

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

April 18, 2018

FROM THE FUTURE

Here is next week’s article—in advance.

“Outstanding.”

“ I was touched.”

“ I got goose bumps on my skin, and shivers in my soul.”

“ Inspirational.”

“ One of the best ever.”

Those are some of the comments about the Cantata Worship Service we just experienced on Sunday. It has become an anticipated and appreciated ministry by many of us.

The music was very well done! The Soloists and Choir were quality. From the explosive opening of “Shine Jesus Shine” to the Children with “This Little Light of Mine”, from the bells and drums and voices of “Walking in the Light of God” to the challenging conclusion of “Go Light Your World”, it was familiar, inspirational, thought-provoking, uplifting, and all that you’d want a musical service to be.

We thank Peg Dixon as Director for her vision in selection and arrangement, and for her good leadership. And, Kathy Peel with her magical fingers in providing the music.

I appreciate the emphasis on the “light” - our theme fro this year. And I was challenged to craft and appropriate message to support it—this year in 8 smaller segments before each anthem.

However, what made it all work was that the focus was not on Peg, the Choir, Kathy, me, you, but on God Himself as expressed in the title “All for the Glory of God”.

Thanks for sharing it. Now go light your world!

If that is true you don’t want to miss it! See you Sunday.

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CANTATA WORSHIP SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 22, will be our Cantata Worship “All To The Glory of God”. Arranged by Director Peg Dixon who said, “It’s a time to glorify God as we are reminded of who God is, what He has done, and now what we are to do with His Light and Love.” We will have only one service at 10:00am (no 8:00am service). The children of “God’s Gang” will be included and needed. Also we will have the “Joyful Ringers” plus drums! Invite your family and friends.

“LUNCH ON THE LAWN”

“Lunch on the Lawn” will be held Friday, April 27th at 11:00 with the Bridges School. We need donations as listed on the Board in the entry. Please sign up to help by bringing food or to help at the Lunch. There will be a Planning Meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 3:00pm. Please pray for the event as well as the school, students, and staff.





Congratulations go to those involved in the PHS production of "Mary Poppins". Well done!

Hospitalized: Lewis Thiel, Indy
Bill Clawson, Union

Home from Hospital: Bill Chittick
Rick Ward



-- All those who "loaned" the oil lamps for use during Lent—

Mamie Dart, Elsie Jane Jackson,
Daniel Smittkamp, Cheryl Clark,

Cecil Dixon;

-- Sue Bennett & CWF crew for the funeral dinner;

-- J C Foley for showing the "Hoovey" movie (& the pop & popcorn);

-- Women of the CWF for the Workshop work;

-- Mary Helen Hamilton for the 8:00am accompaniment;

-- Pastor John & "Mister Foot", for the Children's Sermon;

-- All those who helped with the "Men's Banquet" this week.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

We are to Glow

In The Dark



**APRIL PRAYER**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son - thank You, God." (John 3:16)

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KOINONIA BASKET RAFFLE

Thanks to all who prepared baskets and bought tickets. We will announce the winners next week.

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**COMMUNITY HANDBELL CONCERT**

Saturday, April 28th at the Fine Arts Community Center they will be presenting a Hand Bell Concert. This concert will include our own "Joyful Ringers".

**EASTER OFFERING**

The year's Easter Offering goal is \$3,000 and we have received \$2,962.50 so far. Thank you!

**GIFTS FROM FCC**

We still have Tote Bags left if you didn't get yours. They are free and are hanging on the coat racks beside the sign up desk. Please pick up one.

**RUSSIA TRIP for JC FOLEY**

We will be commissioning JC to his Russian Mission Trip on Sunday, April 22nd. He will be helping with construction of a church building. We provided money for tools to take, and he will have them on display on Sunday.

**GRADUATES**

Please let the office know if you have a graduate from either 8th grade, High School, or College. We plan to recognize them afterwards. Thank you.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ★ Memorials - April 27th, 1:30pm
- ★ Elders Meeting - May 3rd, 5:00pm
- ★ Board Meeting - May 8th, 7:00pm

**Disciples Men's Breakfast**

The Disciples Men's Breakfast will be held this Saturday, April 22nd at 8:00am in the Church Kitchen. Breakfast will be provided by Joe Gleckler & JC Foley; Please Sign up and come join us.

**SCHOLARSHIP FORMS**

FCC can still accept late applications- recommendation letters are needed.

**BLESSING BOX DONATIONS**

Don't forget to turn in your money for the CWF Blessing Boxes if you haven't done that yet. A basket is available at the door for your donations. Gifts will be totaled and announced as it will then be sent to CCIW. Thank you!

**FUTURE YARD SALE**

We will be having a Yard Sale in the summer, so please begin to save items for the sale, if you can. Thank you.

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Soon...the baptistry will be relined this week, the closet will be repainted, the painting will be almost done, and the carpeting is close to completion. Soon...



### CIRCLES IN APRIL

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, May 17th, in the church kitchen at 9:00 AM. Mary K Bradford will bring the lesson and Pam Lobb is the hostess.

May scheduling is to be announced soon.

### WOMAN'S WORKSHOP

The Spring Women's Workshop was held last Saturday, April 14. Collected and counted were: 640 Stamps, 17 pairs of glasses and 14 Glass cases, 7 Cell Phones & 3 Chargers, 337 Box Tops, 5 Labels for Education and 4 1/2 pounds of Pop Tabs and 7 keys. It was noted that we no longer collect greeting card fronts or Campbell's Soup Labels. Please when taking the stamps off of the envelope remember we must have at least 1/4 inch on all sides of the stamp for it to be used in our collections. Thank you to everyone who donated and we will have another workshop in the Fall. Keep collecting these items as it is an ongoing project and all items go for important causes.



### GOLDEN AGE

Our Golden Age luncheon and Program will be on Tuesday, April 24th. Pastor John Snidle will be the program by telling about his life, preparation for ministry, and vision for our Youth Ministry. Sign up!

### LUNCH with PASTOR JOHN

In an effort to get to know more of the congregation, and so you can get to know him, we have started a sign-up sheet in the hallway called "Lunch with John" which will take place every Sunday after church. It's a win-win situation, both get fed and blessed with each other's company! . If you have any questions, his cell phone is: . 618/838-5646

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Don't forget to bring your cans in for recycling this Sunday, April 29th!



Youth Group

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

Upcoming Trips

For High Schoolers, we will be attending a concert this Sunday for the band Rend Collective, one of my personal favorites; they are a praise and worship band in folk-rock style. This will be a one day trip, costing \$32 per student + 1 meal.

I will also be taking only a couple of students on a week of wilderness camp through Oil Belt Christian Service Camp at Current River in Missouri. We will spend a week in June canoeing and camping, spending time in God's creation!

God's Gang & Crossroads

God's Gang and Crossroads has been going on for quite a while now and is going very well, lots of learning and fun going on, and there are still people signing up! We're almost done with only 4 weeks left! Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry.

MICE

The next MICE group will meet on April 21st (**that's this Saturday!**) at 10AM at Aikman's Wildlife Adventure. Any 2nd-5th graders interested in going are encouraged to come!

Summer Camp

It may seem far away, but it sneaks up very fast! If you or your child is interested in signing up for summer camps at Camp Walter Scott, the registration deadline is April 20, **THAT'S THIS FRIDAY (Scholarship money is available for those who need it)**. FCC is offering to pay for half of your camp experience! We think camp is important! So don't miss this incredible opportunity.

| <u>CAMP NAME</u> | <u>GRADES</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| CYF | 9-12 | June 10-16 |
| Grandparents & Me | K-5 | July 8-11 |
| Beginners | K-2 | July 11-14 |
| Chi-Rho | 6-8 | July 15-21 |
| JYF | 3-5 | July 22-28 |

"Mary Poppins"

I would like to congratulate the cast and crew of the "Mary Poppins" musical at the high school, because it was a really special performance! I went Saturday night and the place was packed. If you didn't get to see it, you missed a real supercalifragilisticexpialidocious show!



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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!

April 15: 8:00 - 45 10:00 - 97 Nursery - 0

TOTAL WORSHIP = 142

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 5, Jr & Sr High - 2, New Disciples - 9, Open Door - 25, New Horizons - 11

SERVING SCHEDULE: April 22, 2018

NO 8:00 AM SERVICE

CANTATA SERVICE

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Pat Hittle

West: Dan & Marsha Thomey

ACOLYTES: Macie Thomas, Claire Young

WORSHIP LEADER: David Dick

BREAD ELDER: Nels Kasey

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, Captain; Cheyenne

Miller, Cydney Miller, Carstan Stites

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Cody Vaughn

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Tammy Terry

APRIL FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Pat Hittle

APRIL USHERS: Steve Coombes, Dean Smittkamp,

Ron Stickler

SOUND SYSTEM: Joe Gill

PROJECTION: Evie Gill

SCRIPTURES:

SERMON: "To God Be The Glory "

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

OFFERING TOTALS

Apr. 15, 2018

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| General Fund | \$2921.35 |
| Sunday School | 45.50 |
| Choices | 50.00 |
| Food Pantry | 125.00 |
| Reimbursements | 19.08 |
| Easter Breakfast | 239.00 |
| MICE | 10.00 |
| Community Outreach | 100.00 |
| Lunch On the Lawn | 50.00 |
| CWF Blessing Box | 42.30 |
| Youth Fund | 110.00 |
| God's Gang | 111.00 |
| Dis.Out-Missions | 185.00 |
| Easter Offering | 25.00 |
| JC Foley Trip | 25.00 |
| Building Fund | 220.00 |
| Memorials | 585.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4820.80 |

What Has God Done This Week?

