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ANNOUNCING A NEW CHURCH PROJECT: RECYCLING BOTTLE CAPS FOR PLASTIC BENCHES

The Christian Action & Outreach committee has voted to take on a church project where plastic bottle caps will be saved and used to create benches for two charity projects:

- 1) A local project where benches will be built for parks and other public places in Macomb;
- 2) A project called "2 x 4," located in Quincy (but which is being implemented throughout the Midwest), where benches will be built for the yards of "tiny houses" for homeless veterans.

All CLEAN bottle caps will be collected in buckets placed in the East side and Elevator entrances of our church. Half will be donated to each project. A flier will be distributed during church service sometime in May, which will include detailed instructions on which plastic caps are to be collected.



Kelly's Korner

Sabbatical is quickly approaching! Just over a year ago, I sat with the Sabbatical Team to finalize our proposal. Thanks to Char Carden, Bob Chatterton, Bill Froom, Patti Jones, and Jean Vaughn for their amazing work to create a grant that allowed for such a wonderful situation for the church. I will be able to have some amazing adventures and so will you. The grant was titled Family. Friends. Frenemy. There will be trips with Anne. There will be trips to visit our families. There is a trip with friends from college and seminary. And there will be books to read about Paul. There will be reading of scripture by Paul (or his disciples) that correspond to the cities to be visited in Greece—Thessalonians, Philippians, and Corinthians primarily. Maybe you have noticed that I rarely preach from the Epistles (or the letters). Paul's writing does not often fit my own style. Sometimes his words do not fit our times—in my opinion. My travels and readings will hopefully open this part of scripture in new ways that I can find inspiration to offer sermons and studies based on Paul's amazing work. The last line of my part of the grant proposal said this: Maybe Paul can become more friend than enemy. This is one goal of the sabbatical.

The grant process was clear to mention that the congregation also needed to participate in this renewal process. Very soon, thanks to the grant monies, your household will receive a book by Adam Hamilton, *The Call*. This is a great introduction to Paul's ministry for all of us. Well-written. Easy to read. There will be two book studies on May 23 at noon and 5:30 p.m. Please choose to attend one of these. Our new Sr. Minister Intern, Joshua Jackson, will lead. (See page 3 for more info on Josh.) Additionally, the first 4 Sundays in June will bring more opportunity for you. WIU religion professor, Dr. Amy Carr will lead studies on Paul and his work on Sundays June 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 9:00 a.m. Please attend. You know there will be cookies. These studies will provide a good background of information for our future studies and sermons post-sabbatical.

Here is a bit of the itinerary, just in case you are interested in when and where I will be this summer:

- May 30-June 2—Personal Retreat to Benedictine Center in Minneapolis;
- June 18-July 5—Greece trip with visits to Thessaloniki, Philippi, Corinth, Athens, and Santorini;
- July 20-29—Japan with Anne;
- August 5-8—Personal Retreat at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL.

In between will be the aforementioned trips to family as well as days in Macomb to rest, read, and golf. I return to work on Monday, August 12.

I am grateful for a church that had the gracious foresight to provide a sabbatical in the contract for its minister, who understands the particularly stressful work that ministry can be. I am grateful to the Eli Lilly Foundation for awarding FCC Macomb a grant that makes this time of renewal possible. I am grateful for the last (almost) 7 years we have experienced together—more than that, I am grateful and hopeful for the next many years of ministry we will share. See you in August!

Peace,



Coming Soon:

Joshua Jackson Senior Minister Intern



I would like to introduce you to Joshua Jackson. While Kelly is away on sabbatical, Joshua has been hired as the ministry intern for our congregation. His first Sunday with FCC will be May 19 and he will be with us through mid-August.

Joshua has grown up in the Disciples Church. Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound, TX is his home church. As a young person, church was a place that has felt good to him and was a place where he wanted to spend as much time as he could. Attending church camps and participating in mission trips was something he did nearly every summer. Through these experiences, he developed a faith that grounds him, that he can count on, and this faith has propelled him towards a degree in ministry.

A graduate of Texas Christian University, Joshua has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and History. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and is finishing his first year of studies. He has also been a student employee at both of the schools he has attended working in Event Planning and Alumni Relations.

Throughout all of his higher learning, he has attended and been involved with several larger churches in the local community and has held several positions including youth ministry intern and youth sponsor. During this period Joshua has also volunteered as a church camp counselor, church camp director, and partnered with the churches he attended in their mission work.

As Joshua has come from mostly larger metropolitan areas, he looks forward to his summer in Macomb to experience a smaller, close-knit community. Let's remember that this summer will be Joshua's first experience serving in a senior minister like capacity. Not only will this be a time of growth, learning and new experiences, but also an opportunity for him to refine his call to ministry. As for our congregation, Joshua's internship will provide us with a unique and rewarding opportunity to mentor and minister to him also.

Let's welcome him in FCC Macomb fashion!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

April 9, 2019



The Stephen Ministry met Monday April 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with 5 present. We finished the unit on "Crisis with Pregnancy and Childbirth."

Last month we made 3 visits, 1 phone call, and sent 10 cards. We also gave 2 members that lost loved ones a set of the grieving books. Those who had care receivers gave a report. We also up-dated our prayer list.

Next month we will work on the Stephen Ministry Recognition Program to be on Sunday June 9, 2019.

If you know anyone that needs a good listener, call Jean Vaughn at 837-4409 or any of the Stephen Ministers.

Our next meeting will be Monday May 13, 2019 at 1:00 a.m.

Jean closed the meeting with prayer.

Donna Bainter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

THANK YOU

Once again, FCC came through with donations and workers for the 3rd Annual Egg Glow.

Thank you for the plentiful candy donations. Whatever is leftover will be put in a freezer and used at the Summer Movie in the Parking Lot events.

We had a crew of 25-30 happy workers on Friday afternoon, filling candy bags and attaching glowsticks to the plastic eggs. On Saturday, there were 25-30 congregation members and our Boy/Scouts snapping the glowsticks and hiding them on the paths.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP. We could not have done it without you!

We had 180 children participate in the Egg Glow with approximately 120 parents attending. Thanks to Karen and Bob Chatterton for bringing their golf cart, carting people to and from the Stone Shelter. It was a great, memorable night for sure!

Our Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday was another good event. Approximately 15 Youth and Family members (as well as Nursery children) found candy-filled eggs. We then decorated letters that were used at Children's Moment to read HE IS RISEN!!! It was a wonderful, memorable time for all!

Pastor's Class is completed with three of our youth being baptized: Grant Anderson, Damien Andrews and Drew Taylor. Ella Hare joined the class as well, but had been baptized earlier. All participated in the Confession of Faith. Congratulations to these youth and their families!

Youth Sunday will be May 5th. In addition, we will hold Graduation Recognition at this time. Please let the church office know if you or your family has someone graduating from 8th grade, high school, junior college or is obtaining a university degree so that we can recognize their achievement in church with a small gift from FCC!

Youth and Childrens' Sunday School at gam will end on May 19th. The children will be receiving their Sunday School lesson during the church service in place of Childrens' Choir during the summer months.

PROPERTY

David Kentner

Property is working with the architect and looking at bids for the new windows and elevator. We are waiting to order and install windows until we learn where the elevator will be placed. The dry erase boards in the classrooms have been installed.

CHRISTIAN ACTION & OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell

Recycling Project plastic lids Project

At the suggestion of Kathy Fischer, FCC will begin collecting washed plastic lids & bottle caps. These will be used to make benches by two groups: 1) Quincy's 2 X 4's for Hope Veteran's bench program & 2) Macomb's parks benches. See the article in this newsletter for more information.

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves & Fishes continues to be strongly supported & as a result, the monthly monetary vouchers have increased by \$2.00. May is FCC's month to stock the shelves at the Loaves and Fishes pantry. Sign-up sheets are up on the bulletin board near the Parlor kitchen.

Samaritan Well

Jan reported that they have three new board members. June 29th is the John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run fund raiser for SW & St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Registrations are accepted until June 21 to guarantee a tee-shirt (FCC's donation allows for our church's name to be place on the shirts).

Prayer Shawl Group

Roselyn Chown 's group completed nearly 20 completed children's blankets which Norma Kentner delivered to a Peoria hospital last month. The Youth began several blankets under the direction of Judy Graves.

FCC Emergency Cupboard

Jan reported that our emergency cupboard is continually getting a lot of use. The cupboard stock signup has room for more helpers. Now that the weather is warmer, canned goods are again welcomed.

Thanks to the JYF for their great help with organizing the shelves and stocking the cupboard on collection Sundays!

Inter-Faith Alliance (IAM) - World Day of Prayer, Community Prayer Breakfast

Join neighbors or make new friends from different faiths on the morning of May 2nd. IAM is sponsoring the annual event at SRC Outreach Center for prayers and breakfast as we celebrate World Day of Prayer in Macomb. 1st Presbyterian's Rev. Erin Marth will be the keynote speaker. "Love Only" signs will be taken that morning by Pastor Kelly.

Intergenerational Mission Trip

The mission trip to St. Louis was attended by Dave Kentner, Larry Loop, Kelly Ingersoll, Zeke Magic and Seth Andrews. The four work days included:

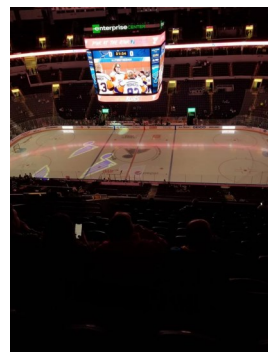
Day 1 – Union Avenue Christian Church – Replacing Lights

Day 2 –Guardian Angel Settlement Association – Organizing the thrift store; attending a Blues Hockey Game.

Day 3 – Lydia's House shelter for Women - Corporation Headquarters – Installing baseboards in the new gymnasium

Day 4 – Memorial Boulevard Christian Church – Preparing and Serving Lunch to people in need

Next year may be a return to those same work sites – it was that great!



Genesis Garden Meals opportunities -Soup N More July & Summer Lunch Week for FCC

John Curtis, the new director of the Genesis Garden, will help FCC with the meal on July 29th. One of the early weeks in August FCC will make & serve lunches for local children. Mark your calendars!

According to children assault counselors at WIRC, there have been 57 cases of human trafficking investigated this year in Central Illinois. The problem persists.

FCC BOOK CLUB

We will not be meeting at our regularly scheduled time this month. We are planning on reading and then discussing the book Pastor Kelly chose for us to read while he is on sabbatical, The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton. These books will be available, free of charge, for the whole congregation. **Our FCC Book Club will be discussing The Call on Thursday, May 23rd at noon in the Fellowship Hall.** Of course, all are invited to attend this discussion. Another discussion will be held later that evening for others to attend. Plans are for our Dean Hansen to lead the discussion in partnership with our Interim Minister, Pastor Josh.

There will be no June or July FCC Book Club meetings in June or July. We plan to discuss Hillbilly Elegy by J.D.Vance (a Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis) on August 1st at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Norma Kentner know if you need a copy of Hillbilly Elegy.

YOUTH

Ben Kersey

In April, we tackled making tie blankets and planned for Youth Sunday. Youth Sunday will be Sunday, May 5, during Sunday Worship and is entirely planned by the Youth with some assistance from JYF.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, at 5:00 pm we will be taking cards and cookies to the Mothers at McDonough District Hospital.

We are looking forward to the End of Year Bash on Sunday, May 19, at 5:00 pm. Plans are to welcome Joshua Jackson, Senior Minister Intern, as well as send Kelly off on sabbatical with a bang! Grades 3-12 are invited so please join us!

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

College Age

5 -	8:00 pm
19-	8:00 pm

Youth - 6 - 12 Grade

5 -	10:30 am	<i>Youth Sunday</i>
12 -	5:00 pm	<i>Visiting Mothers at McDonough District Hospital</i>
19 -	5:00 pm	<i>End of Year Bash</i>

JYF - 3 - 5 Grade

5 -	5:00 pm	<i>Youth Sunday</i>
19 -	5:00 pm	<i>End of Year Bash</i>

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Char Carden

Disciple Women's 'LADIES NIGHT OUT' on Tuesday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall was attended by approximately 65 women and two men. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal catered by Julie Hood. The beautiful centerpieces of Spring flowers were furnished by Nancy Reed of Enchanted Florist. One person at each table won the centerpiece as a door prize. Antique scarves were in the center of each table furnished by Myrna Osborn, Joyce Randall and Nancy Reed.

After the dinner everyone congregated in the Sanctuary for a Vintage Style Show of the 20th Century. Tim Adams was in charge of the music. Everyone commented on how much they enjoyed the evening. A big thank you to Joan England and her committee for organizing a wonderful night of great food and a wonderful program. Thank you to everyone who brought clothing, accessories, and baby items to be put on display in the parlor. After the show all guests were welcome to go into the parlor and see the displays. The show was a success by all who volunteered their time. THANK YOU!

The program was narrated by Janice King.

She presented many slides with information from 1900-2000. Our models were escorted by John Harmon. Models were Judy Graves, Allie Hulen, Jan Rockwell, Mary Stipanowich, Leslie Trone and Joan England.

These ladies did a grand job of modeling. Thank you, thank you.
These two garments were furnished by Karen Chatterton and Sue Cooper.
The beautiful dress was early 1900's and the wedding gown in the 1960's.



Left to Right: Judy Graves, Allie Hulen, Jan Rockwell, John Harmon, Mary Stipanowich, Leslie Trone, and Joan England



Narrator: Janice King



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 –Babs Becker | 19 - Griffin Taylor |
| 3 - Karen Chatteron, Joseph Meunier | 20 - Penny Shumate & Ryan Darensbourg (a) |
| 5 - Jeff & Teresa Bennett (a) | 21 - Bob Chatterton, David & Debra Taylor (a) |
| 7 - Norma & David Kentner (a) | 23 - Janet & John Shank (a) |
| 10 - Sharon Butcher | 24 - John Harmon, Gary & Cheryl Dunham (a) |
| 14 - Leslie & John Trone (a) | 26 - Margaret Taylor |
| 16 - Caitlin Bailey, Kim Cunningham, David Kentner | 27 - David Behymer |
| 18 - Lori Waterstreet , Tim & Sue Adams (a) | 30 - Lorraine Crawford |