



Chalice Tidings

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What: First Christian Church Fall Hot Dog & Hamburger Cookout

When: September 25, 2016 at 4 pm.

Where: Bob & Karen Chatterton, 1550 Tower Rd, Macomb, IL

Kelly's Korner

September is going to be a busy month. Make sure to check the calendar. Especially plan to be at our cook-out at the Chatterton's at the end of the month. It will be a good time to socialize and have fun. We will also share and celebrate some big financial news at this event. Invite a friend or two and let's have a great time.

In September, we will have a three-week sermon series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from the fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel. The title of the series is *Be Blessed*. This particular sermon of Jesus is only written down in Matthew. We will be looking at three particular parts of the sermon and seeing how they pertain to our particular situation today. How can we be blessed? How can we bless God and others? Hopefully, we'll find an answer or two.

During our worship service on September 11, we will remember 9/11. This is the fifteenth anniversary of a very difficult time in our country's life. We will share prayers and thoughts. We will hope for a better future. We will focus on the promises of God to be with us in all moments of our lives. I hope you can join us for this special worship service.

Looking ahead a bit, October will be active. Fall Festival is October 14-15. Thanks in advance for your volunteer help with this all-church event. And the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Illinois/Wisconsin is the next weekend, October 21-22. I will be installed as the Regional Moderator as well as preaching the closing worship on Saturday afternoon. More importantly, there will be great workshops, discussions about Mission First and Reverend A. Denise Bell will lead in worship. More information can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Hope you can attend.

As summer ends and fall begins, may we put our hope and faith in the ever-present God who is with us during all the transitions of our lives. See you soon!

Peace,



Be Blessed Sermon Series

September 11—Matthew 5:1-4 Mourning

September 18—Matthew 5:1-2, 7-9 Making Peace

September 25—Matthew 5:13-16 Salt and Light



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tad Goldner

And just like that, summer's over and it's back to school for everyone! With our lock-in to close out the summer, we're looking forward to a good start to the school year.

Looking back on the summer, we've had a pretty fun-filled time. With all of our Summer Fun Days, we had a blast getting to know kids from the community and having a little fun, whether it was swimming at a pool party or competing in the Olympics. Camp Out at Pilgrim Park found us growing closer in our faith and closer to each other over the week-long experience. To close it all out, the lock-in was a fantastic way to have a little fun and to gear up for everything we have in store this year. Hopefully we can carry some of the fun and goodness of the summer into our fall time.

We get back into the swing of things with our first youth group on September 11th. We'll be getting to know each other and exploring some back-to-school related things. Our next youth group meeting is on September 18th, and the topic for the night is "Liar, Liar." We end the month with a cookout at the Chatterton's. Getting back into all of this, remember that we are combining our junior high and high school groups, so everyone is welcome (friends included!). Overall, I'm looking forward to a meaningful start to our youth group year!

MEMBERSHIP

Kim Cunningham

First Christian Church Fall Hot Dog & Hamburger Cookout, September 25, 2016 at 4 pm at Bob & Karen Chatterton's, 1550 Tower Rd, Macomb, IL. Hamburgers, hotdogs and baked beans will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs. Tables will be provided. Games and activities will be provided for children.



Please plan to join us for a relaxed afternoon of friends and beautiful scenery-and bring a friend or family. Call Kim Cunningham from the Membership Committee for more information 309-255-4826.

Inquirers class will be held on Tuesday, September 20 & 27 and October 4 & 11 at 7 pm in the Parlor. This class is sponsored by Membership and is open to persons of all ages. It is an opportunity to meet with other members to learn more about the history and polity of the church. Rev Ingersoll will be leading the group.

Regional Assembly 2016

CCIW Regional Assembly will be held in Springfield, IL October 21-22. Keynote speaker is Rev A. Denise Bell. Adult \$75.00, Young Adult 18-33 \$60.00, Youth and children \$30.00. Hotel accommodations are with Wyndham City Center. Hotel rooms with tax \$112.00 per night.

Please visit the website for detailed information www.cciwdisciples.org "control click" click on Heart Connections.

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

Soup "n" More

Around 25 FCC members and friends helped cook, serve & clean up for Soup 'n' More July 31. Around 135 people were fed taco salad with various toppings, watermelon and iced brownies. Kathie Whitson, the event organizer, applauded the helpers working as "a well-oiled machine." She appreciated the record time clean-up was completed as well as the refreshing, delicious meal. FCC made a friendly presence felt in the kitchen, dining area, and food pantry donations. Thanks for all the great help! We look forward to doing this again next July.



Summer Meals for Youth

FCC Christian Action & Outreach assisted in serving lunch to around 35 people the week of August 8 through 12. The program is sponsored by Genesis Garden, 1st Presbyterian, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Soup 'N More, United Way, the YMCA, and the Health Dept. It is financed by the US Dept. of Agriculture and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education. Meals are available to children 18 and under and are free .



Several of our church members helped with the Community Summer Lunch Program. From Outreach Committee, Sharon Butcher, Jan Rockwell & Leslie Trone served one week. The Meuniers served throughout the summer. The program was especially important in feeding campers all summer from the YMCA day camp as well as some community children. A BIG THANKS to all!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble



Where has the summer gone? In just a few short weeks, we'll be starting to enjoy the fall weather. Christian Education hosted a family night in August. Twenty-five people enjoyed dinner, fellowship, games and the movie *Zootopia*. Thank you Barb, Jack, Char and John for your help. We enjoyed visitors from the community.

September 25th, as you already know, will be our gathering at the Chatterton's. Christian Education will be hosting a bags tournament during the evening. Prizes will be awarded. So get your teams together and be sure to sign up starting September 4 thru September 18. There will be an obstacle course for the preschoolers too. There will be a sign-up sheet for transportation also. Both sign-up sheets will be on bulletin board outside parlor kitchen.

The donuts for fellowship time return October 9th.

Christian Education would like to share what we are working on for the remainder of the year.

- October we will be hosting the annual Trunk or Treat during fall festival.
- Perhaps a World Series celebration.
- November we will be hosting a dessert potluck and play BINGO.
- December we are planning a family New Year's Eve celebration.

We hope that you will mark your calendars for the events as they appear on the church calendars. We have lots of wonderful fellowship at these events. Don't forget to sign up for the tournament. Have a blessed September.

EVANGELISM

Anne Ingersoll

As many of you have probably seen and heard, social media (Facebook in particular) has become a common way to connect with people. In addition, Facebook also helps spread the word about upcoming events, random acts of kindness, and yes, even God's goodness in our world! If you are a smart phone user, I would encourage you to "check-in" on Facebook during Sunday mornings before worship starts (or any time you just happen to be at church for ANY reason) when you arrive at church. It's an easy way to let others know where you are worshipping and may just spark a little interest in someone to join us on a Sunday morning! If you need help on how to do this, just ask Tim Adams, Josh Butcher, or Anne Ingersoll. This may also bring more people to our Facebook page or website to see our services and learn about our wonderful ministries we have here at FCC!

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton

The Disciples Women are planning an exciting 2013-17 year.

Executive board will hold its first meeting September 6, and group meetings start in September.

If you would like to join one of the groups, the Bertha Gilchrist Group's first meeting will be September 27 at 7 pm in Katie Dorethy's home.

The Itoko Maeda Group will meet September 27 at 6 pm for dinner at Rocky's and then at Roselyn Chown's home for meeting & dessert at 7:15 pm.

Martha Shemwell Group will meet September 27 at Wesley Diner at 11:30 am for lunch with Norma Kentner as hostess.

Group meetings are a wonderful social and Godly experience. Choose a group-see what you think!!

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples Men will meet September 3 at The Old Dairy at 8:00 am, and the Third Thursday Group will meet at Chubby's on September 15, at 7:30 pm.

Never Stop Praying



Facts About The Bible

Did you know?

There are 66 books in the Bible.

Micah and Nahum are the middle books of the Bible.

3 John is the book with the fewest words.

Psalms has the most chapters.

There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible.

Psalms 117 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible.

Psalms 117 is also the shortest chapter in the Bible.

Psalms 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.

There are 31,101 verses in the Bible.

Psalms 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust man.

John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible. Jesus wept.

Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible. It has 78 words.

(From 365 Encouraging Verses of The Bible, Published by Barbour Publishing INC. used by permission.)

Several passages of the Bible tell us clearly that God listens to us when we pray. He hears every word and is compassionate.

Sometimes the answer to our request is "not yet." Sometimes the answers are even a flat "no." But when we come before the Lord and lay what is in our hearts at His feet, He always finds a way to bless us and make everything work out for the best. He does this even when we don't get exactly what we want.

God is so much smarter than we could ever hope to be. He knows what is best for us and provides it each time. All we have to do is share our concerns with Him and wait faithfully for what He will provide.

God wants to be involved in our daily routines. He wants to hear from us and waits for us. God never promised an easy life to Christians. If we will allow Him, though, God will be there with us every step of the way. All we need to do is to come to Him in prayer. (With these three simple words from 1 Thessalonians 5:17, our lives can be fulfilling as we live to communicate with our Lord.) Never Stop Praying



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

Stephen Ministry offers an approach to caring ministry that's holistic. It includes great insights and practices from the social sciences and mental health disciplines, but the ultimate goal is conformity to Christ. Stephen Ministry is informed by the best possible sources of wisdom, research, and knowledge, but remains Christ-shaped and Christ-defined. It brings together the best of all possible worlds in that regard.

The Christ-centered nature of Stephen Ministry is reflected in the logo. The broken person behind the cross and the whole person in front of the cross symbolize that we are all broken people and it is only through Jesus that we can be made whole. Everybody is broken, therefore, everybody needs God's healing. The reason Stephen Ministry was started was to fill a gap in care. People needed more focused care than a friend could offer, but less than a professional would provide. Stephen Ministers are attuned to those needs and provide quality care. Stephen Ministry is capable to identify when people need professional care and then help them receive it, should that need arise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's that time again to sign up for Fellowship Time for October, November and December. There is a sign-up sheet across from the parlor kitchen. Thanks!

We are renewing our subscription to "*The Secret Place*." Anyone wanting to donate to the subscription please contact Debbie. Thanks!

The First Christian Book Club will meet September 1 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and John Hallwas will be speaking at noon. He will be talking about his book, *The Bootlegger*. You are all invited. You don't have to be a member of the church or book club to attend.

Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

September 14, 2016, 2nd Annual Men's Outing - Cubs VS Cardinals.

Inquires Class meets at 7 pm on Tuesday Sep. 20 & 27, Oct 4 & 11 in the parlor.

Mark your calendars for Fall Festival October 14-15! It will be a weekend of family fun! More details coming soon!

Oct 21 & 22, Regional Assembly.

A LOOK AHEAD AT SEPTEMBER:



1. FCC Book Club - 11:30 am.
3. Disciples Men - 8: am.
5. Spirit Sisters - 7:00 pm.
6. Pastoral Support - 5:00 pm.
DW Executive Board Mtg. - 7:00 pm.
11. Youth Group 5 pm.
12. Outreach & Action - 5:30 pm.
Christian Education - 6:00 pm.
Stephen Ministry - 6:00 pm.
Property - 6:30 pm.
13. Prayer Shawl - 1:00 pm.
15. Third Thursday Men's Group - 7:30 pm.
18. Youth Group 5 pm.
19. Trustees - 5:30 pm.
Church Board - 7:00 pm.
20. Inquirers Class - 7:00 pm.
25. Church cookout at the Chatterton's.
Evangelism - 5:00 pm.
Elders - 7:00 pm.
27. Martha Shemwell - Wesley Diner - 11:30 am.
Itoko Maeda - Dinner at Rocky's - 6:00 pm.
Bertha Gilchrist - 7:00 pm.
Itoko Maeda Meeting - 7:15 pm.
Inquirers Class - 7:00 pm.

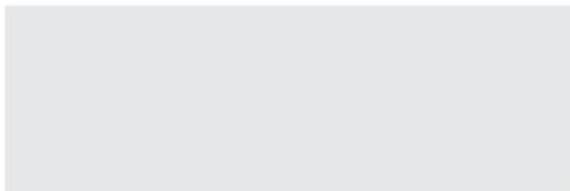


4. Andy Taylor
5. Larry & Dorothy Loop (Anniversary)
9. Leroy Brown
10. Dorothy Loop
12. Tim Adams
18. Nancy Mathewman Lane
David Greathouse
21. Scott Ward
23. Harlie Runner
24. Pauline Dunn & Joyce Randall
25. Carol Harmon
27. Debbie Taylor
Rod & Nita Burg (Anniversary)



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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

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