

THE MESSENGER

“MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH”

February 6, 2019

We are using this section as an introduction to what goes on behind the scenes from each of our Program Committees: Christian Education, Community Outreach, Disciples Outreach, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship/Finance and Worship. As you read about what they do, if you are not already on a committee and want to be, let us know!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for providing opportunities for fellowship and meal events for church members in order that they be included and involved in church activities.

We sponsor certain annual events and meals, such as the Talent Show and Supper, the Easter Breakfast, the Outdoor Service Potluck, and Advent Service refreshments. In addition, we plan other outings to various locations with the goal of having an activity every other month. Last year we went to Moonshine, taking the church bus and some driving, we enjoyed their famous hamburgers on a sunny day. We have some ideas for this year which have not been finalized yet, but we will let you know when the time approaches.

Our first event is the World Famous FCC Talent Show, coming up on February 24. We hope to have at least 10 different acts, so sign up soon! The list is out on the sign-up desk in the hallway. Supper will be at 5:00 PM, with Denise & Cory Craig serving their wonderful pulled-pork sandwiches, plus some great desserts. The show will be at 6:00 PM, so put that on your calendar!

The next event will be the Easter Breakfast on April 21 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This is always a great time to have some good food and fellowship with everyone; a time when people from both services come together. Don't miss this!

Our committee is also responsible for providing basic kitchen supplies. Therefore, if you notice that we are running low on something like salt, pepper, sugar packets or sweeteners, please make a note on the list by the stove, and sign your name please. Also, always check in the pantry first for back-up supplies. Thank you!

See you at the Talent Show!

Sue Bennett & Saunny Preston Co-Chairs

GOD'S GANG & CROSSROADS

God's Gang and Crossroads begin next Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30 PM. This after-school program will run from February 13 to May 8 (but does not meet when school is out during spring break, April 17). In order to ride the church bus, you must be signed up no later than Monday, February 11 so that we have time to notify the school! Bus seating is limited. Registration forms are available in the church hallway and on our website at:

God's Gang <http://fccparis.org/gods-gang-2/> or Crossroads <http://fccparis.org/crossroads/>
Kids cannot arrive before 3:30 PM and should be picked up at 6:00 PM. Our theme for this semester is "Who Are Our Daily Super-Heroes?" A ministry donation of \$25 covers the semester. God's Gang is for kids in K-5th grades and Crossroads is for junior high students. Come join in the fun each week as we worship, pray, make crafts, play, eat and learn more about Jesus and following Him!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



New Time - New Day! The Youth Group time and day for meeting has moved to Sunday evening, from 6:30-8:00 PM. We are trying this out to see how well it fits everyone's schedule - it seems to work better for the youth and helps volunteers who are already working with God's Gang not have such a long day. If it works well, we may go to this day and time permanently!



Hospitalized: Karen Moore, Union

Home from the Hospital:
Lauren Ricketts

New Address:

Erin Terry, 431 Timber Dr., Decatur, IL 62521

Congratulations to Cathy Clawson, Dalton Hall and family on the birth of Cathy's great-granddaughter, Dalton & Angel's daughter.

Our sympathies go to Monica Rollings & family on the passing of her son.



-- Tony Peel for making sure the pipes didn't freeze during last week's extremely low temps;

-- Pastor John & all the youth for the wonderful service on Sunday;

-- all the parents who brought their kids to participate in the service;

-- Kathy Peel for the musical accompaniment;

-- Ethan Vice for the Children's Sermon;

-- Aubrey Sanders and Brooklyn Ward for their sermons;

-- Marge Houghland for the flowers honoring her birthday and the Water's family for the additional flower arrangement;

-- the Trustees for providing the pizza lunch to all the youth who participated Sunday.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Daily prayers
will diminish your cares.

FEBRUARY PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, during this month where love is so prominent, let us not forget the greatest love of all. Your Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

INTERIM MINISTER NEWS

As announced last Sunday, the Interim Minister, Pastor Mark Parkinson, will be finished at his current church on Feb. 24. He and his wife will start the move to Paris the week following. They will be needing some help once they arrive with unloading and moving in furniture. They have not yet secured a rental that meets their needs, so keep that in your prayers. They plan to attend worship on Sun., March 3, and "Pastor Parky" plans to begin work in the office, Mon., March 4.



TALENT SHOW

Get signed up today to do your act/talent in the upcoming Talent/Variety Show on Sunday, February 24! Supper will be at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and the menu is pulled pork, chips, and desserts for a donation. The show will be in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM. Come join us for a night of fun and entertainment!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Elders - Thursday, Feb. 7, 5:00 PM
- Memorials Committee - Thursday, Feb. 14, at 1:00 PM
- Trustees - Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us for Bible Study each Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. There's room for you!

2019 DESK CALENDARS

The 2019 FCC desk calendars are available at the entryways for you and your friends. Envelopes are also available if you wish to mail the calendars.

2018 CHURCH LIFE BANNER

The 2018 Church Life Banner is in the back hallway for you to see the highlights of last year's church ministries. Thank you to Carla Keltz for making it!

2019 ELDERS

If you have a need or question, here is the 2019 Elders list and contact information:

Daryl Bridwell	822-1948
Mary Carriere	(217) 494-5313
Kristin Chittick	251-2016
David Dick	251-7700
Nels Kasey	(217) 254-8705
Rick Kennedy	822-5362
Dan Lynch	822-0317
Dan Smittkamp	822-6328
Pete Templeton	822-0798
Tammy Terry	251-6130
Dennis Thiel	251-9968
Kim Woods	822-8775

CIRCLES IN FEBRUARY

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: will meet Thursday, Feb. 14, at 6:00 PM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meet will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 PM.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen.

RELAY FOR LIFE

It's not too late to be a part of Relay For Life! Contact Sue Bennett or Tammy Terry!

Thank You!

Thanks to all my friends, family, and former students who helped me celebrate my 85th birthday. I truly enjoyed our time together. Thanks also to those of you who sent cards and gifts, as well as those who helped prepare for and serve at the event. A special thank you goes to the anonymous person who gifted the lovely flower arrangements. Thanks to the First Christian Church for providing the venue for my celebration. I feel so blessed.

- Marge Houghland

Congregation, Thank you for your support of our school! Your donation of \$250 helps our mission more than you know. This year has been personally devastating, however, as I strive to fulfill the legacy of my sweet son by persevering with the vision of a school that meets each child where they are, I am brought to tears of joy. What an amazing experience to see children grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior! Thank you for believing in Ms. Holly's House. I appreciate your example of following God's Word in reaching beyond the walls of your church. With utmost sincerity and thanks,

Holly Lancaster

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, prepared food and prayed for Gary during his hospital stay. We appreciate everyone who came to the visitation and/or the funeral service, and those who made memorial contributions. Many thanks to those who prepared and served lunch following the funeral. We love you all and are humbled by your expressions of love, kindness, and understanding. A special thank you to Ray Coombes for filling in as Financial Secretary and Rev. Mike for the funeral service. Thank you for your continued prayers and words of encouragement.

- Patty, Chris & Brittany Waters



YG/CR/GG Big youth group news! From this point onward, youth group will be every SUNDAY from 6:30-8; please join us! Cross Roads and God's Gang will be resuming February 13th. Registration IS AVAILABLE either at the church or on the youth page on the church website, so sign up now!

Youth Sunday was just this last week and even though I don't have much experience with previous Youth Sunday's, I was so impressed by everyone's performance and proud to be a part of it. Everyone that participated did an amazing job. Thank you so much to all the youth that made it happen, and to all the adults/parents that helped; what a successful event!

Upcoming Events February 24th is the annual talent show! I will be asking several youth to help serve during the dinner, so look out youths. Of course, I will also be nagging everyone to join in on the festivities and show off their talent! If you are a youth, you might as well avoid my nagging and just sign up now, it'll be easier on you in the long run.

- John Snidle, Youth Minister



FCC WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the FCC website: www.fccparis.org You'll find informational blogs, sermons, newsletters, forms and more!

DISCIPLE MENS BREAKFAST

All men - come join the Disciples Men for breakfast on Saturday, February 16, at 8:00 AM at the Parker's Restaurant.

PRAY FOR PARIS

Continue to pray for - Wenz School - and your own personal Paris Prayer Focus.

*Our Facebook page is FCCParis
- all the others are copycats! ;)*



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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!

Feb. 3: One Service 10:00 AM - 176 Nurs. - 4

TOTAL: 180

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 2; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 7, Open Door - 21, New Horizons - 7

TOTAL SS = 40

OFFERING TOTALS

February 3, 2019

General Fund	\$4,504.01
Sunday School	19.00
Envelopes	6.00
Food Pantry	33.00
Emergency Fund	30.00
MICE	10.00
Youth Fund	55.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions	432.00
Blanket Sunday	10.00
Week of Compassion	20.00
Church Bus Fund	25.00
Memorial Fund	70.00
Building Fund	522.00
TOTAL	\$5,736.01

SERVING SCHEDULE: February 10, 2019

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Evie Gill

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

EAST: Randy & Edna Creech

WEST: Dwight & Cindy Robinson

ACOLYTES: Steven West, Juan Gomez

WORSHIP LEADER: Rick Kennedy

BREAD ELDER: Tammy Terry

DEACONESS: Elisabeth Johnson

DEACONS: Team 2, Ryne Donaldson, Captain; Jenelle

Adams, Jim Bellerud, Dena Dosch, Allen & Nancy

Englebright, Jerry Thomas, Dan Thomey

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Aubrey Sanders, Capt., Mike Kirk,

Lily Smittkamp, Will Templeton

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Ellen Webb

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Kenny Milam, Sydney Mason

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Chris Milam

FEBRUARY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Dan Smittkamp

FEB. USHERS: John Chittick, Steve Coombes, Lloyd Maggett

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

SERMON: "Our First Love" by Russ Sanderson

AED DEFIBRILLATOR

In case of emergency, it's good to know we have a defibrillator unit available in the church building. But it's important to know where it is! Note it next time you're in - the unit is mounted on the wall at the top of the steps from the Washington Street entry, just underneath the lit stain-glassed memorial frame.

There has been some discussion of offering a class and having a list of those who are certified to use it. Let us know if you are interested in the class or are already certified.