

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

May 9, 2018

LOL - ON THE ROAD

We took our LOL ministry on the road last week. Sort of. Let me explain.

I had called the “Bridges” school early last month to set up our spring Lunch On the Lawn with them. The comment was made that May 4 would be good because there would be no school lunch that day, and they would have to make other arrangements. When I learned that was not good for some of our volunteers, we had to do an earlier date here - but I remembered their need.

So, I asked if we could provide some lunch for them. When that was okayed, I announced that we would provide pizza - to cheers! But after the warm connections we had here, I said we needed to do more than order delivery, we needed to personally take it to them.

I thought I would do that on my own, but when I stopped by to confirm, they insisted that we stay and eat with them - so I took that as an open door and invited Pastor John and the other table hosts to come eat-enjoy-connect. We did, and had a wonderful time together, both eating and talking, then playing outside for a bit before leaving.

Amid all the thank yous, we were also invited back. I don't know where this is headed and I have no long-range plan in my head, but I am excited to see where God takes this. We are simply planting seeds of kindness and caring. God is the one who can grow them - whether now or later.

Pray for them and our connection - that there may be a bridge from us to “Bridges” and even to God.

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Mother's Day

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 13. We will pay tribute to mothers and have gifts for moms and all women. So, bring your mom, come as a mom, come to honor or remember your mom. We will also have the “Woman of the Year” ballots available, so be thinking of a woman or two you would like to nominate for this year.

DISCIPLES MEN HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The Disciples Men will be doing their highway cleanup and ask you to come help. If you'd like to start with breakfast, meet at McDonald's at 8:00 AM Saturday, May 19. If you'd rather skip breakfast and just help out, go out to the Pool's parking lot to meet any others who are helping at 9:00 AM. A sign-up sheet is out. More hands make for lighter work!

Ladies Spring Social

A Ladies Spring Social is planned for Saturday, May 19, at 2:00 PM, hosted by the Circle of Light. The menu will include cookies and ice cream with hot or iced tea. All ladies are invited.

COVERING PARIS WITH PRAYER

As you drive around town, pray for the people, businesses, services in that area. Pray for your neighborhood as well. It's all part of “Covering Paris with Prayer”.



Welcome back to JC Foley from Russia and the good work there!

Our sympathies go to Pam Lobb in the sudden death of her husband, Ron Lobb, last week. Arrangements are in process.

Hospitalized: Don McGee, Paris

Home to Rehab: Ken Dennison

Additional sympathies go to all who knew Mary Ellen Scarbeary, former member, in her passing.



-- Those who represented us at the National Day of Prayer breakfast;

-- Table hosts at Bridges last week;

-- Faye Eitel for the 8:00 accompaniment;

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

-- Tony Peel for devotion and prayer at Board Meeting... and the new theme sign on the bulletin board above the sign-up desk. Check it out!

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Thank your mom for the womb and board!

MAY PRAYER

"Dear God, May our blessings, like Your love for us, be infinite. Amen."

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The 2018 FCC Scholarship Recipients are:

- *Disciples Men - Kenny Milam
- *John C. Faust Ministerial - Cliff Gale II
- *John Z. & Ruth W. Frazier Memorial
 - Angus Beabout
- *Joe & Nila Hasler - Braden Chittick
- *James H. Houston Community College
 - Gracie Rhoads
- *Harold & Faye Jump Memorial
 - Montana Boatman
- *Bill Kerrick Memorial - Claire Woods
- *Donald H. & E. Berniece Mink Nursing
 - Brody Spencer
- *Larry Moss Agricultural - Nathan Tague
- *Moke C. Owens Music - Katherine Smith
- *Peggy Thiel Education - Jensen Bess

Congratulations! Recipients will be recognized and certificates will be given on Sunday, June 3, at the Outdoor Service.

"SPLINTERS" from the BOARD

At its May meeting, the Executive Board:

- gathered around the worship setting of Galatians 6:14 and two "silverware" crosses to remind us to keep our focus on the cross;
- offered continuing prayers for ourselves to keep our priority spiritual, not just material;
- received the resignation of Ken Dennison as Usher;
- approved a vacation request of Rev. Dixon for June 15-22;
- noted our Community Kitchen night needs more desserts and helpers;
- was told that the Easter Offering is over the goal!
- noted the upcoming Memorial Observance on May 27;
- discussed the need to address our cash flow and related financial matters;
- heard about the new baptistry liner & need to repair the entryway lock, and the temporary closing of the Prayer Room due to abuse;
- noted that men are needed to help serve at the June 7 Women's Banquet;
- appointed Steve Eitel to serve as Usher for the remainder of 2018;
- was challenged to find a Mission Project to help us be more balanced in our ministry.

PENTECOST!

Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost! We will celebrate it during worship and invite you to wear red, the color of Pentecost!

GOLDEN AGE

The Golden Age luncheon will be Tuesday, May 22, at 12:00 NN with Brad Cash of Brad's Florist bringing the program on his business. Sign-up for the lunch!

RUSSIA TRIP REPORT

JC Foley was blessed from his trip Russia and will be giving a report on his Mission Trip at the June 29 Golden Age - plan now to attend!

LOL PICTURES

Check out some pictures from our recent LOL with Bridges posted in the hallway.

GRADUATION INVITATION

The congregation is invited to help celebrate Adrienne Haupt's college graduation on Saturday, May 26, at the Paris VFW from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

CIRCLES IN MAY

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: – meets Tuesday, May 15, at 1:30 pm at home of Corky Davidson with the lesson brought by Carolyn Lanker.

KOINONIA CIRCLE – meets Thursday, May 17, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. Hostess is Cindy Mathis, with Barbara Dick bringing the lesson.

WOMEN'S BANQUET

This year the Women's Banquet will be held Thursday, June 7. The program will be by the "Sugar-Groovians". Tickets available at Circle meetings and following for all women. ★The meal will be by the Disciples Men - guys signup to help cook, clean, and serve. ★

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Sign-up to help at the Community Kitchen this month on Monday, May 21. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide desserts.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The FCC Relay For Life Team will have their annual yard sale on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9. Save items to bring in the week prior.

DISCIPLES MEN OUTING

Coming up on June 23, we have tickets for the Indy Indians vs Durham Bulls baseball game. The tickets are \$14 each, plus whatever other costs (bus and meal?) are necessary. Sign-up in the hallway.

GRADUATES

Please let us know of any graduates in your family - from 8th grade, high school, or college. We want to be sure to include all in our service the first Sunday of June.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

The Evangelism Committee will meet Sunday, May 20, following second service at 11:30 AM.

BACCALAUREATE

This year's PHS Baccalaureate will be Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church. All are invited.

"FAREWELL TO FATHER"

St. Mary's Catholic Church invites everyone to their food, fun, farewell event at the KC Hall on Friday, May 18, from 6:00-9:00 PM to say goodbye to Father Ron.



Youth Group Hey everybody, Wednesday night youth group is almost gone! With all the busyness going on from graduation and the end of school, we are shaving youth group down by a week. Our final youth group will be next week, May 16.

Upcoming Events We are planning an end of the year get-together-party-hooplah for any and all youth! It will be June 1st (hopefully), starting around 6. Those invited to attend include high school, middle school, member of this church or not, all are welcome; so tell your friends! Will be held at the Johnson's house, wienies will be eaten.

Youth Auction Kids will make up flyers, with their name and what they are offering to do, that will be hung in the hallway for a couple weeks. On Sunday, May 27, we will auction their services at 11:30 AM. If you won't be in town that day or go to the early service, you can set up a proxy to bid for you. Relay For Life will get 20% of the proceeds and 80% will go to Youth events.

God's Gang & Crossroads God's Gang & Crossroads is OFFICIALLY over! For the summer at least. It's been a great year; the kids had a blast and learned a lot. A big ol' thank you goes out to Angel Templeton and Saunny Preston for leading this program, and to everyone who sacrificed their time and energy to bless the children with this weekly ministry! Your service truly makes a difference in the youngster's lives, in this community, and in the Kingdom of God.

MICE The final MICE shebang of the season has been moved to May 26 at Twin Lakes Park. The Year End Picnic will be from 12-3, we will get to enjoy the water park and some mini-golf. If you've only come once or twice, make sure you don't miss this one!

Lunch with John In an effort to get to know more of the congregation, and so you can get to know me, we have started a sign-up sheet called "Lunch with John" which will take place every Sunday after church. I've met with several families so far and there are more scheduled; thank you to those I've ate with so far, I'm really getting to know more of the church! The sign-up list is in front of the sanctuary doors at the sign-up desk; I expect to eat with the entire church eventually!

Summer Camp Due to the confusion in signing up for camp, the deadline has been extended indefinitely! To sign-up, go online to <https://cciwdisciples.org/category/camp/> - to finish the sign up, just mark "will send check" instead of paying on your card. Then you can pay your half in the office. Any further questions, contact FCC and we will walk you through the process.

★We will also need Camp Prayer Partners who will send a note and a small gift to a camper during camp. If you would be willing to do so, sign-up in the hallway.

VBS VBS will be July 30th through August 3rd from 9am to 11:30 everyday except for Friday, which will let out a little later at 12:30. The Directors will be Kim Woods and Deena Hasler. It may be several months away still, but pray for the success of the event and the sanity of all the volunteers, it is desperately needed!

- John Snidle, Youth Minister



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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!

May 6: 8:00 - 45 10:00 - 92 Nursery - 4

TOTAL WORSHIP = 141

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 2, New Disciples - 8, Open Door - 18, New Horizons - 10

TOTAL SS = 42

OFFERING TOTALS

May 6, 2018

General Fund	\$5,996.00
Sunday School	29.00
Food Pantry	100.00
God's Gang	56.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
Faith In Action	10.00
Community Kitchen	40.00
CWF Blessing Box	20.00
Lunch On the Lawn	50.00
Bell Choir Fund	50.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	420.00
Pentecost Offering	55.00
Building Fund	535.00
Memorials	30.00
TOTAL	\$7,441.00

SERVING SCHEDULE: May 13, 2018 Mother's Day!

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Cassie Boatman

PIANIST: Evie Gill

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Cody, Katie, Colten, EJ Vaughn

West: John Snidle

ACOLYTES: Lily Smittkamp, Ava Huddleson

WORSHIP LEADER: Chris Milam

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

DEACONS: Men Deacons

JR DEACONS: Male Jr. Deacons

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Steve Webb

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Sammy Milam

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jenelle Adams

MAY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Steve Webb

May USHERS: Randy Creech & Lloyd Maggert

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION: Tony Peel

SCRIPTURES: 1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 1:1-7

SERMON: "From Grandmother To Mother To Son"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

happy
mother's day!

