

Community Church of Christ

Sloan, IA



It is October already!! As I sit here this morning, trying to compile the newsletter I am filled with—this is what we WOULD have been doing, no new news to share, and the feeling of WHAT can I share! I was sooo looking forward to this month. It marks our 50th wedding anniversary, 50 years of ministry as husband and wife, and all the wonderful things we had planned for our family and our church family! But....that three letter word that seems to follow us around. We cancelled our plans for the peace of mind of others, for health reasons of those dear to us, and because of the “right thing” to do pressure! Not a choice we wanted, no wisdom on our part, rather it’s what ministry means...Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last...THAT’S THE JOY! We are by no means the perfect couple or the selfless servants, we are human... we just love serving our Lord, loving our family, friends, and community, and of course loving each other. These are the thoughts flooding my mind, we are blessed, we are grateful, we look ahead for what He has in store for us, we will NOT give into discouragement rather we continue on loving, serving, sharing, and giving God ALL the glory for 50 years of JOY!

Our “INSIDE” WORSHIP continues...The church has been cleaned and disinfected weekly. The method used is the same used by area schools. We would encourage those who come to take whatever precautions they deem necessary during this time. If you are not able to come or do not feel comfortable coming, at this time, please remember our other methods for receiving God’s Message. We still have the FM broadcast available in the church parking lot and we will have our online streaming.



UNTIL...that’s the operative word; until things have calmed down we will not be having Sunday school, Wee Worship, Junior church, YOUTH, Kids Club, or pre-school. This is extremely difficult for all of us as leaders, as teachers, as believers. **HOWEVER**...that does not mean we won’t be praying, encouraging, and looking forward to the weeks ahead! Keep Christ first in your children’s lives and yours, seek His path, open His Word together, and thank Him together daily!!



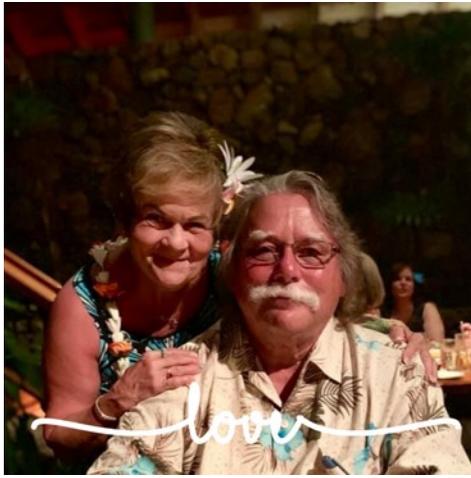
October 25th we will have the joy of dedicating Cory and Lindsey Hilt’s little one, William. We are excited to share in this time together!



We have received many notes of encouragement for the online services and for the enjoyment of being able to listen and worship together. The church has been blessed with gifts, as well, by these same people and the interest they have in ministry!

Hello Church Family! I have been getting asked about how to get the Apps for Apple and Android devices from a few people at church. I decided to make some quick tutorials for everyone since I am sometimes in a hurry and people may not get a chance to ask me something. I am putting a link to our web page and the videos are playable from there. There are currently 4 videos, one each for downloading the Apple and Android apps. There is a video on making an account and signing into it and one for accessing electronic giving through the App. I also want to add that if you are comfortable with electronics, but cannot find the app, search for CCC of Sloan and it should be there. If you have any problems please let me know. Zach

<https://www.cccofsloan.com/tutorial-videos>



Because of the current situation and for the health concerns of others, we have decided to cancel the in person 50th Anniversary party for our parents on Oct 11th in Sloan Iowa. We want to celebrate instead by showering them with cards. Please help us honor them and celebrate their love for God and each other!

Isaiah 55:8 says:

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. This is not the way we had hoped to celebrate, but God has another plan!

Cards can be sent to P.O. Box 23

Sloan, Ia 51055

Love,

Karalee, David, Kody, Jill, Kelly, Cristi, and grandchildren



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JEFF
AND
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**“If I’m not allowed to touch anything,
why am I here?”**

We have a group of dedicated ladies who collect pop cans for the Sloan Fire Department and we really appreciate their efforts. Here’s a pun they might like: My brother-in-law quit his job as a can crusher because it was soda pressing.

Notice how the trees do not cling to their leaves.

Fall is about releasing the old to make way for the new!



Brain teaser for October: A man left home running. He ran a ways and then turned left, ran the same distance and turned left again, ran the same distance and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?

*****September’s brain teaser answer:**

What word begins and ends with an E but only has one letter? AN ENVELOPE!



THE SEASONS OF LIFE There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn to not judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall. When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no – it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed, he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment. The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but one season in the tree’s life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are – and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when it’s winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall. Don’t judge a life by one difficult season. Don’t let



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Youth meets	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Youth meets	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Youth meets Council Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Youth meets	29	30	31

notes

Birthdays: Oct. 1— Hallie Jo Lee, Oct. 4—Kole Lyon, Oct. 6—Logan Bata, Octo.7—Arlene McFarland, Oct. 10—Trent Boyle, Oct. 11—Nicole Lee, Oct. 17—Sandy Thorpe, Jason Dewald, Oct. 18—Heather Stoullil, Oct. 20—Elizabeth Lux, Oct. 23—Kevin Hummel, Mack Kenney, Oct. 28—Dan Cloud, Oct.30 —Heath Hansen, Lexi Lander

