposed to roast the lamb and eat it, and prepare bread that didn't have leaven (yeast,) because they were going to need to leave in a hurry. Later, while wandering in the desert, the Israelites celebrated the Feast of the Passover annually, and have done so ever since.

But, the Passover feast wasn't just a time of remembering, it was a time when God was pointing the way to the coming Messiah and our deliverance from sin and death. It was a "shadow" of things to come. Like the Israelites, we were all slaves to sin and we needed to be saved. Jesus, God's **perfect son** came down to earth, freely took our sin upon himself, and died on a cross as a sacrificial lamb. The blood that He shed on that cross **covers** our sins and marks us as a child of God, so that we won't have to die, (death will pass us over,) and will live eternally with Him.

Remembering Passover along with Jesus's resurrection can help to bring a deeper meaning to the Easter celebration. God had it planned all along! He heard our cries before we even made them, and His desire is for all of us to be saved and reconciled to Him.

*"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"*  
*Revelation 7:17*

Sunday Morning Attendance	58
Last Week's Contribution	\$5,424.76
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$5,545.67
Weekly Budget	\$5,284.00

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There are many benefits to mission trips, here are my top three: 1) Service: We get to serve great established works of God (Like Mountain States Children's Home). 2) Evangelism: The non-Christian students in our group get to hear the Gospel when we teach the children's classes. They are also introduced to daily devotionals and going to Church. 3) Fellowship: Our group always comes together and forms very close friendships. I got to see the fruit of this third point this week. Our students have started to initiate their own activities for the first time since Covid-19. They are playing badminton, working out together, and planning hikes without me. Every Tuesday after devo, they play badminton. They challenge other people in the gym and then invite them to UCC. I'm so happy to see these natural friendships form.

Sunday Servants Apr 17

Elder of the Month: Rolland House  
Deacon/Minister of the Month: Jake Shore  
Service Monitor: Maria Zhang

A/V: J House/F Cloutier; A Brooks/J Boss  
Song Leader: Casey Long  
Opening Prayer: Josh Stutzman  
Communion: Eric Bracht  
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: TBA  
Speaker: Gregg Strawn

Sunday Servants Apr 24

A/V: J Baxter/B McCaughan; A Brooks/J Boss  
Song Leader: Connor Harless  
Opening Prayer: Peter McPartlin  
Communion: Fred Womack  
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Josh Stutzman  
Speaker: Rolland House

Ladies Corner

Beginning Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting in the auditorium every other Sunday to study Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines" together, fellowship, and eat some snacks. This is a **free class** for **women of all ages**, but please **RSVP** to Maria as soon as possible so we can order enough workbooks.

Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

Circle Facilities Manager (Inside).....	Eric Bracht
UCC Facilities Manager.....	Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons
Campus Ministry.....	Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen
Education Ministry.....	(CR-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
High School.....	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
Adult.....	Rolland House
Coordinator.....	Jann Bracht
Media/Web Ministry.....	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan
Men of Iron.....	Rolland House
Clothing Drive Lead.....	Linda Chuinard
Food Boxes Lead.....	Charlene Franklund
Quilts for CASA.....	Cathy Brooks
Van Ministry.....	Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner
Widows Ministry.....	L Munson
Women's Ministry.....	T Brown, M Freeman,
R Gunselman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang	
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen