



# Chalice Tidings

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EXPERIENTIAL WORSHIP

AMAZING MUSIC

## LOVE BEYOND LIMITS

POWERFUL MESSAGE

On Sunday, September 8, our new Xperience worship begins!  
Please share in personal conversations and on social media so that others  
may come to experience God in this new endeavor at First Christian Church.

SEPTEMBER 8TH  
6:30 PM  
@ FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A DIFFERENT  
KIND OF  
WORSHIP



MUSIC LED  
BY: JOSH  
KECK



# Kelly's Korner

How did it get to be September already? Are you asking that question too? The summer has been good, even if it has been fast and furious. Thanks to everyone who did their part while I was on sabbatical. Our committee chairs and committees forged ahead. Board leadership remained strong as always. Thanks especially to Jean Vaughn and Eric Reed who serve as our Board Chairs. Our top notch staff is amazing. Melissa Richardson and Paul Huff were particularly amazing holding down the fort on a daily basis. And, of course, thanks to Josh Jackson for choosing to be our Senior Ministry Intern. I have heard from Josh how much he learned and grew to love all of you. I have also heard how much you loved and enjoyed being a teaching congregation for him. What a truly great summer for all of us!

Summer was so last month. Fall is upon us. The biggest thing for us right now is the start of the new service, Xperience. Maybe you are asking what you can do for the new service. (And even if you aren't, allow me to share some thoughts anyway.) 1. Pray...pray for Josh Keck's leadership of the music and my preaching that we might connect with people who will want to make FCC Macomb their church home. 2. Attend...a lot...some...once. Having a few folks from our existing congregation will help others feel comfortable when attending. It's never fun to feel all alone in a new place. 3. Invite...share the news with others who might be interested for themselves or children or grandchildren or neighbors. The best way for others to know about Xperience or the 10:30 am service or all the great ministries we provide to our community is for those of us who are the community of believers at FCC Macomb to tell others of this great church. I have said it before and I'll say it again now, all of us are responsible for the evangelism of our church. Please share the good news of what God is doing in this place.

One of the things I am excited about is September worship at 10:30 am. We will have a focus on Paul that is informed by my sabbatical. (See below for scriptures and sermon titles.) The series is called Friends of Paul and I will be able to share some pictures and sabbatical experiences during the month. For a fuller overview of the sabbatical, please put Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm on your calendar. This night we will share dessert and drinks as I show pictures and share stories of sabbatical travels.

Friends, it is good to be home. With you. May God guide us in all our endeavors. See you soon!

Peace,



## September Friends of Paul Sermon Series for 10:30 am Worship

8—10:30 Acts 9:10-11a Ananias, Friend of Paul

15—10:30 Acts 11:25-26 Barnabas, Friend of Paul

22—10:30 Acts 16:1—3 Timothy, Friend of Paul

29—10:30 Acts 16:14-15 Lydia, Friend of Paul

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn



August 12, 2019

The Stephen Ministry met Monday August 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with 5 present. Those present were Jean Vaughn, Sue Adams, Sue Cooper, Char Carden, and Donna Bainter.

Jean opened the meeting with prayer. Last 2 months we sent 4 cards, 3 visits, 3 calls, and 10 texts. Those who had care receivers made a report and we went over our prayer list. Our former leader Pauline Dunn is at Grand Prairie Assisted Living now.

Donna Bainter gave a report on Chapters 1, 2, and 3. of THE GOOD LISTENER written by James E. Sullivan. He stressed the importance of being a good listener so that our care receivers understand that we know what they we are telling us.

If you know anyone who would like a good listener, call Jean Vaughn at 837-4406.

Our next meeting will be Sept 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

# Member Spotlight

**Penny Shumate** debuted as the soprano soloist for a recording of *Messiah* with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London at historic Abbey Road Studios where the Beatles recorded.



This April, she was selected as the First Place Winner of The American Prize in Vocal Performance in the Oratorio Division 2019, and at WIU she was the winner of the 2018 Provost's Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative/Performance/Professional Activities. For two years in a row, she was also the winner of the College Of Fine Arts and Communication Dean's Award of Excellence for Scholarly/Creative/Performing Activities (2018 & 2017)

This fall, she will make her 15th soloist appearance at Carnegie Hall in New York City! Her WIU voice students' off-campus successes include being selected for international and national voice training programs, winning awards and placing in vocal competitions including the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and NATS, and being hired for professional performance engagements. On campus student successes include being selected as winners of the School of Music Aria/Concerto Competition for both 2018 and 2017, performing leading and supporting roles in the Opera Theatre main-stage productions, appearing as soloists with university ensembles, Opera Workshop, and Student Showcase Convocation concerts, and being awarded vocal scholarships.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

Hello FALL and the start of a new Sunday School season at 9 am Sunday mornings!

Our youth minister, Ben Kersey, will be leading the Youth Sunday School classes down in the Youth Room. We will have two children's classes-- K-2nd in the newly redecorated 3rd floor of the Education Wing, the yellow room, and 3rd-6th in the red room on the 3rd floor.

Dean Hansen will be meeting with his adult class in the fireplace room on the first floor and Tim Adams will hold his adult class in the room across from the Choir Room on the first floor.

Rather than Children's Church (held during our summer service) we will be having Children's Choir led by one of our WIU music interns, Taylor Marshall.

We are on hold in having our official Open House in the 3rd Floor Education wing as plans are still being made for the elevator and new windows for that area. In the meantime, the teachers and children are truly enjoying their "new" rooms and furnishings. We have very talented teachers and wonderful Sunday School classes getting ready to begin. Please mention this to any family that might be looking for a church to attend.

On Homecoming Sunday, we recognized our amazing Sunday School teachers as well as promoted some Sunday School students!

### Teacher Recognition

Barbara Houck - 59 years

Dean Hansen - 58 years

Carolee Sellers - 51 years

Nancy Reed - 46 years

Jack McKinnon

David Behymer

Martha Behymer

Jan Rockwell

Margaret Taylor

Tim Adams

Ben Kersey

*Thank You for all you do!*

### Sunday School Promotion

Seth Andrews—9th grade

Grant Anderson—9th grade

David Zeng—Kindergarten

*Congratulations!!*



## CHRISTIAN ACTION & OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell

### Loaves and Fishes

Rod Burg reported that Loaves and Fishes currently has a balance of \$74,000 in the bank. This abundance is partially due to receiving \$8,290 in donations in July (including \$4,877 from the Fellheimer Trust). Food vouchers of between \$7 and \$25 in value were given to 400 families (which can include more than 6 members per voucher). In other words, this program impacted over 1200 clients in July alone. This is evidence that there is food insecurity in Macomb. With this said – we are blessed as a church that we can offer help through the FCC Emergency Cupboard.

FCC Emergency Cupboard gives witness 24/7 to those in need that they are cared for unconditionally. Many who have come to our cupboard are relying on help when they find their means exhausted. Thank you to all who have faithfully donated from your abundance:

- \*The children who joyfully gather the food offerings the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month
- \*Custodians of the Cupboard over the summer (taking a week at a time to stock the shelves)
- \*Judy Graves, Risa Diehl, Roselyn Chown, Dorothy Loop, Jan & Dean Rockwell, Babs Becker, Myrna Osborn
- \*Jack McKinnon & Dave Behymer and your team of generous international students
- \*The Secret Angels who have slipped in extra food or checked the shelves – some from the community!

### Samaritan Well

The Men's Shelter is going to get a new roof! As a result of FCC Property Chair Dave Kentner responding to a discovered puddle on SW Director Danielle Barnes' desk after one of the heavy summer rains, it was determined that the current roof is well overdue for shingling. This wasn't in the budget so Danielle is scrambling to find funding sources to help with the expense.

### Prayer Shawl Group

The prayer shawl group will begin meeting September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, after taking a summer break. Sharpen up your knitting & crochet needles! The children's blankets created by the group are headed to Peoria for the Linus Project. Thanks, Roselyn Chown, for heading up this project!

### Inter-Faith Alliance (IAM)

In August, IAM invited 5 women from the African American community to share their experiences being Black in our community. They ranged in age and profession. It was saddening to hear that fear was mentioned by all five to some degree. It makes the idea of "white privilege" seem more real when people of color in our own community feel the impact of their race.

### Summer Lunch Program

Nancy Reed organized FCC women to help prepare and serve the Genesis Garden's children's free summer lunch program the week of August 5 - 9. We had 14 volunteers share 40 hours of their time, serving 40 to 50 people each day. Many of these children would not have had a meal if this program did not exist.

### C-2-B Recycling Project (Kathy & Kim)

Welcome to Kim Cunningham who has joined Kathy Fisher in collecting lids for the bench building program.. They suggest that we keep our plastic Ziplock bags and just dump the lids into the buckets at the entrances of the church to keep from creating additional plastic waste. We have collected 89 pounds so far!

YOUTH  
Ben Kersey

Curiosity Killed the Cat

It's a common phrase, but we never hear the last part. "Satisfaction brought it back". We live in an age where information is available to us all the time. As school gets going, we should take that saying and run with it! Don't just learn what your teachers are teaching, but stay curious, and learn independently. Read a book, or an article, talk to a new person, watch a documentary!

In the very same way, we follow and trust in a God of endless love, and compassion. So don't simply love those close to you, but take it out and share it with all! That teacher that teaches the hardest class, the janitor who cleans up your spills, maybe even the bus driver. Everyone deserves to learn new things, and EVERYONE deserves to be loved. Go be curious, and Go in God's love!!

**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES  
YOUTH**

<b>1 -</b>	4:00 pm—7:00 pm	Picnic @ Spring Lake <i>Food, Fishing, and Frisbees!</i>
<b>8-</b>	4:30 pm	Parents Night <i>Nacho Bar &amp; Semester Overview</i>
<b>15 -</b>	5:00 pm	Mystery Night! <i>Answering Mysterious Questions...</i>
<b>22-</b>	4:30 pm	WIU Beautification <i>Walking grounds picking up trash.</i>
<b>29-</b>	5:00 pm	TV Shows <i>God is in the midst of sitcoms, and crime shows</i>

JYF  
Anne Ingersoll

I'm looking forward to another great year of JYF!

We will be focusing on building community within our group, choosing a service project to support throughout the year, and discussing how what we do and how we act matters in our world.

We will learn new games (and play some old games) while enjoying refreshments and fellowship together.

**Mark your calendars for our Fall meeting dates:**

September 8  
October 6  
November 10  
December 8

## DISCIPLES WOMEN

Char Carden

Disciple Women meeting times may have been on hiatus for the summer. BUT, we have sure been busy. That's okay, we like it that way.....Right? ;-)

Our surprise 'farewell' reception for Josh was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came and wished Josh all the best into his future.

Barb, Josh's mentor and special friend, from his hometown church in Texas joined us and helped surprise Josh. She is from this area and we will most likely see her again next year. She has visited our church in the past.



Goodbyes are not forever.  
Goodbyes are not the end.  
They simply mean we will miss you  
Until we meet again.



Homecoming Sunday, always a day to welcome back those who have been gone through the summer and, of course, those who are new to our congregation. A great time was had by all at the potato bar and ice cream social.

Haha....saw this and thought it would bring a smile or two.



A pastor decided to skip church one Sunday morning to play golf. He told his assistant he wasn't feeling well. He drove to a golf course in another city, so nobody would know him.

He teed off on the first hole. A huge gust of wind caught his ball, carried it an extra hundred yards and dropped it right in the hole, for a 450 yard hole in one.

An angel looked at God and said, "What'd you do that for?"

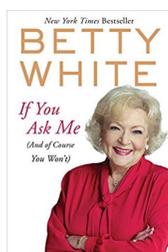
God smiled and said, "Who's he going to tell?"

## FCC BOOK CLUB

FCC Book Club will be discussing Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom on Thursday, September 5 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Once you learn how to die,  
you learn how to live.

-Morrie Schwartz, Tuesdays with Morrie



Our next book will be an autobiography by actress Betty White, If You Ask Me, at our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, at noon, which promises to add a touch of humor to our reading. Bring a sack lunch; cookies will be provided! Please let Norma Kentner (309.333.3945) know if you'd like a gently used book for \$5.



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# September

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 3- Linda Ward                 | Nancy Lane            |
| 5 - Larry & Dorothy Loop (a)  | 22- Alan Andrews      |
| 9 - LeRoy Brown               | 24 - Pauline Dunn     |
| 10 - Dorothy Loop             | Joyce Randall         |
| 12 - Tim Adams and Daryl Vail | 25 – Carol Harmon     |
| 15 –Joan England              | 27 - Jake Anderson    |
| 17– Thomas Darensbourg        | Rod & Nita Burg (a)   |