

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

September 20, 2017

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Our “Lunch in the Bleachers” at the high school is over now. The grills are put away; the supplies are stored again - assuming there is anything left to save! The photos are taken; the comments collected; the thank you’s received.

It’s done, but it may not be over in its effect.

Of course, you never know the effect of an act of love. But there is also the following message - “Hey, PHS!

Sometimes life can be a drag; other days are different and exciting and fun - like Homecoming and LOL! But through it all, we need something to count on.

Whether you win or lose, pass or fail, get lifted up or knocked down, you need something to make it all worthwhile.

The world won’t tell you because it wants to take things from you. Others can’t tell you, because they don’t know it. But you do need to know what makes it all worthwhile.

You need to know - Someone is on your side.

You need to know - Someone is here for you.

You need to know - Someone loves you, even when you screw up, even if you blow up, even though you feel like giving up.

And we can introduce you - if you do not yet know the God who came into the world - for you. Whether your life is great right now or in the pits, we’d love to help, to share, to be God’s love on earth for you. Check out FCC and what’s going on - including a new Youth Pastor sometime soon. There’s a lot of love - and we want to spread it around. God gave it to us; we’d love to give even more to you. Because - you are important, you are worth it, you are loved.”

Each student received a card with a code to scan that takes them to that message. I don’t know how many did it or will do it, but that’s not the point. We are to be faithful and leave the results to God.

But we adults need that message, too. So read it again and think about it and your life. It’s

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LOL at PHS!

As we are preparing the mailing of this newsletter, several of our members are serving “Lunch On the Lawn” to the entire Paris High School student body and staff! Since the building of the new high school, our “LOL” has taken place at PHS instead of in our “yard” - so we prepare the food here, transport it out there and serve it there. Thank you to all the “hands that prepared” it and to all who donated items. The students and staff let us know how much they appreciate it each year. NOTE: that our “LOL” outreach to Bridges school will be on Friday, October 13.

HONEYBEE SCARECROW BOOTH

We could use kids clothes (no adult sizes needed) - also accessories like necklace beads, hats, belts, scarves are loved by the kids who make their own scarecrow. If you can come help us, we’d welcome you this Friday afternoon (Sept. 22) or Saturday (Sept. 23) all day. See Deena Hasler or Coralie Smittkamp if you have any question. Come by just for a visit - we’d “bee” glad to see you!

HONEYBEE PARADE

Thank you for the donations of candy! Those who are helping to hand out papers and labeled candies are asked to be at the bus on corner of Alexander and Elizabeth Streets at 10:30 AM this Saturday morning.



Congratulations to Erica Buntain and family in the birth, Monday, of son, Maddux Brian Shonk. We will welcome him in worship on Sunday.

Home from the Hospital: Rick Ward

Sympathies go to Dwight Robinson and family in the death of his relative last week.



- Tony Peel for getting & delivering new tables for our use;
- All who saved items and the women, especially the Fellowship Circle, who sorted, packed, delivered them;
- Pete Templeton for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermons;
- Cathy Clawson & Dorothy McGee for the Minutes for Mission;
- Peg Dixon and Christian Ed Committee for the promotion of learning and the Bible presentations;
- Cody Vaughn for his work on the t-shirts;
- Tony Peel for driving the men to Terre Haute;
- Marsha Thomey, Marge Houghland, & all who served the Community Kitchen;
- All who helped make "Lunch On the Lawn" a labor of Love at PHS!

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

God forms.
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Christ reforms.



SEPTEMBER PRAYER

"Dear Lord, May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. We especially pray for those affected by fires in the west or the hurricanes to the southeast. We lift up those in need and praise You for your goodness forever & ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

WOMEN'S RETREAT

We have information on a regional women's retreat at Camp Walter Scott, September 22-24. If interested, check it out.

HONEYBEE WORSHIP

Please note that this Sunday, September 24, we will only have 8:00 AM Worship at FCC! We will dismiss Sunday School classes to prepare for the Honeybee Community Service that will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 10:15 AM.



FCC T-SHIRTS

We have order forms for a variety of FCC t-shirts. You may choose from two types of material, a variety of colors and several sizes, each at a cost of \$10. Please make checks to "First Christian Church" and note "T-Shirt" in the memo area.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ★ Nominating Committee meeting: Monday, October 2, time TBA.
- ★ Trustees: Thursday, October 12, 6:00 PM.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesday at 6:30 PM. All singers welcome!

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

We are not sure where God is leading us, nor how to proceed at this time. Pray for us and for the individual we seek.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning Bible Study meets each at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. We are studying the questions of Jesus from the gospels. Everyone is welcome.

SERMON SERIES OUTLINE

An outline of the fall sermon series, "The Questions of Jesus" will be available this Sunday as a bulletin insert.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1, will be "World Communion Sunday" as we focus on and celebrate the Lord's Supper in conjunction with churches around the world.



CIRCLE IN SEPTEMBER

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. Saunny Preston will give the lesson on "Encouraging One Another" and Mary K. Bradford is hostess.

All women are invited to any of the Circles to experience the fellowship.

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP REPORT

The Women's Workshop was held last Thursday, September 14 at 9:00 AM. Nine CWF members met to prepare the donated items for distribution. The total number of items collected included: 5 lbs. pop tabs, 6 cell phones, 7 cell phone chargers, 28 eyeglasses, 151 Box Tops for Education, 291 cancelled stamps, 115 Campbell's labels, 11 ink cartridges.

It was noted, only certain ink cartridges can be used for recycling. There is a list of acceptable cartridges posted by Mary K. Bradford's classroom. Also note, the Lion's Club collects old keys and would like for us to add them to our collection list.

Following refreshments, a short business meeting was held explaining the new CWF concept of the Leadership Team and the responsibilities of each Circle for the coming year. Thank you for all the donations.

Corky Davidson & Karen Newhart

GOLDEN AGE

Sign-up to be part of the Golden Age luncheon on Tuesday, September 26, at 12:00 NN. The program will be by JC Foley on going from the work force back to school.

TRIP TO "THE ARK"

The plan is to go to the "Ark Encounter" in Kentucky on Monday, Oct. 23, for an all-day outing. Leaving at 6:30 AM - we hope to return by 9:30-10:00 PM. Cost is \$25 Seniors, \$30 adults, \$10 children - due to monies given to help defray the overall costs. Details are available in the office. Seating is limited on the church bus; if the 15 (including the driver) seats are filled, put your name on the waiting list for the trip on the 23rd - and/or another in November.

YOUTH GROUP

Weekly Youth Group resumes each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. All junior high and high school students welcome!

GOD'S GANG / CROSSROADS

Come join us for the God's Gang-Crossroads each Wednesday for kids K-5 & 6-7th grades at 3:30 PM. This week's theme is "Friends" and next week's theme is "Hugs." Be sure to register if you have not already done so!

"SEE YOU AT THE POLE"

Prayers at the local schools: PHS, Crestwood, Mayo will be held next Wednesday, September 27, at times to be announced (7:30-7:45 AM). Please join us at the school of your choice.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Last Sunday on Promotion Sunday, we handed out Bibles to those going into 1st and 5th grades. So, congratulations to August, Graham, Hannah, Jasmine, Jesse, Xander!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes which will resume Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM on October 1st. Classes are available for all ages! The adult classes will be studying the following: Disciples Class - Judges; New Horizon's Class - Hebrews; Open Door Class - Colossians.

PHS FOOTBALL DINNER

FCC will host the Paris High School football team for a dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 5, under the leadership of Donna Garver. Please pray for this outreach to influence the lives of the players and coaching staff.

TOWER PROJECT

Trying to get multiple contractors and equipment together at one time is a challenge! We hope to do so next week. Stay tuned.

WILD FIRE / HURRICANE HELP

Our Week of Compassion offerings go to help those in emergency situations such as the recent wild fires out west and the hurricanes in the south/southeast. If you wish to donate towards this emergency help, please designate it "Week of Compassion." (Our donations of "Christmas in July" clean-up buckets are already in Texas!) Thank you!



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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!

Sept. 17: 8:00 - 51 10:00 - 100 Nursery - 5

TOTAL WORSHIP = 156

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 1, New Disciples - 6, Open Door - 21, New Horizons - 12

TOTAL SS = 45

OFFERING TOTALS

September 17, 2017

General Fund	\$2,707.25
Sunday School	40.25
Food Pantry	50.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
Lunch On the Lawn	20.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	64.00
Wk./Comp: Hurricanes	126.00
Reconciliation Offering	521.00
Permanent Fund	12.00
Building Fund	314.00
TOTAL	\$3,904.50

SERVING SCHEDULE: September 24, 2017

~ HONEYBEE SUNDAY ~

At FCC -

8:00 AM: ELDER: Joel Gleckler
DEACONESS: Jenneane McDaniel
PIANIST: Dennis Thiel

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:46-52

SERMON: The Questions Of Jesus: "What Do You Want Me To Do For You?" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

(No Sunday School)

At First United Methodist Church -

10:15 AM: Honeybee Community Service



SINGING REQUESTS

We hope to pull out the little "Power & Praise" songbook this Sunday at 8:00 AM and begin with a song service of requests. Be ready....

