

# **THE MESSENGER**

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

October 17, 2018

## **IS THIS YOU?**

Consider your life, your excuses, your God. Is this you?

### **HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME**

I was asked to take an office at church,  
An office at church,  
I said, “O no, I couldn’t do that.”  
BUT GOD POINTED A FINGER AT ME!

I said, “I’m just a small town girl  
Others can do better, you see.”  
He said, “My disciples were simple folk.”  
AND HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

“But my family demands all of my time  
So they will happier be.”  
He said, “You’ll grow in patience and love.”  
AND HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

“But I’m not at all qualified;  
Alas! I have no degree.”  
He said, “I have you in mind to learn.”  
AND HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

Oh, but I can’t for I get so nervous,  
So nervous I can scarcely see.”  
So He promised He would calm my fears,  
AS HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

I said, “My cross is too heavy now,  
from worries, I’m never free.”  
He told of the cross on which He died,  
AND HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

“I’d like to use my leisure time  
To gain popularity.”  
He said, “God’s love is more important than man’s.”  
SO HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

I said, “My talents are very few,  
A leader I’ll never be.”  
He said, “But they’ll be multiplied.”  
AND HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

So I prayed a prayer and answered “Yes”!  
To this fine opportunity!  
Since then I’ve been blessed in many ways,  
FOR HE POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

Say, “YES, I GIVE ALL TO THEE.”  
Then you, too, will be glad  
As I have been glad  
THAT GOD POINTED HIS FINGER AT ME!

If it is you, you know what to do.

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## **INTERIM SEARCH**

Our Interim Minister Search Committee has met and done their initial homework - and believe they are now ready to contact candidates. Please pray for God’s guidance and blessing in this process, and for the committee: Kristin Chittick, Dick James, John Snidle, Tammy Terry, and Elisabeth Johnson, Chair.

## ***Advent Devotional***

It’s that time of year when we prepare for our Advent Devotional. There is a sign-up sheet out for volunteers who would like to contribute a short devotion on the theme: “How Do We Move Forward In The Midst Of Change?” Samples of previous year’s devotions can be made available for ideas on length, title, scripture by contacting the office.

## ***Advent Choral Service***

This year’s Community Advent Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 PM. The first rehearsal for all interested singers will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, October 29 at FUMC.

## ***Save the Date!***

Mark your calendars now - for Sunday, January 6, 2019. FCC will be hosting a church dinner and program for Rev. Mike and Peg Dixon from 11:30-1:30 PM that day. A Community Retirement Reception will follow at the Tingley Reception Center at 504 E. Edgar St. from 2:00-4:00 PM. A retirement gift is planned and donations are welcome. All those wishing to contribute should note: “Dixon Retirement Gift” on their check. More details will follow, but save the date!



Congratulations to Will Templeton (and family) on going to and running in the State cross-country meet - and finishing with a personal best time!!

Hospitalized: Elsie Jane Jackson, Union

Home from the Hospital: Carolyn Lanker

Our sympathies go to Daryl Bridwell & family in the death of his cousin in a recent farm accident.



-- Roseann Moss, Kathy Peel, Barbara Dick, Angel Templeton for hosting the "Meet the Mrs." reception on Saturday;

-- Stuart & Leid Metcalf, Pete Templeton and Peg Dixon for the community "Backwards Broadway" production;

-- Pam Lobb & Edna Creech for announcing our "Sock-It-To-Me" project;

-- Pete Templeton for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Steve Webb & Rev Mike for the Children's Sermons.

### BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

When you can't trace God's hand, trust His heart.

### OCTOBER PRAYER

"God, As we enter into the fall season, we pray that Your love falls upon us like the beauty of the falling leaves. May our blessings be as numerous as the leaves we rake in our yards. Amen."

### CCIW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Pray for the upcoming Regional Assembly of our CCIW, October 19-20 in Bloomington, IL.

### CCIW WORKSHOP

You are invited to "Becoming A People of Welcome" in Decatur on Saturday, November 3. Let us know if you are interested and available.

### RECONCILIATION OFFERING

The Reconciliation Offering going to "Hope House" total is \$2,256!! Thank you!

### TIME CHANGE!

Coming up on Saturday, Nov. 3 - remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed. The fall time change will soon be here!

### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

This week's October Pastor Appreciation goes to Pastor John Snidle. Can you believe he has been here 10 months! WOW, John! We are so glad you decided to join us and we appreciate all your efforts to learn about our church, adjust to us and our traditions, while building our youth program. We appreciate you!

### COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 25th annual Community Prayer Breakfast will feature, Scottie Wilson, car racing chaplain with "Racers For Christ" on Sat., Nov. 3, at the KC Hall at 8:00 AM. Tickets are \$5. Get yours from: Pam Lobb, Cindy Robinson, Rev. Mike or the church office.

### BRIDGES

We'll host Bridges for the Lunch On the Lawn on Friday, October 26, at 11:00 AM. We have the food and helpers, so we ask that you pray for this outreach.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ▶ Trustees will meet on Thursday, October 25, at 6:00 PM.
- ▶ Elder's to meet Thursday, November 8, at 5:00 PM.
- ▶ Board to meet Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 PM.

### HEAD, HANDS, HEART

Our winterwear outreach will be held on November 8, 9, 10. We will be collecting coats until November 7 and specifically need girls sizes 10-12-14-16 and boy sizes 8-10-12-14 and 16. Hats, gloves, scarves, boots are also welcome, but specifically coats. We'll also need help distributing those days, so please sign-up.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room with room for you!

### BUDGET REQUESTS

2018 Chairpersons, please turn in 2019 budget requests for your committee. See Rev. Dixon.

### NOMINATION REQUESTS

Pray and plan to say yes, if you are called!

### CANS

Bring in aluminum cans Sunday, October 28!

## CIRCLES IN OCTOBER

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

## PHS FOOTBALL DINNER

We're hosting the PHS football team and coaches this Thursday, Oct. 18, at 5:00 PM. Pray for this event, the team and coaches.

## GOLDEN AGE

The Golden Age luncheon will be Tuesday, October 30, at 12:00 noon with Kim Macke of Horizon Health. Sign-up!

## "MOONSHINE"

Our trip to "Moonshine" will be Sat., Nov. 3. We will be leaving from FCC at 10:00 AM and taking the bus. You may drive on your own. Please sign up to let us know the number going.

## VETERANS DAY

We want to update our list of FCC Veterans, so if you are not on our list, please let us know your branch of service and dates served.

## CANDY - SOCKS - BLANKETS

We are collecting:

→ **Candy** for the "Scare Around the Square", see collection box in hallway (individually wrapped!) - we also need helpers, so please sign-up!

→ **Socks** for Head Start pre-school kids

→ **Blankets** for the Community Clothing Closet

Thank you for your donations!

## DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST & OUTING

• The Disciples Men will have their regular Saturday morning breakfast at the new Parker's restaurant (across from Burger King) on October 20, at 8:00 AM.

• The annual Men's Outing will be this Sunday, October 21, at the Beef House in Covington. We will be taking the bus from FCC at 4:00 PM. Sign-up!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults, Youth, Children - we miss "u" in Sunday School. So come join us!

## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out our "NEW" Facebook page at FCCParis - @FCCParisIL. Like us and share it to other FCC members and friends!

## SPECIAL GIFT!

FCC has been given an extra special gift of a grand piano - donated anonymously from former family and friends. You'll be able to see it Sunday!



Thank You Riley and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our reception on Saturday and/or gave us a card or gift! The reception was so beautiful and the snacks were great, so thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. And then thank you to everyone who came to meet Riley and support us, you all really make us feel welcomed, we don't deserve such love.

Youth Group is every Wednesday, from 6:30-8; 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are very excited for this week because our very own Greg Johnson will be teaching the lesson! His topic is "Fire: Destroyer? Or Healer and Cleanser?", so be sure to keep him in your prayers! (I realize I said that would happen last week, but I forgot about Fields of Faith, which is a student led worship service. So we went to that last week instead of regular youth group, so Greg will be speaking this week.)

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. If you didn't know, every week there is a different theme that goes along with either the message for the night or with events on the calendar. The theme for this week is Animals, aka Shelter Night. We may have some cute kitties and puppies here this week, who knows! Be sure to come and find out for yourself!

WARNING There will be no Youth Group or God's Gang or Crossroads on October 31<sup>st</sup>. It's Halloween and FCC will be at the "Scare on the Square"! Go spend time with your children by getting candy and racking up bills to the dentist.

Upcoming Events We are having a new event called "HYP" or "Homeless Youth Project" for long. This is an event where the youth will walk around town in groups looking for sleeping arrangements. This does not mean sleeping on strangers couches, but simply digging through the garbage for cardboard boxes, pillows, and even a thrown out couch if they're lucky, to bring back to the church lot where we will sleep outside for the night, huddled around a small fire for warmth. We will also be fasting during the event. If this sounds harsh and a bit intense, that's the point. The purpose of this event is to learn first-hand what it's like to be homeless. If one night of discomfort and hunger is hard to bare, maybe they'll understand a bit more what it's like to live that way every night. The event is Saturday October 20 starting in the afternoon and going until after Church the next morning! Yes, we will all be attending church the next morning to share with you our sleepy, grumpy, stinkiness; I can't wait!

On October 28, the last Sunday of the month, I will be preaching again. So if you're free I would love to see everyone there to hear my ramblings about Jesus and the like!

- 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!*

**Oct. 14: 8:00 - 48 10:00 - 89 Nursery - 3**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 140**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 2, New Disciples - 8, Open Door - 22, New Horizons - 10

**TOTAL SS = 44**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### OFFERING TOTALS

October 14, 2018

General Fund	\$3,319.75
Sunday School	20.00
God's Gang	25.00
Faith In Action	22.00
Reimbursement	80.87
Lunch Training Reimbursement	90.00
Lunch On the Lawn	50.00
Bell Choir	50.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions	85.00
Reconciliation Offering-Hope House	20.00
Church Bus Fund	50.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
Scholarship Fund	30.00
Building Fund	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,017.62</b>

### SERVING SCHEDULE: October 21, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dick James  
DEACONESS: Cynthia Faulk  
PIANIST: Dennis Thiel

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: TBA  
West: Cody, Katie, Colten, EJ Vaughn  
ACOLYTES: Sammy Milam, Ethan Smittkamp  
WORSHIP LEADER: Chris Milam  
BREAD ELDER: Nels Kasey  
DEACONESS: Carolyn Ray  
DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Captain; Jim Bellerud, Al & Nancy Englebright, Mark Johnson, JK Vilck, Patty Waters, Kevin Woods

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Lainey Ogle, Capt., Aubrey

Sanders, Alex Tapscott, Ben Young

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor John Snidle

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Nancy Englebright

SOUND SYSTEM: Joe Gill

PROJECTION: Evie Gill

OCTOBER FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Susan King

OCT. USHERS: Steve Coombes, Dean Smittkamp, Ron Stickler

SCRIPTURES: I Peter 2:19-25, 4:12-16

SERMON: "Thank God For Pain" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

### PLEASANT MEADOWS CHRISTMAS FUND

This Sunday, Oct. 21, Audrey Stickler and Donna Moody will be selling tickets on 21 baskets, with proceeds to go to the Christmas Gift Fund for Pleasant Meadows residents. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A list of available baskets and contents is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

### EDGAR CO. RELAY FOR LIFE

Plan now to attend the Edgar County Relay For Life benefit concert at the Paris American Legion on Sat., November 17, at 7:00 PM. Mark Allen and the Rail Brothers Band will be playing. Cost is \$10 at the door with proceeds going to RFL.