

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

January 17, 2018

NAMING

(Please read this tongue-in-cheek, since I wrote it in that same spirit.)

There's a trend today of naming things. If you've got the money, we'll let you put your company name on a stadium, fieldhouse, arena, field park, or even a bowl game. We see it in Indy, and even my team in Chicago has done it; you could say that St. Louis and the other Chicago baseball team have not done it with their names, but in a way they were among the first.

Hey, why don't we do that with the church? And I'm not talking money or fund-raising (although if someone offered a million dollars...!?) I'm just following the trend. We could have

- the Elder's Prayer Room
- the Deacon's Back Pew
- the Deaconess' Hallway
- the Trustee's Tower

Or how about

- the Rev. John Faust Pulpit (& other minister's names attached to the table...)
- the Moke Owen's Organ & the Kathy Peel Bench (or maybe it would be the other way now)

Then we could have

- Membership Committee Meals
- from the CWF Kitchen
- serving an Elsie Jane Jackson Entrée (something that contributes to long life and a sweet disposition)
- with MCD Desserts
- and Disciple Men's Drinks

Why we could even name the parking spaces out back and then...

But as fun as it is to think and joke about, we can't do it. We are the Church. God's people. And we are not to follow, nor copy the world. We are to follow God's Word and copy Christ.

I guess that's why His Name is already on us. Let's make sure it stays and still describes us.

MCD

Soup Luncheon - change of date!

The Circle of Light Soup Luncheon has been moved to Sunday, February 4, at 11:30 AM. (This was due to the unknown schedule on work being done in the sanctuary the end of this month and the Fellowship Hall being used for services). The plan is to have at least 10 different kinds of soups offered for a free-will donation. All are invited and welcome.

Talent Variety Show

The FCC Talent-Variety Show is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 25. Supper will be served at 5:00 PM, with the show following at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is out at the sign-up desk for you to sign-up your act, song, talent and can be done as an individual, duet, group, etc.

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday will be recognized during services this Sunday, January 21. It is sponsored by the CWF for Church World Service and is an opportunity to help people in emergency situations like hurricanes, fires, floods, etc. Your donations go toward providing blankets in these circumstances.



Our sympathies are extended to Chuck & Mary K. Bradford & family in the death of their daughter-in-law recently in Oklahoma.

Additional sympathies go to Paula Coombes & family in the loss of her uncle this week.

Welcome back to Rev. Dixon from their vacation weekend.



- Cathy Melendez for her substitute work in the office last week;
- Elders Daryl Bridwell & Dan Lynch, Tammy Terry & Rick Kennedy for their leadership on Sunday;
- Mary Helen Hamilton for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Jim Bellerud for directing the choir;
- JC Foley for teaching Sunday School;
- Tommy Moehlman for filling the pulpit;
- Karen Newhart for the 2017 Church Life Banner.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

God never takes the easy way out.



JANUARY PRAYER

“Thank You God, for Youth Ministry. Our youth are the future for our city, our nation, our world. Help them want something real, want to make a difference and want to be involved now. Amen.”

BIBLE STUDY

Come join us as we study the book of Jonah. We meet in the Jerusalem Room from 10:30 AM-12:00 noon on Tuesdays.

BUILDING UPGRADE

FYI - The painting of the walls in the sanctuary will be finished this week! with the gold trim to follow after. Then the new carpeting will be installed beginning, Monday, February 5. (That means we will need volunteers on Sunday afternoon, the 4th, to move pews and empty the sanctuary temporarily!!) Other work will follow and we are waiting for the Fellowship Hall floor repairs until after the sanctuary is finished. Thank you, Trustees.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustees are schedule to meet next Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 PM.

2017 YEARBOOK REPORTS

If you were a chair for a committee, group, or outreach last year, we need your 2017 Yearbook report!

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please turn in the information from your meeting with notes and names of those responsible for assignments and the committee plans for 2018. Notes from last year and church keys should be available from last year’s Chair.

MEMBERSHIP NEEDS

Please lend us your help for the following:

- 1) STORK - Does anyone know where the “stork” is? FCC has used it in the past at different houses. Please bring it in to the office if you have it. Thank you!
- 2) COLLEGE ADDRESSES - We need the updated College Addresses for our FCC students. Please call, email, bring those to the office.

TRIP TO “PASSION PLAY”

We have a new opportunity to offer: a trip to the “Passion Play” in Bloomington, IL on Sat., March 17. You can ride the FCC bus, which will include the buffet lunch beforehand - cost \$40 - and lots of good conversation on the way. Or, you can go on your own - which means \$25 ticket and either the buffet \$15, or your own arrangements. We need to know by January 31 to either return or order more tickets.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are still several 2018 Offering Envelopes that need picked up in the hallway. Please deliver or remind others.

S.S. OFFERING

The Board has approved that the Sunday School offering monies go toward the Youth Scholarship Fund which helps cover the cost for youth/families who couldn’t otherwise attend the youth camps, retreats, and events.

INVITATION CARDS

We plan to have invitation cards out and available this Sunday, January 21. Look for them and hand them out.

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETING

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thurs., Jan. 18 at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. Hostess is Donna Moody and Cindy Mathis is giving the lesson.

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Disciples Men will meet for breakfast this Sat., January 20, at 8:00 AM in the church kitchen. Rev. Mike will be cooking. Sign-up! All men are welcome!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Due to the severe weather, the Community Kitchen was cancelled on January 15. The next one is scheduled for Monday, February 19. A sign-up will be out. Hopefully the weather will be better by then!

GOLDEN AGE

Our Golden Age luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 23, at 12:00 NN. Sign-up for the lunch. The program will be by the "Class of '47": Corky Davidson, Dorothy Farnham, Carolyn Lanker.

MICE CANS

The last Sunday of the month is the day we collect aluminum cans. Proceeds go to fund MICE events throughout the year.

FOOD PANTRY

The first Sunday of each month we have collection baskets at the entryways for donations of food items to the Food Pantry. Bring in your items, Sunday, February 4.

Thank You!

I want to thank the congregation, the Board, and the Staff Relations for giving me the Love Offering to my family. It is such a blessing to be part of this church. Thank you so much!

Also I want to say thank you for letting me be the Youth Director for so many years. It was a great experience and I have a lot of great memories. I want to say thank you to all the people who have supported and will continue to support these kids. I also want to give a big shout-out to Angel Templeton for working with me and giving me great ideas. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you. To Rev. Mike, thank you so much for your support and letting me be part of the Staff at FCC. To Cheryl, thank you for everything you did behind the scenes. You are a great secretary and person to work with.

Thank you all so much! Troy Sanders



Mid-Winter Retreat The Mid-Winter Retreat is upon us! Those attending are Troy Sanders, 7 youth students, and myself. We will arrive at Eureka Christian Church on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 12:00 NN for check-in, leaving FCC at 9:00 AM ON THE DOT (so do not be late!), arriving back home in the afternoon on Sunday. You will need money for one meal; for a full list of suggested items and a schedule, go to cciwdisciples.org and then click on the large picture for the retreat on the home page. For more information, come to youth group this Wednesday. I will go over the whole spiel then!

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Youth Group Hey everybody, Wednesday night youth group is here! Jr. High is from 6-7 PM and Sr. High is from 6:30-8 PM. Invite your friends!

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God's Gang/Crossroads God's Gang will be having a leaders meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 5:30 PM in the Jerusalem Room. If you would like to be involved or just have questions, please attend. God's Gang will officially start Feb. 7; registration opens Jan. 28 - forms will be on the table in the church hallway.

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MICE MICE will start back up Jan. 28, going to the Bouncy Barn in Terre Haute. Meet at FCC to leave at 1:00 PM (IL time) on the bus; will return around 4:00 PM (IL time).

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YOUTH SUNDAY Youth Sunday is fast approaching! It will be Feb. 4, one service, at 10:00 AM. Come support our youth! We have Montana Boatman and Kyle Daugherty speaking on, "Things That Don't Last vs Things That Do Last."

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VBS Vacation Bible School will be July 30-August 3 this year. Save the dates!

DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Don't forget that the Disciples Sunday School class, taught by Mary K. Bradford, is now meeting in the Church Library. Go into the Jerusalem Room, turn to your right, and you will see the library. We needed the former room for the Youth Office, so we thank you for your understanding.



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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!

Jan. 14: 8:00 - 52 10:00 - 79 Nursery - 3

TOTAL WORSHIP = 134

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 6, Open Door - 17, New Horizons - 9

TOTAL SS = 35

OFFERING TOTALS

January 14, 2018

General Fund	\$3,618.25
Envelopes	7.00
Sunday School	12.00
God's Gang	50.00
Emergency Fund	20.00
Food Pantry	75.00
MICE	10.00
Trustees	25.00
Reimbursement	40.00
Youth Fund	100.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	155.00
Building Fund	55.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
TOTAL	\$4,192.25

SERVING SCHEDULE: January 21, 2018

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dennis Thiel
DEACONESS: Cynthia Faulk
PIANIST: Pete Templeton

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Steve, Jill, Kaitlyn, Morgan Coombes
West: Chris, Candi, Sammy Milam

ACOLYTES: Morgan Coombes, Steven West

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Webb

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: Megan Mathis

DEACONS: Team #3, Jacob Thomas, Captain; Cory Craig, Barb Free, Mike Kirk, Doc & Donna Moody, Jerry Thomas, Dan Thomey

JR DEACONS: Team #3, Jaydin Seeley, Capt.; Cheyenne Miller, Cydney Miller, Carstan Stites

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Rev. Mike Dixon

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Claire Young

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

JAN. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Kristin Chittick

JAN. USHERS: Randy Creech, Ken Dennison, and Lloyd Maggert

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:20-33

SERMON: "The Reputation of God"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Does reading through the Bible seem too big of a task? According to the internet it takes just 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible through "at pulpit rate," and aloud! It takes only 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old Testament, and just 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament. The longest book, Psalms, will take just 4 hours and 28 minutes. If you'd like to take it a little less at a time, there are "Daily Reading" schedules available on the sign-up desk to read through the Bible in a year. Pick up a copy and hand them out to others.