

# THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

May 23, 2018

## DID YOU? WERE YOU?

Last weekend, did you/were you among the millions who

- worked outside in the yard?
- saw the Triple Crown horse race?
- attended the surprise birthday reception for Sam Preston?
- prayed and worshiped God?
- watched the Royal Wedding?

I did, I'll admit it. Although I realize that I never told the guys about it when we met for breakfast. It wasn't that I was hiding or avoiding it - it just never came up in the conversation. Can you believe it? The biggest event of the weekend, and we never talked about it...

I didn't plan to watch it. I didn't care about the celebrities, nor her dress, but I turned on the "telly" and there it was - ready to begin. When another channel was the same, I left it on and became one of the millions.

However, I was watching and appreciating the details, the flow, the coordination. Since I "do" weddings, I saw and heard it differently.

Yet, every Christian wedding could be called a royal wedding. The last time there was one, I also had a wedding in our sanctuary that same day - and I said:

"This, too, is a 'royal wedding' although without the millions watching, nor the millions Spent. This is royal in the sense that you could be called the king and queen of your own home, but especially belong to the King of kings and to serve the Lord of lords. What we do is royal, if we do it for our royalty."

I don't care if you were watching, or if you did follow it, because the real question is

ARE YOU?

Belonging and serving our Royal King and Lord?

*MCD*



## *Memorial Sunday*

This Sunday, May 27, at both services we will have our memorial observance of those members who have passed since last Memorial Day. They are: Barbara Brown, Brenda Buckley, Laura Sue Dayton, Melba Eveland, Donna Moore, Helen Payne, Margaret Phillips, Sue Sallee, Elenora Smittkamp, and Esther Wakefield. Families of these past members are invited to attend, and will receive a flower, candle, and ribbon in memory of their loved one. Stay after second service to participate in a youth fundraiser - see the youth section on page 3.

## *Pentecost Offering*

The Pentecost Offering goes to support new Disciples churches. The FCC individual church goal is \$1,200. We are joining with other churches in the Cluster to reach a total goal of \$2,900. Already, we have well surpassed our individual church goal with a total offering of \$1,540! Way to go!

## *Baby Bottle Blessings*

Pick up a baby bottle at the entryways and fill it with your loose change from now till June 17. Then on Father's Day, bring the bottle back in for the Choices Pregnancy & Health's "Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign." The donations go to help support our local center. Thank you!



Congratulations go to Lily Smittkamp and Sammy Milam on their citizenship awards.

Home from Hospital: Don McGee  
Rick Ward  
Karen Moore

There will be a memorial service for member, Helen Payne, on Saturday, June 2, at 11:00 AM at the church; family will be available for visitation at 10:30 AM. You are invited.



-- Disciples Men for sponsoring the Highway Cleanup;  
-- Circle of Light for the Ladies "Spring Social";

- Peg Dixon for the 8:00 accompaniment;
- Berniece Hayes and Kim Woods for the Minute for Mission(s);
- Pastor John for the Children's Sermons;
- "The Joyful Ringers" for their music;
- Worship Committee for the decorations;
- volunteers at the Community Kitchen.

### BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

After lifetime Guarantee!

### MAY PRAYER

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL APPRECIATION

There will be an appreciation breakfast for all S.S. teachers and classes on Sunday, June 10 in the Fellowship Hall - come at 9:00 AM, or stay after morning worship.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- \*May 27 - normal class schedule
- \*June 3 - no S.S. classes, Indoor/Outdoor Day
- \*June 10 - S.S. Appreciation Breakfast
- \*June 17 - Summer Video Series options begin
- \*July 29 - 5 week special presentations begin

### BIBLE STUDY

We are covering, "Misused Bible Stories" each Tuesday at 10:30 AM through June 5. You are invited to join us in the Jerusalem Room!

### ALUMINUM CANS

This Sunday, May 27, is the day to bring in aluminum cans to help fund MICE activities.

### WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Be sure to turn in your nomination for Woman of the Year. Forms are available in the hallway on the sign-up desk.

### TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustees will meet Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 PM.

### MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

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

### INDOOR/OUTDOOR DAY

The first Sunday of June, the 3rd, will be our annual "Indoor/Outdoor Day" where we have 8:00 service in the sanctuary and 10:00 service at the West Lake Pavilion. Join us for whichever suits you best. We will recognize graduates and scholarship recipients on that day and the outdoor services will follow with a potluck picnic. Meat and drinks will be provided, bring your own table service, a side-dish to share, and a lawn chair if you prefer. Dress is casual and in case of inclement weather, we will worship in the sanctuary. There will not be Sunday School that day so that we may have time to set up at the park.

### GRADUATES

Please let us know of any FCC graduates so we can list them before "Outdoor Day". Also, please sign the memory books that are out for our high school students.

### PENTECOST

We shared our observance of Pentecost last Sunday. Thanks for all the red! and the symbols. We have copies of the comments and prayer available, if you are interested.

### SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

Copies of the summer "Secret Place" devotionals are available at the entryways.

### HELP WANTED

You can help us out... with lights. If you are the last one upstairs on Sunday - usually Children's Church - or - if you are the last one downstairs - usually Deaconess - when you are finished and leaving, please turn off all the lights! Your help is wanted - and appreciated.

### T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

We have found some (old) t-shirts that are not being used - and we want you to have that possibility. They will be on the table in the hallway - and available for a donation. Adult and children's sizes are available.

## WOMEN'S BANQUET

The Women's Banquet is Thursday, June 7 at 6:00 PM with the program by the "Sugar-Groovians".- Christian musicians from Sugar Grove at 7:00 PM. The menu is: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mini Bakers, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert. Tickets are \$8 and are available from Circles or the church office. *≈Dinner provided by Jenneane McDaniel & the Disciples Men - guys are needed to help cook, serve, & clean-up so please sign-up to volunteer!≈*

## RELAY FOR LIFE YARD SALE

The FCC Relay For Life Team will have their annual yard sale in the churchyard on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 during the Shrine weekend. Items brought in must be put in the back classroom due to the Banquet that week.

## 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 ride the bus or go on your own.

## SHRINE PARADE FLOAT

FCC will have a float in the Edgar County Shrine Parade on June 9. We are asking for walkers (people, not the metal ones with wheels, lol) and freezer pops. See Cody Vaughn for additional information.

## SURPRISE CELEBRATION

Join us for a surprise celebration for Mallore's 35th birthday and 10 years with Taylor on Wednesday, June 6, in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00-6:00 PM. Cards are welcome, but shhhh - don't tell!  
- Jim, Cindy & Megan Mathis

## 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.

## OFFICES CLOSED

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



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 has moved to Friday, May 25 at Twin Lakes Park. The Year End Picnic will begin at 12:00 NN; we will get to enjoy the water park and end up at DQ where you can pick your kids up at 3:00 PM.

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 20: 8:00 - 50 10:00 - 114 Nursery - 5**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 169**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 3, 2nd-5th - 6, Jr & Sr High - 2, New Disciples - 9, Open Door - 21, New Horizons - 0**

**TOTAL SS = 41**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**May 20, 2018**

General Fund	\$3,923.36
Sunday School	16.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Emergency Fund	30.00
JC Foley Trip	200.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	160.00
Pentecost Offering	1,239.00
Building Fund	165.00
Scholarship	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,843.36</b>

### SERVING SCHEDULE: May 27, 2018 **MEMORIAL**

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dick James  
DEACONESS: Carla Keltz  
PIANIST: Mary Helen Hamilton

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**  
East: Ryne Donaldson  
West: Martha Stephen

ACOLYTES: Drew & Graham Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: Steve Webb

DEACONESS: Carolyn Ray

DEACONS: Team 1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain; Sue Elliott, Greg Kelly, Dwight & Cindy Robinson, Angel Templeton, Cody Vaughn, Bruce Young

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Brooklyn Ward, Capt., Austin Kirk, Mike Kirk, Greg Johnson

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Daniel Smittkamp

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Brooklyn Ward

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

MAY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Steve Webb

MAY USHERS: Randy Creech & Lloyd Maggert

SOUND SYSTEM: Brooklyn Ward

PROJECTION: Daniel Smittkamp

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 15:12-21, 35-38, 42-44, 53-57

SERMON: "The Doorway" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

