



Good Day to the Christ Community Wesleyan Family, Hope your week is moving along just fine. We have several quick things to share that will keep you as informed as well as possible.

1. First and foremost, Steve Warner, our pastoral candidate and his lovely family will be with us on Mother's Day weekend for an opportunity to meet you and all of us to meet them. The weekend schedule will be given in the Worship Folders, but plan **on coming to a Friday evening, May 10**, anytime between 6-8 PM to a reception for them and us. Meet the family at that event. Also, this Sunday, May 5, following the second service, we will be showing the entire interview that Steve and the Board had! There will be a couple of other focus group meetings with staff and so forth, which will be announced later. Then, members and attenders can get your appropriate ballot on Sunday, May 12, as you enter the lobby, and before you leave, mark your ballot and place it in the container provided. Quick, simple, but powerful. You will help determine the future of our church!

2. Second is the great news about Easter Sunday and the Bridge Walk. 417 of you Bridge Walkers said you were affirming your faith in Christ; 101 indicated some drifting, but time to get back to where you need to be; 13 are not yet believers, but will keep mind and heart open; 26 were honest to say that they were not sure about it all but willing to cooperate; and 46 said you were giving your faith and life to Christ! Wow! What a Day. What a Savior! What an honor to be a follower of Jesus! Some of you may need to affirm your walk with Christ by baptism. We will be scheduling another opportunity for that, soon.

3. Another piece of wrong information about the Alexander Levy. Not many of our congregation showed up to meet the 7 folks from the school district, but thanks to the dozen who did. The questions and answers were all well done. Attitudes were great and the whole mood was upbeat. HOWEVER, one of you indicated that you have been hearing that pensions, social security,

annuities and retirements were included in the levy tax.

Not accurate. Only earned income is in the 1%, which means the money for which you get a W-2. Pay for work done is what is taxed. This is one error that really needed correction.



4. Speaking of money, even though church attendance has been very solid, the finances have taken a 12-15% dip over the past seven months. That is exactly the time I have been here, so one could blame the Interim Pastor! However, the interim pastor and wife are tithing, so it is not all on me! Please do what you can to get us back to where we need to be. The budget was reduced and we are economizing every place we can. The money is among us. We just need to trust that we will all do our part. Thanks.

5. And, we have a policy change on your contributions. As of May 1, 2019, every contribution made during the year is recorded to the giver, unless it is unmarked cash. Either quarterly, or at least at the end of the year, you will receive a letter of thanks and record of your giving, regardless of the amount. Every one of you who helps this ministry will be recognized. And, if you wish to use that document for tax savings, that is your privilege.