

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

August 23, 2017

READY OR NOT

I told myself to appreciate, to enjoy, to take advantage. And I tried. I think I did.

Enjoy summer. Appreciate the slower pace of the summer months. Take advantage of the free-er time schedule.

Of course we filled it up with specials and extras. And now I look back and wish I had done this, and wonder why I didn't do that.

It was good. Enjoyable. Beneficial. But it's over. Summer is done. And that life is past for a while.

Now we gear up for the full-throttle ministry of fall. Special worship. God's Gang. Bible Study and Sunday School. A new CWF Circle. Fellowship Activities and Outings. Meetings. Lunch On the Lawn. Honeybee. Plans. And more, more, more.

It's good. It's what enables us to grow individually and as a church.

So, while I enjoyed summer and all the specials, it's time to gear up and go on -
Ready or not.

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CWF Leadership

This Sunday, August 27, the CWF leadership team will be introduced with their plans for the future at both the 8:00 & 10:00 AM services. A new Circle is being discussed and information will be announced in the near future.



Christmas in July



The “Christmas in July” items for the Emergency Buckets will be readied for delivery soon. We'll let you know.



“LOL” at PHS



The fall “Lunch On the Lawn” at the Paris High School will be Wednesday, September 20. If you can help, note it on your calendar and then sign-up on the volunteer sheets posted. We need desserts, drinks, fruit, and cheese, as well as volunteers to help out.

FCC T-Shirts

We are planning to have some FCC T-shirts for us to wear - if you order one. The Evangelism Committee will make the arrangements, and soon will have an order form for you to order yours. We think it will be \$10.00 each. And we hope to wear them in parades, at events, and on your own. We'll let you know more as information becomes available.

Community Kitchen

Special thanks to all those who helped out at the Community Kitchen this last Monday. You came through when asked, giving an abundance of desserts and providing plenty of help to serve the increased number of people. Thank you for volunteering each third Monday of the month!



Congratulations go to Charles & Pat Schaich on the birth of their new great-grandson!

Our sympathies are extended to Nancy Mink & family in the loss of her sister-in-law this month.

Home from the Hospital: Cheston Hays
Steve Dosch Ashlyn Beabout
Rick Ward Karen Newhart
Tom King Bill Clawson
Lewis Thiel Carol Marlowe

Correction: in our last "Welcome To The Family" we should have written, "Josh Wood" as step-son of Cheston Hays. Our apologies - sorry!

Congratulations to David & Barbara "Ann" Dick for winning the "Dancing With The Stars" event!



-- Peg & Monty Raley for heading up the "Back-to-School Shoes" project;
-- Search Committee for hosting the two Youth Pastor candidates;

-- Berniece Hayes for representing us at the Teacher's Breakfast through the Paris Area Church Women, with Mary K. Bradford;

-- Men for the table/chair set-up & put-away - Ben & Bruce Young, Dan Thomey, Allen Englebright, Richard Melendez; Mike Bennett, Joel Gleckler, Chuck Bradford, Larry Newhart, JC Foley, & Rev. Mike;

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

-- Rev. Mike & guests for the Children's Sermons;

-- Adrienne Haupt and Jim & Megan Mathis, Coralie Smittkamp, & Peggy Barath for their Special Music;

-- Dan & Marsha Thomey and the Family of Mary Mathis for the worship flowers.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Jesus's heart stopped beating
so yours could start.

AUGUST PRAYER

"Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. As so many of our young people look forward to a time of new beginnings, we ask Your guidance for them, that they make wise decisions in planning their future, and that they continue to strengthen their relationship with You. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Trustees meet Thursday, Aug. 24, 6:00 PM
- Elder's meet Thursday, Sept. 7, 5:00 PM
- Board meets Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume on September 5th at 10:30 AM. We will be looking/discussing/thinking through questions of Jesus in the New Testament, in conjunction with the fall sermon series. You are invited!

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

Our Search Committee has been faithful and has done a good job in seeking a Youth Pastor to serve with us. Just this week an invitation was extended to an individual; now we wait for him to pray and answer. We'll let you know the answer as soon as possible.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Current Board members are asked to attend a special Board meeting at 11:15 AM this Sunday, the 27th - if - we receive a "yes" from our Youth Pastor candidate. We will need Board approval, then congregational approval in a couple of weeks. Stay tuned....

THEME SUNDAY / HONEYBEE SUNDAY

Looking ahead - September 10 will be our "Theme Sunday," and September 24 will be our "Honeybee Sunday." Plan to be with us as we worship together.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are grateful to Erica Buntain for her service as our Nursery Attendant. As she gets ready for the next phase of her life, we need to explore options for our Nursery. If you have suggestions or interest in the position, you can let us know.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 PM. Singers welcome!

JOYFUL RINGERS

The Joyful Ringers will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13.

DISCIPLES MEN

Men and steak go together - so the Disciples Men invite all men to go eat at Sam's Steakhouse in Marshall on Sunday, Sept. 17. We'll have a sign-up sheet out soon.

NEW SERVING SCHEDULES

New serving schedules for Nursery Helpers and Children's Church will be available soon to cover September, 2017 through January, 2018.



CIRCLES IN SEPTEMBER

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the church at 6:00 PM. Hostess is Dana Stites and Kathy Ingrum will bring the lesson.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will meet at the home of Pat Hittle, hostess, on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 1:30 PM. The lesson will be given by Linda Chittick.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen.

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held on Thursday, September 14, at 9:00 AM. Bring in your pop tabs, used postage stamps, Campbell's UPC labels, used eye glasses, cell phones & chargers, and fronts of old greeting cards and put them in collection containers by the sign-up desk. All women are invited to help at the workshop. Thank you!

FAITH NIGHT at PHS

A special event for youth, parents, families, all - called "Faith Night" will be held at the Paris High School on Wednesday, August 30.

BLOODMOBILE

The community bloodmobile will be at the KC Hall on Monday, August 28, from 11:30-5:30.

CAMP LETTERS

Check out the letters we received from some of our FCC campers. They are posted on the tripod in the hallway.

"SEE YOU AT THE POLE"

Prayers at the local schools: PHS, Crestwood, Mayo will be held Wednesday, September 27, at times to be announced (7:30-7:45 AM).

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Newsletters will go back to the weekly schedule beginning in September. Items due for the newsletter should be turned in no later than the Tuesday prior. The next newsletter will be mailed out on Wednesday, September 6.

CANS

Aluminum cans will be collected this Sunday, August 27, for recycling. Proceeds help fund our Monthly Inspiring Children's Events - MICE group! This fall's schedule will be announced soon. Stay tuned....

OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The summer Sunday School will conclude with:

August 27 - Greg Terry speaking on "Why Study the Old Testament"

September 3 - Peg Dixon speaking on "The Armor of God"

Starting Sunday, September 10, we will resume regular Sunday School classes.

YOUTH GROUP

The weekly Wednesday Youth Group will resume on September 6 at 6:00 PM. All junior high and high school students welcome!

GOD'S GANG / CROSSROADS

The fall semester for God's Gang & Crossroads is set to begin on Wednesday, September 13. Paperwork of information and application forms will be available soon!

Thank You!

To My Wonderful Church Family: Thank you so much for the honor of being named, Woman of the Year. I was surprised and very humbled. I know I stay very busy, but I do what I do, not to be honored, but because it needs to be done. I hope I will be able to continue to contribute for many more years.

Thank you sincerely, Saunny Preston

A special thank you to all who remembered me on my 90th birthday!

- Margaret Phillips

Thank you to those who helped with the Teacher's Breakfast, which is sponsored by the Paris Area Church Women.

- Berniece Hayes & Mary K .Bradford

Dear First Christian Church, Thank you for paying for half of my camp fee. I, personally, am very grateful for it, since it helps me (and fellow campers) get the opportunity to get to go to camp. Also, thank you for the funny letters I received from you while I was at camp. They made me laugh, but also helped me to remember that I was there to learn about God and to worship Him. Last, but not least, thank you for keeping me in your prayers as I headed off to camp.

Sincerely, Ava Huddleson

FCC, Thank you so much for providing me with the Bill Kerrick Memorial Scholarship! In doing so, you are helping me to continue my education - and for that I will be forever grateful.

Love, Adrienne Haupt

Dear Ladies of the Knitter's Group, The residents of Southwood's Reflections Unit (of Terre Haute) are so enjoying your blankets! It was so kind of you to bless us this way. Thank you for being so thoughtful.

- Teresa and Residents



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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!

Aug. 13: 8:00 - 48 10:00 - 108 Nursery - 7

TOTAL WORSHIP = 163

TOTAL SS = 36

Aug. 20: 8:00 - 50 10:00 - 116 Nursery - 5

TOTAL WORSHIP = 171

TOTAL SS = 26

OFFERING TOTALS

	<u>Aug. 13</u>	<u>Aug. 20, 2017</u>
General Fund	\$3,750.00	\$4,571.00*
Sunday School	12.00	5.00
Food Pantry	20.00	
Emergency Fund		30.00
Reimbursement	18.23	
Local Projects/Groc.	89.40	
Bell Choir	50.00	
Disciples Out.-Missions	93.00	346.50*
Week of Compassion		70.00
Permanent Fund		12.00
Building Fund	390.00	483.50*
TOTAL	\$4,422.63	\$5,518.00*

**Includes Electronic Giving*

SERVING SCHED. continued for Aug. 27...

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

SPECIAL MUSIC: Will, Graham, Drew Templeton

AUG FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Saunny Preston

AUG USHERS: Ken Dennison, Dean Smittkamp, Ron Stickler

SCRIPTURES: John 15:12-17

SERMON: A Singing Faith: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SERVING SCHEDULE: September 3, 2017

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dennis Thiel
DEACONESS: Amber Tegeler
PIANIST: Peg Dixon

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS: East: Chris & Candi Milam
West: Cody, Katie, Colten, Elsie Vaughn

ACOLYTES: Myli Tapscott & Ethan Smittkamp

WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: Steve Webb

DEACONESS: Carolyn Ray

DEACONS: Team #3, Sue Bennett, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #1

CHILDREN'S SERMON: TBA

NURSERY HELPER: TBA

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: TBA

SEPT. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Cody Vaughn

SEPT. USHERS: Randy Creech, Jerry Thomas, Dan Thomey

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SERMON: TBA

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Pete Templeton & Doug Hasler

SERVING SCHED.: August 27, 2017

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dick James
DEACONESS: Mary Griffin
PIANIST: Mary Helen Hamilton

9:00 AM: "Summer Sunday School"

10:00 AM: GREETERS: East: Peg Dixon
West: Margo Yeargin

ACOLYTES: Christopher Gann, Steven West

WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Terry

BREAD ELDER: Pete Templeton

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

DEACONS: Team #2, Autumn Kasey, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #2

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Angel Templeton

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jane Smittkamp