



Notes from the Road

You're going to have to trust.

Certainly, you may form your own impression. You may meet, grasp hands, look in the eye, have your gaze met. You may speak, and hear. I hope, if you have opportunity, that you will.

Still, you're going to have to trust. Trust the recommendation of your Board of Elders that you'll be asked to affirm. Trust the discernment of the Search Committee. Trust your own.

I'll say, I've never seen a Search Committee work so hard, with such care. From the generation of the congregational profile from your answers to the questions for discernment to the preparations for this coming week-end, they have pushed themselves to obtain the best possible outcomes for Abbey Road Christian Church. Which are, let me name them: faithfulness, vitality, fruitfulness, and blessed joy in ministry together.

Now it's your turn.

I'm praying for you in your discernment.

I'm proud of you.

What I'm listening to: a song in my head, Barefoot on Sunday's "Sola Cura," which they premiered at the Feed the Hungry Christmas Concert last Friday night. Steve/Doc Jordan says: if "Faith Only" was the most important Christian principle to Martin Luther, perhaps "Only Love" should be for the faithful today. We'll be blessed to hear it at Abbey Road this Sunday.

—Doug



Our church movie theater needs a couple things

Popcorn, we've got. Chairs, we have plenty of. Space has opened in the former Media Lab for it. Willing audiences, we've proved to ourselves we've got. But we sure could use a DVD player and a large screen TV. If you have either of those around and would gladly give it to the church, we'll gladly name the theater after you. Or not, if you'd rather the right hand didn't know what the left has done. Still, we'll give you free popcorn for life. —Oh, we give free popcorn to everyone? Ah, thanks nevertheless.



True Inclusion

The Green Room group is close to the end of reading and discussing *True Inclusion: Creating Communities of Radical Embrace* by Brandon Robertson. The book wraps up with some questions posed to some practitioners of inclusion. Next Sunday, December 9, we'll engage with their "hands on" answers in Chapter 7, "Inclusion in Context." All are welcome to join in at 10:45 am!

A **Wacky Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, December 9, at 5pm** at the church. Everything is furnished; just bring a hearty appetite and an open mind! The dinner is a fundraiser for Larry & Debbie Colvin, missionaries in Ghana.

Due to the nature of the dinner, we **MUST** have an accurate number of those who will attend. If you forgot to sign up on Sunday, PLEASE call the church office to let us know you'll be coming.



The Plowshares Sale is Saturday, December 8, from 8am-1pm.

Help is needed in the following areas:



- ✓ Unloading, unpacking, & setting up merchandise on Thursday, Dec. 6 & Friday, Dec. 7
- ✓ Working at the check-out tables during the sale
- ✓ Because there will be a reception for the Ministerial Candidate at 3pm on Saturday, there is a deadline to get things packed up & tables put away! Many hands make light (er) work!
- ✓ Taking unsold merchandise back to the store in St. Louis on Monday. Please let Melanie know if you will do this

NOTICE

Called Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 9, 2018
following the 9:30 am worship service

Abbey Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will have a called congregational meeting this coming Sunday to receive the nomination of the Search Committee of a candidate for Minister and to consider:

affirming the nomination of Debbie Balsano to the office of Finance Chair on the Board of Elders
affirming the recommendation by the Board of Elders of a candidate for Minister

The candidate will be with us this Saturday, December 8, during part of the Plowshares Sale and at a reception at 3 pm. He will be our guest preacher in worship on Sunday. If best-laid plans stay on course, his family will be with him. We hope all will have a chance to greet and meet him at these opportunities.

David Giles
Chair, Board of Elders



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Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.

Worship Notes December 2

Attendance: 60

Regular friends: 8

Offering: \$6615

Serving on Sunday, December 9

At the Table: Glenda Zink (c), Jim Main (o)
Distribution: Barbara & Dennis Underwood + ushers
Communion Prep: Melanie Sherinski
Scripture Reader: Martin Needels
Greeters: Barbara Farrar, Kilja Israel
Ushers: Randy & Judy McLain
Abbey Road Adventures: Peggy Bentlage
Worship Capt.: Felicia Fox
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

- ◇ **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.
- ◇ **Movie Night is Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30.** Featured film: **Hidden Figures**. Meet in the former Media Lab.

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 6

Pick up merchandise & set up for Plowshares sale

Friday, December 7

10:00am ARCL: Genealogy

Set up for Plowshares sale

Saturday, December 8

8:00am—1:00pm Plowshares sale

3:00pm Reception for Ministerial Candidate

Sunday, December 9 *2nd Sunday of Advent—Peace*

9:30am Worship followed by Congregational Meeting

9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6th grade

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

5:00pm Wacky Dinner Fundraiser

Tuesday, December 11

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

Wednesday, December 12

9:30am Bible Study

10:00am-1:00pm Staff Open House at ARCC

6:00pm New Life Singers practice

The Office Staff (Doug & Melanie)

Invite you all to a

Christmas Open House

On

Wednesday, December 12, 10am-1pm

In the narthex

The sanctuary will once again be decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. Poinsettias may be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please bring your plant (s) to the church December 12, 13, or 14. Please supply your information (who is placing the poinsettia and for whom it is placed) to the church office. If you wish to take your plant home with you after the Christmas Eve service, please remember to mark the plant with your name.

