

# SEPTEMBER 2020



*"CoYo Jr. High enjoyed the movie "Penguins" in August*

## ORGAN PIPE DREAMS COME TRUE!

The dream becomes a reality. After many months and longer, Countryside Church is at last enriched by an exquisite pipe organ built especially for our sanctuary. As the first new organ in Omaha in 17 years (St. Cecilia replaced community in 2003) we are eager to share the joy of organ music with our church family, our Tri-Faith partners and the wider community.

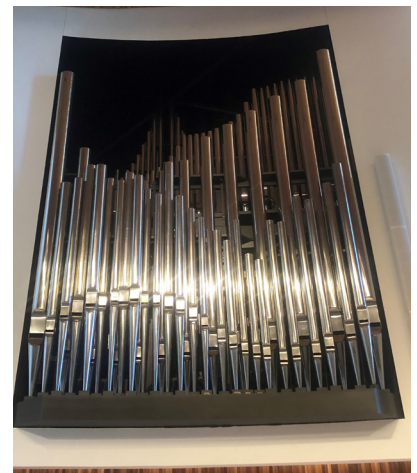
The incredible generosity of donors Roy and Gloria Dinsdale attests to their love of music and a desire for an instrument that complements the beauty and significance of our church. The dream began with the Dinsdales and soon inspired our leadership, professional and volunteer, to move the vision to fruition. A core committee undertook the challenge of finding the perfect craftsmen to build and install a world-class pipe organ on the Tri-Faith Commons that will represent the history of an instrument that has been historically seated in Christian churches, great and small, through the ages. It is a unique offering that we can share with all who appreciate the versatility of the organ and the rich storehouse of pipe organ music.

The John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders of Champaign, Illinois, caught the dream and excitement our team radiated and the project took flight. A pipe organ is the most complicated and challenging instrument to build. Work commenced in the Buzard workshop and moved to the church for the intricate work of assembling it. Each of the thousands of pipes and parts are crafted to achieve one goal...to enable each pipe to achieve its maximum

musical potential or to "sing its sweetest sound."

Now that the facade is in place and construction is complete, the all-important task of voicing each individual pipe to "sing its sweetest sound" in cohesive harmony will take place over the next few weeks. We anticipate the moment when we can sit in our sanctuary with our fellow members and others and thrill to the first notes! Whether accompanying the choirs or congregation, as part of an ensemble or as a soloist, our organ will truly "sing" in its new home!

Stay tuned to the newsletter and C-10 for more information about the pipe organ and ways in which you will be able to hear it in the near future!



## REV. DR. ERIC ELNES TO STEP AWAY FROM COUNTRYSIDE FOR A CALL IN PORTLAND, OREGON

On September 2, Countryside announced the resignation of our senior minister, Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes. In the letter sent out to our congregation the Moderators acknowledged, "Eric's painful, but prayerful, decision that now is the right time to step away and follow his next calling to Portland, Oregon." His last day at Countryside will be November 30, 2020. The Council will vote on a motion to establish a Transition Leadership Committee consisting of the following members: Tracey Halvorson, Aubrey Fitzke, Diane Poots, and Stacey Warner. Dan Loven-Crum will be a non-voting member of this team. This team is not a settled pastor search committee but rather a team to determine:

- Countryside's immediate and long-term needs as we prepare to call our next senior minister.
- The best fit forward for Countryside in this transitional interim time.
- How best to work within Countryside bylaws to establish a search committee.

A webpage has been created where members can see everything that is happening, including Eric's resignation letter, video and the Moderator's next step letter. It is at [countrysideucc.org/future](http://countrysideucc.org/future).

We wish Eric and Melanie all of our love and blessings as they journey to their new home in Oregon.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP



## COVID-19 CASES REMAIN IN HIGH RISK, WORSHIP REMAINS ONLINE

COVID-19 cases have been steadily increasing throughout the month of August, keeping Countryside squarely in the RED phase of the Countryside Worship Guidelines reopening set forth by the Countryside Re-Start Task Force and the Church Council. The church does not move to the next phase (ORANGE) until new cases are below 200 for two consecutive weeks. As of the printing of this newsletter, cases were 659 August 22 and 776 for the week of August 29. For a detailed explanation of our four-phase approach you can check the website at [countrysideucc.com/covid19](http://countrysideucc.com/covid19).

## JESUS'S EIGHT BLESSINGS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

**New worship series:** If you are a film buff you are totally going to love this new series. What makes for a great film anyway? It's probably easier for us to agree what makes for a bad one. Most films that score under 20 points on the rotten tomatoes scale have one thing in common, predictability. A truly great film is full of characters that are faced with significant challenge and their ability to overcome those challenges is far from certain. These are the films that keep us on the edge of our seat. Or at least engaged. We care about what happens.

Well, Jesus knew this too. Not about film making but about living a fully engaged life. That's why our series, called Jesus's Eight Blessings For Uncertain Times is covering the advice that Jesus offers for living an engaged life during times like this. If you will take His advice seriously, you may find it challenging and He certainly won't make you a movie star, but He may just turn into one that's like a light that shines in the darkness. Join us starting on September 6 and remember the time changes for services and to join us at 10:30 AM either on KMTV channel 3 or online at [countrysideucc.com](http://countrysideucc.com).



## DAVID WHYTE SERIES DISCOUNT OFFERED FOR SEPTEMBER

Noon on September 6, 13 and 20

### What are the small disciplines that give us courage for the future?

Whether we are enclosed at home, in our home country or on the front lines of the pandemic, many of us feel held-in and neutralized by present circumstances. Our times seem to call for different understandings of courage than the ones we might have inherited. Join David Whyte for a look at the micro-disciplines of an everyday life: those small, everyday steps - sometimes just half-steps - that can radically transform our approach to the future. Practices where we are not trying to become an Olympic hero, but where we change our future for the better by becoming just half a shade braver in almost everything we do. The code you can use for the special discounted rate of \$30 is FAITH2020 and link to register is [live.davidwhyte.com](http://live.davidwhyte.com).

## WORSHIP ONLINE AT KMTV CHANNEL 3 AT 10:30 AM

September through December there are two ways to catch Countryside Community Church on Sunday mornings. The first is online through YouTube live which you can connect with at [countrysideucc.org/live](http://countrysideucc.org/live) or on KMTV channel 3. Both will begin at 10:30 AM.

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We will still be offering this Zoom three-part line-up running through September:



**9:30 AM**  
Meditation with Eric

**9:50 AM**  
Musical Prelude

**10:00**  
Coffee with Diane Scott and Bill Bolte

**10:30**  
30-Minute Worship

**11:05**  
Chat with Jan/Conversations with Eric

# COUNTRYSIDE CONNECTED



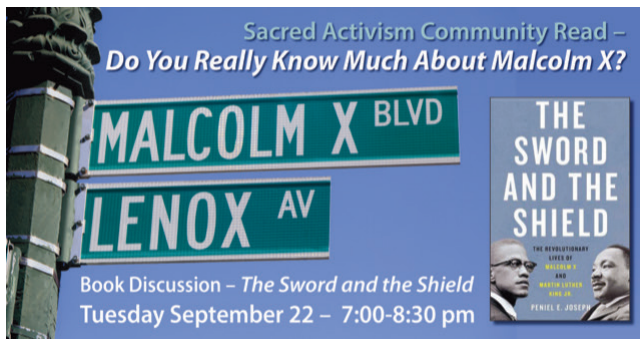
## PHOENIX AFFIRMATIONS - TWO OPTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS, 10 AM, 6 PM

Phoenix Affirmations started on August 26 with two classes, one at 10 AM. and one at 6 PM, and it's not too late to join. The Phoenix Affirmations say that, as Jesus teaches us, our Christian love should be expressed in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self. In order to fully appreciate the content of the Phoenix Affirmations, they should be thoughtfully studied with others. A group study provides insights, connections, and resources that might not be readily discerned individual study. If you are interested, please contact Diane Scott at [twang56@aol.com](mailto:twang56@aol.com).

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP STARTING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 6:00 PM

With the great success of our last book discussion we are doing another Zoom discussion of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. Please contact Diane Scott at [twang56@aol.com](mailto:twang56@aol.com) if you are interested in being part of this book discussion group. *From a description of the book: "White fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, the author examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively."*

## CFS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ABOUT MALCOLM X, TUESDAY, SEPT. 22, 7 PM



How much do you really know about Malcolm X? Join us on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 PM to discuss the book, *The Sword and the Shield*. To register for this FREE event go to [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search **sword and shield Omaha** - it will be the first event on the list. Click on it and then continue through to register.

## MINDFUL MEDITATION SITS WITH CARLOS, WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Mindful Meditation Sits with Carlos Figueroa are continuing Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM via Zoom. You can access these sits through the zoom link on the church calendar. If you have any questions or would like more information about these opportunities, please contact Chris Alexander at [chrisa@countrysideucc.org](mailto:chrisa@countrysideucc.org)

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS (COUNTRYSIDE 101) IN SEPTEMBER VIA ZOOM

Join the virtual orientation class to learn about everything Countryside. Classes will be held via Zoom on Tuesdays, September 22, and 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. These classes are designed to educate newcomers and visitors about the church, the church staff, and the many church programs. You will learn many things about Countryside, including:

- Countryside's involvement with the Tri-Faith Initiative.
- Countryside's warm and inclusive welcome of the whole human family, not just parts of it.
- The number of ways Countryside makes faith relevant in everyday life.

The link to join these classes via Zoom can be found on the Countryside Calendar at [countrysideucc.org/](https://countrysideucc.org/) calendar. For more information contact Robyn Hubbard at [robynh@countrysideucc.org](mailto:robynh@countrysideucc.org)

## WHAT?! THE BOARD OF PASTORAL CARE IS AGAIN SPONSORING A BOOK STUDY/SHARING GROUP. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our next WHAT?! Book Study/Sharing Group will be supporting one another through life's unwelcome trials. We'll also discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Who is/was Henrietta? Henrietta Lacks (1920-1951) was an African-American woman whose cancer cells are the source of the HeLa cell line, the first immortalized human cell line and one of the most important lines in medical research. She suffered from cervical cancer and her cells were harvested without her consent. Henrietta's descendants have experienced many "WHAT?!" moments as her identity in medical research has become known. This will be an interesting discussion and will no doubt correlate to some unbelievable difficulties in our own lives. We'll begin Wednesday, September 16, meeting for nine weeks through November 1. This experience is from 6-7:30 PM via Zoom. Contact group leader Jan Brown if you're interested in signing up or if you have questions.

## SERVE ON A COUNTRYSIDE BOARD

Countryside is blessed with a congregation filled with talent and business experience. Our officers and board members are nominated and elected by our members and represent the church body in the various aspects of managing church finances and affairs. The nominating process has started and if you are interested in serving on a board you can self-nominate. You will need to complete a self nomination form and email it to Robyn Hubbard ([robynh@countrysideucc.org](mailto:robynh@countrysideucc.org)) For a list of boards and a downloadable pdf of the Countryside self nomination form go to [countrysideucc.org/about-us/boards-committees/](https://countrysideucc.org/about-us/boards-committees/).

## WELCOME WILL CARNAZZO

Will Carnazzo joined the staff in August of 2019, cleaning the Kindernook area each day. Once COVID 19 hit he began taking on more responsibilities around the building and in May 2020 started working full time as the Building Property Coordinator. Will is currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he is in his second year double majoring in history and architecture with a minor in sustainability. Will enjoys the variety working at Countryside provides him, "Every day I get to do something new," he said. In his spare time he likes to read and garden as well as spend time with his friends and family. If you think his name sounds familiar, his mom, Stacey, is the Director of Kindernook Preschool.



# TRI-FAITH INITIATIVE



## TRI-FAITH CENTER GARDEN AND ORCHARD

Connect with nature, meet new friends, and help feed the Omaha community by volunteering with the Tri-Faith Garden and Orchard! Volunteers are needed year-round to assist with preparing soil, planting, watering, tending, harvesting, and transporting fresh fruits and vegetables to local food banks.

The Tri-Faith Garden and Orchard is located next to Temple Israel on the Tri-Faith Commons.

We are seeking a volunteer leader for night and/or weekend work sessions. Contact Amanda if interested, [alryan@trifaith.org](mailto:alryan@trifaith.org).



Sharon and Rick Royers getting garden ready this past spring.

### **Abraham's Whiteboard: Sociology of Religion and Community - Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM, via Zoom**

This Abraham's Whiteboard session will be provided by Program Director Amanda Ryan, MA Sociology Student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Abraham's Whiteboard is a monthly educational class on a wide variety of religious topics, from world religions like Hinduism and Buddhism to special topics like how definitions of religion impact our own religious identities. All Abraham's Whiteboard sessions are open to all people regardless of background, but will connect the content to Judaism, Christianity, and/or Islam.

(Registration required - go to Tri-Faith web page at [trifaith.org/events](http://trifaith.org/events) or find the link on Tri-Faith Facebook page, [facebook.com/TriFaithInitiative](https://facebook.com/TriFaithInitiative).)

### **Looking Toward the Future with the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska - Thursday, Sept. 10, 12 PM - 1 PM**

An Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Conversation featuring Rev. Scott Barker, Rev. Keith Winton, and Camille Culp. The Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska has been intimately involved with the Tri-Faith story, serving as our original Christian partner and helping Tri-Faith Initiative complete our Capital Campaign with a major gift toward the construction of the Tri-Faith Center.

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### **Beaufield Berry-Fisher and Tessa Wedberg on the Creative Process - Thursday, Sept. 24, 12 PM - 1 PM**

Honoring past, present, and future, Beacon of Hope will celebrate the opening of the Tri-Faith Center as a safe haven for dialogue, prayer, and friendship-building. This virtual grand opening event will feature an original performance by Beaufield Berry-Fisher and Tessa V. Wedberg that will bless the Tri-Faith Center as a place where people from across the country will study, gather, and interact.

Join Tri-Faith Executive Director Wendy Goldberg as she invites Beau and Tessa into an Open Conversation about the inspiration for this performance and a window into their creative process as we get ready for our October 17 Grand Opening Event!

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### **Valarie Kaur: "Tending the Wound" (2020 Faith Matters Series)- Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6 PM - 7:30 PM**

Join Tri-Faith Program Director Amanda Ryan in a conversation with Valarie Kaur, celebrated activist and author of the new book, *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*.

How do we labor for the world we want when the labor feels endless? Valarie Kaur - renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer - declares that revolutionary love is the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions: to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It calls us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: You are a part of me I do not yet know. Starting from that place of wonder, the world begins to change: It is a practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, and even a nation.

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## **TRI-FAITH CENTER VIRTUAL GRAND OPENING (SAVE THE DATE) - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020, 7 PM - 9 PM**



# CARING TOGETHER



## IN MEMORIAM

**Julie Kregg** lost her battle with breast cancer and passed away at home on July 31, 2020. Julie is survived by her husband Brad, two young sons Benjamin and Jacob, her loving in-laws **Pam and Geoff Kregg**, her own parents and siblings, and many friends. Julie's life was celebrated at Countryside on August 8, 2020, with Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander officiating.

**John Menke** died August 6, 2020, surrounded by his beloved wife Kathy and their family. John was laid to rest at a graveside service in Lincoln on August 15 with Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander as officiant.

## MARRIAGES

**Dan and Leigh Wengert (and Grandmother Helen)** are pleased to announce the marriage of their son **Matt** to Cassie Jarnigan at Blackstone River Ranch in Idaho Springs on Sunday, August 1, 2020. Dan was the officiant for a small gathering of wonderful people. The newlyweds plan to move to Sweden for two years for Cassie's professional commitment and Matt's graduate school plans.

**Melanie and Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes (with their daughter Arianna)** are delighted for the marriage of their daughter Maren to William (Will) Kaufmann at the family's Oregon cabin on Saturday, August 15. Eric was the officiant and the beautiful setting contributed to the happiness of the day.

## BIRTHS

**Zack and Abby Bjornsen's** third daughter Byrdie Ann Bjornsen was born Tuesday, August 11 at 3:06 pm, weighing in at 9 lbs. 7 oz. Big sisters Willow and Hattie are over the moon!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Like everyone else, we're thinking outside the box to fully utilize our trained Stephen Ministers, some of Countryside's wonderful assets. Jan Brown will be making some "caregiving" matches via phone and/or Zoom, so please get in touch with her if you'd like to discuss this opportunity for a trusted companion to walk with you through this very strange year in all of our lives: Janb@countrysideucc.org. We can help one another navigate many difficult bumps in the road.

Upcoming September Dates (**To access the Zoom meeting, go to Countryside's daily calendar and find the corresponding Zoom link**):

- September 1 - 5:30 PM, Stephen Ministry Leadership Team via Zoom. 6 PM, Peer Support via Zoom.
- September 12 - We were supposed to have the most amazing speaker for a grand, fabulous Stephen Ministry/Tri-Faith staff "joy" retreat. But sigh, no one can meet in person. Stay tuned and watch your emails; Jan is trying to figure out how or if our speaker can do something via Zoom.

## Z-CARE! DO YOU MISS ME? I MISS YOU, TOO

Although we're all trying to create ways to stay connected, those personal Countryside conversations are part of what we each miss right now. So, in an effort to "see" each other, Jan Brown will be scheduling "Z-Care" times to talk with individual people via Zoom. These opportunities for friendship and/or pastoral counseling will be available two times per week, an hour at a time. We'll be starting in September with Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 PM, so contact Jan for the Zoom link or see the church calendar.

## BOARD OF PASTORAL CARE'S SUMMER WISDOM OF THE AGES - "GETTING AWAY"

**From Mary Johnston:** In January, Jane Frey and I were blessed to once again travel to Maui! While in Old Lahaina, we attended Wiola Church, UCC, one of our favorite sacred spaces. Wiola Church was founded in 1823. You have never experienced a more extravagant welcome than theirs: warm hugs, fresh leis, and the beautiful Hawaiian people! The service is In English and Hawaiian; they actually sing The Queen's Prayer! It is a treasured memory for us.



Mary Johnston

**From Emma Boyd:** Each mission trip and Faith Singers tour has allowed us in COYO to focus on different aspects of our character and how we present ourselves in the world as Christians. The mission trip we took in the summer of 2017 to New Jersey was very impactful. We worked with families impacted by 2012's Hurricane Sandy. We worked on a couple different houses doing mold mitigation and mold suppression so that it would be safe for those families to move back into their homes. We learned so much about the impact of natural disasters across the US and the long-term damage it can do to families and communities. Mission trips taught me to use my faith and beliefs to support others in our community and communities across the country. Because of this trip and the non-profit teams we worked with, I've been inspired to now study Emergency Management at UNO.



Emma Boyd

## THE BOX FOR SEPTEMBER

This month we will be collecting shelf stable foods for the non-profit ABIDE. In order to help feed their clientele they have requested peanut butter, canned soups with meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned ham, mac n cheese, and other boxed pasta meals. These food items are greatly needed and appreciated. The mission of ABIDE is to revitalize the inner city of Omaha, one neighborhood at a time. They provide a holistic approach that focuses on developing stronger families, safer neighborhoods, and emerging leaders. For more information about ABIDE check out their website at [abideomaha.com](http://abideomaha.com). The box is now located inside the main church door for easy, contact-less drop off.



## THANK YOU TO OUR INTERIM YOUTH LEADERS!

The Board of Youth would like to recognize Anji Stanek and Morgan Lenigan for their outstanding service to Countryside's middle school and high school youth--in particular for the past year. When Youth Minister Will Howell unexpectedly resigned last September, the youth department was in flux. Anji and Morgan, who had been long-time youth leaders working with the youth on Sunday nights and attending mission trips, wasted no time stepping in to make sure the programming didn't miss a beat. Named officially as Interim Youth Directors in December, the two contributed countless hours organizing Sunday night events for COYO and COYO Middle School. And when the pandemic hit in March, they transitioned programming to Zoom meetings ensuring connection continued among our youth.

As Rebecca Morello starts her new role as Director of Youth and Family Ministries, she will be handling these responsibilities and hiring additional assistance to help with this COYO programming. Although both will continue to volunteer with the youth, Anji has started a full-time position with Millard Public Schools, where she's worked part-time for several years, and Morgan has recently been hired as a full-time substitute teacher at Sunset Hills Elementary for Westside Community Schools. Thank you, Anji and Morgan, for your leadership, engagement and enthusiasm in serving Countryside's Youth. We couldn't have done it without you!



*Anji Stanek and Morgan Lenigan this past October during the COYO Sr. High Haunted tour.*

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## YOUTH CORNER

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have created Sunday School At-Home Kits as well as story videos of the Sunday School lessons! In each box, you and your Sunday School student will find activity sheets and supplies that will guide you through the stories of Miriam, Joseph, Jonah, and a bunch of other scripture notables. Videos will arrive via the Children's Ministry weekly email.

### CORE 56

Core 56 will continue meeting weekly on Zoom! All 5th and 6th graders are welcome to join the meeting. During our time, we catch up with friends, talk about prayer practices, and do a group prayer sit/meditation. Each student chooses a prayer practice to do during the week—a contemplative prayer sit, a walking meditation, an art, music, or writing project, intentional cooking and baking, etc.—and is encouraged to bring photos or projects to show the group! The link to the Zoom meeting is delivered via the Children's Ministry weekly email.

### CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation students will register and be organized into small groups who will meet in Zoom rooms with adult leaders once a week. Many of the same requirements will still be in place so there is opportunity for conversations as we figure out new and interesting ways to meet them. For example, service projects are still in play, even if our student is completing them solo or with

the whole family. Let's be creative! More information about Confirmation, including registration and Zoom links, will arrive via email to families of 7th and 8th graders.

### COYO/FAITH SINGERS/MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUPS

Both COYO and Middle School groups that would typically meet on Sunday afternoon and evening will continue to hold that space in Zoom sessions. Staff and the Adult Leader team are working to develop topics and online activities for our students! As our community situation changes, we will adjust programming to reflect the safer conditions. Information on our Middle School group will arrive via email to parents of 7th and 8th graders, and COYO and Faith Singers information via email and through Remind. Some of these changes may be as challenging to accept as they were to make but please know that they are being made out of great concern for the safety of our students, adult leaders, their families, and staff. And, keep in mind that we will be monitoring the constantly-changing situation and will re-evaluate every month. However, there is room to accommodate needs and some concerns so let's talk! Feel free to contact me with any questions and watch for the emails!