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Join Us For Our

CHURCH PICNIC

7 JUNE 2026 | AT 5:00 PM

SPRING LAKE PARK
SHELTER HOUSE

Main Course Provided

Bring A Side or Dessert To Share

Xperience Worship

All Are
Welcome!



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June Sermon Series EARLY ACTS

06/07 - Acts 1:23 THE REPLACEMENT

06/14 - Guest Preacher

06/21 - Acts 6:1-4 SELECT

06/28 - Acts 9:1-9 CONVERSION

WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM



In our Judeo-Christian writings, we have a book called Job. Job is considered to be a good and faithful servant—the best servant—of God. Through a series of experiences where God allows a member of God’s divine council to torture Job, he has lost everything. (For those of you who know the story, you have read the name Satan as the one who takes everything from Job. Satan in this story is not the same as later Christian literature, but here acts as God’s eyes and ears on earth as part of the council.) As the story goes, Job has lost his sons and daughter and farm animals and barns. There is bad theology here that we will overlook for now. Suffice it to say, the prosperity gospel is not the point here—and probably never should be.

Job has three friends with names difficult to pronounce. They come to question him as he sits on a dung heap, mostly naked, covered in sores. Job is a bit testy and argues with them as they suggest he has done something to God for which he needs forgiveness. Job has not done anything wrong. God even says so. In one of these responses found in chapter 17, Job asks, “Where then is my hope? Who will see my hope?” He has just admitted his spirit is broken and the grave is ready for him.

There is a definite lack of hope in this world. Politics. Violence. War. Social Media. Family dinner conversations. Stop sign interactions. Not always hopeful. We, too, feel broken.

John Pavlovitz has a book called “Hope and Other Superpowers. He writes this “...isn’t a self-help book—it’s a life-affirming, love-defending, butt-kicking manifesto, a rallying cry for an unwavering joyful revolution that we get to set into motion. It is a personalized guide to being a better human being, creating a more meaningful life, and building a better planet in the process. It is...a crystallizing of our inner convictions, and an amplifying of our voices—empowering us to work together for as long as it takes for the world that **should** be to become the world that **is**.

Pavlovitz suggests that when we live in hope, we are like super heroes. Then he shares many examples of people who bring hope to the world.

Isn’t that the work of the faithful? To bring Hope? For those of us who claim Jesus, isn’t that what he did? Didn’t he bring life out of death moments—and not just at the resurrection? Like him, Jesus followers are called to be hope in this world.

Where then is our hope? Who will see our hope? Our hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth. And if we hold on to God, ALL will see hope through us. Kind of like a super hero.

See you soon! Peace. And. Hope.

Kelly

June Event Calendar

June 6th: Disciples Men - 8:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

June 7th: Emergency Cupboard Collection

June 7th: Church Picnic - 5:00 pm @ *Spring Lake Shelter House*

June 11th: Men’s Group (New Date) - 7:00 pm @ *BWW*

June 13th: Juneteenth - 12:00 pm @ *Mt. Calvary*

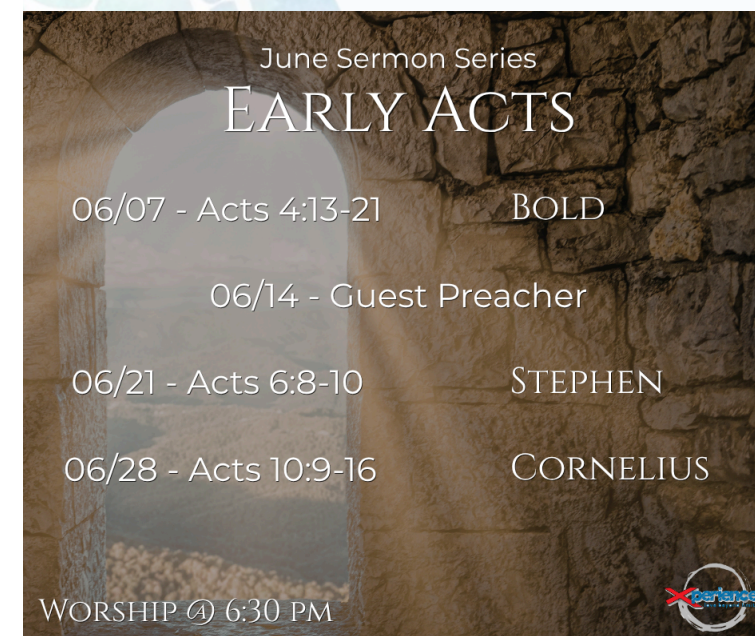
June 15th: Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

June 18th: Meditation - 12:15 pm @ *Parlor*

June 21st: Father’s Day

June 22nd: Elder’s Meeting - 6:00 pm

June 23rd: Ladies Luncheon - 11:00 am @ *Old Dairy*



Early Acts is our June sermon series in both worship services as we journey through Acts 1-10 and explore the beginnings of the early church. Together, we’ll follow the growth of the church after Christ’s resurrection and see how God moved through His people in powerful ways. Join us each week as we discover how the story of the early church still shapes and inspires our faith today.

Happy Father’s Day to all the amazing dads and father figures in our church family! Thank you for the love, care and strength you share every day. We are grateful for you!

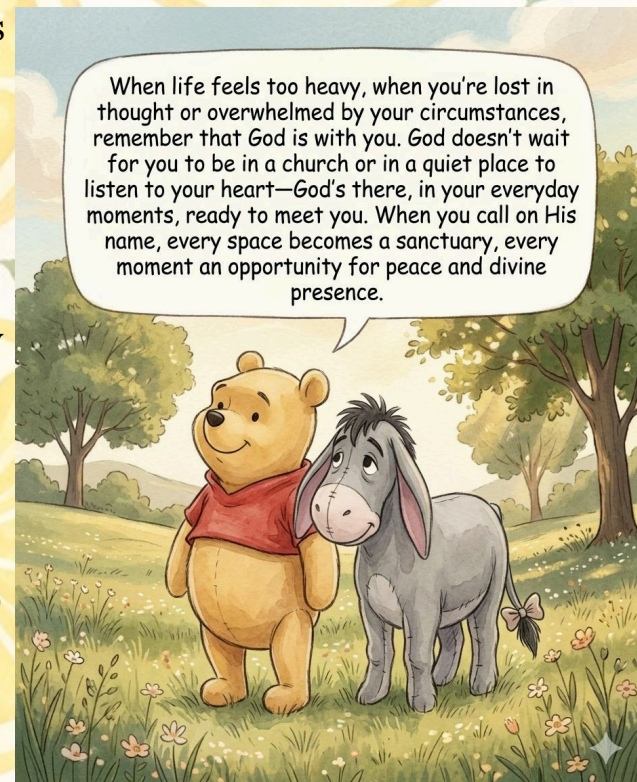


Disciples Women

Char Carden, President

Disciples Women will be collecting bingo prizes at their next meeting on May 26th at Old Dairy. The prizes will be divided up between three Skilled Nursing Homes. We choose three different homes each time we collect the prizes which is once or twice a year. Martha did an informative devotion. Thank you Martha! Betty will do the devotional in May.

The Ladies Luncheon starts at 11:00 am. The DW General Meeting will consist of a short meeting along with a devotion starting at 12:00 pm. All women are invited to one or both. We would enjoy having you join us. DW will be on hiatus starting in June through August.



When life feels too heavy, when you're lost in thought or overwhelmed by your circumstances, remember that God is with you. God doesn't wait for you to be in a church or in a quiet place to listen to your heart—God's there, in your everyday moments, ready to meet you. When you call on His name, every space becomes a sanctuary, every moment an opportunity for peace and divine presence.

Evangelism

Anne Ingersoll, Chair

You may have heard at church recently that we've got new stickers to offer our members. Eleana Jenkins made the announcement at church expressing her and Chris's time with FCC while Chris has been in grad school but also recognizing the special place that FCC has become for them. Eleana invited us to place one of the stickers in a place that's visible in our home or car or office, in hopes that the stickers will be not only a gentle and constant reminder about what FCC means to us but also how we can extend that same feeling to others. There are extra stickers at the welcome stations and we invite you to take a sticker to share with others you encounter in your daily life. The stickers share simple messages such as "God Love You" and "Peace be with You". So, grab a sticker or two the next time you're at church! Let's continue to extend God's Love to all. Lastly, our committee wants to thank Eleana and Chris for sharing their gifts with us over the past (almost) two years. We are so grateful for their time on our committee.

Environmental Stewardship

By Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon

We Are Commanded to Serve as Stewards Caring for God's Creation

Environmental issues are no longer distant problems affecting future generations. They are currently shaping daily life for millions of people around the world – driving hunger, displacement, the cost of living, and public health crises.

We challenge you to be involved on some level. Just think, if every person on the planet did something for the environment, that would have a huge impact on our future!

In last month's newsletter, Kathy shared some of the activities the Faith Based Creation Care committee has been involved in. There are many organizations that can help you get started on your own personal environmental cause. Check out what's available to you locally or online.

Listed below are some places to start your investigation online. Once you get started you will discover that these are just scratching the surface of the possibilities.

Climate change, extreme weather, fossil fuel dependence, energy insecurity, air pollution, water scarcity, water pollution, unsustainable agriculture and food systems, Deforestation, Soil degradation, biodiversity loss, plastic pollution recycling, and rising sea levels....

Bible verses about caring for creation emphasize that the earth belongs to God, and humanity is commanded to serve as stewards. If we don't take care of God's creation, who will?

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed!

We want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has been helping with Coffee Fellowship each week. We appreciate the Donnell's, the Behymer's, Carol Smith, Jack McKinnon, and all those who have stepped in to prepare, serve, and clean up during our fellowship time together. Your willingness to serve helps create a warm and welcoming space for conversation and connection each Sunday. If you have not yet signed up, we encourage you to consider helping with an upcoming Coffee Fellowship. It is a simple but meaningful way to serve our church family and spend time with one another.

Christian Action & Outreach

Jan Rockwell, Chair

Students & their head teacher Danielle Lewis from ROYALS helped unload & stock shelves for the Emergency Cupboard in May. Thanks to the energetic group plus Larry Loop (who also repaired the door), LJ Starkey, Dean & Jan Rockwell for making the task fun & fast!

May 7th, a number of our congregation joined the Macomb Minister's Association (MACMA) for a Peace Walk in observance of the National Day of Prayer. A bus was available and others chose to walk the distance from WIU campus to the town square. Four stops were made along the way to pray for: our community, our world, creation & peace. Though it was a rainy evening, hearts were warm.



Emergency Cupboard Stockers Needed!

As the semester ends and many students leave campus for the summer, the Emergency Cupboard is in need of additional volunteers to help keep shelves stocked and organized. The need for food continues and even a small amount of volunteer time can make a big difference. If you are interested in volunteering this summer, please reach out to the church office or Jan Rockwell!

Membership

Martha Behymer, Chair

Members and friends of FCC in Macomb, listen up! We are trying to make a new directory for our church which hasn't been done for awhile. There are sign up sheets in the parlor for time slots to have your picture taken. The dates and times are: May 30th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and June 7th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. There are 36 time slots and if these all get filled, we will figure out our "next move!" Thanks in advance for your participation in this project.

Camp Walter Scott

Summer camp season is almost here! Across the region, Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center (CWS) is offering meaningful opportunities for children, youth, and families to grow in faith, build community, and spend time in God's creation.

Here are just a few of the exciting camp options this summer:

- **Elementary Camp** (Grades 2–5): June 22–25
- **Middle School Camp** (Grades 6–8): July 6–11
- **High School Camp** (Grades 9–12): July 13–18
- **Family Camp Weekend**: August 1–3

Whether it's a first-time camper or a returning favorite, these experiences are designed to inspire, connect, and create lasting memories.

Even better, FCC covers the cost of all camps, including family camp, so everyone can take part without financial worry.

If you're interested or have questions, contact the church office or visit the camp website:

<https://campwalterscott.org/camp/>

A Joyful Mother's Day Performance



Pictured from left to right are Jase Andrews, Ava Andrews, Ryder Honeycutt, Cam Andrews, and Cruse Honeycutt.

PEEK INTO POSSIBILITY.
Summer Camp Registration is Open.

