

# Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018–  
SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

## JOY OF GIVING

When we give a portion of what God has entrusted to us, we are living by faith and acknowledging that he owns everything, and we experience a joy like no other. We invite everyone who calls College Church their home to generously give to the Lord's work through this church, both locally and around the world.

### Giving to College Church Ministries and Missions

Our Ministry Resource Plan (Budget) through April 29: \$ 7,475,771

Our total giving toward this Plan: \$ 7,046,872

Ahead (Behind) (\$428,899) 94.3%

### ADULTS

#### Monday, May 7

6:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting: Praying for God's Glory, Board Room, second floor of Commons building

#### Tuesday, May 8

7 p.m. Mental Health Grace Groups: Living Grace and Family Grace

#### Wednesday, May 9

7 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting, Narthex

#### Friday, May 11

12 p.m. Prayer for the Persecuted Church, C103

#### Saturday, May 12

7:30 a.m. Men's Gathering, Commons Hall

9 a.m. Cross Cultural Outreach Training, Commons Hall

#### Sunday, May 13

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Services with Dr. Philip Ryken, "Faith of Our Mothers," 1 Kings 17:7-16

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Adult Communities, Commons

6 p.m. Evening Service with Pastor Ben Panner, Mark 8:27-33, *Disciples of the Son of God*

### STARS

#### Thursday, May 10

6:30 p.m. STARS Dads, off-site

#### Sunday, May 13

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Classes 105, C001/3/5, C101/3

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Classes C001/3/5, C101/3

### STUDENTS

#### Wednesday, May 9

7 p.m. HYACKs Big Group, C002

7 p.m. KMs, CL02

#### Sunday, May 13

9:30 a.m. HYACKs, C002

9:30 a.m. KMs, CL02

6 p.m. KMs 8th Grade Dinner, Welsh Hall

### CHILDREN

#### Friday, May 11

6:30 Sixth graders meet the KMs pastor in Welsh Hall

#### Sunday, May 13

8 a.m. Nursery

9:30 a.m. Nursery, Preschool and Elementary Bible School

11 a.m. Nursery, Preschool Children's Church, WOW

6 p.m. Nursery, Rooms 13 & 15

6 p.m. Preschool, Rooms 20 & 21

#### WHAT'S THAT?

**KEENAGERS:** 55+

**KMs:** Junior High Ministry

**HYACKs:** High School Ministry

**STARS:** Disability Ministries

# Connections

## NEWS AND EVENTS FOR COLLEGE CHURCH

## May 6, 2018

### If You're New

After the worship service, make your way to the Welcome Center just outside the main Sanctuary doors to meet one of our friendly greeters, get connected with the life of College Church and pick up a special welcome gift. If you do not own a Bible, there is one there waiting for you. We want to give you the most important book ever.

If you have children, infant through sixth grade, stop by the Kids' Harbor Visitor Welcome Center (look for the blue and white awning) on the lower level of the Sanctuary building to meet staff, get information and register your children. Your young children will be well cared for as you worship.

## SUNDAY

This morning Senior Pastor Josh Moody continues our series *Life to the Full* with a sermon titled, "The Son of God" from John 10:22-42.

**The Lord's Table:** We will celebrate communion during the morning service. Gluten-free bread elements will now be available in a paper cup in the center of the tray. We will also continue to offer the gluten-free option at the Welcome Center as well. You'll also notice that we are changing from the matzo bread to unleavened bread squares (both wheat-based). Join us in praying that these changes will better proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Commons Café:** Sunday May 6, 13, 20: Support STAMP Alaska Food at Commons Café. This Sunday enjoy homemade treats and chat with a team member. The trip supports Joe and Holly Greeson and missionaries attending SEND North's annual missions conference in Anchorage.

**Children's Musical, "Elijah," this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary:** Enjoy a production based on the biblical account of the faithful prophet Elijah and his confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Come early to get a good seat and enjoy the children's choirs.

## THIS WEEK

**Special Workshop Open to the Public: How to Preach Song of Songs: On Thursday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m.,** Pastor Doug O'Donnell, senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Elgin, is offering an evening seminar for preachers and Bible teachers on "How to Preach Song of Songs." This event will be held in the Commons and is part of the Simeon Trust Workshop on Biblical Exposition which is on "Preaching Wisdom Literature." This Thursday evening seminar is open to the public. Also, registration is open for the Workshop on Biblical Exposition, May 9-11. Find out more and register here: <https://goo.gl/Nq2MBm>. Contact Carolyn Litfin at [clitfin@college-church.org](mailto:clitfin@college-church.org) with any questions about these events.

**Cross-Cultural Outreach Training, Saturday May 12, 9-11:30 a.m.,** in Commons Hall. This training is open to anyone wanting to effectively communicate their faith cross-culturally, to students and to refugees. Guest speakers include global worker Philip, president of the National School Project Mark Hopson and Keith Draper, church mobilizer with World Relief. To reserve your spot, contact [missions@college-church.org](mailto:missions@college-church.org) today.



Our final Men's Gathering of the semester will be this Saturday, May 12, 7:30-9 a.m., in Commons Hall. Pastor Josh Stringer will teach from Ecclesiastes 12 on the topic of "Finishing Well." This will be followed by a conversation with current College Church elder Al Duvel and Norm Kapp. Join us for breakfast, teaching and fellowship.

Connections is a weekly newsletter published for and about the people of College Church. Send news items and suggestions to: [connections@college-church.org](mailto:connections@college-church.org). Please send your announcements 10 days prior to the Sunday publication date.



**Our Pastors, Directors and Residents:** Eric Channing, pastor of congregational care and family ministries | Julie Clemens, director of disability ministries | Erik Dewar, pastor of worship and music | Zach Fallon, senior high pastor | Tim Hollinger, technology director | Diane Jordan, director of children's ministries | Curt Miller, missions pastor | Josh Moody, senior pastor | Ben Panner, college pastor | John Seward, implementation pastor | Nancy Singer, director of administration and finance | Josh Stringer, pastor of discipleship | Wil Triggs, director of communications

**Our Council of Elders:** Bruce Aulie | Mark Berg, chair | Mark Bradley, vice chair | David Dix | Al Duvel | Steve Ivester | Randy Jahns, secretary | Josh Moody, senior pastor | Roger Sandberg | Mark Taylor | Mark Trieglaff | Brian Wildman | Rob Wolgemuth

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# GOD AT WORK IN OUR WORLD

## Past, Present and Future

by Marnie Carlson

I knocked on the door of Bob's room at the assisted living home and entered when he called out, "Come on in." Abandoned by his parents, he heard the gospel at an orphanage and believed in Jesus.

A family friend, Bob was now a widower. Disease riddled his aged body. Yet his kind and gentle demeanor beautifully reflected the heart of his heavenly Father.

As we talked that morning I mentioned that Proverbs 3:5-6 are my life verses. When I started to say quote the passage, he smiled and joined me word-for-word. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Bob leaned forward in his recliner and said, "I would like you to tell me why those are your life verses." When he adjusted his pillow, and settled back in his chair, I could tell he wanted more than a short, three sentence reply.

Thankfully, I had been thinking about those verses for a while. I don't remember exactly what I said that day, but what follows is as close as I recall our conversation that day.

"Well, Bob, my walk with the Lord can be boiled down to two words: Trust him. He keeps teaching me this basic lesson over and over again each day through the circumstances in my life. God continually brings me to the crossroad where I must choose: Will I trust him for what I don't see? Will I trust him in spite of what I do see?"

"When I trust God I'm not leaning or depending on my own understanding, but on him. It's so easy to trust in what I understand or in what I think I understand about a situation. Ironically, the more I know God the more I realize how much I don't understand."

"Can you explain that?" asked Bob.

"What I mean is, I do understand who God is, and he will always be who He is—kind, gracious, merciful, and compassionate. But when it comes to why certain things happen in my life, in the lives of others, and in the world, I often don't understand. It doesn't make sense to me.

"Then I remember: Trust him. I need to place my trust in him—not in what I hope for or even pray for. My trust must be in God alone. He will never leave me or forsake me. He will never stop loving me. His faithfulness will never fail."

"This is so comforting to me," Bob replied. "Jesus is always with me..." Bob's voice trailed off and he shook his head in wonder. "He has carried me through many hard years."

"Yes, I know. When circumstances in your life have been difficult, you have trusted in the Lord." I looked at Bob's distended legs and swallowed hard. "Many times you and I may not understand the details of what is happening in our lives," I said. "But we know the big picture. God is using all things for the good of making us like Christ so he is glorified all the more in us (Rom. 8:28-29). And everything ultimately is about the glory of God in Christ. God is using our circumstances to accomplish his good purpose—although we may not see how.

"God doesn't tell us to solve the puzzle, but to trust him for the pieces we don't see. He doesn't call us to understand, but to trust him with all our heart in the not understanding."

Bob's face lit up. "What a way to live. God is amazing!"

"Yes, he is amazing. God is doing something far bigger than you and I can comprehend. His plan goes way beyond us—stretching back before time began and reaching forward to forever. God has chosen us—simple, earthen vessels—to display the greatness of his power and the surpassing glory of Christ in the ages to come. You and I are trophies of the incomparable riches of God's grace and kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 1:4-6; 2:6-7).

We both sat for a moment in quiet thankfulness and worshiped God.

"Please continue," said Bob.

"I can rest because I know God's eternal plan of glory is way too big for my little mind to fully grasp. But I believe it, I rejoice in it, and I know it's all true. When things don't make sense, I know in the mind of God it all makes perfect sense. I may not understand, but he does. So I must lean hard on him, on his infinite knowledge, and his perfect love."

Bob gave me a knowing nod.

"You and I may wish God would show us what our path looks like ten miles ahead. But he never does" I said. "If he did, we wouldn't trust him. We wouldn't need to.

"Because God loves us, he gives us his sufficient grace for this day... this hour...this moment. As we acknowledge him in all our ways—or as we seek to intimately know him—when the next moment comes, we trust his grace will again be sufficient."

"Those verses in Proverbs sound a lot like walking by faith and not by sight," Bob said.

"Exactly! God gives us just enough grace for the moment and tells us to trust him with all our heart and take a step—believing as we lean upon him, he will uphold us. So we take a step, and he does.

"God will never lead us in a crooked way. His paths are pure and righteous. And even if we feel like we're walking in circles, we trust God is sovereignly making our paths straight."

Bob looked as though he were scanning memories of God's love and faithfulness through the decades.

"I'm reminded of the song Jesus Loves Me," I said. "Do you remember it from your childhood?"

"I sure do."

"Let's say it together," I suggested.

Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Bob's eyes glistened. "You know, honey, I think that's what it all comes down to."

"Yes, Bob. I believe you are right."

I stayed a while longer, then prayed and patted his hand before I left.

Bob is now in the presence of the Lord who loves him. Jesus really

# CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

## Congratulations

Everett Luke was born to Jared and Elisa Brooks on April 24. Maternal grandparents are Tim and Beth Stough and maternal great-grandparents are Kenneth and Grace Bryer and Bill and Ruth Stough.

## Condolences

Kathy Balc and family grieving the loss of her brother Ken Nissen on April 28 in Appleton, Wisconsin.



Are you or a loved one involved in an event that might be of interest to our church community? Let us know so we can share it with the congregation. Email us at connections@college-church.org.

## Meet our Church Leaders

DAVE BERNTHAL



**Where you serve:** Culture Impact Committee

**Why you serve:** I wanted to learn more about engaging the culture with the gospel, and I wanted to help the church do that as well.

**Three words that best describe you:** (+1)like a freight train

**Your favorite hang-out space:** I love to hang out at home with my family.

LEA LAMB



**Where you serve:** Cherub Choir, KMs, Music Committee

**Why you serve:** I love kids and seeing them grow to use their gifts to serve the body of Christ.

**Three words that best describe you:** lover of Jesus, lover of music, lover of chocolate

**Your favorite hang-out space:** Wheaton Public Library, especially if it includes Café on the Park!

## Nomination Slate from the Nominating Committee

The slate of nominees for the new ministry year is listed below.

### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Jon Eckert  
Dan Lindquist  
Phil Nussbaum  
Tad Williams

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Joe Becker  
Jay Cunningham  
Andrew Nelson  
Dave Sohmer

### BOARD OF DEACONESSES

Karen Bagge  
Vicky Bailey  
Becky Garrett  
Betsy Love  
Sarah Tews  
Heidi Johanik (Unexpired term '20)

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kolby Atchison  
Faith Bair

### Kristin Berenschot

Jeff Oslund (Unexpired term '20)

### BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mark Bodett  
Howard Kern  
Penny Thrasher  
Shelly Wildman

### BOARD OF MISSIONS TREASURER

Nate Peterson

### CULTURE IMPACT COMMITTEE

Bob Barger  
Kat Haase  
Dan McBride (Unexpired term '19)

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Richard Howard  
Budi Tjahjadi  
Chad Thorson (Unexpired term '19)

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Lauren Graham  
Michelle Kelley  
Lindsay McCracken  
Austin Norton  
Lydia Newby  
Katie Nussbaum

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Karyn Hecht  
Dan Sommerville

### PRE SCHOOL BIBLE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Christina Samuell

### PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUPERINTENDENT

Lisa McKenna (Unexpired term '19)

### ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUPERINTENDENT

Julie Sohmer

### DISABILITIES SUPERINTENDENT

Dorothy Nicholson

### MIDWEEK EVENING GIRLS SUPERINTENDENT

Judy Ford

### MIDWEEK MORNING SUPERINTENDENT

Kate Roe

### LIBRARIAN

Lisa Kern

### ASSISTANT HEAD USHER

Michael Bare

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Eric Enstrom

### RECORDING SECRETARY

Lorraine Triggs

The Nominating Committee invites regular members of College Church, to submit nominations for next year's Nominating Committee. Today is the deadline. You must receive the consent of the nominee before submitting a name and those nominated must be Regular Members as defined by the Bylaws. Submit your nominations by email to nominations@college-church.org.

**30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World:** Take a free prayer booklet to help guide your prayers for Muslims during their holiday of Ramadan (May 15–June 14). This year marks the 25th year of Christians around the world praying for Muslims to come to faith in Jesus. Take one for your family, friends and small group to use together to intercede on behalf of the 1.8 billion Muslims around the world. Booklets are on the Missions Table, as well as at the kiosks and information tables around the church.

**Sunday Morning Guest Preacher**—Dr. Philip Ryken, president of Wheaton College, will preach on May 13 and 27 at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

**Infant dedication** will be observed on May 13; **infant baptism** will be observed on June 17—both in the morning services. There will be a **confirmation service** on Sunday evening, June 17, for those baptized as infants. The next opportunity for **believers baptism** will be Sunday evening, June 24. If you would like more information, contact Christy at [cchiodras@college-church.org](mailto:cchiodras@college-church.org), or call her at ext. 175.

**The Read-to-Shop Summer Reading Program will be open for business on June 17.** Time to start gathering for the prize store so our children can shop with their Book Bucks! We already have fidget spinners, paper parasols, beach balls that look like lady bugs, finger traps and other trinkets. But we can always use more, especially for boys. Things that roll, spin, fly or make noise or any books about those things are pretty popular. Or any pool toys like noodles or floats. We do buy prizes but most of the store is stocked with your donations. We accept new or gently used toys. Dollar Tree and the One Spot at Target are good places to pick up great prizes. Call Lisa at ext. 138 with questions.

**Get to know new people: Help us at the College Church display at Taste of Wheaton** in Memorial Park. If you would like to meet people from the community and be a friendly face of College Church, sign up to help at <https://goo.gl/jtM1PK>.



**A New Pictorial Directory is coming.** Schedule your session now for best pick of times. Photo sessions at the Church will take place May 7–May 26 and June 18–19 from 2–9 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturdays. You can sign up Sunday mornings at the displays by the Book Stall in the Narthex or the Commons Café. Or go online at [goo.gl/ycYuWG](http://goo.gl/ycYuWG) to make your appointment.

**Be a Pictorial Directory Greeter. Welcome people as they come to get their photos taken. This is a good way to meet College Church people.** Sign up at <https://goo.gl/Z89RdY> or email Wil at [wtriggs@college-church.org](mailto:wtriggs@college-church.org).

## PRAYER

**Monday Morning Prayer Meeting meets 6:15–7:15 a.m. in the Board Room** (second floor of Commons). The group is open to everyone.

**Midweek Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. **Rob Nordstrom** will share about his ministry with international students.

**Don't miss hearing Kayla Costley and her ministry with LeaderTreks on Tuesday, May 8, at 9:15 a.m.** at the home of Joyce Patterson, 925 Wheaton Oaks Drive. Lydia Prayer Fellowship is for all women of the church.

**Hannah Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Dorothy Wick, 1042 S. Lewis Ave., Lombard. **Roslyn Albright** will be sharing. Her husband, Dick, is with Training Leaders International, training leaders overseas in expository preaching. You are welcome to join us.

**Abigail Prayer Fellowship will meet on Thursday, May 10, at 1 p.m.** at the home of Laurel Kietzman, 519 West Prairie Ave., Wheaton, (331) 645-6569. Our guest will be **Adugna Tahear**. Join us in learning about the ministry she has been given both locally and around the world. Visitors are always welcome.

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church.** Every Friday, 12–1 p.m., we meet in C103. Join us as we lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

**Hospitalized or recently ill:** Lynn Kubat, Gundy Sprouse, Chris Steenwyk

**Ongoing health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Evan Barrie, Josiah Barrie, Kaylie Bohl, Carol Eickhoff, Ellie Eklund, Jennifer Felske, Micah Foody, Diana Fries, Jona Fuller, Lyn Futrell, Sandy Jolly, Lucy Larakers, Viv Odell, Viv Pehrson, Megan-Shalom Sadiq, Jim Siple, Lillian Smith, Ed VanDerMolen, Jim Vanne

**Home-bound and care centers:** Don Ahrenholz, Joyce Anderson, Bob & Peg Carlson, Carol Childs, Doug Clark, Pat Duhey, Lois Erickson, Arlene Hare, Juanita Huff, Miriam Kautz, Julia King, Margaret Lyda, Martha Reapsome, Lorna Schultz, John Warner, Irene Watt, Priscilla Weese, Shirley Whitecotton, Merna Yehling, Shirley Zalar



## Needs Crying Out With a Loud Voice

*Marnie acted on her care for Bob, and that led to a gospel conversation with him. It's often a practical act of help that reminds a hurting, needy person that God is not absent and his people care.*

*Virginia Hughes, outgoing chair of the board of deaconesses, has some thoughts on needs and help and the body of Christ.*

### Needs crying out with a loud voice:

I am sore from surgery and exhausted from radiation treatments. Broken in spirit, faith-parched from struggle.

I am heavy laden walking through a desert of loss full of grief, empty of feeling.

I am new in town, new to this church, knowing no one just as a health emergency occurs.

I am a couple with an infant going through surgery.

I am a young expectant mother stuck on bedrest with a houseful of children to nurture.

I sit in a dark room sensitive to light and noise as my head heals from a dizzying concussion. I have a young family relying on my care. Will you help raise me up?

My bones are broken from a fall and I cannot move my arms to cook.

I wait, feeling as rancid as the dishcloth sitting too long in the kitchen sink. I hear I am loved with an everlasting love. It feels true when the doorbell rings and a smiling person brings a meal. I am so grateful as this soothing balm brings relief.

I want nothing more than to sit in a church service and fellowship with other believers, but I cannot drive to get here because I have a condition from which I cannot heal called, "Growing Older." I don't want to ask for help. I don't want to be a burden, but I no longer have a driver's license. Will you please give me a ride to church? Will you take me to a doctor's appointment?

My spouse is gone and I need help around the house. I am part of Christ's body, yet I operate as one alone; feeling fearful and abandoned in a sea of loneliness. I don't want to be a bother.

Never mind trying to help me. My need is too great for you. Maybe so, but we can still bring a meal.

### Who and Where are the Helping Hands?

Where exactly are the helping hands? Make your hands into fists and bring them up to your nose. Open your hands. Helping hands are the ones right here at the ends of all our arms. They don't belong to a few, but to many. Helping Hands is also a committee of that board assigned to catch all the church's needs in a large net for organizing. But it's more than that. It's not just for that willing group who answers the emails or volunteers to drive, not to just he who has the gift of helps, not only to that excellent cook with the trendy recipes, but to all of us. To you and to me. Why?

Jesus said to care for each other. So, it's for love and obedience. It's our job and our privilege. This is how we know what love is. This is how we care for the body of Christ and love one another as he first loved us.

What I hold onto spends my time and grabs my mind. My mind has a direct path straight to my soul. My soul longs. It needs filling and growing and will feast on whatever I feed it. To what do I hold onto? A busy schedule, doing things for my own family, the inner workings of my preoccupied thoughts. My full life at times nurtures selfishness. When I choose to take a meal, give a ride, run an errand for a need, these selfless acts of blessing honor Jesus and strengthen the body of Christ. In our lives Jesus is glorified.

Helping Hands isn't fancy. It may look like sharing whatever you're having. Maybe it's spaghetti night, or you throw some extra burgers or chicken on the grill. Wrap up that daily bread he gives us this day, soft as a cloud ready to melt real butter, that you make at home or grab from the store.

Food, a little time, a ride, some relief around the house. It simply looks like love to me. Don't miss out on the joy of volunteering for Helping Hands. Practice and know how beautiful is the body of Christ.

May 20

# Annual Meeting

What better way to get inspired for the Annual Meeting than a tailgate party. Come early and tailgate with us in the parking lot. Bring your own meat to grill. Then, starting at 5 p.m. we'll head into the Sanctuary and celebrate God's goodness as we look back at what God has done and consider the new ministry year.

Then, we'll get down to business and cover the following areas:

Receiving the Annual Report

VOTE TO ELECT new members for our boards, committees and other ministry leaders, selection of members for the new Nominating Committee

VOTE TO APPROVE minutes to last year's Annual Meeting and congregational meeting during the year

VOTE TO APPROVE our new budget

VOTE TO APPROVE Dan Hiben as the Junior High Pastor.

VOTE TO APPROVE the Director of Women's Ministries job description and approve Mindy Rynbrandt as the full-time Director of Women's Ministries.

Check page five for the legal details—all the interesting stuff the Bylaws make us be sure to include.

**Informational meetings** will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 8-9 p.m., in the Narthex, and on Saturday, May 19, 8-9 a.m., in the Narthex. Please plan to attend one of the informational meetings so there is ample time to get your questions answered. Dan Hiben will be at the Wednesday evening meeting. Mindy Rynbrandt will be at both meetings.

This year's agenda will include:

- Receiving the 2018 Annual Report, including reports from ministry leaders, board and committees (copies of the Annual Report will be available on May 13 at the Information Tables and kiosks).

- Electing board, committee and other positions (information packets on individuals are available at the Information Tables and kiosks and the slate also appears on page seven of this issue).

- Electing members of the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee (information packets on all candidates will be available on May 13 at the Information Tables and kiosks). We will also be voting on the following motions submitted by the Council of Elders:

**Resolved that the Council of Elders recommends to the Regular Members of College Church:**

a. Approve the minutes to the 5-15-2017 Annual Meeting and the specially called 12-10-17 Congregational Meeting

b. Approve the 2018-2019 Church Budget, auditors and bank line of credit as published in the 2018 Annual Report

c. Approve the Director of Women's Ministries job description and approve Mindy Rynbrandt as the Director of Women's Ministries.

d. Approve Dan Hiben as the Junior High Pastor.

**A resolution to approve the director of Women's Ministries job description and Mindy Rynbrandt as Director of Women's Ministries**

Whereas the Senior Pastor has recommended Mindy Rynbrandt to the Council as his choice to serve as the Director of Women's Ministry;

Whereas Mindy Rynbrandt has subscribed without reservation to the Articles of Faith, the Standards of the Christian Life and the Membership Covenant of the Church;

Whereas the Council has approved the selection of Mindy Rynbrandt as the Director of Women's Ministry;

Whereas the title of this position shall be Director of Women's Ministries;

Whereas the duties and responsibilities of the position of Director of Women's Ministries are to:

- Lead all the women's ministries of College Church, including in building their leadership teams.

This would include meeting one on one with the leaders and participating and contributing to the planning meetings and events;

- Along with pastoral and lay leader input, develop and maintain a comprehensive purpose statement/philosophy of ministry to women and describe how each individual ministry contributes to the whole;

- Assist in establishing an organizational structure from which the various women's ministries thrive;

- Lay the groundwork for future years and leaders by formalizing existing leadership positions by writing and maintaining job descriptions for each position;

- Pray for, appreciate and shepherd the leaders of the various ministries (informal meetings, coffee, notes of encouragement);

- Meet, listen and pray with women, referring those with heavy and/or ongoing counseling needs to appropriate providers or trained counselors;

- Engage in ongoing recruitment by prayerfully seeking gifted potential leaders and Bible teachers;

- Strategize and implement with pastoral leadership lay equipping initiatives;

- Actively teach the Word of God to women in appropriate settings;

- Explore and model a healthy complementarian stance;

- Maintain visibility and approachability in the church;

- Lead in the selection and/or development of curriculum and teaching materials for Women's Bible Study and other ministries as appropriate;

- Attend appropriate staff meetings;

- Oversee the development of new initiatives; and

- Perform other duties as directed.

Whereas this position requires more than 20 work hours per week and the position is expected to last for more than one year;

Whereas notice of the Annual Meeting considering the approval of the job description of Director of Women's Ministries and Mindy Rynbrandt as Director of Women's Ministries was in writing;

Whereas initial notice of the Annual Meeting considering the approval of the job description of Director of Women's Ministries and Mindy Rynbrandt as Director of Women's Ministries was given

not less than three weeks prior to the meeting;

Whereas notice of the Annual Meeting considering the approval of the job description of Director of Women's Ministries and Mindy Rynbrandt as Director of Women's Ministries will be announced on the Sunday morning preceding the meeting;

Whereas the text of the resolution upon which the vote is to be taken has been included in the notice of the meeting; and

Whereas all requirements of the Bylaws of College Church in Wheaton for approving the job description of Director of Women's Ministries and Mindy Rynbrandt as Director of Women's Ministries have been met; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Regular Members of College Church hereby approve the job description of Director of Women's Ministries and Mindy Rynbrandt as Director of Women's Ministries, effective immediately.

**A resolution to approve Dan Hiben as junior high pastor**  
Whereas the Senior Pastor has recommended Dan Hiben to the Council as his choice to serve as the Junior High Pastor;

Whereas Dan Hiben has subscribed without reservation to the Articles of Faith, the Standards of the Christian Life and the Membership Covenant of the Church;

Whereas the Council has approved the selection of Dan Hiben as the Junior High Pastor;

Whereas the title of this position shall be Junior High Pastor;

Whereas the duties and responsibilities of the position of Junior High Pastor are to:

- Develop and oversee the junior high school ministries at College Church;

- Teach the Word of God;

- Train/equip students to know the Word, to serve others and to share the gospel;

- Train/equip adult leaders to effectively shepherd students;

- Foster Christian community in our junior high school ministry;

- Coordinate a Word-centered junior high school program which includes Sunday and mid-week gatherings, retreats and service projects

- Share in the implementation of the four College Church

core values and five ministry commitments;

- Share in the pastoral care of the congregation including preaching, teaching, officiating at weddings and funerals, visitation and counseling with special emphasis on those families with junior high students;

- Perform other duties as directed.

Whereas this position requires more than 20 work hours per week and the position is expected to last for more than one year;

Whereas notice of the Annual Meeting considering the approval of Dan Hiben as Junior High Pastor was in writing;

Whereas initial notice of the Annual Meeting considering the approval of Dan Hiben as Junior High Pastor was given not less than three weeks prior to the meeting;

Whereas notice of the Annual Meeting considering the approval of Dan Hiben as Junior High Pastor will be announced on the Sunday morning preceding the meeting;

Whereas the text of the resolution upon which the vote is to be taken has been included in the notice of the meeting; and

Whereas all requirements of the Bylaws of College Church in Wheaton for approving Dan Hiben as Junior High Pastor have been met; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Regular Members of College Church hereby approve Dan Hiben as Junior High Pastor, effective immediately.

**NOTE: Regular Members as defined by the Bylaws are encouraged to attend College Church's Annual Meeting, and regular attendees are warmly invited to be present. We encourage you to bring your children to the meeting as there will be no nursery or children's programs in order that those who serve in children's ministries may attend the meeting.**

*Absentee ballots will be available at the Narthex Information Table beginning May 13, but these do not count toward the 20% quorum needed for the meeting.*