

# THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

September 26, 2018

## LOVE PEOPLE

You may need to apologize. We just missed, “National Teddy Bear Day,” so if yours is sadder than usual, you now know why.

Don't you wonder where all these days come from? There's a “Left-Handed Person Day”; how do they get their own day? Is there an “Earthworm Day”? Why not - don't they need some recognition too?!

I don't know about them, but we obviously do. I just discovered that Sunday, September 30, is “National Love People Day”, and we need to observe it.

So, either get your meanness out and over within the next few days or cover it up, because on September 30 you have to “Love People”. (I guess on Monday you can go back to your normal selfish self.)

Come on now! It's only one day. You can do it. I know it's hard. It's almost too much to ask, isn't it?! Just be glad it isn't a week!

So get psyched up. Do some exercises in preparation. Resolve that for one day - and one day only? - you can and will “Love People”.

Think about other people. Try to talk to them. Reflect on how you might help them. (If that seems like too much, remember they are thinking about helping you!) It's all this Sunday - “Love People”.

I hope you know my tongue is in my cheek....

As Christians, we know that Sunday is really “Love God” day, and everyday is “Love People” day.

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## RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Thank you for the outpouring of gifts toward the Reconciliation Offering! We have far exceeded our goal of \$800 with a total of \$2,041.00!! This year the Reconciliation Offering is going to the “Hope House”, a new home for local teens-in-need right here in Paris. Thank you, again!

## HONEYBEE

The Paris Honeybee Festival weekend is September 28-30. FCC takes part in several ways.

1) The FCC “Scarecrow Booth” will be on the Square and could use accessories: belts, necklaces, scarves, etc. for the scarecrows the kids put together. This is a fun time, with lots of repeat customers!

2) We join in the Parade with the FCC bus and we need walkers and freezer pops (asap!) to hand out - the parade starts at 11:00 AM, so walkers need to arrive by 10:30 AM at the bus. Sign-up & give your phone number so that we may call you and let you know where we will be lined up.

3) The community Honeybee Service on Sunday has been cancelled. Therefore, we need worship spots filled for September 30. See page 4 for openings and call in to volunteer. Thank you! (**TEACHERS**: That also means - plan on Sunday School at 9:00 AM!)

## LUNCH ON THE LAWN

“Lunch On the Lawn” for over 600 the students and staff will be Wednesday, October 3 - during their Homecoming week. We will need lots of help, desserts & pop, and your prayers. Please sign-up in the hallway - helpers arrive early! Thank you so much!



Hospitalized: Edna Creech, Paris

Home from the Hospital: Erin Terry

Louise Bridwell will be celebrating her 95th birthday on October 3. Cards may be sent to: 2801 Robeson Park Dr., Champaign, IL 61822



-- Coralie Smittkamp for the "Scarecrow" activity explanation and appeal;

-- Peg Dixon for the 8:00 piano accompaniment;

-- Cathy Melendez for the Children's Sermon;

-- All youth & adults, including Pastor John & Rev. Mike, for praying at the schools Wed.;

-- Ellen (Faulk) Auten for the program at Golden Age on Tuesday;

-- M/M Ron & Peggy Barath for the flowers on their 62nd anniversary!

**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

Life is like photos:  
Use the negative to develop!

**SEPTEMBER PRAYER**

"Dear God, we pray that You guide us as we teach our children and grandchildren to be nice to their peers, to be careful what they say to others, and to show love to one another. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen"

**CCIW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Regional Assembly is Oct. 19-20 in Bloomington. You are invited to attend and represent us. Check it out at: [cciwdisciples.org](http://cciwdisciples.org) and let Rev. Mike know if you'd like to go.

**HURRICANE RELIEF**

We help - through "Week of Compassion" - so Church World Service can be on site with relief to those affected by Hurricane Florence. Thank you for your giving.

**MINISTRY**

Please continue your prayers for the new ministers we are soon to have - our interim, as well as the new settled senior minister - whom God is preparing even now. FYI - Rev. Scott Woolridge of CCIW will be with us Oct. 7 to explain next steps and reassure us that help/guidance/prayers are available to us.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- ◆ Trustees, Thurs., Sept. 27, 6:00 PM
- ◆ Staff Relations, Wed., Oct. 3, 5:00 PM
- ◆ Search Committee, Sun., Oct. 7, 11:30 AM

**COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

It's the 25th year for the Community Prayer Breakfast! It will be held, Nov. 3 at the KC Hall at 8:00 AM. We plan to have tickets available this Sunday.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. Everyone is welcome. We are studying "The Most Misused Verses In The Bible."

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

We are planning to observe our oneness in Christ on Sunday, October 7, as part of our World Communion Day worship. We will share our universal responses to suffering, as well as our connection to Christ. Come be part of it.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

All singers are invited to join our Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 -7:30 PM. We sing each Sunday morning at the 10:00 AM service from September-May.

**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**

We've been trying to get our "original" (Fcc Paris) page active - to no avail. Access was inadvertently blocked by "techies" and with only electronic access to try to resolve the issue, we cannot get them to remedy the problem. SO... we have created a "NEW" Facebook page (FCCParis). Note the slight difference in the name when you search online. Like us and share it to other FCC members and friends!

**BRIDGES**

We will be offering Lunch On the Lawn to Bridges students and staff later in the month on Friday, Oct. 26, at 11:00 AM here at FCC. Please plan to help if you can.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee met Tuesday evening and will be making calls for the 2019 leaders. Please pray about your "yes" in answer to their call!

## CIRCLES IN OCTOBER

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6:00 PM at the church. Cathy Melendez is hostess, with Beth Sablotny bringing the lesson.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: meets Thursday, Oct. 11, at 6:00 PM at the church.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meets Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 1:30 PM at the home of Shirley Yeargin, hostess. Dorothy Farnham will bring the lesson.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, Oct. 18 in the church kitchen at 9:00 AM. Mary K. Bradford will be the hostess and give the lesson.

## DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST & OUTING

- The Disciples Men will have their regular Saturday morning breakfast at the new Parker's restaurant on Oct. 20, at 8:00 AM.
- The Men's Outing will be Sunday, Oct. 21, to the Beef House. We'll be taking the bus from FCC at 4:00 PM. Sign-up!

*All men are welcome to both!*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth - see "u" in Sunday School - come join us!

## "MOONSHINE"

Plans are in the works to go to "Moonshine" - a popular, nostalgic rural restaurant - this fall as an outing! Stay tuned....

## GOLDEN AGE

Note that next month, the Golden Age luncheon will be moved to the 5th Tuesday, October 30.

## PHS FOOTBALL DINNER

We will be hosting a dinner for the entire Paris High School football team and staff on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 5:00 PM. So far this year, the PHS team is undefeated! We're proud of their accomplishments and are happy to share God's love with them.

## CANS

Bring in your aluminum cans for recycling Sunday, Sept. 30! Thank you!

## MARRIAGE GREETINGS

We are happy to extend our congratulations! On Saturday, Pastor John Snidle will marry Riley Sandberg - then go on a honeymoon trip, before returning to us. We wish them the best!



Youth Group Youth group is every Wednesday, from 6:30-8; 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Our main idea for this year is "Disciples on fire." We will be talking throughout the year about how to conform to the character of Christ [Disciple], and relating Old Testament stories to today's social issues [Fire].

See You at the Pole I can't speak for Mayo and Crestwood because I was at the high school, but we had a great turnout! There were 40+ students and teachers in attendance (even one or two from Bridges!), and several ministers provided breakfast beverages and doughnuts; I was able to see and speak with several of our youth members. I can tell you that if it were at a more convenient time it would've been even bigger! Not everyone was able to make it. It was wonderful to see so many young men and women braving the cold morning to show the school and community how important God is to them, there was some real prayer happening! So praise God for a great turn out and a great morning spent in prayer.

Upcoming Events God's Gang and Crossroads are happening! Registration is open and available, do that as soon as you can. If you would like to volunteer to help, talk to Angel Templeton or Saunny Preston.

Lunch on the Lawn, aka LOL, will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 11am! This is when FCC prepares lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, veggies, desserts, etc) for the high school and feeds them for homecoming week. It's just a way to serve the youth and get involved in the community. But we need your help! We need volunteers to donate different food items, to participate in the cooking and/or distribution of the food to the students, and other things. If you are a youth, we need you to spread the word! Tell everyone you know to help us out; I mean, it's pretty easy to sell free delicious food. You can do it, I believe in you.

- 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"*

### ATTENDANCE

*We count because you count!*

**Sept. 23: 8:00 - 50 10:00 - 103 Nursery - 4**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 157**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 5, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 1, New Disciples - 10, Open Door - 20, New Horizons - 10

**TOTAL SS = 48**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**September 23, 2018**

General Fund+E.G.*	\$4,027.50*
Food Pantry	40.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
Lunch On the Lawn	67.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions+E.G.*	410.00*
Week of Compassion E.G.*	75.00*
Reconciliation Offering	1,629.00
Permanent Fund	40.00
Scholarship Fund	30.00
Building Fund+E.G.*	625.00*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,993.50*</b>

\*E.G. = Electronic Giving

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### SERVING SCHEDULE: September 30, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Evie Gill

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:** East: Kevin & Kim Woods

West: Jacob & Emily Thomas

ACOLYTES: **Needs filled**

WORSHIP LEADER: David Dick

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: **Needs filled**

DEACONS: Dan Smittkamp, Cody Vaughn, Allen & Nancy Englebright, Kevin Woods, Mark Johnson, Donna Moody, Autumn Kasey

JR DEACONS: **Needs filled**

CHILDREN'S SERMON: **Needs filled**

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: **Needs filled**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: **Needs filled**

SOUND SYSTEM: **Needs filled**

PROJECTION: **Needs filled**

SEPTEMBER FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Steve Webb

SEPT. USHERS: Randy Creech, Steve Eitel, Lloyd Maggert

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

SERMON: "Faith And Fire: The Value Of Suffering"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon



September 28-30, 2018