



The Vital Spark

A NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ DECEMBER, 2022

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER, REV. JACOB THORNE

Dear Community,

It is hard to believe that in just a few days we will celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I always enjoy when Christmas Day and Sunday worship coincide. Worshipping on Christmas Day is a way to rejoice and to share the good news of Christ's birth with one another.

This season of Advent has been truly spectacular. I am so grateful for our many outstanding musicians with such a wide array of talents. Listening to the congregational singing, the choir performances, and the Special Music by Voices 4 Hymn is so uplifting and soul stirring.

Looking back, 2022 has been a solid year of ministry and mission for our community. Our worship attendance is close to pre-Covid numbers. Our work with the Bremer Community Garden continues to flourish. Our relationship with UrbanReachSTL continues to grow. And our Stable Ministry continues to thrive, year after year, providing so many opportunities for faith, fellowship and festivities.

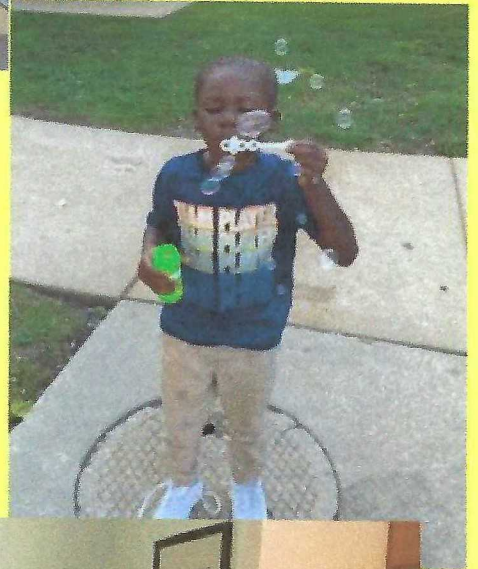
When talking with Tanya and Cheryl the other day, as part of our year-end personnel reviews, I shared with them how thankful I am that at Community, with all of our different ministries and missions, there is something for everyone.

Thank you to each of you for a wonderful year. I look forward to seeing what 2023 holds for Community Christian Church.

Blessings,

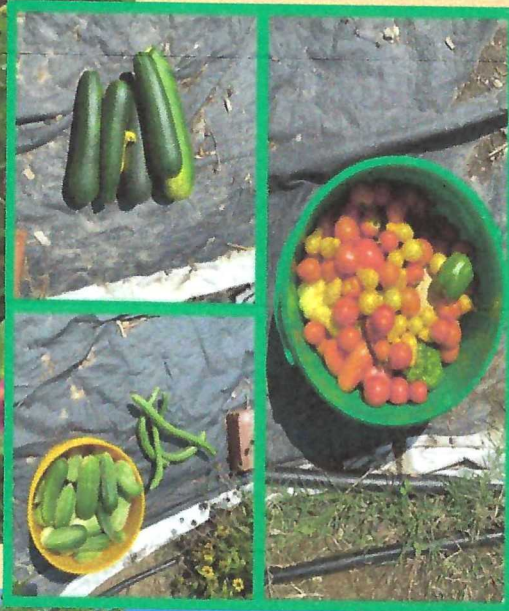
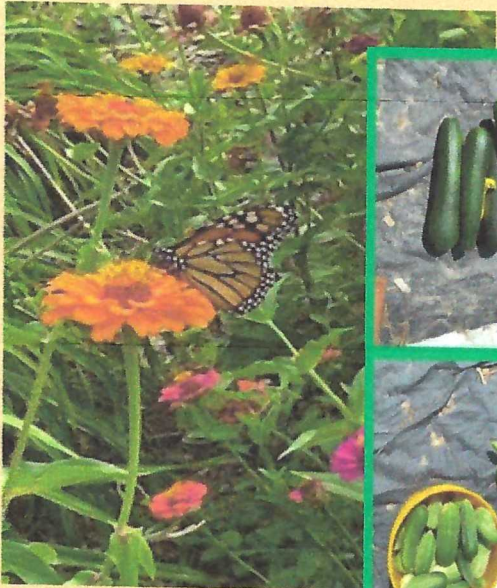
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UrbanReachSTL - A Year in Review





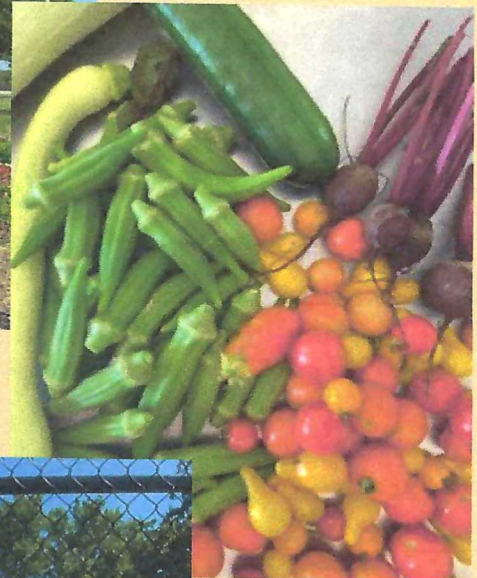
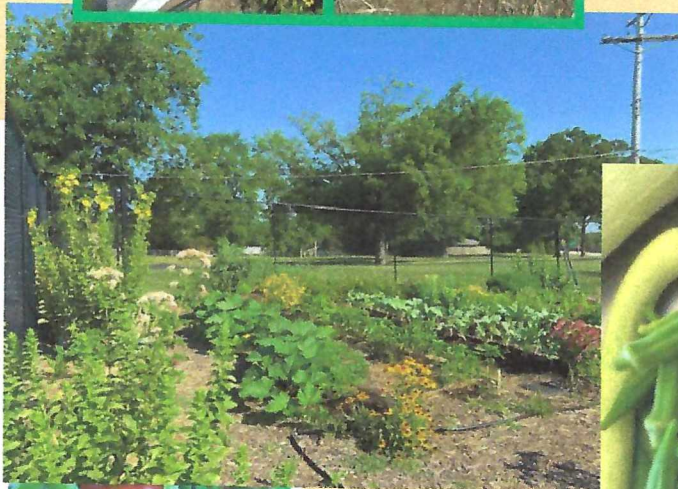
2022 Bremer Community Garden



It's been a remarkable year of gardening, with nearly 775 pounds of vegetables shared with members of the community.

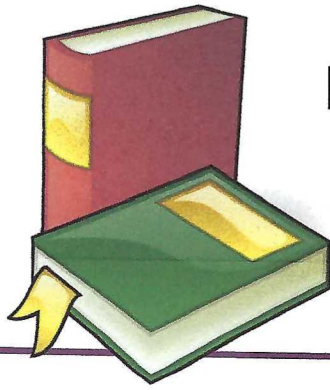
We appreciate the many volunteers who joined us this year to build new planting beds, plant, harvest, clean, package, and deliver the produce, install the irrigation system, manage the compost bins and more.

We look forward to having continued success in 2023.



If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

— Cicero



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The CCC Book Discussion Group will be meeting on January 16th at 1:30pm in the Narthex for a conversation about the book *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hanna. Please contact Brenda Richardson for additional information about the group.

Chili Cook Off

January 29 @ 5:30 pm in the Wunderlich

The elders are sponsoring the cook-off on January 29, 2023 @ 5:30 in the Wunderlich. We will also have a silent auction. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex if you would like to donate an item for auction or sign up to make your signature Chili. You can also sign up on the back of the Connections Card or contact the office. Individual tickets will be \$5 and family tickets will be \$10.

For those who do not care for chili, soup and hot dogs will also be available, though not in the competition.



Congregational Meeting

We will have the annual congregational meeting on January 8th following worship. We will also take down the Christmas decorations.

Christmas Eve

Christmas music at 4:30 pm

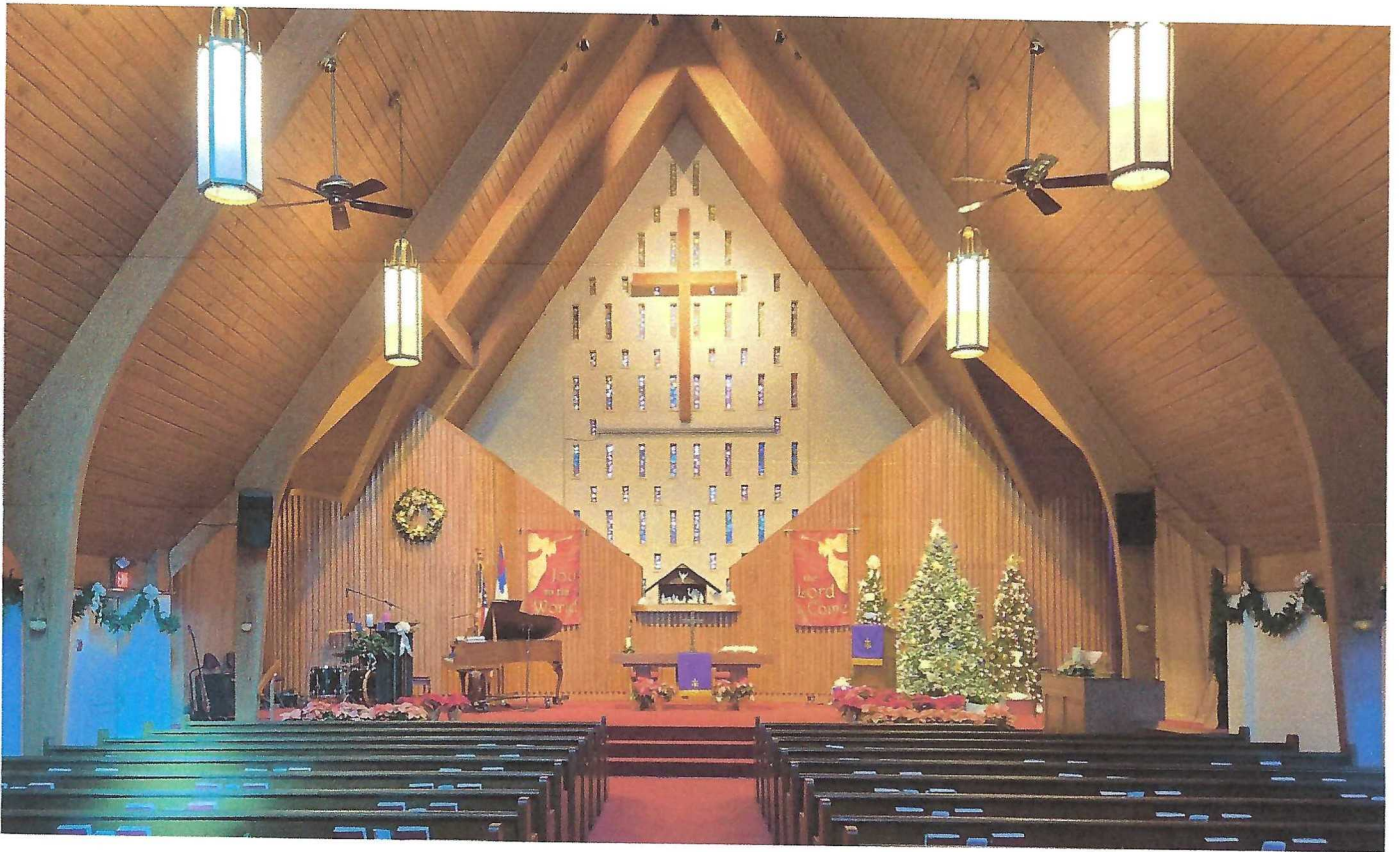
Worship at 5:00 pm

Christmas Day

Worship is at 10:00 am

Simple service with special music





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