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SERVING THIS WEEK OF February 16

Worship Leader: Janet Shank
Elders: Jean Moore (bread); Jack McKinnon (cup)
Diaconate: Larry Loop, Natalie Workman, Peggy West, Elizabeth Bailey, Joanna Anderson, Kim Cunningham
Balcony: Samantha Adams, Dorothy Loop, Margaret Taylor
Preparatory: Marcia Higgins, Sharon Butcher, Sherri Wagner
Greeters: **Front** Judy Graves
Central East Mary Raymer
Balcony South Dan Reed
Elevator Jeanna Montgomery
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Jonelle Schauble
Children's Moment: Connie Workman
Children's Church: Jack McKinnon
Soundboard Tech: Larry Ellis
Coffee Fellowship Time: Patti Jones
Hospital Caller(s): John Carden
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Janet Shank

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,
Custodian,

Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor

Brittany Nelson,
Nursery Attendant

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The Disciples Men will meet in the church Fellowship Hall on March 1, at 8:00 a.m.

Joyce Randall and her crew will cook a delicious home-made breakfast for all the men and boys of FCC!

There will be a short program following the breakfast and fellowship time.

Ask your friends, come and fellowship together - eat all you want!

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Kelly's Korner

Blessed... You Are... Reconciled... (to perfect love)

Over the last couple of weeks, we have focused on some pretty famous sayings by Jesus. They come from Matthew's account of the sermon on the mount—Jesus' first sermon. We are reminding ourselves that we are good and worthy and blessed. Last week we discussed that believers in Jesus are called to be salt and light to the world—to live faithfully so that others can know God through our works in the world.

This week we focus on the word reconciled. Let's be clear. We are not talking about counting every dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and penny so that our checking accounts balance. Jesus will talk about accounting in our passage this week, but it is mostly spiritual accounting. He will tell us that we must be reconciled to our brother and sister before we can give our gifts to God.

Are all the relationships in your life perfect and right? Are any of the relationships in your life perfect and right? I think it is interesting that Jesus doesn't have us begin with our divine relationship. So many preachers I have heard in my life (sometimes myself included) say that if our relationship with God is right, then all other matters will fall into place. If we are good with God, life will be good. And while I believe much of this type of theological thinking, Jesus says be right with your brother and sister before bringing an offering to God.

Jesus is talking a monetary offering. But what about our everyday offerings? God has gifted us with abilities and skills and called us to live them out in this world. If I am having an issue or problem or grievance with another, am I able to truly live faithfully? Maybe not. Do my human relationships affect my relationship with the divine? Probably so.

May all our difficult and broken relationships begin to heal so that we may truly honor and bless and worship our God (who is perfect love...but that's next week!).

Peace,



Sunday, February 16

Bob Sherwood opens/closes church

Jim Schauble drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

Elders: Patti Jones

Deacons: Kim Cunningham

Ron Vaughn

4:00 PM Everly House

Elders: Patti Jones

Deacons: Kim Cunningham

Ron Vaughn

5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, February 17

5:30 PM Trustees

7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 23

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Eric Reed drives the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 NOON Informational meeting in Parlor
about Mission Trip

5:00 PM Youth Group

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 14 | Paul Huff
Jean Moore
Mary Stipanowich |
| 15 | Janet Shank |
| 18 | Don & Carolee Smith (a) |
| 20 | Jean Vaughn |

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: Reconciled
Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26

Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

I Corinthians 3:1-9

Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary Readings:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm 119:33-40

I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2014

For 70 years, Week of Compassion has made a difference in the lives of people and communities around the world by pooling resources, leveraging funds and serving together.

From North America to Africa, from Asia to Europe, in towering mansions, and gritty slums, in cardboard boxes and suburban homes, we are all children of God.

We are One. And our gifts, given through this special offering, empower people in poverty to learn a trade, raise their own food, and grow in faith. United in Christ, we help to remember our unity and offer our gifts to benefit people all around the world, and indeed, in our own communities.

This past fall, we added to our yearly Week of Compassion offering by collecting money for the victims of hurricanes in the Philippines and a tornado in Washington, IL.

Week of Compassion gives us a marvelous opportunity to remember our unity and to offer our gifts to benefit people all around us. If one brother or sister is hungry, thirsty, or recovering from a disaster, then we all are. So as FCC collects our annual Week of Compassion offering, **give** what you can, **give** because you feel called, **give** remembering that people around the world would also give to you. **Give** because in Christ Jesus, we are one family.

FCC will accept this offering on February 16 and 23.



Ash Wednesday Worship

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter. (Sundays are not included in the count.) This year Ash Wednesday is March 5.

Lent is a time when Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads or back of the hand of worshipers as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God.

FCC will hold Ash Wednesday services on March 5, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.



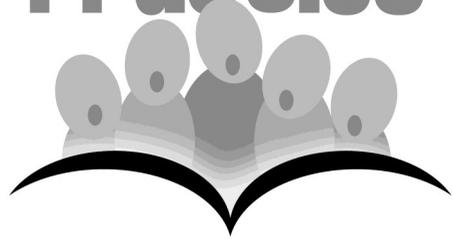
Harlie Runner has received the Student Employee of the Year award at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Harlie has been working in the Alumni Office. She is majoring in Agricultural Communications and will graduate in May 2014.

Her award documentation will be entered in the National Student Employee of the Year competition. (We will certainly be bragging on this if it is awarded!)

We congratulate Harlie on her award; we know there are many student employees on a campus and this is an honor of which to be proud.

CHOIR practice



If you are a member of the choir, you should note that Choir Practice will be start at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday).

The choir will sing at the Ash Wednesday service immediately following practice.

During the Lenten studies (March 19, 26, April 2, 9), choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Eyes Upon the Cross

Eyes Upon the Cross will be the recurring theme of our Lenten Studies.

We will have a study on Wednesdays during Lent - March 19, 26, April 2, and 9. These studies will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a snack supper. There will be a study offered for all ages.

The study will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 6:45 p.m.

A donation basket will be available to help pay for the cost of the meal each week.



WANT TO
MAKE
A
DIFFERENCE?

You are invited to join us:

FOR: Intergenerational Mission Trip

TO: Washington, IL

DATE: March 9 - March 13, 2014

WHO: Youth in 6th grade -
Seniors, age 100

WHY: To make a difference in tornado-torn Washington, IL

COST: \$25/individual; \$40/family

STAY: Sleep in Eureka College dorms;
Eat at Eureka Christian Church

INFO: Rev. Ingersoll - 837 6473
Kelly@fccmacomb.org
Jan Rockwell - 837 3156
Rockwell@macomb.com

Sign up in parlor or office by February 23
(Info meeting following worship on 23rd)



The Center for International Studies will be hosting 25 students from Shanghai Donghai Vocational Technical College for a five-week program this spring. As part of that program, the students participate in a homestay weekend, Friday, March 21 (evening) through Sunday, March 23 (after lunch).

If you would like to host one or two students, please contact Dana Vizdal, 347 Memorial Hall (309 298 3734; dm-vizdal@wiu.edu).

Families are given a small stipend of \$20 for one student, \$30 for two (to cover partial costs of meals).

This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce our families to other cultures and to remember our unity and share with others from around the world.