

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

June 14, 2017

SUMMER

It's here. Ready or not, it's here! I can tell because

- I can't keep track of everyone's travels (and I don't need to)!
- my schedule has a few days with nothing written down (and it's not because I can't remember), but plenty to do, since
- we do all these special events in the summer that require thought, planning, contacts, preparation, and more
- I have to work around the days I am away to make sure everything is done and covered and communicated
- I'm busy hauling water! Since I planted flowers all over the yard?! - and God is not watering them on His own - (I hope you understand that is tongue-in-cheek, and in no way critical, or disparaging - I've been watering, and then sweating and sweating - with a need to water myself! So I am praying for rain - I hope you are, too! - and asking God to go back to the regular balance of rain and sun.

Join me in praying - not just for rain, not only for a youth pastor, not simply for our Sundays and specials, but also for

- your own needs
- your own family
- one another in your circles, the church, and community
- God to know and receive your love and trust!

I trust God - even when it hasn't rained! And even though it's summer, I hope you do, too. Keep it going....

MCD

Father's Day

This coming Sunday is Father's Day! Bring your dad, or dad's bring your family, as we honor our fathers and The Father. We will have a gift for all men and dads.

BABY BOTTLES

This is the Sunday to return the baby bottles you have been collecting change in since Mother's Day. The monies received will be sent to the Choices Pregnancy & Health for their "Baby Bottle Campaign." Thank you for your donations.

CLOTHING CLOSET

FCC staffs the Compassionate Clothing Closet during the month of July on Mondays and Tuesdays. A volunteer sheet is on the sign-up desk in the hallway. Help is needed Mondays from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and Tuesdays from 12:30-3:00 PM. About 4-5 ladies are needed each day. (Note, the CCC will not be open Tuesday, July 4.)

Youth Trip to Kentucky

There were 12 youth and adults who made the trek just south of Cincinnati to experience the "Ark Encounter" and "Creation Museum." Awesome! There was also time for swimming and eating at a Japanese steakhouse. Thanks to all. (Stay tuned for a future trip this fall for the congregation. TBA)



Welcome back to Monica Rollings, who has moved back to Paris!

Hospitalized: Gage Johnson, Carle

Home from the Hospital: Rick Ward

Sympathies go to grandparents Joe & Donna Fessant, great-grandmother Janice Nicholson, and all the family & friends of Maddie Fessant in her tragic passing.

God's best to the CYF Camp this week!



-- Jim Mathis, chef (& Jenneane McDaniel) and crew for the meal at the Women's Banquet, & all who served and cleaned up;

-- Beth Sablotny for the Women's Banquet leadership, & Jeanette Levellie for speaking;

-- Dennis Thiel & Faye Eitel for the 8:00 accompaniments;

-- Allen Englebright & Rev. Mike (with all the Pentecost helpers) for the Children's Sermons;

-- Corky Davidson & Dorothy McGee for the Minutes for Mission;

-- Christian Ed. Committee for the graduate gifts;

-- Worship Committee for the lake set-up, & Membership Committee for the Potluck Picnic;

-- Rev. Scott Woolridge for coming to worship with us;

-- Peg Dixon & Kathy Peel for the Special Music;

-- All those who brought items in for the Yard Sale & the "Relay" team for working;

-- Edna Creech & Evangelism Committee for the parade float, driven by Dan Smittkamp;

-- All who donated freezer pops! and all who walked to give them out!

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Jesus paid the price.
You keep the change.

JUNE PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, we are thankful for Your never-ending love. Help us to recognize and appreciate all of Your blessings each and every day. Amen."

"WELCOME TO THE FAMILY"

We are pleased to officially welcome Erica Buntain into our church family by transfer of membership. While in high school, Erica has been serving as our Nursery Attendant - and we are grateful! So now - "Welcome to the Family!"

PENTECOST OFFERING

The FCC goal of our Pentecost Offering was \$1200 to be combined with the Cluster goal of \$3525 to help plant new churches. We've already gone over the goal with \$1220.25! Thank you!

WOMAN - MAN OF THE YEAR

Please turn in the pink "2017 Woman of the Year" forms, if you have not already done so. This Sunday we will provide "2017 Man of the Year" nomination forms to be turned in over the next few weeks.

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH & PRAYER

Thanks for praying - keep it up! We are ready to begin some interviews and will probably have more. One answer we will have to provide is housing. So - do you have a place for a single person and/or family? and do you know of a place that might be available? Let us know - Monty Raley, Chair, committee, or Rev. Mike. The next Search Committee meeting will be this evening at 5:30 PM.

The unified prayer is: "Dear God, we thank You for the young people in our church and in the community. We want to care and teach and include them in ministry, so we seek a pastor to do that. Guide the committee in the process; bless the individual You are preparing; connect us, so we can then work together to serve You and love Your people. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen."

CHANCEL/BELL CHOIR MEMBERS

Chancel Choir & Joyful Ringers members, please remember to get your robes laundered during the summer break! Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL BLESSING BOOKS

Don't forget to sign the "Blessing Books" for our graduating seniors.

COMING UP

- Community Kitchen will be Monday, June 19 - sign-up to help out!
- Bloodmobile will be Monday, June 26 for the community at the KC Hall.
- Golden Age will be Tuesday, June 27 - a sign-up sheet is out to attend the luncheon.

ALUMINUM CANS

Sunday, June 25 is the day to bring in your aluminum cans for recycling.

JUNE CIRCLES

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet at the church at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 15, to go to the Randall House.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will meet at the church at 11:15 AM on Tuesday, June 20, to go to the Randall House.

CWF ORGANIZATION

Last Sunday the CWF general meeting was held after worship. Those present and voting agreed to change the structure of our women's ministry. Instead of officers, a leadership team of 2 Circle representatives each will now provide oversight and delegate responsibilities. When the representatives are set, there will be a meeting to plan for this fall/year.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The FCC Relay For Life team would like to thank everyone for the donations to this year's yard sale. Nearly \$790 was raised to go to the American Cancer Society! Leftover items were donated to the local "Christmas For Kids" and Goodwill.

COMING UP: The RFL "Wining for a Cure" fundraiser at CastleFinn Winery will be Friday, July 7, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Wine-tasting, food, and musical entertainment will be available and tickets are \$15, available from team members or in the church office. Come join the fun, food, and fellowship for a good cause!

SHRINE PARADE REPORT

We had a great turnout for walkers and bus riders last Saturday. There were 22 participants passing out freezer pops (appx. 650!) and printed handouts. Our team made a banner that was displayed on a pole and 2 walkers carried it in front of the church bus. The banner theme was VBS "Arctic Operation." Dan Smittkamp was our bus driver. Thank you to all who helped and participated in the parade!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are asking that you bring instant potatoes, saltine crackers and snack size raisins in for the local Compassionate Food Pantry. Containers are available at the entries.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Newsletters are mailed every other week in the summer, so the next newsletter will be June 8th.

CHURCH CAMP

Welcome back to our high-schoolers: Mike Kirk, Gabbie Waltz, and Ben Young from CYF Camp. Sunday we will commission Sarah Littlejohn, going to Beginners Camp on Wed., June 21.

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are welcome this Saturday, June 17, to go to Lincoln Trail Restaurant to eat at 8:00 AM. Meet at church at 7:30 AM to carpool.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our summer plans have begun - and last week was a great success. All adults & youth meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:45 AM. June 18th, a guest speaker will share his story of miraculous healing and God's love. On June 25th, Mary K. Bradford will follow with The Bible Cure. Then July 2 will start the three video series that offer you a choice, so sign-up!

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

July 2 will be our Patriotic Sunday with special music, prayer, and tribute. Feel free to wear red, white, and blue in celebration!

BIBLE STUDY INFO

Tuesday Bible Study has ended for the summer and will begin again in September. Thank you to all who have been a part of it.

SUMMER MUSIC

Thank you to those helping with Special Music this summer.

HOSPITALITY WORKSHOP

This Saturday, June 17, from 10A-3P, Old State Road Christian Church is holding a Hospitality Workshop. If you can go, let Rev. Mike know.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for selecting me for the Harold & Faye Jump Scholarship! I can certainly use this towards college tuition. - Erica Buntain

Thank you to FCC for the scholarship award. It is very much appreciated and will help in the pursuit of my degree in Biblical Studies. - Clifford Gale II

Dear First Christian Church, I want to thank you for the scholarship award that will go toward my nursing degree. I appreciate it very much.

- Christy Landrum



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COME WORSHIP WITH US

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM ~ WORSHIP 10:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT First Christian Church's mission is to grow disciples who are:

"Believing in Christ,

Behaving as Christ,

Becoming like Christ"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ATTENDANCE

We count because you count!

June 4: 8:00 - 64 (Indoor) 10:00 - 103 (Outdoor)

TOTAL WORSHIP = 167

(No S.S.)

June 11: 8:00 - 53 10:00 - 102 Nursery - 5

TOTAL WORSHIP = 160

TOTAL SS = 56

OFFERING TOTALS

	June 4	June 11, 2017
General Fund	\$3,362.50	\$3,945.25
Sunday School	17.00	
Food Pantry	110.00	125.00
Emergency Fund		20.00
Choices	50.00	
Staff Search	49.00	
Evangelism (Parade)		35.00
Dis. Out.-Missions	125.00	366.50
Pentecost Offering	614.25	515.00
Church Bus Fund		20.00
Organ Fund		50.00
Scholarship Fund	50.00	
Building Fund	375.00	471.50
TOTAL	\$4,752.75	\$5,548.25

SERVING SCHED. continued for June 18...

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Brady Chittick

SPECIAL MUSIC: Zara Kasey

SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-14

SERMON: A Singing Faith: "The Church's One Foundation"
by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Doug Hasler

SERVING SCHEDULE: June 25, 2017

8:00 AM: ELDER: Joel Gleckler

DEACONESS: Jenneane McDaniel

PIANIST: Pete Templeton

9:00 AM: "Summer Sunday School"

10:00 AM: GREETERS: East: Monty & Peg Raley

West: Chris, Candi, Sammy Milam

ACOLYTES: Kaitlyn Coombes, Ethan Smittkamp

WORSHIP LEADER: Chris Milam

BREAD ELDER: John Chittick

DEACONESS: Megan Mathis

DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #1

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mary K. Bradford

NURSERY HELPER: Gabbie Waltz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Tammy Terry

JUNE FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Randy & Edna Creech

JUNE USHERS: Ken Dennison, Dean Smittkamp,
Ron Stickler

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

SPECIAL MUSIC: Dillan Dorjahn

SCRIPTURES: TBA

SERMON: TBA

SERVING SCHED.: June 18, 2017 Father's Day

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Cathy Clawson

PIANIST: Peg Dixon

9:00 AM: "Summer Sunday School"

10:00 AM: GREETERS - East: Carolyn Lanker

West: Barb Free

ACOLYTES: Christopher Gann, Myli Tapscott

WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Terry

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: Susan King

DEACONS: Women Deacons

JR DEACONS: Female Jr. Deacons

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Megan Mathis

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sandy Templeton