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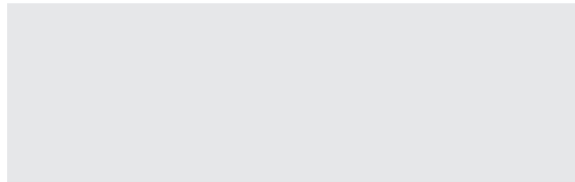


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF April 26

Worship Leader: Youth
Elders: Youth
Diaconate: Youth
Balcony: Youth
Preparatory: Donna Bainter, Charolette Hughes, Cindy Moon
Greeters: **Front** Youth
Central East Youth
Balcony South Youth
Elevator: Youth
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Gail & Joyce Randall
Children's Moment:
Children's Church:
Soundboard Tech: Eric Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time: Rod & Nita Burg
Acolyte: Marissa Meunier
Hospital Caller: Nancy Reed
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Dorothy Loop

Kelly Ingersoll,
 Minister

 Bill Froom,
 Chancel Choir Director

 Carol Harmon,
 Organist

 Annetta Holt,
 Administrative Assistant

 Paul Huff,
 Custodian

 Mariah Chapdelaine,
 Youth/Children's Choir Director

 Brandi Collins,
 Nursery Supervisor

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April 26 is Youth Sunday at FCC. Our youth will be leading the worship service.

Samantha Adams and Grant Reed will be speaking and the other youth will be providing music and leading the rest of the service.

Plan to attend and support our youth on April 26!

Kelly's Korner

This week we celebrate Youth Sunday. Our youth have had planning sessions for weeks now. They have had and will still have extra rehearsal sessions. A serious approach to worship leadership is being taken by all. I pray you will be excited to hear faith from a younger perspective as you come to worship this week. Please note, things will be a little different than normal. But, a little difference is healthy.

The theme of Youth Sunday is *God, Are You There?* This is a question we have all asked at some point in our lives. In our most difficult and lonely times, we wonder about God's presence. Maybe such a time for you has been the loss of a significant person in your life—whether someone special has moved far away or passed from this life to the next, we experience a time of grief. It is often in these moments that we actually find God's presence. When we have no lower place to go, we find God greeting us there ready to journey with us to a bit higher plateau.

Twelve step programs acknowledge this. Those with addiction issues usually bottom out before seeking help. Often, friends and family members have turned their backs on addicts. The illness of addiction often leads to solitude. The first step in AA is to admit alcohol overpowers and that life has become unmanageable. The rest of the steps are to seek divine help as well as restore relationship with God and (inasmuch as possible) those who have been hurt as a result of the addict's behavior.

Recently, we discussed doubt during worship. The question *God, Are You There* is not really the same as doubt. We can acknowledge that God is...while wondering where God is. Maturity of faith may be able to recognize God's presence in every moment of life. We aspire to have that type of relationship with the divine. Many of us, though, will still often question. Pretty much human nature, really. So, it's ok. God created us to be human. As our youth lead worship this week, may we have a glimpse of God with us. See you Sunday!

Peace,



Sunday, April 26

Youth Sunday

Bill Butcher opens/closes church

John Carden drives the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

Monday, April 27

5:00 PM Evangelism Comm

6:00 PM Worship Comm

7:00 PM Elders

Tuesday, April 28

1:30 PM Martha Shemwell Group

6:00 PM Itoko Maeda @ Rocky's

7:00 PM Bertha Gilchrist Group

Wednesday, April 29

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 3

Dave Kentner opens/closes church

Larry Ellis drives the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

1:30 PM Shut-in Communion

Elders: Janet Shank

Char Carden

Deacons: Teresa Bennett

Bill Butcher

5:00 PM Youth Group

8:00 PM College Group

Birthdays & Anniversaries

25 Marilyn Walker

26 Florence Washburn

27 Hanna Runner
Sam & Phyllis Shields (a)

Sunday, April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

**Sermons: Grant Reed and
Samantha Adams**

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

I John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Sunday, May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

I John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



Service of Remembrance

The Stephen Ministers and Rev. Kelly Ingersoll would like to invite you to a Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Families who have lost loved ones from our First Christian Church community since May 9, 2014 will be our special guests.

Disciples Women will host a reception following the service.

All men are invited to attend the Cards/Cubs game on September 9, 2015 at Busch Stadium. Game time is 12:45 pm, so we will leave Macomb around 9:00 a.m. Ticket price is \$26.00. We have reserved 25 tickets and we can get more in the next week or so if we know we need them.

We will car pool to St. Louis or if more sign-up to go, we may be able to charter a bus.

Please see Larry Loop for a reservation. Please join in this new and exciting men's activity.

Thank you for the floral arrangements as well as the delicious meal you served our family.

We appreciate all your kindness and support.

Jill & Jeff Jones
Emma Bozarth

MAY RESPONSIBILITIES AT LOAVES & FISHES

During the month of May, First Christian Church is scheduled to manage the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board next to the Parlor Kitchen.

For those new to the task, a committee member will be on hand each day to explain what needs to be done. The sorting of any food that is received through collections or drives during May will be the responsibility of our church.

Please consider helping for a few days during the month.

May 9 is the annual Post Office day to collect food for the pantry. We will need help in the afternoon to move the food to Loaves & Fishes and put it on shelves. Watch for the time in future newsletters. Meanwhile, please keep your calendar available to help.



Plastic bags are needed for Loaves & Fishes.

Please save your grocery/shopping plastic bags and bring them to the church office. Loaves & Fishes can use as many as we can collect!

Thank you for helping us be able to bag the groceries for our clients.

Address for Myrna Osborn while she is recovering from surgery:

Myrna Osborn
4421 Kirkwood Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516



Randi Inman recently joined FCC. Randi is interested in art and music but wants most to learn about God. She is hoping to find her way to God through our church and fellowship. Randi has a three-year son, Sharvell. Please introduce yourself to Randi and Sharvell and make them feel welcome at FCC.



Despite expert opinion, Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation declares that the Church is not dying, but is alive amid a thriving Pentecost movement. Hope Partnership invites everyone to join this movement with the 2015 Pentecost Offering on Sundays, May 17 and May 24.

“This year’s offering theme, **new churches are growing in the light**, focuses on the great progress Disciples are making in starting new churches and introducing more individuals to Christ, despite expert opinion that the Church is dying.” “We are excited about the Pentecost Offering message this year, which emphasizes the importance of shining light in dark places, spreading the gospel and loving people back to life during challenging times.”

Please start praying about your participation in this offering.



Tuesday
May 19, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Disciples Women will host a Ladies’ Night Out (formerly the Mother/Daughter/Son Banquet) on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend and are encouraged to invite friends and relatives.

Tickets may be purchased in the Parlor before and after worship on May 3, 10 and 17. The cost of tickets is \$6/adults and \$4/children ages 3-10. Children 2 and under may attend free of charge.

The menu this year will feature Dan Reed’s famous ham balls and will include twice-baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and desserts. Hot dogs will also be available. The meal will be served by the men of FCC.

A special fashion show is being planned with clothing from Maurice’s. Ladies and

youth of the church will serve as models, and Jean Vaughn will be the Master of Ceremonies. Following the fashion show, Sue Adams will entertain us with several musical selections.

Please call the office by May 14 if you need a ride in the church van. The nursery will not be staffed that evening.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event!

Attention: Fashion Show Models

Following worship on May 3, there will be a brief meeting in the church parlor. If you cannot attend, please contact Joyce Randall or Nita Burg for information.