Community Christian CHURCH

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

November 1, 2026 **10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price	Pastor
Mr. Veniamin Blokh	Church Musician
Mr. Ron Strong	Children's Choir Directors
Mr. Ryan Hubbell	Technical Support

All Saints and Memorial Sunday

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,

you are welcome here!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to you as we gather to celebrate God's life-giving presence. During communion, as we partake of the bread and cup, please know that ***all*** who desire Christ's boundless and embracing love are welcomed to participate.

Prayer is an important part of our life together as a community of faith. If you have a prayer concern or joy you would like raised later on in the service, text your request to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310.

GATHERING

Please take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's prelude.

Prelude — Venya Blokh

† Remembering our Ancestors – Responsive — Alice Walker/edits smp

One: To acknowledge our ancestors means we are aware that we did not make ourselves,

Many: That the line stretches all the way back, perhaps to God!

One: We remember them because it is an easy thing to forget; that we are not the first to suffer, to rebel, to fight, to love, and to die.

Many: The grace with which we embrace life, in spite of the pain and the sorrows, is always a measure of what has gone before.

One: We give thanks that you are a God who does not sever us from our ancestors but continually calls us towards remembrance. That you make space to name lineages throughout sacred texts is an invitation to honor story, as it stretches across time and space. Let us embrace a spirituality that names and honors those of the divine community who have been lost to death. Let us remember those who preserved our deepest joy. Remind us too of those who were excluded in life, that they will not be excluded in death. Our saints, who hover even now, are worthy of honor. **Amen**

† Song of Gathering ***For All the Saints vv 1,2,3*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 637

We sing this great old hymn just once a year and today is that day! Sing out loud as we recall the saints who have crossed our paths and shown us how to live in Christ.

For all the Saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. (Chorus)

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. (Chorus)

Sharing With Children

Memorial Remembrances and Gifts

All Saints Litany and Community Prayer

One: We know God through story. Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Jesus and a host of other lives from scripture have shaped our understanding of God.
Similarly, a colorful array of people have passed into and through our lives. Their lives have likewise shaped our understanding of God.
On this Sunday when we pause to remember those who have died, it is friends and family members who we have laughed with, learned from, and loved that we want to recall and lift in prayer. Please join me now in prayer:
For members of our church who have died that taught us, served alongside us, and shared a pew with us... we pause and recall their names: (aloud or in silence)

For family members who have died that nurtured us, guided us, even family members that failed us though they may have tried their best... we pause and recall their names: (aloud or in silence)

For friends who have died that shared adventures with us, that understood us better than others, and that held us close during difficult times... we pause and recall their names: (aloud or in silence)

(continued)

All: **God, we are grateful for all of these people and for our shared lives. We know and love You more today because of them. Amen**

Anthem *"Hymn of Promise"* Sleeth/Arr. Ferguson

Lyrics on pg. 8

Children are invited to age-appropriate Faith Formation activities following this portion of the service.

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 NT pg. 4

Lector: Connie Bottoni

Sermon Steven Price

Music for Reflection Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Your offering can happen in a variety of ways: the collection plate in the narthex, giving through your bank, using the tithely app, and giving on our cccopentoall.org webpage. We are grateful.

Offertory Prayer – Unison Thom Schuman

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment,
may we become imitators of you, Gracious God,
who holds nothing back from us,
but is generous and gracious with all that is yours.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

† Song of Praise ***Doxology*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, (God) all creatures here below;
Praise him (God) above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen
(or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Distribution

This table is open to all who are seekers of another way made known to us in Jesus.

*Please come down the center aisle **double file** to receive a piece of gluten-free bread*
from the pastor and a cup of grape juice from one of the elders,
returning to your seats by the outer aisle.
***NOTE:** Should you feel unable to come forward, then please ask a neighbor*
to bring you back a cup and cube of bread, both will be blessed,
as will your neighbor who is able to share this sacred meal with you.

Our Community at Prayer

Hear now our community prayers and those of the world…

After request…

Leader says: God in your goodness or grace or mercy,

People respond: Hear our Prayer.

Let us now say together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (or Creator) which art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn Hymn Tune: Chalice Hymnal, No. 499

For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love

Today we're using a familiar hymn tune, O Waly Waly to sing this new-to-us hymn!

For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kin-dom coming still,
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

† Benediction Chris Polhill edits/smp

Journeying with you, Creator God,
is to journey in your world, full of marvels and beauty.
Journeying with you, brother Jesus,
is to journey with your friends, knowing you are with us all.
Journeying with you, Holy Spirit,
is to journey with the wind,
and to sing your song so that others may hear. **Amen**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements) (See pages 6-8)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)* Venya Blokh

† All who are able, please stand.

News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded. To access the recording, visit our website: Cccopentoall.org. It will be posted early this week.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders ..... Connie Bottoni & Ron Strong
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe
ZOOM Room Elder ..... Pam Bakst

Deacons .....Shawna Lusk

Greeter .....Jane Greer

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Land Acknowledgment: Our physical space stands on unceded land originally stewarded by the Seneca people. Today let us acknowledge and honor the Seneca nation by walking paths that lead to equality for all and care for creation.

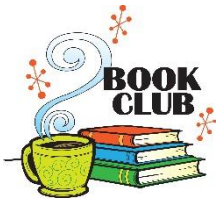
Coffee Fellowship is provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Enrich your life and strengthen our fellowship by introducing yourself to someone you don't know. Refreshments are needed on an on-going basis. **Please periodically bring a snack to share. Deliver it to the kitchen prior to worship.**

HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.
Join Pastor Steven via ZOOM for a time of sharing those things heavy on your heart as well as lifting up the ways God has already blessed your life or answered your prayers. A ZOOM invitation will be sent out Monday evening.

Cabin Party

MCC is hosting a Cabin Party for all at Maher Lodge in Churchville on Saturday, November 14th. The party starts at 3 PM with dinner at 5 PM. This is a dish to pass party and bring games to play. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for more details. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday, Nov. 1st and 8th. If you miss the sign up, please contact Jacquie at 585-415-1963. Ticket prices: $4 ($2 ages 2-10) Family Max: $12. Hope to see you there!

Book Club



The next Book club gathering is on **Monday (note - change of day of week!}, November 16 at 7 pm** at Kathy Schaefer's home (508 Panorama Trail). The book to be discussed is "James" by Percival Everett. It is the story of Huck Finn but told from the viewpoint of the enslaved man, Jim. Jim is presented as literate, analytical & very aware of the systems around him. By transforming the character, Jim is shown as a father, philosopher, strategist & showing the cost of living in a society shaped by racism & slavery. A new take on an old story!! Come and join us!!

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating This Week

Birthdays			Anniversaries
Nov	3	Laurie Tiberi	
Nov	4	Sarah Engel	
		Kayce Gehrke	
		Anna Greer	
		Fran Morse	
		Lucy Pratt	
Nov	5	Meaghan Brooks Malerk	
Nov	8	Jess Ayers	Bill Kelly & Brad Forth
		Carol Cross	
		Laurie Langdon	

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday. November 1st	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:30 PM	Nepal Church til 2:30pm (Sanctuary)
Monday, November 2nd	10:00 AM	Fiber Friends – Church office
	5:30 PM	Property Metting (ZOOM)
Tuesday, November 3rd	6:00 AM	Election (FH) til 9pm
	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Kirby Farms CSA Pick Up
	5:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance Meeting (ZOOM)
	10:00 PM	Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Wednesday, Nov 4th	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 7th	9:15 AM	SWEM Foodshelf
Sunday. November 8th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:00 PM	Board Meeting
	12:30 PM	Nepal Church til 2:30pm (Sanctuary)

READY TO SERVE: ***The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor***

Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

Ryan Hubbell, Office Administrator

Ryan can be reached at penzfann@aol.com or if you need immediate assistance, call him at 617-4009 and leave a message.

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Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; What it holds a mystery,
unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory,
unrevealed, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.