Chalice Tidings

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SUMMER FUN DAYS

Friday, June 2 10:00 am - noon - Assemble lunches for weekend lunch program

Saturday, June 3 10:00 am - ? - Clean up day for education building, nursery, and youth room

Thursday, June 8 TBA - Peoria Chiefs Game (Youth)

Saturday, June 10 1:30 - 4:00 pm- Circus Acts at the YMCA (completed 1st - 5th)
Special Day for Pre K/Kindergarten at Presbyterian Church 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, June 25 8:00 pm - Movie in the Parking Lot - *Sing*

Kelly's Korner

As you may know, I have just returned from the Festival of Homiletics held in San Antonio. There were amazing lectures and sermons offered to and for the over 1,200 ministers who registered to attend the event. The speakers included Rob Bell, Walter Brueggemann, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Brian McLaren, Will Willimon, and Barbara Brown Taylor, just to name a few. Some of these names you should recognize from my sermons. FOH provided an opportunity to re-fill my spirit and hear some dynamic speakers.

Often we look to summer as a time to re-fill and replenish. The cold is behind us and we can get outdoors. We can keep an eye on the planted corn and beans. The days last longer and the sunsets are more beautiful. If all is right in the world, the baseball club is doing well—you can choose if that means the Cardinals or the Cubs.

At FOH, McLaren spoke these words: *The problem isn't that religion is organized. The problem is that it's organized for the wrong reasons.* How do you interpret these words? What could he mean? Do his words reflect anything about our church?

Too often, the manifestations of religion are only interested in keeping things the same—perpetuating the week in and week out routines and traditions that have always been. Too often religious bodies focus on keeping things the same.

McLaren said that Jesus never used the words Christian or Christianity or Church, but that he speaks of love—love of God and self and neighbor. McLaren got real specific on the types of people Jesus showed love to in the gospels and he got real specific about who we as Jesus' followers should show love to now. He said churches should become communities of love for those who are unlovable and isolated and hurting and lonely. We should love as Jesus loved. Although this is paraphrased, I think you get McLaren's drift.

I know it's summer, friends, but we've got some loving to do. By loving in the same unconditional manner as Jesus, we will be re-filled and replenished.

Peace,

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

On Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, Rev. Ingersoll and Stephen Ministry will offer a SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE for you, your families, your friends and members of the congregation who have lost loved ones. We will focus on loved ones who have passed away this past year. However, this service is for anyone who has lost someone. May we all come together to offer support and love for each other. After the service cookies and drink will be served. Let's not let anyone grieve alone.

Two Promotion Sundays have been planned by Stephen Ministry, June 4 and 11. A table will be in the Parlor before and after Worship Service. Educational materials, brochures, study materials, pictures and more will be on display. Please feel free to drop by and become more acquainted with Stephen Ministry. If you have questions, Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders will be present to answer them.

EVANGELISM

Norma Kentner

The First Christian Church Heritage Days Booth is our next event! We will be at our booth on June 22-24th promoting our church with a flyer, our corn hole game, Jinga, animal balloons, a clown, and glow in the dark wristband giveaways imprinted with our church website and mission statement. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen to volunteer to help at the booth. We'll need lots of help, so please sign up!

T-shirts, Jackets, and Caps

The Evangelism Committee is selling more **T-shirts** with our stamped church logo in either gray or white. Cost will be $10. We are also taking orders for **jackets** with embroidered church logos. They are windbreaker material, lined, and are gray (to match our t-shirts). Sizes range from Small to 6XL. Pullover jackets are $29. Zipped jackets with hood or collar are $37. We are also ordering **caps and/or visors** in gray with embroidered logos for $14.

The committee thought wearing our t-shirts, jackets, caps, and or visors would be a great way to promote our church (and we'd look really cool too). An Evangelism committee member will be in the parlor taking orders before church for the next few weeks OR you may call Norma at (309)333-3935.

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl meets on Tuesday, June 13th at 1 pm in the FCC Library. Last month Pastor Kelly blessed two shawls. We now have two buckets of very nice prayer shawls. Please let Norma Kentner know if there is a church member, family member or friend that might be in need of one of these special shawls.

FCC Book Club

Our next meeting for FCC Book Club will be on Thursday, June 8th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. THIS WILL BE A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL DUE TO PEOPLE BEING OUT OF TOWN. We will be discussing The Shack by Wm. Paul Young. and watching the movie on the large screen in the Youth room in the following month of July. Please join us for an always enjoyable discussion time.

COMMUNITY ACTION AND OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell for Rod Burg, Chair

The **Macomb Community Prayer Breakfast** was a joyful occasion on May 4th at the Spoon River Outreach Building. **Kelly** presented an excellent keynote talk on "One World, Many Views". Prayers and readings were done by various faith leaders in our area, including Christian, Muslim, and Jewish. Music represented several cultures and area leaders participated and attended from government to the University**. Rev. Kelly's talk made our church proud to have his influence in the community**.

A more casual meeting of diverse cultures was hosted at FCC Tuesday, May 23rd due to the 2nd rain out of the **Interfaith Conversation Potluck**. A group, made up of members of FCC, 1st Pres, and the Islamic Center invited friends to join in conversation and delicious food. The 55 people who came represented not only the 3 organizer churches but also Trinity Lutheran, Wesley Methodist, Mount Calvary, the Unitarian Fellowship. It was an evening of lively sharing of ideas, traditions, and friendship. The members of the Islamic Center invited all to join them on the first Saturday of Ramadam for the breaking of their fasts at sundown May 27. All attending the event felt the time was enriching.

The annual **Samaritan Well/John Bliven Walk/Run** will be held Saturday morning, June 24th, during Heritage Days. Registration may be made online or at the YMCA. It is a wonderful family event for all ages with benefits going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Samaritan Well Transitional Shelters for Men & Women.

As leader of the Prayer Shawl ministry, Norma Kentner has been in touch with the MDH OB Dept. and learned they need **knitted infant caps**. In addition to the **Prayer Shawls**, caps could be made. See Norma for details.

FCC hosts the **Soup & More community Dinner Sunday, July 30** held at the 1st Pres. We need cooks on Sat. and Servers on Sunday. A sign-up List is on the Parlor Bulletin Board.

Leslie Trone will be seeking volunteers to help serve **Meals during the Genesis Garden Summer** Lunch Program. Our church has committed to serving the week of August 7 – 11. See Leslie if you can help.

Some photos of the Inter-faith Potluck.

CHINESE AND KOREAN STUDENTS HOMESTAY WEEKEND

The Center for International Studies is looking for local families/individuals to host two Korean of Chinese students for a weekend this summer.

Homestay Weekend:
Friday evening, July 14th - Sunday, July 16th

Previous participants have enjoyed meals together, shopping, playing games, local field trip, etc. A small stipend will be given to the families to help with food and other costs.

If interested , please contact The Center for International Studies at (309) 298-1150

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you so much for helping me go to college with the D.O.C. Scholarship! I love being a part of your church celebration! Also thank you for the new Bible to start my adult life!
Love,
Emma

Thank you for thinking of me and giving me a Bible for my graduation. I wish I could be there when you announce graduates at the church. Your wishes mean so much.
Best,
Riley

Welcome

If you have not already done so, please welcome David and Martha Behymer to our church. Martha is a retired special education teacher. She's a Cubs fan. She loves grandkids and their activities, reading, and travel. David is a retired art teacher, loves gardening, travel, and working with international students.

SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017 12:30 - 4:00 pm

LAKEVIEW NATURE CENTER - GRIEF AND HOPE RETREAT

For youth ages 6 - 18 who have lost a loved one

Children who experience the death of a loved one often feel alone and confused. This program will allow children who are grieving to connect with other children going through a similar experience. The activities will be led by trained professionals who can help your child heal and develop new coping skills.

There is no charge to participants. This program is funded by The Fellheimer Trust of McDonough County, Macomb Park District, MDH Behavioral Health Services, and Friends of the Lakeview Labyrinth.

For more information contact Carla Teslicka at 309-836-2129 or Susan Denecke at 309-836-1582

REMOVING THE MASK

Men's Retreat

June 2, 2017 | Friday 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

June 3, 2017 | Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free Admission

Registration & Location

http://fbcmacomb.com/removingthemask

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Churches Change the World… Start More! is the theme for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 2017 Pentecost Offering, which will be celebrated Sundays, June 4 and June 11. To date, the Christian Church has started 980 new churches in the United States and Canada, sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision in 2000. According to McTyer our original goal was to start 1,000 new congregations by 2020, but we can't stop there. "We must continue our journey by setting our heights higher, planting even more churches and equipping more courageous leaders," he says.

The Elms will be holding it's 39th Annual Ice Cream Social. Sunday June 4, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Located at 1212 Madelyn Avenue. Rain or shine. Bring your own lawn chairs. Entertainment by Junior Talley.

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Spirit Sisters: will meet in June but will not meet in July. We will resume August 7, at 7:00 pm at Diamond Dave's.

Like FCC Macomb and a Member of Facebook? Write a review!

We have noticed in recent months that our Facebook account seems to be getting some attention. So, why not add to it!? If you are a member on Facebook, visit the fccmacomb.org page and write a review. You will see a menu on the left hand margin. Once you click "Reviews", you will be prompted to rate FCC on a five star scale and then asked to comment. Wouldn't it be nice to share with others in the community what you think about our church?

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples men will meet at The Old Dairy June 3, at 8:00 am.
New day! For June only!
Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at Chubby's at 7:30 pm Wednesday June 21.

TRUSTEES

Donna Bainter

Trustees meeting is June 19, at 5:30 pm.

Church Board meeting June 19, at 7:00 pm.

Calendar of Events

3. 8:00 am Disciples Men at The Old Dairy
5. 7:00 pm Spirit Sisters at Diamond Dave's
6. 7:00 pm DW Executive Board Meeting
8. 12:00 pm FCC Book Club
   7:00 pm Service of Remembrance
10. 2:00 pm Summer Fun Day, YMCA Circus Fun Day
11. 9:30 am Youth Hosting Fellowship - Fundraiser
12. 5:00 pm Property
    6:00 pm Outreach and Action
    6:00 pm Stephen Ministries
    7:00 pm Christian Education
13. 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
19. 5:30 pm Trustees
    7:00 pm Church Board
20. 5:00 pm Pastoral Support
21. 7:30 pm Third Wednesday Men's Group @ Chubby's
24. John Bliven Run/Walk
25. 7:30 pm or dark, Movie in the Parking lot - Sing
26. 5:00 pm Evangelism
27. 9:30 am Disciples Clergy
    11:30 pm Martha Shemwell @ Louie's
    6:00 pm Itoko Maeda Dinner
    7:15 pm Itoko Maeda Group Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Teresa Meunier
4. Sheryl Donnell
   Katie Dorethy
5. LouAnn Herriman
6. Dixie Canon
   Roselyn Chown
7. Bonnie Becker
   Dean Rockwell
   Holly Runner
   Carolee Sellers
   Roger & Dixie Rouse - Anniversary
12. Patti Jones
14. Ron Vaughn
    Collin Reed
15. Sam Shields
20. Phyllis Rogers
21. Rich Cangro
    Bob & Karen Chatterton - Anniversary
    Kenneth & Kathryn Rutledge -Anniversary
22. Peggy Foster
    Dick & Peggy Foster - Anniversary
23. Charles & Bonnie Becker - Anniversary
26. Kent McClure
30. Alexis Meunier
    Tim & Bobbi Norton - Anniversary

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First Saturday of the month: Disciples Men meet at The Old Dairy at 8:00 am. Please join us June 3rd for a morning of fun fellowship.

First Monday of the month: Spirit Sisters, which is one of our church social groups, will meet at 7:00 pm. We meet at Diamond Dave's for refreshments and chips, and you are welcome to eat dinner there as well. We chat about a given topic in a safe environment, share our experiences, and learn a bit more about each other. You are always welcome to bring a friend! Come join us June 5th.

First Thursday of the month: FCC Book Club will meet at 12.00 pm. Please come join us June 8th (make-up date) for a morning of fun.

Second Tuesday of the month: Prayer Shawl will meet at 1:00 pm. Come join us June 13th for a lovely social hour.

Third Wednesday of the month: Men's Group will meet at Chubby's at 7:30 pm. Come join us June 21st.

Fourth Tuesday of the month: Disciples Clergy will meet at 9:30 am. Come join us June 27th.

Fourth Tuesday of the month: Martha Shemwell group meeting will meet at 11:30 pm at Louie's, Itoko Maeda dinner will meet at 6:00 pm followed by a meeting at 7:15 pm. Come join us June 27th.