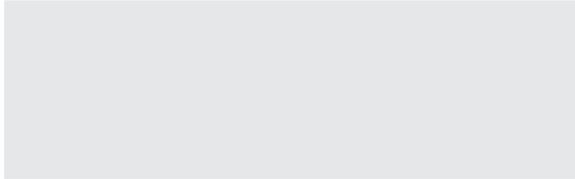




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SERVING THIS WEEK OF May 4

- Worship Leader:** Bill Butcher
Elders: Patti Jones (bread), Mary Stipanowich (cup)
Diaconate: Bev Drake, Rachel Bliven, Jill Jones
 Betty Sherwood, Bob Sherwood, Gail Randall
Balcony: Chris Dace, Linda Dace, Maddie Dace
Preparatory: Joyce Randall, Phyllis Shields, Sam Shields
Greeters: **Front** Rod Burg
Central East Nita Burg
Balcony South Bob Sherwood
Elevator Gail Randall
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Rod & Nita Burg
Children's Moment: Sue Cangro
Children's Church: Shannon Reed
Soundboard Tech: Tim Adams
Coffee Fellowship Time: Phyllis & Sam Shields
Hospital Caller: Patti Jones
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Patti Jones

- 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
 Sydne Speziale,
Nursery Assistant

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WATCH THE KENTUCKY DERBY WITH FRIENDS AT CHURCH MAY 3, 5:00 P.M.

Membership will sponsor a Kentucky Derby night on May 3, 5:00 p.m. We will watch the Kentucky Derby and play games - there will be prizes! Wear your decorated Derby hats. Prizes will be given for decorations! Please plan to bring your favorite snack also.



Kelly's Korner

We continue this week with stories about the resurrected Jesus. In the gospel of Luke we read about Cleopas and a friend walking along a road on their way to Emmaus. They run into a 'stranger' who reveals to them many teachings and ways of faith. As the sun was setting, the trio arrived at Emmaus. The stranger was continuing on but Cleopas and his friend persuaded the man to remain as their guest. At dinner, the stranger said words that had been used at the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. The men recognized then who was in their midst. Their eyes were opened. After Jesus left their presence they began discussing their experience of the day—the learning of scripture and the burning of their hearts.

When we think of heartburn we often think of a medical condition—most often, a not too serious yet really annoying medical condition. Often the cause of our heartburn is spicy food. Hot dogs will get me on occasion. Does the risk of heartburn keep us from eating such foods? Not usually. We have medicine. The taste and pleasure are usually worth the risk.

The type of heartburn that Cleopas and his unnamed friend experienced was quite different. In the presence of Jesus, hearing him teach about faith, well, they felt their hearts burn within them. A fire was set. Passion to tell others of this experience was simmering in their souls. In fact they left that night to go back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples.

What ignites your faith? What brings out your spiritual passion? How do you live out your faith? Having shared the Easter story with each other, we now must share it with others. We must live as if faith matters to us. If not, Easter was just another Sunday. If not, we have no fire inside. Let our hearts be like Cleopas'—let our hearts burn as we encounter Christ's teachings this week!

Peace,



Saturday, May 3

7:15 AM DM @ Old Dairy

Sunday, May 4

Bill Butcher opens/closes church drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM JYF (grades 3-5)
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion
Elders: Jack McKinnon,
Char Carden
Deacons: Gail Randall, Nancy Reed
5:00 PM Youth Group

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 PM DW Exec Bd Mtg

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 11

Dave Kentner opens/closes church drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM Youth Group

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Karen Chatterton
Mary Hoke
Joe Meunier
5 Jeff & Teresa Bennett (a)

Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Heart Burn
Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
I Peter 1:17-23

Sunday, May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
I Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



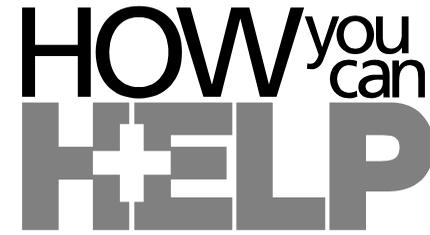
CHANGE OF VENUE FOR DISCIPLES MEN'S MEETING

Starting on May 3, the Disciples Men will meet the first Saturday of the month at the Old Dairy. We will change the starting time to 7:15 a.m., order our food and proceed to a small room just to the left of the entrance. Wait staff will bring the food to that room as it is ready.



First Christian Church will recognize our 8th grade, high school, community college, and university graduates during Graduation Sunday, May 4. We will celebrate with a cake during Coffee Fellowship Hour and hold a short ceremony of congratulations during our regular worship time.

Please plan on joining the graduates at Coffee Fellowship Time to get acquainted and wish them the very best in this new adventure in their lives.



MAY RESPONSIBILITIES AT LOAVES & FISHES

During the month of May, First Christian Church is scheduled to manage the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Please double check the time(s) you have signed up to help so you will be sure to remember.

Rod Burg says the pantry needs plastic bags! If you have extras, please bring them to the church office. Loaves & Fishes appreciates very much having bags on hand to use when distributing food.

Christian Action & Outreach is in charge of this responsibility and they need a lot of help during this assignment month!

Thank you.



Service of Remembrance

The Stephen Ministers and Rev. Kelly Ingersoll would like to invite everyone to a Service of Remembrance on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Families who have lost loved ones from our First Christian Church community since March 20, 2013 will be our special guests. Disciples Women will host a reception following the service.



Junior Youth Fellowship will wrap up the year with an outing to Ball Fore on Sunday, May 4, following worship. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a "picnic lunch", then ride the van to Ball Fore for putt putt, batting cages and a picnic dessert (weather permitting). Youth fees at Ball Fore will be covered. The van will be available to drop the children at home by 2:00 p.m. JYF families and friends are welcome to join us for this outing at their own expense!

thanks

I would like to thank FCC, Macomb, for all the prayers and support this past two months while I was having health concerns and tests. I appreciate all the inquiries, prayers from the prayer chain and Stephen Ministers and the support extended to me during this time. Special thanks to the Stephen Ministers for the lovely flowering plant; it is beautiful. John and I have found this to be a very warm and welcoming congregation!

Carol Harmon

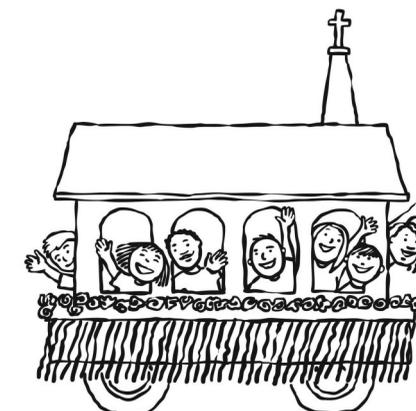


Spring is here and the grass is growing!

If you would be interested in helping mow the church yard this year, please sign up in the Parlor.

The church has a mower and everything you need making it convenient for everyone.

Questions: see Bill Butcher



VETERANS OF FCC

Heritage Days will be here soon!

We will be sponsoring a booth again this year in Chandler Park. If you enjoy interacting with community members and playing "corn hole", please sign up for a shift or two! We had so much fun last year and expect the same this year.

The Heritage Day theme this year is **A Tribute to the Military**. We are asking for those veterans within our congregation to meet briefly in the Parlor this Sunday (May 4) after worship to discuss the Heritage Day Parade.