



**Brandon Christian  
Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

# Flock Talk

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*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

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## Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist:** Brian Sears  
**Psalm:** Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45c  
**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28

**Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case**  
**Today's Worship Leader: Karlita Konnerth**  
**Stewardship Presentation: Don Sherman**

## Serving in Today's Worship

**Elders:** Don Sherman, Jo Henkel  
**Music Director:** Rick Barclay  
**Audio/Video:** Art Konnerth, Tom Smiley  
**Worship & Wonder:** Linda S, Betty P

## Sunday Funnies:

To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring light-hearted church humor. Hopefully we can bring you a chuckle.



**In essentials, unity.  
In non-essentials, liberty.  
In all things, love!**

## Praise Reports

Praises to the new Sunday School leaders who have lead us through one great lesson and into another!

Praise be to God for the blessings he offers us each daily. Let's not forget to recognize those blessings and give thanks!

God is Great, All the Time!!



We have officially closed out the Equal Exchange Cart with money left to re-stock once we are able to have fellowship again, as well as a healthy little profit for the church.

We still have a bunch of percolator coffee, 2 Breakfast Blend, Dark Chocolate Bars, and a bunch of hot cocoa and baking cocoa that are available for free! If you are interested in any of these items please let Jamie know ASAP. Anything left at the end of August will be donated to E.C.H.O.

CAVOSSA, Brian (Butterweck)++  
SCRIMA, Jon (Butterweck)++  
ATKINS, Lorie (Ashley Gerace)  
ATKINS, Tim (Ashley Gerace)  
BARCLAY, Family  
BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)  
BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)  
BENNICK, Patty and her 3 daughters (Diane)  
BUNCH, Keith (Ashley Gerace)  
BUTTERWECK, Chris  
CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers  
CABRERA, Paquita  
CASE, Sharon (Rev. Day)++  
CHRISTIAN, Pastor Tina  
COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)  
DENTON, Bill  
DIGREGORIO, Robyn  
DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)  
ECKDAHL, Kathy  
FAILES FAMILY  
FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)

GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)  
GOEHRIG, Pastor Betsy and Family  
GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)  
GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan  
HALL, Lori (Jean U.)  
HAYES, April (Ashley Gerace)  
HAYES, Gary (Ashley Gerace)  
HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)  
JANELLE, Laurie (Deb B.)  
LINDQUIST, Brian (Ashley Gerace)  
MASON, Evelyn  
McKINLEY, Sarah Lynn (Denton)  
MCMILLON, Florence (Andrea's Mother)  
MCMILLON, Andrea  
MICHAEL, (Jo H.)  
MILLER, Brooke (Blinder)  
MOJICA, Nelda (Betty C.'s Mom)  
MOJICA, Ruthie (Betty C.'s Sister)  
PAULSON, Diane  
PETERSON, John (JP)  
RIENSCHKE, Nancy

RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)  
SKASKO, Family  
SINGLETON, Carol  
SMITH, Dee (Sherman)  
SMITH, Tim  
STEIER, Family and Friends of Brittany Nicole  
STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)  
UPTON, Dallas (Jean)  
VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)  
WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)  
WATSON, Sandy  
WATSON, Tom  
WHITFIELD, Bob  
WILKINSON, Rick (Deb B.)

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Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.

During this time of unprecedented civil unrest across the nation, please pray for peace, understanding, and unity in America and around the world.

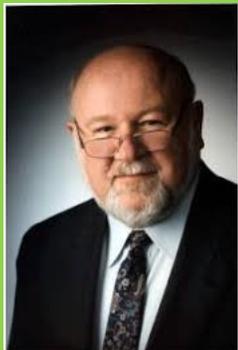
# One Shepherd's Thoughts...



In the Harry Potter Universe, it's easy to identify the bad people. Death Eaters (dark wizards or witches who follow Lord Voldemort) have a brand on the left wrist that consists of a snake slithering out of a skull. This dark mark clearly shows their allegiance. If there is any question when one Death Eater meets another for the first time, they simply show their mark to confirm their connection to the Dark Lord.

Television and movies have a long history of marking certain people so you can easily connect them to the group to which they belong. You knew who was who in old westerns: black cowboy hats were worn by the bad guys, white ones by the good guys. Witches had crooked noses with moles on them plus tall pointy hats. Police had Irish accents. Those types of visual marks were meant to help viewers immediately know where someone stands in relationship to others.

Marking people as a means of identification has spilled over into the church. We get into the weeds trying to define what a true Christian looks or acts like. You should wear a cross, carry a cross, or have one hanging in your home. It's okay for women to be pastors—or it's not okay for women to be pastors. Persons should be baptized as infants, or not baptized as infants. Certain people are welcome in the church, or certain people should not be welcomed in the church. This translation of the Bible should be used, or a different translation (or not a translation at all, but a paraphrase).



In the late 1960's, Father Peter Scholtes was serving a Roman Catholic parish on the south side of Chicago, including as director of a youth choir. Father Scholtes wanted a song that the youth could sing at a series of ecumenical, interracial events that addressed the tensions faced at the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

When he couldn't find one, he wrote one—in a day!—that captured what Jesus said is the mark of one who truly follow him. See if you can read this without singing in your mind: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; They will know we are Christians by our love  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride  
Refrain  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
refrain

Loved Ones God has poured into us an abundance of divine love. We are good stewards of that love not by hoarding it but by letting it flow out of us. That means that as good stewards and true Christians, we show our mark by our love shared with others.

That love may be shared by giving to the church or those in need. It may be shared by serving communion in worship or serving a meal at Family Promise. It may be shared by doing work to repair a problem in the church building or work to repair the wrongs in our society. However we might share our love, the important thing is that we proudly show our mark to the world.

God IS with us,  
Rev Day

