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2nd Annual Men's Outing Cubs VS Cardinals

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 Busch Stadium

1 PM game time—\$30.00 per ticket

All men, friends, family (male) invited

Contact Larry Loop call 309.255.0880

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Kelly's Korner

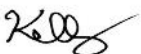
May is the month of memories. With Mother's Day and Memorial Day and finals weeks leading to graduations and promotions, well, there are lots of memories to make in May. Every year. This year, you may not be the graduate or maybe your mom is no longer close by, but you can always remember those special days of hanging with classmates and cherish days spent with mom.

I remember Memorial Days of my childhood. They were always spent in southwestern Oklahoma with my mom's family. We'd leave our home in northeastern Oklahoma and go to my grandmother's house. A full day would be spent on preparation—flowers for the graves and food for the reunion. We'd start in Lawton, then head to Cyril and end up at the family gravesite in Oney. Oney was the incredibly small town close to where my mom was raised. My Aunt Jean and Uncle Robert lived and farmed there. After everyone had finished putting flowers on the graves, we would meet at Aunt Jean's for the reunion. There'd be tons of food—fried chicken, potato salad, desserts, you know, the works. And there'd be lots of fun and laughter. Sometimes, the cards and dominos would even get a little competitive and heated. The family was gathered. Memories were made. It was almost like communion.

As Disciples we share Memorial Day every Sunday. We come to the communion table to remember. On occasion we might remember those who have passed in the service of our country. On occasion we might remember a loved one or two who were special to us. On every occasion we remember Jesus. The body broken and the blood poured out that we might know the depth of love God has for us. At the table we remember we are a forgiven people and God's grace is freely extended to us.

As you make plans for Mother's Day and Memorial Day in May, also make plans for communion. Be intentional about reconnecting with God. Allow God's love and grace to fill your heart and soul. Remember all that Jesus means to you. Hope to see you in worship each Sunday in May!

Peace



Property

Dave Kentner and Property Committee

About Our Roof

In the early summer of 2015, during the renovation project, our electrical contractor was working in the attic space of the Christian Education wing. He reported that First Christian Church had a problem with the present roof. There are holes in the attic roof and light is coming in, which means rain can also get through these holes. I asked a contractor to go up into the attic and tell me what he thought might be happening. He reported that we had some water damage because of possible ice damming and that I should call our insurance company. An insurance adjuster came to look at our damaged roof and took pictures of some of the problem areas. The adjuster claims the problem was the poor workmanship of a previous roofer and that the problem was not caused by ice damming.

I contacted a quality local roofer, who gave us some ideas of possible options/costs we were facing in repairing the roof. We are looking at two options for fixing the roof. The first would be to remove the lower five courses or rows of shingles, replace all damaged wood, install a water barrier, and install five courses of new shingles. We would have a good roof that would need to be replaced in 12 to 15 years. The second option would be to remove all the old shingles, do the repair work that needs to be done as in option one, and shingle the whole roof. The second option would give us the best roof and should last for 30 years. It was estimated that the cost will be \$20,000 to \$30,000 depending upon which option we use.

The Property Committee is in the process of getting bids for the two options now and should have more exact amounts soon. We will continue to inform the congregation as details emerge.



Evangelism Anne Ingersoll

FREE Chair Yoga Class will be offered every Friday in May from 9:00 am-10:00am excluding the first Friday, in the Fellowship Hall. You don't need to have any prior experience! Improve your strength, flexibility (No, we won't try to bend like pretzels!), and mental health in a peaceful environment. Call me at 421-0540 or email me at anneingersoll@gmail.com if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. Although nothing is required for this class, if you have a yoga mat or yoga block, bring it! You can wear comfortable clothing or your street clothes.



Heritage Days

Heritage Days is coming soon! Mark your calendars for June 23, 24, and 25. Sign-ups will be coming soon to work our FCC booth. We'll have corn hole, giant Jenga, and more!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



On Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 pm, Stephen Ministry and Rev. Ingersoll are inviting you, your family, your friends and members of the congregation to attend a Service of Remembrance. Personal invitations will be mailed to those families who have lost loved ones this past year. However, this service is not only meant for them, but for everyone. All of us have lost someone, no matter if 10, 20, 30 or 50 years ago. Even though a lot of time has passed and perhaps the pain is not as severe, the hurt remains. I lost my father in 1969, my mother in 1999 and grandson in 2007. There is not a day that goes by without some degree of hurt. I want to encourage the elders, the deacons and the congregation to come to the service and gather around those who mourn to offer support and hold them up while we grieve together. After all, aren't we a "church family?" Following the service, there will be cookies and drink with time to share stories. We are willing, to do whatever it takes to help with the process of grief. The loss of someone is never easy. Let's come together and show our love for one another.

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have been trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. John 13:34b says, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Would you be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? I know there are times we all care for each other; however, with Stephen Ministry training, you would learn to use Christian care-giving tools, such as, prayer, scripture, cups of cold water (Matt. 10:42), blessings and forgiveness. Stephen Ministry is Christ-centered and confidential. There are only two qualifications: you need to be a member of the church and have the willingness to care for those who are hurting.

If you have ANY interest in Stephen Ministry, either as a Stephen Minister or want to be better informed concerning the training, I would like to begin a training session for new Stephen Ministers the first week of July. By starting in July, there will be enough training, if you decide to become a Stephen Minister, completed so you could be commissioned as a Stephen Minister on Stephen Ministry Sunday held in October.

For more information regarding Stephen Ministry, Contact Rev. Ingersoll (837-6473), Pauline Dunn (837-2058) (or Jean Vaughn (837-4406)).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble



The Christian Education Department of FCCDOC Macomb and First Presbyterian Macomb has planned something new, and what we hope is a more exciting opportunity to bring the word of God to the children of Macomb and surrounding areas.

It is our hope to introduce for the first time to the community something new and unique. Together this summer we are hosting 3 one-day events, incorporating fun, fellowship and worship.

Our 3 one-day events include a pool party with free swimming, games and candlelight worship. Our version of the Olympics will include obstacle courses, bouncy houses, games, fellowship, and worship. During Music, Arts and Drama, the children will learn singing, ukulele, painting, and also working with clay, puppets and play writing. This day will be even more special as not only will it include ending with worship, the children will be performing their songs, instruments, puppets and play, while the art work will be on display for all to see.

A group of about 10 has been meeting since January to share their time, talents and treasure in planning each event. One person will be in charge of the event and a group of volunteers working together to make the day full of fun and fellowship.

With each event our age range varies to include all school-age children from 1st thru 8th grade. We need volunteers to help on each of these dates. If you are interested in helping, please let either Jack McKinnon or Jonelle Schauble know. There will be a meeting May 15 at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers, so they can learn more about the events. Please consider helping us make these visions a reality.

Christian Education would also like to announce that we have planned 3 movies in the parking lot.

May 29—Peanuts Movie
June 2 - Alvin and the Chipmunks, The Road Chip
July 3—Up

All movies will start at 8 to 8: 15 pm. There will be refreshments served. So bring your chairs, blankets, and pillows and join us for an evening at the movies. If the weather is bad, the show will go on inside. Call the church if you need a ride. Hope to see everyone there.

Some of you were lucky enough to get a taste of the homemade donuts that Chi Rho youth were fixing during fellowship Sunday. Chi Rho youth will be making donuts again on the second Sundays in June, August, October, and December. They are raising money for the Weekend Lunch Program. It is a program that supplies lunches to those in need. Please put the second dates on your calendar and come early for fellowship to get your hot homemade donut with vanilla, chocolate, sprinkles, or no sprinkles, powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar. Of course, you can have it plain too. There will be coffee and punch always. Please help them raise money for this worthy project.

Children's Ministry

Tad Goldner



Well, May is just around the corner, and with that the distant call of summer is drawing ever closer. Swimming, camping, picnics, you name it, we're all looking forward to everything we can do when it's warm outside!

One of my best summer memories comes from a trip that my Boy Scout troop took to Colorado. We had gone to a camp for a week, and all of us were excited to spend some time in the mountains away from the flat farmlands. On the way into the camp, we noticed a trailhead sign for "Whydontyoutakea Peak." I wish I could make this stuff up.

There were a couple of us that thought it was a pretty clever joke and talked about it all week. Towards the end of our time there, one of our leaders heard us mention it, and asked us, "Well why don't you?" Long story short, we did, we took the climb, and it was one of the most fantastic experiences I have ever had. There's something about staring off into the distance from what feels like the top of the world that just isn't matched by anything else.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that sometimes, if you have a chance to make those off-hand comments and dreams a reality, truly great things can happen, and I hope that for everyone as we move into this warm, fun-

Elders

Myrna Osborn

Open your Bible to its center, and you'll find the Book of Psalms. In it are some of the most beautiful words ever translated into the English language, with none more beautiful than the 23rd Psalm. David describes God as being like a shepherd who cares for His flock. No wonder these verses have provided comfort and hope for generations of believers.

On occasion, you will confront circumstances that trouble you to the very core of your soul. When you are afraid, trust in God. When you are worried, turn your concerns over to Him. When you are anxious, be still and listen for the quiet assurance of God's promises. And then, place your life in His hands. He is your Shepherd today and throughout eternity. Trust the Shepherd.

Have you made God the cornerstone of your life, or is He relegated to a few hours on Sunday morning? Have you genuinely allowed God to reign over every corner of your heart, or have you attempted to place Him in a spiritual compartment? The answer to these questions will determine the direction of your day and your life.

God loves you. In times of trouble, He will comfort you; in times of sorrow, He will dry your tears. When you are weak or sorrowful, God is as near as your next breath. He stands at the door of your heart and waits. Welcome Him in and allow Him to rule. And then, accept the peace, and the strength, and the protection, and the abundance that only God can give.

Each new day is a gift from God, and if we are wise, we will spend a few quiet moments each morning thanking the Giver. Daily life is woven together with the threads of habit, and no habit is more important to our spiritual health than the discipline of daily prayer and devotion to the Creator.

May at a Glance

Sunday May 1

Graduation Sunday	
Chi Rho	4:45 pm
Youth Group	5:00 pm
College & Young Adult	7:00 pm

Monday, May 2

Spirit Sisters	7:00 pm
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Tuesday, May 3

Pastoral Support	5:00 pm
Disciples Women Executive Board Meeting	7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 4

Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
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Thursday, May 5

FCC Book Club	11:30 am
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Saturday, May 7

Disciples Men's Breakfast @ Old Dairy	8:00 am
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Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day, Luke 24:44-53, You Are Witnesses

Monday, May 9

Outreach & Action	5:30 pm
Christian Education	6:00 pm
Stephen Ministry	6:00 pm
Property	6:30 pm

Friday, May 13

Yoga	9:00 am
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Sunday, May 15

Pentecost, Acts:2 17-21, Visions and Dreams	
Vision Planning	3:00 pm
Chi Rho	4:45 pm
Youth Group	5:00 pm

Monday, May 16

Trustees	6:00 pm
Church Board	7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 17

Prayer Shawl	1:00 pm
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Thursday, May 19

Third Thursday Men's Group @ Chubby's	7:30 pm
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Friday, May 20

Yoga	9:00 am
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Sunday, May 22

Luke 8:26-39, What Have You?	
Youth Group	5:00 pm
Chi Rho FCC Open	
Mini Golf Night with High School Group	

Monday, May 23

Evangelism	5:00 pm
Worship	6:00 pm
Elders	7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 24

Martha Shemwell	1:30 pm
Bertha Gilchrist Group	7:00 pm
Itoka Maeda Group	7:15 pm

Friday, May 27

Yoga	9:00 am
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Sunday, May 29

Memorial Day Weekend, Luke 13:10-17, Set Free	
Peanuts Movie in the Parking Lot	8:00 pm

Birthdays

1	Jonelle Schauble
3	Karen Chatterton
	Mary Hoke
	Joe Meunier
10	Sharon Butcher
14	Mary Raymer
16	David Kentner
	Ellen Tingley
19	Griffin Reed Taylor
20	Abby Dace
21	Bob Chatterton,
24	John Harmon
26	Margaret Taylor
28	Peggy West
29	Penny Dobey

Anniversaries

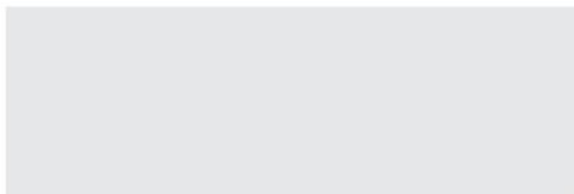
5	Teresa & Jeff Bennett
14	John & Leslie Trone
18	Tim & Sue Adams
20	Joe & Teresa Meunier
21	David & Debbie Taylor
23	Jim & Janet Shank



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