



# Chalice Tidings

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What: Ice Cream Social

When: August 28, 2016 4 pm, Homecoming Sunday

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

# Kelly's Korner

Homecoming Sunday is August 28. This is an important day for us—our opportunity to extend invitations to those who have previously worshiped with us as well as invite those who have never had the chance to be present with us. How will these invitations be made? We will have a couple of committees working some magic. Yet, the most genuine and personal invitation comes from you. I have previously said, and will continue to say, evangelism is not done by a few folks on one committee of the church, evangelism is the responsibility of all of us. Do you love your church? Do you believe the church is friendly? Are your worship needs met? Is God present with you in recognizable ways when you come to church? We are not a perfect church, but if you can answer yes to the above questions, it should be relatively easy to extend an invitation to someone to attend church with you.

And yet, it isn't always easy. Society frowns on religious conversations. Sometimes a person is hard to read. We would rather not intimidate or make someone feel uneasy. Even though we don't need a Homecoming to invite someone to church, our hope is that by having Homecoming, having something special to invite others to, makes sharing an invitation less awkward.

So invite away. Friends. Acquaintances. Strangers. Grocery baggers. Postal workers. Cashiers. Servers. Family even. Let's have a big Sunday as we invite and welcome new folks. Let's come home for God.

Peace,



## *Sermons in August*

*Father Abraham*

*Luke 16:19-31*

*Good Sam*

*Luke 10:9-37*

*Not So Much*

*Luke 13:22-30*

*Home for God*

*Samuel 7:4-7*



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**Jean Vaughn**

After lay persons have gone through 50 hours of Christian care giving training and are commissioned, their next step is to take what they have learned, how they have healed and use it to help other people. That notion is crucial—for every individual and for the church—that ultimately there is no healing without helping. The more my focus is only on me, the more self-absorbed I become and the less I heal. But when I quit focusing just on myself and help someone else, not only does it help the other person, it also becomes healing for me.

We live in a world that encourages us to focus on ourselves—so much so that people don't even anticipate how healing it will be to focus on another person. So getting people to shift their focus to helping others has been really powerful for Stephen Ministry.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Tad Goldner**

This past month has certainly been a busy one! Between church camp, our Olympics Summer Fun Day, a trip to see the Burlington Bees, and all the other activities that have filled our time, we've hardly noticed summer flying by. I think it's safe to say that this summer has been good for our youth and children's ministries.

A big highlight for my month was having the opportunity to counsel out at Pilgrim Park church camp. But don't just take my word for it. Church camp was a blast for everyone that went! Aaron, Marissa, Zeek, Griffin, Drew, and Luke all got to spend the week growing closer to each other and to others at the camp, and might have even come away with some new friends and a better understanding of their faith. Just being there as a counselor was a blessing, and getting to see how everyone grew a little bit during our time there truly did make the week something special. I sincerely hope that this is an experience that we can grow on in the time to come.

As always, it's wonderful to see God working in such wonderful ways with our youth, and I can only pray that we continue to see them grow into their faith as we gear up for the school year!

## **CHAIR-ITY YOGA CLASS**

**Anne Ingersoll**

Our yoga class has changed its name to Chair-ity Yoga. Anne sees this class as a ministry and does not want to be paid for her time so the class decided to take up donations each month for a local non-profit organization. This is not a mandatory offering to attend the class! It is an optional offering. This class is open to all FCC members and those within our community. We have chosen Samaritan Well for the past two months as our donation recipient and have raised \$85 so far. Classes will remain on Fridays at 9 am and last for about an hour. Contact Anne if you have questions at 421-0540 or [anneingersoll@gmail.com](mailto:anneingersoll@gmail.com)



## OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell



### Intergenerational Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 13th, 10 people spent the day together on the Intergenerational Mission Trip to Chatham, Illinois. Destination? Midwest Distribution Center ran by the Methodist church. This was the 2nd year for some, but new tasks for all. We arrived by 8:30 and were gone by 3:30 but left a lot of completed tasks behind us. The Center, originated by former Macomb Wesley United minister Jack Travestead, was the offspring of the 2003 flooding on the Mississippi River. He saw the open hearts of generous people in the heroic sandbagging efforts and knew there were constantly areas of the world in similar needs. He spearheaded the establishment of the distribution center in Chatham, and in 13 years it has ballooned into a national mission destination for Christians all over the U. S., including a group of Disciples that day from Macomb. The tasks we were blessed to help with ranged from assembling school kits for impoverished children, repairing donated bicycles to provide transportation where cars aren't available, and painting warehouse ceiling boards. A good time was had by all!



### DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples Men will meet August 6 at The Old Dairy at 8 am and Thursday evening group will meet at Chubby's on August 18 at 7:30 pm.

### EVANGELISM

Anne Ingersoll

Evangelism will be finishing up their last two weeks of **The E Word** study on Sundays at 9am in the FH. This class introduces us to a non-traditional path of evangelism. The **E Word** is a journey towards discovering how we, too, can recognize the relational gifts we already possess and how they naturally build those same bridges of relationship that Jesus can walk across into the lives of others. If you don't have a Sunday School class, join us! The conversation may open your eyes to new ways of thinking about evangelism.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble



Just a couple of more weeks and all the parents will be dancing in the streets. School starts August 17. Where has the summer gone?

We have had a lot of fun and exciting events for the children and families of the community. Our second Summer Fun Day event was held at First Presbyterian Church. 15 children grades 1-5 enjoyed participating in the Olympics. Maggie Dexter delivered a wonderful worship and blessed us with her beautiful voice. John Moon beamed with pride as he carried the flame in. Mayor Inman opened the games.

Our last Summer Fun Day event will occur August 13 at First Christian from 1 to 4. Any questions see Jack McKinnon. The theme is Music, Art, Drama. Good luck Jack and FCC. Jack, I know you will do a wonderful job planning the last event and make FCC proud.

Our last movie in the parking lot will be July 31st at 8:30. It will be the movie UP! We have snacks, drinks and trivia. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the parlor. Van pickup starts at 7:45. So be sure to sign up.

I would like to thank everyone for making our fun day events happen. Without all of you, none of the events would be possible. Thank you to everyone who helped with the movies in the parking lot and to those that came to them.

## DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton

The Disciples Women held a general meeting June 14, which included the installation of 2016-17 officers. The following new officers were installed by Karen Chatterton.

President	Karen Chatterton
Vice President	Char Carden
Secretary	Dorothy Loop
Treasurer	Joan England
Worship/Study Program	Nancy Reed Joyce Randall
Bereaved Families/Receptions/Special Needs Service	Judy Graves Norma Kentner
Historian	Janet Shank
Group Leaders are	
Bertha Gilchrist	Donna Bainter
Itoko Maeda	Betty Sherwood
Martha Stemwell	Myrna Osborn

Mary Stipanowich presented the Memorial Service, and the Worship Service was led by Jean Vaughn.

The Disciples Women's budget for 2016-17 was discussed and approved.

The next executive board will be September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Group meetings will start in September.

Refreshments were served by the Martha Stemwell and Bertha Gilchrist groups.

The Disciples Women's purpose is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

All women of the Church are invited to visit and become part of one of the Disciples Women's Groups. You will experience The Spirit of God through fellowship, good food, and just a whole lot of FUN!!

**ELDERS**  
**Myrna Osborn**

***BEING CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS***

Careful words make for a careful life; careless talk may ruin everything.

- Proverbs 13:3 MSG

**H**ow important are the words we speak? More important than we may realize. Our words have echoes that extend beyond place or time. If our words are encouraging, we can lift others up; If our words are hurtful, we can hold others back.

Jesus said, "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and Prophets" (Matthew 7:12 NIV). This commandment is, indeed, the Golden Rule for Christians of every generation. And if we are to observe the Golden Rule, we must be careful to speak words of encouragement, hope, and truth to all those who cross our paths.

Do you seek to be a source of encouragement to others? And, do you seek to be a worthy ambassador for Christ? If so, you must speak words that are worthy of your Savior. So avoid angry outbursts. Refrain from impulsive outpourings. Terminate tantrums. Instead, speak words of encouragement and hope to your family and friends who, by the way, need all the hope and encouragement they can find.



*Prayer for Today*

*Lord, You have warned me that I will be judged by the words I speak. And, You have commanded me to choose my words carefully so that I might be a source of encouragement and hope to all whom I meet. Keep me mindful, Lord, that I have influence on many people... make me an influence for good. And may the word that I speak today be worthy of the One who has saved me forever. Amen*

"Growing in Grace" by Worthy Inspired

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**Kim Cunningham**

The Membership Committee would like to thank everyone for making the Church Picnic a success. The lunch contributions were amazing and delicious.

A special thanks to Bob Chatterton for his auctioneering expertise. The sale of 13 pies raised \$1445.00 towards a new roof on the Education building.

We are now looking forward to "Homecoming Sunday" on August 28. The Ice Cream Social will be held at 4 pm that day. With the help of our wonderful church members, sumptuous flavors of homemade ice cream and desserts will welcome students and vacationers as they return to school and fall schedules. If you are interested in making ice cream or a dessert, please let anyone on the committee know.

Kim Cunningham 309-255-4826

Judy Graves

Myrna Osborn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for another gathering of Spirit Sisters at Diamond Dave's on Monday, August 1, at 7:00pm. Come one, come all! Bring a friend!

Don't forget to check out our library. We have many "new" interesting books that church friends have graciously donated. (We have a whole set of new John Grisham and Beverly Lewis books!)

It's time again to renew our subscription for "The Secret Place" and "The Upper Room." If anyone would like to donate, please leave your donation in the offering tray.

2nd Annual Men's Outing Cubs VS Cardinals still has a few tickets available. If you are thinking about going, please have your reservations into Larry by Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> so we can make final plans for the outing.



### **Words to Live By**

Life isn't fair but it's still good. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick; your friends and parents will; stay in touch. You don't have to win every argument; agree to disagree. Don't compare your life with others; You have no idea what their journey is all about. Over prepare, then go with the flow. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years will this even matter?" What other people think of you is none of your business. Your children only get one childhood. If we threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's we'd grab ours back. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up. Life isn't tied with a bow, but It's still a gift-- Regina Brett.



### **A LOOK AHEAD AT AUGUST:**

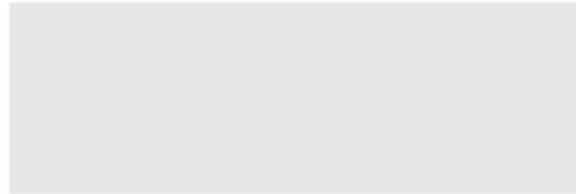
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| 1 - Spirit Sisters at Diamond Dave's 7 pm.          |  |
| 2 - Disciple Women executive board meeting 7 pm.    |  |
| 4 - First Christian Church Book Club 11:30 am.      |  |
| 6 - Disciples Men Breakfast Group @ Old Dairy 8 am. |  |
| 8 - Outreach & Action 5:30 pm.                      |  |
| Christian Education 6 pm.                           |  |
| Stephen Ministry 6 pm.                              |  |
| Property 6:30 pm.                                   |  |
| 9 - Prayer Shawl 1 pm.                              |  |
| 13 - Summer Fun Day 1 - 4 pm.                       |  |
| 14 - Sunday School Celebration.                     |  |
| 15 - Trustees 5:30 pm.                              |  |
| Church Board 7 pm.                                  |  |
| 18 - Third Thursday Men's Group 7:30 pm.            |  |
| 19 - Youth lock-in.                                 |  |
| 22 - Evangelism 5 pm.                               |  |
| Elders 7 pm.  |  |
| 28 - Homecoming Sunday, Ice Cream Social 4 pm.      |  |
|   | 7 - Patricia Ward                      |
|   | Joe & Janet Stone (Anniversary)        |
|   | 11 - Jan Rockwell                      |
|   | 15 - Nancy Reed                        |
|   | 17 - Phyllis Shields                   |
|   | Judy Bland                             |
|   | Todd & Ann Lester (Anniversary)        |
|   | 18 - Betty Aten                        |
|   | 22 - Jack McKinnon                     |
|   | 23 - Dean & Jan Rockwell (Anniversary) |
|   | Jack & Sandra Watkins (Anniversary)    |
|   | 24 - Marcia Higgins                    |





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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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