



Chalice Tidings

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Valentine's Dinner

Friday, February 15

6:00 pm

\$10 per person

RSVP to Bob and Karen Chatterton

by Sunday, February 10



Kelly's Korner

In the church calendar, we are in the season known as "After Epiphany." Possibly, this is not the true name for the season, but if you will note our Sunday bulletins we are counting the Sundays "After Epiphany." The purpose in these Sundays "After Epiphany" is to see some of the early beginnings of Jesus' life and ministry. Three weeks ago we studied scripture in Luke where Jesus was brought by his parents to the synagogue. He was being purified—according to the Law, every first born male must be dedicated as holy. While there, a man named Simeon and a woman named Anna recognized who Jesus was and was to become. They both gave thanks to God and praised God for showing to them the Messiah.

Always in this time of the year after epiphany and prior to Lent, we read the story of Jesus' baptism. This is a good reminder of our own baptisms. It is a reminder to re-start our own ministries—living faith in real ways—just as Jesus started his ministry. Other stories we will read and study in upcoming weeks include Jesus returning to his hometown and being rejected, calling of the first disciples and one of his earliest teachings about God's love. If you would like to prepare for these sermons, read the first 6 chapters of Luke's gospel.

The early part of Jesus' life is often overlooked. Yes, people looked to him as the Messiah even as an infant. And yet, there was a certain amount of normalcy for the family. They paid attention to their religious customs. They traveled as a family and Jesus got lost from his family, like most kids do at least once in their lifetimes. I think it is a dualism worth mentioning. The Messiah had a fairly normal upbringing. The one who would share the good news of God's love for the whole world did normal kid things. We follow in his footsteps. We "normal people" are called to lives that reflect the teachings and life of Jesus, the Messiah. Such life is great and holy. Accepting the call to such a life will not make us the Messiah, it just shows that we are his disciples. In normal ways, may we live great faith. See you soon!

Peace,



You are cordially invited to the wedding of

*Heather Craig-Bailey
and
Carl Bishop*

*Thursday, February 14
at 3:00 pm*

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Donna Bainter

The Stephen Ministry met Monday January 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with 4 present.

Last month we sent 14 cards, had 2 phone calls, and 2 visits. Those who had care receivers reported on their visits. We also up--dated our prayer requests.

We studied the chapter on ministering to those experiencing divorce. Next month we will start studying the chapter on Crisis of Pregnancy and Childbirth and we will meet February 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Remember anyone interested in going to St. Louis Stephen Ministry Leadership Classes, contact Jean Vaughn before March 19, 2019 at 827-4406.

Jean closed the meeting with prayer.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Char Carden

Happy Valentine's Day! Disciple Women Executive Board is still on hiatus until March. So, I thought I would share something I found.

Hate has FOUR letters....so does LOVE
Enemies has SEVEN letters....so does FRIENDS
Lying has FIVE letters.....so does TRUTH
Negative has EIGHT letters.....so does POSITIVE
Under has FIVE letters.....so does ABOVE
Cry has THREE letters.....so does JOY
Anger has five letters.....so does HAPPY
Wrong has five letters....so does RIGHT
Hurt has four letters....so does HEAL

It means life is a double edged sword. So transform every negative into an aura of positivity.
WE SHOULD CHOOSE THE BETTER SIDE OF LIFE!!!



The World Needs Love

"My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him." - 1 John 4:7

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

HAPPY WINTERY FEBRUARY!! The January Junior JYF event at Grand Prairie was postponed due to our major snowstorm and illness. Once the weather looks a little more predictable, our event will be rescheduled for February. We have been meeting with Grand Prairie residents for a craft, sharing, song, prayer time which has developed into friendships between the residents and our church.

The Renovation of the Education Wing is getting more and more exciting as plans are about to be implemented. Our Design Team, the CE Committee, plus new member Margaret Taylor, has been picking out colors and flooring.

All this in preparation for our painting and partial resurfacing of the walls, new flooring, new window treatments, new rugs and new furniture! One can see why we use the word *exciting* to describe our plans!

FCC BOOK CLUB

Norma Kentner

FCC Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 7 at noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss our next read, The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd. This book is historical fiction, telling of the lives of two women in nineteenth century Charleston. Our group always welcomes new members...come for an interesting discussion time and, of course, we have cookies!

If a book is needed, contact Norma. We order gently used books for \$5 a book.

REQUEST

If you are cleaning out closets and bookshelves, please remember that the FCC Library would LOVE to have books you no longer need. We especially like children's books for the library, Sunday School classrooms and the Nursery!

SOUP-er BOWL OF CARING

Jack McKinnon

The Soup-er Bowl of Caring Meal sponsored by the Elders is scheduled for Sunday, February 3. Plans are being made to prepare and serve approximately 100 meals for the jail, staff at the sheriff's office, staff at the Macomb police department, staff at the fire station, and staff and members at the Samaritan Well. We will begin cooking on Sunday afternoon of the 3rd to have the meal ready by 4:30 pm. If you would like to help with the preparation and delivery of this meal, please feel free to join us.

IAM YOUTH PEACE WRITING CONTEST

Jan Rockwell

Promoting Peace Through Prose & Poetry: Interfaith Alliance Holds Essay Contest

The Interfaith Alliance of Macomb (IAM), dedicated to promoting unity and respect for all within the community, is holding a youth essay contest for students in first grade through high school. The contest, titled *Peace: Prose & Poetry*, asks participants to reflect on the subject, "What peace means to me" in a one page or less essay or poem.

Participating students should submit their entries to their teachers by Monday, February 11th. Home schooled students may turn in their essays to the District 185 Board of Education Office. Contest winners and their teachers will be notified on February 25th. Essays and poems will be judged based on creativity, originality, and personal experience.

Top submissions in grades one through six will be awarded \$25.00, one award per grade. Three \$50.00 awards will be given to the top submissions in each of the following two grade categories: 7th and 8th, 9th and 10th, and 11th and 12th. Award winners will be recognized during the WIU International Bazaar on March 2nd in the WIU University Union. Winning essays will be read aloud by the students during the Bazaar and also at the IAM Unity event held in the fall. All participants in the essay contest will receive recognition and incentives provided by local merchants.

Interfaith Alliance of Macomb was established in early 2017 with the goal of promoting respect and increasing understanding among the various faiths and cultures within the Macomb community. The group hopes to offer a voice to express condemnation of bigotry, hate, fear and violence in a non-political, non-partisan, and non-violent manner. IAM encourages peaceful and respectful community engagement through the organization of family-friendly opportunities for people of all ages, faiths and cultures to interact within a safe environment.

For more information about IAM and/or the contest, contact Janice Rockwell at (309) 331-4783 or at rockwell@macomb.com

CHRISTIAN ACTION & OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell

Hold the Date! **March 10 – 14 Intergenerational Mission Trip to St. Louis** is coming up! Once again, this is planned for the beginning of Spring Break for our students' who want to participate. If you want a **Fun, Fulfilling, Faith growing** experience, plan to join the group. See Kelly, Jan, Rod, Dave, Aaron or Griffin for info of what to expect. You will not be sorry if you come!

YOUTH
Ben Kersey

January was a busy month for our youth! We ventured to Galena and the Chestnut Mountain Ski resort. It was an amazing experience both for myself and for the group. It was great seeing the youth confidence grow and the bonds that were formed are strong and true.

The very next weekend, we hosted Midwinter Retreat. Youth from all around the CCIW region came and joined in worship. We spent Saturday afternoon out in the community doing service projects. In the evening, we were learning, and fellowshiping and worshipping together. Sunday morning, many of us experienced some of those youth leading the service by serving, praying, and even delivering the sermon! It was wonderful to see and I'm proud of our youth for helping arrange this experience.

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

College Age

3 - 8:00 pm
17- 8:00 pm

Youth - 6 - 12 Grade

3- Helping with Soup-er Bowl Sunday directly after church
5:00 pm *Super Bowl Party*
10 - Serving Cookies at Fellowship time
5:00 pm *Valentines/Cookies for Wesley*
17 - 5:00 pm Christmas Party
24 - 5:00 pm Music!
31- 5:00 pm Youth Sunday Planning

JYF - 3 - 5 Grade

3- Meeting directly after Worship. Bring \$5 each for lunch
17 - 5:00 pm

1941 MIDWITNER YOUTH CONFERENCE

Mary Stipanowich

February 27-28, 1941, I attended a Mid-Winter Youth Conference in Rushville at First Christian Church. We stayed at homes but had the same kind of program that the youth had here. It was a great time and I made lasting friends from Quincy, Illinois. We visited each other for a long time. This weekend was a wonderful time for the youth that attended and I am sure Christian Leaders will come forth from that group.

Glad we could host and support these young people.

12th ANNUAL "FESTIVAL OF THE CRECHE" REPORT

Jean Vaughn

The 12th annual "Festival of the Creche" was hosted by the First Christian Church in 2018. The event was held on Friday, November 30, from 6-8:30 pm and Saturday, December 1, from 3:30-6 pm and was open to the public. There were free refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate as our way of saying thank you for coming and Merry Christmas.

The Worship Department along with others again decorated the sanctuary in beautiful greenery and lights and assisted in moving the furniture from the parlor. The flickering of the candles and the soft background music set the stage for the 220 unique nativity scenes. All the nativity scenes were provided by members of the congregation. The event was well attended on Friday night, however, as we opened the doors Saturday the tornado siren went off sending the volunteers to the basement. There was a heavy downpour and then the sky seemed to clear. Thinking no one would probably venture out, we had persons from Rushville, Beardstown and even a mother with her daughter and grandchildren from the Peoria area.

A brochure was given to each person as they entered the sanctuary. The brochure consisted of a message from Rev. Ingersoll, names of those who provided nativity scenes, upcoming events, our Sunday schedule, information regarding our youth groups and listed other programs that our church supports. A flyer was distributed throughout the community, sent to local churches and to local assisted-living, retirement and nursing homes. I want to thank Norma and Dave Kentner for putting up the banners.

The planning committee included Joyce Randall, Donna Bainter, Judy Graves, Roselyn Chown, Sharon Butcher, Barb Houck, Carolee Sellers, Cheryl Andrews, Rev. Ingersoll and myself. These ladies and others, who displayed their own, worked effortlessly to put the nativity scenes in place. Norma Kentner and Joyce Randall served the refreshments.

I want to thank Bill Froom, Rev. Ingersoll and Tim Adams who assisted with the PowerPoint of the various nativity scenes that was shown both evenings and for the ladies that attended the Ladies Luncheon. Rev. Ingersoll provided the music. Paul Huff, our Custodian, brought up tables and chairs from fellowship hall and provided what was needed. Several brought in cookies, there were greeters with Dave Kentner, Ron Vaughn and Dean Hansen running the elevator.

I want to thank Joyce for the Ladies Luncheon. The program for the Luncheon was inviting the 80+ ladies to the "Festival of the Creche" and introducing them to the Chrismon Tree.

Also, I want to thank Judy Graves, Barb Houck, and Sharon and Bill Butcher for staying after Worship Service to help take things down, and fold up the large cloths.

Many helped and many hours were spent on this event. A big thank you goes to all who helped in any way. It was a wonderful display and a beautiful way to greet the community and help put them in the spirit of preparing for the birth of our Savior.

MEMORIAL OF GENEVIEVE YANCEY

Mary Stipanowich

Family and friends gathered for a graveside service for Genevieve Yancey, mother of Sky Stipanowich (my daughter-in-law), on January 19, 2019. Genevieve passed away in Mill Valley, CA on September 27, 2018. She is dearly missed by all.



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