



Chalice Tidings

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Easter Update

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Nursery Assistant



The cold weather did NOT stop the kids at the Egg Glow. We had a great turn out!

JYF Jr visited Grand Prairie and made crafts



The Easter Bunny visited our Easter Morning Breakfast



Thank you everyone for your hard work! Couldn't have done it without you!

Kelly's Korner

On Sunday, May 20 the season of Easter (or Eastertide as some refer) will come to a close. We will celebrate Pentecost. The day before, Macomb High School will celebrate graduation. The week before, WIU will celebrate graduation. Each event will be its own whirlwind experience.

Do you remember your graduation? Whether it be from college or high school, the sense of accomplishment was great. The sense of something new was all at once exhilarating and foreboding—exhilarating because newness brings excitement and foreboding because newness also brings a bit of fear of the unknown. For many of us, we might've wanted to capture graduation day in a bottle and have nothing change, yet, while in the same moment, we were so excited and expectant about the not so distant future. Graduation almost always ends with some type of party with our closest friends and family members gathered. The experiences of closing out that last semester, all the graduation experiences including rehearsal and commencement, and the celebrations post-commencement...it's safe to say, life was probably chaotic and hectic and wonderful. Like I said, graduation is very much a whirlwind experience.

You may remember that Pentecost is known as the "Birthday of the Church". Pentecost is recorded in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. The gospel writer Luke shares the details of that day. Believers from all over the known world had gathered in Jerusalem for Shavuot. Shavuot held significance for the Jews in two ways: 1. it was the celebration of the spring harvest and 2. this was the day the Torah was handed over to the people at Mt. Sinai. On the day that we Christians call Pentecost, these believers from all over were giving thanks and praise to God when the rush of a mighty wind came upon them. Tongues of fire danced over their heads. They communicated and understood each other even though they did not speak the same language. Observers thought these folks to be drunk. The apostle Peter steps up and delivers quite a long sermon about the spiritual significance of what had just happened. The first Pentecost was quite literally and figuratively a whirlwind experience.

Often we speak of our lives as a whirlwind. We don't usually mean it in a positive way, though. We feel run over by our schedules and the expectations put on us by others. We can't seem to get ahead. The pressures of life win too often.

Isn't it nice to have the positive whirlwind experience? A time that would be both a little scary yet incredibly exciting. A time filled with hope.

The church at the original Pentecost had such a time. And God is leading us to such a time. May we be open to the on rush of the spirit of God. May we respond with excitement, not fear. May people wonder what is going on with the people of First Christian Church.

Peace,



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Donna Bainter



The Stephen Ministry met on Monday April 9 at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Sue Adams, Judy Bland, Sue Cooper, Char Carden, Donna Bainter, and our Leader Jean Vaughn.

Jean opened the meeting with prayer.

We gave a Cancer book and a Journey Through Grieving Book to two people needing assistance.

We made 8 phone calls, mailed 10 cards, had 4 visits, and sent 10 texts this past month.

Everyone gave reports on their visits with their care receivers. We also went over the prayer list.

We discussed our Service of Remembrance program. We need to decide on a date.

We finished the chapter on "Ministering to the "Grieving." Next month we will start on the chapter "Caring for Someone Before, During, and After Hospitalization."

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton

The Easter Breakfast was attended by 100 hungry people! I want to thank everyone that brought food and helped that morning.

Ladies Night Out was held April 10. Around 60 people attended! Julie Hood catered a wonderful meal and it was nice to not have to cook or clean up. We had great entertainment by the Harmony group. They sang wonderful gospel songs.

The new slate of officers for 2018-2019 are: President-Char Carden, Vice President -Betty Sherwood, Secretary -Donna Bainter, Treasurer -Dorothy Loop, Program -Joan England, Bereaved Families, Receptions and special needs -Joyce Randall and Myrna Osborn, Service -Jean Vaughn, Historian -Nita Burg.

There will be an All Women's Bible Study, lead by Sue Adams, every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All women of the Church are invited to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Larry Loop, Dorothy Loop and Karen Chatterton painted the Fellowship Hall women's bath room. Larry also hung the new window shade, which turned out to be quite a job! Thanks Larry and Dorothy for helping with this project. Check it out, it looks nice!!

ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

One more thank you is needed for all the candy and energy given to make our 2nd Annual Egg Glow a success! People have been asking how many attended our event. We had about 275 children (according to the bags of candy handed out) at Glenwood Park, and many more parents/guardians and family members there as well. That was actually an amazing amount of people, considering that the weather was windy and cold—definitely more like winter than spring! It was a true joy to see friends working together to put on a really fun event for our church and the community!

Another thank you seems appropriate at this time. Thank you to all who work with our youth. Barb Houck, Carolee Sellers and Nancy Reed have faithfully taught our young children for years, even decades! I have seen much older “children” come back and give them a hug—you know good things are happening in that class. Our new 3rd-5th grade class is going well thanks to dedicated teachers, among them, Anne Ingersoll, Jan Rockwell, and soon-to-be teachers, the Behymers, Margaret Taylor, and Jack McKinnon. Our parents have “pitched in” as well and act as invaluable helpers—Cheryl and Alan Andrews, Margaret Taylor and Matthew Sparks. Our older youth are given so many great opportunities on Sunday mornings, afternoons, and at weekend events--**thank you** to Madison Sphar, Anne Ingersoll and Pastor Kelly for their **dedication** to our Youth.



NEW FCC MEMBER

Please Welcome Kristina Hagerty!

Kristina joined as a member of FCC on April 15.
We are so excited to have her as a part of our church.
Make sure to welcome her!

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

Rod Burg reports that **Loaves & Fishes** is currently financially stable, with a balance of \$80,000. **May is FCC's turn to stock the shelves** of the pantry at 1st Presbyterian Church. Rod has posted a signup sheet on the bulletin board off of the Parlor for helpers. It takes about 1 hr. or less and helps an enormous number of families. If you've never stocked before, Rod can find someone to show you the ropes.

Samaritan Well held a successful fund raiser, the Blue Dress Gala, bringing in after expenses, \$4,287.97. Plans are underway for the annual **John Bliven Memorial Walk Run on June 23**.

The **Emergency Cupboard** collections by the children on the 1st Sundays has been providing a large variety of food, hygiene & personal items. Instant food & snacks seem to be going the fastest. To allow more people to be involved, there is a posted signup sheet for weekly monitoring. More Cupboard items are expected to arrive from the designated mission project during the Disciples Women's Springfield retreat, **The Gathering, on May 3rd**. This Regional women's retreat has designated our church's Emergency Cupboard to split the day's mission offerings with a homeless ministry in Chicago. Some FCC women who are attending will plan a dedication of that mission's offering.

Interfaith Alliance of Macomb is hosting the annual **Community Prayer Breakfast** at Spoon River Outreach Center on **May 3** at 7:30. Several members of our church have been active on the planning committee. This year's keynote speaker will be Macomb's life-long promoter of peace, Dr. J.Q. Adams. He will be speaking on non-violent communication. Music selections will be performed by Sandra Mosley. Breakfast will be catered by Julie Hood. This is another opportunity to meet & have conversations with those who worship God.

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples men will meet at The Old Dairy
May 5 at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at Chubby's
May 17 at 7:30 pm

TRUSTEES

Dean Rockwell

Trustees meeting is May 21 at 5:30 pm followed
by the Church Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

Elders

Tim Adams

There will be No Elders meeting May 28
due to Memorial Day.

With deep affection and true sincerity, thank you to the members of First Christian Church for your love, concern and support of our family during the trying time surrounding the death of our patriarch, Chuck Ingersoll. We are overwhelmed and grateful for the food brought to us, the meal after the service, encouraging words, cards and every kindness which came our way. More significantly, thank you for fully welcoming our dad and grandpa into the life of this wonderful congregation. Your love for him was undeniable. He loved you too. And so do we. Again, thank you for all you have done for us.

Sincerely, The Family of Chuck Ingersoll



Dates to Remember

Mother's DAY
is May 13

MEMORIAL DAY
is May 28

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Karen Chatterton, Joe Meunier
- 5 Teresa & Jeff Bennett (a)
- 7 Dave & Norma Kentner (a)
- 10 Sharon Butcher
- 14 John & Leslie Trone (a)
- 16 David Kentner
- 18 Sue & Tim Adams (a)
- 19 Griffin Taylor
- 20 Abby Dace
Joe & Teresa Meunier (a)
Ryan Darensbourg & Penny Shumate (a)
- 21 Bob Chatterton
- 23 Jim & Janet Shank (a)
- 24 John Harmon
Gary & Cheryl Dunham (a)
- 26 Margaret Taylor
- 27 David Behymer
- 30 Lorraine Crawford

May 2018

May 2018							June 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Apr 29		May 1		May 2		May 3		May 4		May 5	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Youth Sunday		1:00pm DW Executive Board Meeting (Disciples Women)	10:00am Women's Bible Study	12:00pm FCC Book Club 6:30pm Choir rehearsal		8:00am Disciples Men (Old Dairy)					
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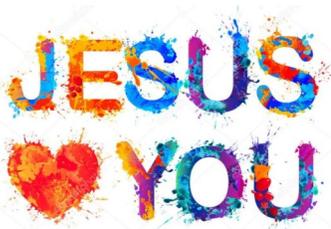
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**MAY ACTIVITIES FOR
YOUTH (grades 6-12) and JYF (grades 3-5)**

Youth 6 - 12 Grade 5:00 PM

- 6 Youth Sunday**
- 13 Mother's Day - NO MEETING**
- 20 End of the Year Celebration**
- 27 Memorial Day - NO MEETING**

JYF 3 - 5 Grade 5:00 PM

- 6 Youth Sunday**
- 13 Mother's Day - NO MEETING**
- 20 End of the Year Celebration**
- 27 Memorial Day - NO MEETING**

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