

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

May 16, 2018

PRAY FOR PARIS

That even has a ring to it, doesn't it? It would make a good slogan if we were running for an office (but we're not)....

Praying - something we do every day (I hope)

For - we pray for our families and friends and their needs

Paris - where we live and work and do business with thousands of others

We've been challenged and encouraged to pray for Paris, and the suggestions was geographic - around our building location, and east-west along Washington-Madison Streets.

I'll give you another way using the first letters of your name, an acronym of Paris. Pray for...

P - Professionals - Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers, Accountants, Counselors

A - Agriculture - The farmers who do it in the dirt, and all the other ag services involved

R - Retail Stores - All the places you do business, as well as the ones you do not

I - Industry - the plants and factories that make things and ship those things, and the people who work in them

S - Schools - Public schools and alternative schools, pre-schools, private schools, including higher education

That's another way to Pray for Paris that may work for some. You may come up with another. Whichever, remember to Pray for Paris.

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Pentecost

This Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, God in us! It is recorded in Acts 2 and described as the Holy Spirit coming like "tongues of fire". Therefore, you may see artwork like a dove in red or in a flame. We also commemorate it by wearing the color red.

Pentecost Offering

This year we will again join several churches in the Lakeland Cluster for our Pentecost Offering. The FCC individual goal is \$1,200 with the total Cluster goal of \$2,900. The New Church/Ministry Team of the region seeks to support and nurture new congregations which do church differently and reach under-represented populations within the region. We recognize each new community being developed is unique and their practices or structures reflect their context. The NCMT aims to work within the particular situation of each new congregation/ministry, while upholding the essentials of Disciples heritage. Your offering goes to support the planting of new Disciples churches.

Ladies Spring Social

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



DISCIPLES MEN HIGHWAY CLEANUP

You are wanted and needed to help this Saturday, May 19, with the Disciples Men highway cleanup. They'll start with breakfast at McDonald's at 8:00 AM then meet at Pool's parking lot at 9:00 AM to go cleanup the highway north of Paris. Sign-up your help, please!



A graveside service will be held on Friday at 2:00 PM for Ron Lobb. We encourage prayers for Pam & others.

Hospitalized: Rick Ward, Union
Karen Moore, Carle
Don McGee, Paris

New Address: Ken Dennison is now residing at Brookstone, Apt. #3

Congratulations to Emliee & Larry Hornbrook on their baptisms this week!



-- All those who made the past semester of "God's Gang/Crossroads" possible and successful!

- Evie Gill for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Steve Webb for the Children's Sermon;
- Lied Metcalf for the violin accompaniment of the anthem;
- Worship Committee for handing out the gifts to all women & mothers;
- Pastor John for the Youth Auction explanation.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

True Triple Crown:
Father, Son, Holy Spirit

MAY PRAYER

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be an appreciation breakfast for all S.S. teachers and classes on June 10 - as we look back and as we look ahead to summer.

WORSHIP with "THE JOYFUL RINGERS"

On Sunday, "The Joyful Ringers" will be ringing Special Music at 10:00 AM. Come share the inspiration this Sunday!

BIBLE STUDY

We will be covering, "Misused Bible Stories" each Tuesday at 10:30 AM through June 5. You are invited to come find out more!

BACCALAUREATE

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

GOLDEN AGE

The Golden Age luncheon will be next 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!

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, Choices Pregnancy & Health has their "Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign". Pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your loose change between these Sundays and bring it back on Father's Day. It's a great way to support Choices!



MEMORIAL SUNDAY

We will remember those who have given their lives for our country as well as our deceased members since last year on Sunday, May 27. Families of these past members are invited to attend and will receive a flower, candle, and ribbon for their loved one.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ◆ Evangelism Committee will meet this Sunday, May 20, following second service at 11:30 AM.
- ◆ Trustees will meet Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 PM.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Nomination forms for Woman of the Year are available on the sign-up desk.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

If you weren't here and would like a flashlight, there are a few gifts remaining.

OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Memorial Day, the church offices will be closed Monday, May 28.

GRADUATION INVITATIONS

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ You are invited to celebrate with Kyle Daugherty at his high school graduation party on Saturday, May 26, from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Paris American Legion Pavilion.

RELAY FOR LIFE YARD SALE

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.

WOMEN'S BANQUET

The Women's Banquet is Thursday, June 7. The program will be by the "Sugar-Groovians". Tickets are \$8 and are available from Circles or the church office.

★The meal will be by the Disciples Men - guys, please sign up to help cook, clean, and serve.★

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Sign-up to help at the Community Kitchen this month on Monday, May 21. We need volunteers to serve and provide desserts!

BASEBALL OUTING

Coming up on June 23, we have tickets for the Indy Indians vs Durham Bulls baseball game. The tickets are \$14 each, plus bus/meal costs. Sign-up in the hallway if you'd like to go!

GRADUATES

Please let us know of any FCC graduates. We will have memory books to be signed for our active high school students.

SHHHH - It's a surprise!

Sam Preston's 80th birthday Open House will be Sunday, May 20, from 2:00-5:00 PM at the KC Hall on north Main St. Everyone is invited, no gifts please, stop by and wish him a happy birthday!

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers I received while nursing my broken ankle. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated and I hope to be back with you soon. - Karen Newhart

To First Christian Church, I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the John C. Faust Ministerial Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will enable me to focus on my studies to grasp God's Word. My hope is to be able to re-tell and relate what I am learning to others to help them grow in the Lord as well. As I complete my education at Lincoln Christian University, I am very thankful for your thoughtful gift. It allows me to attend full-time, while supporting my family, and pursuing a degree in Christian Ministry focusing on Preaching. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift. Sincerely, Cliff Gale II

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*What Have You Seen  
God Do This Week?*



Youth Group Hey everybody, Wednesday night youth group is GONE. We had a great first 6 months together. We covered topics such as prayer, God's love, why it's okay to ask questions about our faith, the meaning of amen, and other things. It's sad to say goodbye, but plan to meet again in September!

Upcoming Events We are planning an end of the year get-together-party-hooplah for any and all youth! It will be June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 and if you don't know where that is, meet at the church and we will head there together; also wienies will be eaten.

We will be having a Youth Auction to help support the youth financially, and to give them an opportunity to learn about the significance of service. Sunday May 27 the youth will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for any job you need help with! It could be baby-sitting, washing the dishes, tending to your garden, helping to paint your house, or even just a good conversation partner. So come the church next Sunday to get some good workers! We realize the 27<sup>th</sup> is a long weekend & many of you may be away from home; if so you can contact a friend who will be at church and have them bid for you, or contact Mike or myself and we can bid for you. Don't be afraid to ask!

MICE The final MICE shebang of the season will be 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 but missed the rest, make sure you don't miss this one!

VBS will be July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

Summer Camp This is the last call for Camp Walter Scott sign ups. If your child is interested (in the slightest) in attending a week of camp, make sure they are signed up! Again, if you are in need of aid, contact the church and we will find a way to get them there.

Lunch with John As you all know, we've been doing lunch with John and it's going really well. I've met with several families so far having lunch after Sunday Services, and there are more scheduled; but something I should have stressed sooner is that I'm hungry all the time! So if you're preoccupied during Sunday lunch, would rather share a meal through the week or for supper instead, that's just fine with me! 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!

- John Snidle, Youth Minister



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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!**

**May 13: 8:00 - 44 10:00 - 105 Nursery - 4**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 153**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 2, New Disciples - 7, Open Door - 15, New Horizons - 12**

**TOTAL SS = 39**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**May 13, 2018**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund                | \$2,910.25        |
| Sunday School               | 18.00             |
| Envelopes                   | 1.00              |
| God's Gang                  | 50.00             |
| Choices Pregnancy & Health  | 50.00             |
| Food Pantry                 | 125.00            |
| Clothing Closet             | 50.00             |
| MICE                        | 10.00             |
| Reimbursement               | 20.97             |
| VBS                         | 20.00             |
| "Baby Bottle Campaign"      | 1.50              |
| Head, Hands, Heart          | 100.00            |
| Disciples Outreach-Missions | 160.00            |
| Pentecost Offering          | 246.00            |
| Building Fund               | 430.00            |
| Church Bus Fund             | 50.00             |
| Memorials                   | 50.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$4,292.72</b> |

### SERVING SCHEDULE: May 20, 2018 **PENTECOST**



**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dennis Thiel  
DEACONESS: Cynthia Faulk  
PIANIST: Peg Dixon

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Edna Creech

West: Nels & Autumn Kasey

ACOLYTES: Claire Young, Macie Thomas

WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Kennedy

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Janean Gilliland

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: Pastor John Snidle

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Claire Young

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deena Hasler

MAY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Steve Webb

May USHERS: Randy Creech & Lloyd Maggert

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:14-42

SERMON: "The Problem, The Person, and The Power"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

