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FREE Family Event

Friday, October 12
6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Saturday, October 12
10:00 am—1:00 pm

We look forward to meeting the families of our community in the west parking lot for an evening & morning of carnival fun!

Friday, 6:00 – 7:30

Trunk or Treating, hotdogs & caramel apple slices.

Saturday, 10:00 - 1:00

Train rides, an inflatable slide & bounce house, a petting zoo, and cotton candy & chips.

Throughout the festival, crafts, games, and a photo booth will be available.

Please plan on coming and bringing family, friends & neighbors!

Contact Jan Rockwell, chair, or Cheryl Andrews, co-chair for more information and to volunteer.
It's our biggest evangelism opportunity of the fall!

Kelly's Korner

Steward (stü-ərd) noun: *one employed in a large household or estate to manage domestic concerns; one appointed to supervise the provision and distribution of food and drink in an institution; one who actively directs affairs*

Ok. It's that time of year again. The preacher is going to ask for money. Maybe this is the thought you have as we approach the season of stewardship. To be fair, stewardship is every year. To be fairer, stewardship is about more than money. It is true that commitment cards will be sent out and that we will ask for a promise of money so that we can build a budget that provides for staff, electricity, A/C, heat, running water and MINISTRY. The generosity of this congregation makes it possible for children to be educated in the Christian faith, seek baptism, and find servant leadership opportunities as youth. The generosity of this congregation provides a beautiful and touching music ministry. The generosity of this congregation makes it possible to fund other ministries in our community such as Loaves and Fishes and Samaritan Well. The generosity of this congregation funds ministry to the community in the way of Fall Festival, Christmas Party, Festival of the Creche, and Egg Glow. The generosity of this congregation keeps our beautiful building in wonderful shape so that our hearts can be warmed and our souls comforted. All of this ministry and more is provided by your generous contribution.

But, stewardship is so much more. While the money funds such ministry, there are people who serve in these ministries. Every church social requires volunteer leadership. How many from our church volunteer at some point with Loaves and Fishes or Samaritan Well or Interfaith Alliance of Macomb? Just ask Norma Kentner about the number of folks who showed up the night before Easter—in freezing temperatures—to help orchestrate the Egg Glow. Think about all of us gathered through the years to offer our time and talent to provide the Fall Festival for families in our community. There are those who teach and those who learn in our times of study. And, more. So much more.

Stewardship is about money. It is also about time and talent.

The theme of our Stewardship Campaign is Steward. Each of us is a steward of the time/talent/treasure God provides to us. We are to oversee and supervise ourselves to use these gifts faithfully. We are to be caretakers of time/talent/treasure so that God may be honored and blessed by our living and serving. God will advise us. May we be aware of God's leading in this special time of the church. May we more clearly understand our role as steward that we might live as a steward every day.

Peace,



October 14—Stewardship Begins Ecclesiastes 3:1 Steward of Time

October 21—James 2:14-17 Steward of Talent

October 28—Stewardship Ends/Pledge Cards—First Timothy 6:17-19 Steward of Treasure

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn



Stephen Ministry met on Monday, September 10, at 1:00 pm. Those present were Sue Adams, Judy Bland, Char Carden, Susan Cooper, and Jean Vaughn. Two were absent.

We discussed the “Service of Remembrance” which will be done during Worship on Sunday, November 4, and the Recognition of Stephen Ministers in June 2019.

I passed out copies of material that I had received from St. Louis pertaining to the Leader’s Training Courses that are scheduled for 2019. The one in St. Louis will be April 28-May 4. I encouraged all to seriously consider going because it will not only benefit the Ministry but them as Stephen Ministers/individuals. The training is similar to a retreat and they take very good care of all your needs.

The contacts we made last month were 1 phone call, 8 cards, and 3 visits. We then went over the prayer list. Those who have care receivers gave their reports. We did the final chapter about “Experiencing Losses Related to Aging” and how we can use our basic caring skills.

Our next meeting will be October 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Jean closed the meeting at approximately 3:00 with prayer.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Ben Kersey, Youth Minister

As a child, I read (and re-read) the book *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. It was such an interesting concept, anything you want, you just draw it! The endless possibilities and the new opportunities that were afforded by that power. It was so exciting. I found myself making list after list about the things I would draw first, and then how much fun I would have fun. It wasn't until my junior high years when I realized life isn't very much like a purple crayon. While I always got what I needed, I was often left always wanting what I didn't have.

I now realize I always had, and still have, everything I could possibly need or want. I have the radical love of God in my heart. It's an overflowing fountain and it never runs dry or leaves me in want. I always want it, and always need it. Eventually, a purple crayon will be used up and God's love will be ever flowing still.

So, as you go out into the world, let God's love fill every need, want, and hope for yourself and those around you. Maybe you'll find yourself wanting for nothing but more of God!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

Children's Choir has resumed during the 10:30 am service led by one of our talented music interns, Allie Hulen, with the wonderful help of Emily Bennett. Thank you, Emily, for agreeing to help out! We are so lucky to have this talent in our church!

Another wonderful and talented group has recently joined FCC, working with our Children and Youth Ministries: Sarah Maier and Samantha Dawe are working in our Nursery. Our newest staff member is Ben Kersey, who will be working with our Youth Group! Welcome and thank you for all you have already shared with FCC!

There are a couple of dates to remember and put on the calendar:

1. There will be an important Safety Meeting for all teachers and those working with our Youth on Saturday, September 29th at 9:00 am in the Youth Room. Coffee, juice and donuts will be available.
2. Mark your calendars for our Children's Christmas Pageant to be held on Sunday, December 16th (snow/ice date-December 23rd) in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. Yes, we are already talking December!!! Our Sunday School Program is up and running strong, but we'd always LOVE more attendees. Invite your friends, your neighbors, someone you might "bump" into and start a conversation with....Word of mouth is our best publicity!

FCC BOOK CLUB

Norma Kentner

FCC Book Club recently met to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. A copy of this book can be found in the FCC Library. All agreed that the book was a wonderful read. The ending of the book, in particular, provided us with a good deal of thought-provoking questions!

Our next book will be *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. The group decided that since the book is a relatively long read, that we will watch the movie (the original) at our next meeting, Thursday, October 4 at noon, and then discuss the book at our next meeting on Thursday, November 1st at noon. There will be no meeting of FCC Book Club in December.

FCC LIBRARY

Norma Kentner

Barb Houck has donated the new 2018 edition of *McDonough County, IL, History and Families*, featuring photos and information about First Christian Church and several of our church families.

The book can be found in our FCC Library. It will be a Reference Book and should remain in the library and not checked out. Thank you.

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

Several members of FCC took part in planning and attended the Interfaith Alliance of Macomb's Comm-UNITY Event in September. Although the rain drove the event indoors to the 1st Pres church basement, over 150 people participated.

Norma Kentner had a team offering games and crafts to young people (and a few young at hearts). The boys from the Ag fraternity helped set up and take down all kinds of tables and chairs and stayed for the games, food & program presentations. Again, as last year, Kelly arranged the speakers representing a variety of faiths. Message of peaceful living came from Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian (both Catholic and Protestant). The highlight of the presentation was the children who read their award winning prose on "what peace means to me." Our own Craig Young and Bill Froom opened the program part of the evening with emotion-filled songs and the African American WIU praise group closed with a powerful song of hope. The candlelight vigil lead by Rev. Erin Marth made a sobering reminder of the strength each of our lights can have in transforming darkness. Thanks to Patti Jones for her contacts with the media to spread the word about the event. Some may have heard Kelly on K100. The food truck run by Julie Hood carted their fare indoors so everything was conveniently nestled out of the rain.

It was heartwarming to see people of such a variety of backgrounds mingling and sharing laughter.

An evening with Carrie Newcomer

**With pianist Gary Walters
Saturday, October, 13, 7 pm**

Carrie Newcomer is a Grammy winning songwriter, recording artist, performer and educator. Newcomer considers herself a spiritual progressive, and is a prominent voice for interfaith dialogue and social justice. Her thoughtful approach to spirituality has led to appearances on programs such as public radio's "On Being with Krista Tippett" and the PBS series "Religion and Ethics." Visit her website at www.carriewcomer.com or on Facebook.

General admission tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students) and are now on sale. Tickets are available at Citizens National Bank, New Copperfield's Book Service and Macomb Square Music. Proceeds will benefit Genesis Garden. We are also requesting that everyone attending please bring a canned good for Loaves and Fishes.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Char Carden

The busy season for our ladies has begun. The picnic and pie auction was enjoyed with delicious food and lots of laughter as the bidding war started for the pies. Homecoming Sunday was celebrated with a potato bar and HOMEMADE ICE CREAM. Did anyone go home hungry? Nope....don't think so.

The wiener roast at Chattertons was a super time with great food.....super music...and a hilarious fun time.

Have you ever wondered just what DW does other than organize our gatherings to eat?

Here we go:

Service projects....

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| -Easter Breakfast | -Dinners for bereaved families and receptions |
| -Ladies Night Out | -Food to those who have had surgery , had an accident or shut in because of illness |
| -Memorial Service for our deceased members | -Cards and Christmas gifts for our shut in members |
| -Blanket Sunday Offerings | -Christmas wrap tags and paper for WIRC |
| -DW Blessing Box Offerings | -Both DW groups buy Christmas gifts for children in church (when needed) |
| -Picnic and pie auction | -Youth for Christ donation |
| -Ice cream social and luncheon | -Christmas Cards for residents in 3 nursing homes |
| -Thanksgiving dinner | -Work with our church and WIU with a Christmas party for |
| -Festival of the Crèche and salad | |

Phew.....we are busy and love it. Thank you Donna Bainter for this list. Now, I most likely forgot something. But, I think you get the idea. Our ladies are a huge reason for so many happy times.....delicious food and just great comradery.

What makes all these a success? YOU

Yesterday is gone....tomorrow is a thought.... TODAY IS A GIFT AND THE BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE.....ENJOY EVERY MINUTE....

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples Men will meet at The Old Dairy
October 6 at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at Chubby's
October 18 at 7:30 pm

TRUSTEES

Dean Rockwell

Trustees meeting is September 17 at 5:30 pm followed
by the Church Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

OCTOBER

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 - Elise Cangro
- 2 - Norma Kentner
Stan & Debbie Mercer (a)
Eric & Shannon Reed (a)
- 4 - Sue Adams
- 5 - Doris Allen
- 7 - John and Carol Harmon (a)
- 12 - Barbara Markley
- 14 - Alex Adams
- 17 - Bill & Sharon Butcher (a)
- 28 - Lillian Craig-Bailey, Lucas Craig Bailey

MEET THE 2018 CHANCEL CHOIR INTERNS



Allie Hulen, Soprano,

is a senior Music Education major from McHenry, IL. While tuba is her primary instrument, she loves to write songs accompanied by guitar and piano. Allie also loves food, from gardening it to cooking it to eating it.

Taylor Marshall, Alto,

grew up in Plainfield, Illinois and is currently a Junior at WIU. Her major is Choral Music Education and she is currently participating in the WIU University Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensembles. Taylor adds "I am so excited to be part of the choir at First Christian Church!"



Aaron Mendenall, Tenor,

is a Music Education major at Western Illinois University and is excited for this year of his internship experience.

Deonte Bolden, Bass,

is a Music Therapy major from Joliet. "I am really thankful to have this internship."



BAPTISM

On September 16, 2018
we celebrated Seth Andrews's
baptism into the Christian Faith.

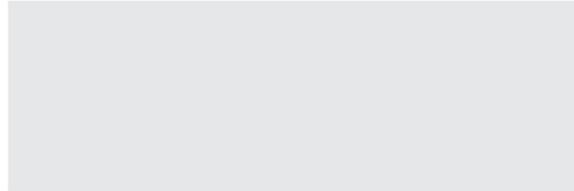
Pictured here:
Rev. Kelly Ingersoll, Seth Andrews and Dave Kentner,
who served as Seth's Faith Mentor.



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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE AGE YOUTH (grades 6-12) and JYF (grades 3-5)

College Age

7 - 8:00 pm
21 - 8:00 pm

Youth - 6 - 12 Grade

7- 2:00-6:30 pm at Horn Lodge
14 - Fall Festival Weekend - no meeting
21 - Ski Trip Fundraiser
28 - 5:00 pm *Roads*

JYF - 3 - 5 Grade

7- 5:00 pm *JYF*
14- Fall Festival Weekend - no meeting