



Chalice Tidings

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When: July 10, 2016 After Church

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

What: BBQ Pork sandwiches and Baked Beans

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After lunch we will have a Pie Auction to raise funds for a new roof on the Education building.

Please sign-up your Pie or Dessert to be auctioned on the sheet in the Parlor.

Only one pie per person.

Kelly's Korner

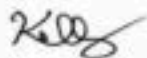
In the month of July I'd like for all of us to get in touch with the child within. We are going to have a sermon series that will compare the good book—the Bible—with the books of the famous children's author, Dr. Seuss. (See below for sermon scriptures, sermon titles, and the Dr. Seuss book for each week.) Many of Dr. Seuss' books have faith-centered, biblical themes. They challenge us to look beyond our typical routines. And they are full of whimsy. Whimsy is something we can use a little more in our lives right now.

The Bible, while less whimsical, is our guide to faith. We receive our instruction and inspiration for living faithfully from the good book. We know our faith history a little better when we read the Bible. As Christians, we understand our discipleship when we read the stories about Jesus.

Both Dr. Seuss and the Bible use words we don't always comprehend and often struggle to pronounce!

Please invite friends and neighbors (family even) to attend our services in July so they can participate in the series. May God be known to us in our worship and study. May we receive and share God's love as we seek truth and joy. See you soon!

Peace,



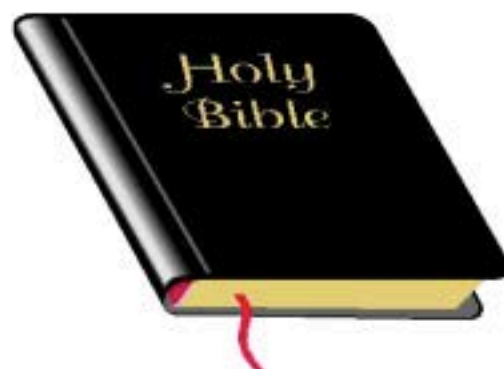
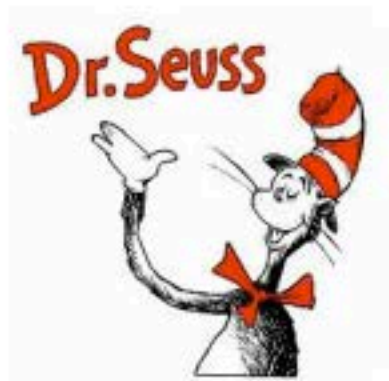
Dr. Seuss and the Good Book

July 3—**Oh the Places!** Genesis 12:1-3 and *Oh the Places You'll Go!*

July 10—**Butter and Peace** Philippians 4:4-7 and *The Butter Battle Book*

July 17—**Suess, God, and Troubles** Psalm 9:7-9 and *I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew*

July 24—**Christmas in July** Ephesians 3:14-19 and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*





STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

Stephen Ministry is helping our congregation in a number of ways. One is by building the spiritual and emotional life of the people who give care. I think those who go into Stephen Ministry to help others are surprised by how much it enriches their own heart and relationships. It gives them much more than they think they're going to receive.

In addition, Stephen Ministry is such a gift to folks who are receiving care. People who are going through a job loss, divorce, grief, or other difficulties receive comfort and find hope. The relationships formed in Stephen Ministry really do become life altering. A long-standing principle in scripture is that we are able to comfort others out of the comfort that we've received ourselves. This happens a lot in Stephen Ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tad Goldner

Looking back, this past month sure was a busy one! We kicked off the first of our Summer Fun Days and had a blast at the country club with youth from all over town. Our second donut fundraiser for the summer lunch programs was a hit, and we managed to make it through a day at Huck's Harbor water park without losing anyone. All of that has been a good experience for us, and as I write this, we're gearing up for a weekend full of Heritage Days, which will just add to that goodness.

Looking forward, July has even more in store for us. We start off the month by taking the next step in our involvement with the summer lunch programs and help pack the actual lunches, which will go to community kids. We leave for church camp at Pilgrim Park during the first week of July. The next Summer Fun Day rolls around July 16, and we end the month with a family trip to a Burlington Bees game. (be watching for more details on this!) I think it's safe to say that we have plenty of opportunity this month to serve the community we live in and to grow in fellowship and faith with each other.

Whatever this month brings you, I hope that it brings a little more summer goodness to your life!

CHAR-ITY YOGA CLASS

Anne Ingersoll

Our yoga class has changed its name to Chair-ity Yoga. Anne sees this class as a ministry and does not want to be paid for her time so the class decided to take up donations each month for a local non-profit organization. This is *not* a mandatory offering to attend the class. It is an optional offering. This class is open to all FCC members and those within our community. Contact Anne if you have questions at 421-0540 or anneingersoll@gmail.com So far in June, we have collected \$50 for Samaritan Services. July yoga classes will meet on the 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th.



OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

SAMARITAN WELL / JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL WALK/RUN FUNDRAISER

THANKS! The Samaritan Well thanks FCC for our faithful past support. This mission has provided temporary housing and assistance to residents so they can continue their education, train for better employment, obtain affordable housing, and acquire life skills that will enable them to achieve independence.

HISTORY The Samaritan Well was incorporated in 1998 as a Women's and Children's Shelter, with an expansion in 2008 due to the need for a Men's shelter. Both shelter homes are owned by churches, and the buildings are donated rent free. (The men's shelter is our former parsonage.) Jennifer Diggs, granddaughter of Dick & Peggy Foster, accepted the position of Director at the end of this past May. Our church has had a long history of providing leadership through our ministers and church leaders. Currently Nita Burg and Jan Rockwell serve on its board and Rev. Kelly provides support.

The average monthly cost for salaries, utilities, supplies and insurance for both shelters is \$8,000. Due to the state budget impasse, Samaritan Well has received no state funds since June of 2015. In the past, this has been the majority of the financial support. Though we are spending down our reserves, the Samaritan Well has always existed due to the generosity of our churches and community.

HISTORY OF JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL WALK/RUN Upon the death of our beloved Sheriff John Bliven, a strong leader in our church and community, Crime Stoppers approached Rachel and their daughters about establishing the John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital. After a time, Samaritan Well was allowed to coordinate the event and share the proceeds. This has become the primary fundraiser for The Well. The John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run is always held during Heritage Days. Proceeds from this event benefit the Samaritan Well Men's and Women's Shelters and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL WALK/RUN The 16th Annual Run was held Saturday, June 25, 2016, at 7:00 a.m. in front of the Old Dairy Restaurant. Competition was for 2 mile & 4 mile runners and for children 12 and under in the 1 mile Fun Run. Walkers either walked the distance or any length up to 2 miles. A new timing system, J3E, brought new life to the race event. Additionally, the choice of registering either paper copy through the YMCA, or online, was a convenience.

FIRST CHRISTIAN JOHN BLIVEN MEMORIAL TEAM Action & Outreach Committee donated \$150 to place FCC as one of the event sponsors. Our name appeared as such on the event tee-shirts. We had 5 adults and one baby participate by running, walking, or stroller. Six members helped the day of the run, and 14 individuals gave support through money donations. As our church tee-shirts were worn, our logo was seen registering runners, handing out water mid-race, sharing snacks and water afterwards, and just being friendly. FCC was well represented supporting the Samaritan Well and St. Jude!!

A BIG THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH MEMBERS!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble



The first Summer Fun Days event was a success. We hosted twenty-two youth in grades sixth through eighth at Macomb Country Club pool. The youth attending were from seven different churches in the community.

They swam, played games, ate, and enjoyed the worship service and music of Jack Ingram. The weather and setting were beautiful and provided for a blessed evening.

Here we are starting July, and that means the summer is almost half over and school will be starting again sooner than we think. Before that happens, the Olympics are coming to Macomb on Saturday, July 16, from 1 to 4 pm at the First Presbyterian church. Mayor Mike Inman, Greg Waller of Macomb Fire Department, John Moon and Juanita Briggs (100 years "young") are just a few of the citizens that will be joining us for opening ceremonies. Bryce and Maggie Dexter will be entertaining us throughout the day. There will be a bouncy house, obstacle course, climbing wall, and team games to name a few. Check our website for preregistration information.

Starting July 3rd, we will start a new chapter in our Sunday School ministry. Christian Education will be offering a class taught with visual, hands-on, and easy-to-understand lessons for our members who have difficulties understanding the teachings of other classes due to challenges in their lives. The class will meet downstairs in the classroom across from the choir room.

Instead of cookies this year, we would like to have donations of cases of water. If you would like to donate, please leave them in the memory room and let either Jonelle Schauble or Kelly know who you are. Our committee will soon start asking you to volunteer for the July 16 date. Please consider saying yes.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to the following people from our church: Tad, Jack, Rod, Nita, Dean H, Barb, Jeanna, Marissa and Pastor Kelly for giving your time, talents and treasures to making our Summer Fun Day event a very memorable evening. I couldn't have done it without all of you. You are greatly appreciated!

EVANGELISM

Anne Ingersoll

Starting Sunday, July 10th, there will be a six-week study being offered in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. The study is called *The "E" Word*. It is a non-traditional approach to evangelism. Each week will have a different theme - Expectations, Empathy, Encounter, Engagement, Encouragement, and Empowerment. The "E" Word is a journey towards discovering how we, too, can recognize the relational gifts we already possess and how they naturally build those same bridges of relationship that Jesus can walk across into the lives of others.

Last summer, the Evangelism Committee led this study with ten members from our congregation. The group walked away with a new understanding of evangelism and felt it would be beneficial to share the study with the rest of our congregation. Each week of this six-week study will have a different leader guiding the discussion and conversation. So, mark your calendars and plan to join the study!

ELDERS
Myrna Osborn

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4 HCSB

The 100th Psalm reminds us that the entire earth should "Shout for joy to the Lord." As God's children, we are blessed beyond measure, but sometimes, as busy people living in a demanding world, we are slow to count our gifts and even slower to give thanks to the Giver.

Our blessings include life and health, family and friends, freedom and possessions- for starters. And, the first we receive from God are multiplied when we share them. May we always give thanks to God for His blessings, and may we always demonstrate our gratitude by sharing our first with others.

The 118th Psalm reminds us that, "This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (v.24, NASB) May we celebrate this day and the One who created it.



Prayer for Today

Lord God, You have created a grand and glorious universe that is far beyond human understanding. The heavens proclaim Your handiwork, and every star in the sky tells of Your power. Let me celebrate You and Your marvelous creation, Father, and let me give thanks for this day. Today is Your gift to me, Lord. Let me use it to Your glory while giving all the praise to You. Amen

MEMBERSHIP
Kim Cunningham

On July 10th after services (12:00), the membership committee will be hosting the Church Picnic in the Fellowship Hall. The committee will provide BBQ pork sandwiches, drinks, baked beans and table service. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After lunch we will hold a short but very sweet auction of 12 one-of-a-kind pie or favorite dessert. The money raised will help to fund a new roof for the Sunday School Building.

If you are interested in providing one of these pies or your "famous family dessert," please call Judy Graves or Kim Cunningham to offer this valuable item. Only one item per person.

Please plan on joining the group for this fun church event, and bring the whole family and **invite a friend.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SOUP AND MORE is being served by FCC on Sunday, July 31st. Those willing to help cook on Sat. the 30th, serve on Sunday the 31st or clean up afterwards, please sign up on the board across from the Parlor kitchen and mark your calendars. This meal is hosted monthly by various churches and groups and held at the First Presbyterian Church. This is the first time FCC has taken a turn. The meal offers free food and good fellowship to all.

The next meeting for FCC Book Club is August 4th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *The Bootlegger* by John Hallwas. Plan to see *The Bootlegger* documentary either in Colchester or at the Forum on July 15th or 16th. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Macomb Square music (former Barnyard Guitars). John Hallwas will be our guest speaker at our September 1st meeting!

Prayer Shawl will meet on Tuesday, July 12, at 1 pm in the library.



A friendly reminder from your Evangelism Committee...The best "publicity" for a church is church members telling others how much they love their church and how meaningful their church family is in their lives. Are you feeling the JOY at First Christian Church and with your church family?

Spread that JOY! Invite a friend to share in that JOY!

THANK YOU

I wanted you all to know that I have officially completed my occupational and physical training/rehabilitation. I continue to be so thankful. Thankful to all of you who I know were praying fervently for me. Thank you for the prayers, thoughts, and the help that you gave to my family. I am thrilled because I am alive and back to "myself." I appreciate your support during my illness more than you will ever know.

Love, Sue Cangro

Words cannot express the thanks we have for the First Christian Church family, at the time of Jim's passing. Kelly, for visiting Jim in his last hours, the wonderful words he spoke at the service, and just being there. Also, thanks to Disciples Women for the wonderful luncheon, prayer shawl ministry, prayer warriors, all the people at the visitation, cards, calls, messages, and personal visits. The list goes on and on, and I am so thankful to have you all. God Bless.

Cindy Moon & family

Thank you does not seem enough as we express our deep appreciation to FCC family during Gail's final days and passing. We cannot express how much the kind words, prayers, cards, calls, and food have meant to each one of us. Thank you especially to Kelly for the thoughtful words honoring Gail's memory and to the Disciples Women for the exceptional luncheon. God Bless each and everyone of you.

The family of Gail Randall



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2nd Annual Men's Outing

Cubs VS Cardinals

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Busch Stadium**

1 PM game time—\$30.00 per ticket

All men, friends, family (male) invited

Contact Larry Loop call 309.255.0880

or email docndot@hughes.net