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Season of Easter
Easter Continues

05/03 - John 14:5-7 *The Way*

05/10 - John 13:15-17 *Love Keep Know Abide*

05/17 - John 17:4 *God Glorified*

05/24 - Acts 2:12-13 *What Does This Mean?*

Worship @ 10:30 am



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| 1 - Babs Becker | 19 - Griffin Taylor |
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Season of Easter
THE Best of Luke

05/03 - Luke 10:33 *The Good*

05/10 - Luke 15:11-5 *The Prod*

05/17 - Luke 18:9-14 *The Tax Man*

05/24 - Acts 2:12-13 *The Church*

Worship @ 6:30 pm



We will celebrate Pentecost on May 24. Pentecost is often known as the birthday of the church. It is one of those amazing stories for us in the church (and maybe a weird story for those looking in). Jews from every nation were living in Jerusalem. A sound like a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house where the believers happened to be gathered. Flaming divided tongues appeared and rested on each of them. These believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and at once were able to speak and understand different languages. A crowd gathered and was amazed. Others were less amazed and thought these folks were drunk. And then Peter arose and preached. "They are not drunk." he said. Quoting the prophet Joel and then King David, Peter summarizes Jesus' life and ministry to the crowd. When all is said and done, about 3,000 new persons were added to faith.

Miraculous. Weird. Amazing. Unbelievable. Which of these words describes Pentecost for you? Do you have a different word?

God has always sought to bring faith to the world. The Bible describes many incredulous ways that happened. The Bible also describes many mundane ways God has worked also. Think about the woman who puts a penny in the offering plate or the tax collector who humbly prays. These stories are just as, if not more, impactful as miracles and wind and tongues of fire.

I would even be so bold to say that multiple small acts of faith lay the foundation for something "big" to even be able to occur or to have more impact. In other words, the small things matter.

So, do not let the unkindness in the world keep you from being faithfully kind. Do not let others' pessimism give you permission to be less than optimistic. Do not be selfish and mean as you see others. Be selflessly Christ-like. Open doors. Smile. Wave someone through the intersection. Tip extravagantly. Resist writing that social media response. Forgive someone. Forgive yourself. Love God, neighbor, and self.

And if enough of us Jesus followers live like this, maybe the world will think we too are drunk. When in fact, we will just be spirit-filled.

Hope to see you soon!

Peace,

Kelly

May Event Calendar

May 2nd: Disciples Men - 8:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

May 3rd: Emergency Cupboard Collection

May 3rd: Graduation Recognition Service

May 7th: Prayer Walk - 5:30 PM @ *Wesley Foundation*

May 10th: Mother's Day

May 21st: Third Thursday Groups

- Meditation - 12:15 pm @ *Parlor*
- Men's Group - 7:00 pm @ *BWW*

May 25th: Memorial Day - Office Closed

May 26th: Ladies Luncheon - 11:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

May 26th: Disciples Women General Meeting - 12:00 pm @ *Old Dairy*

HAPPY
Mother's
Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms and mother figures in our church family! Thank you for the love, care and strength you share every day. We are grateful for you!

Congratulations to all of our graduates! We are so proud of your hard work and the milestones you've reached. Wishing you all the best as you step into this next chapter.



Christian Action & Outreach

Jan Rockwell, Chair

Thanks to our dedicated church & community members, we have been able to keep the Emergency Cupboard stocked twice daily since last fall. Even at this rate, often the shelves are bare quite quickly after stocking. We who are blessed to have enough to share are blessing those who need our help!

Interfaith Alliance of Macomb (IAM)has met over the spring to discuss the immigration enforcement effect on people. There have been some of these refugees benefitting from our Emergency Cupboard. IAM hosted Dreamers of West Central Illinois, CEO, Dr. Julia Albarracin, a WIU professor who works with undocumented folks in this area. The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refuge Rights, which works throughout Illinois (ICIRR) has held trainings on possible peaceful community response should immigration enforcement become active in this area.

Samaritan Well is planning its annual John Blevin Memorial/ St Jude's Walk/Run once again on June 27th, the Saturday of Heritage Days. Our church donates \$150 from The Christian Action & Outreach Committee towards our mission with Samaritan Well to support this fund raising event. If you'd like to contribute, you can reach Amber Clark at 212 W. Jackson Street or <https://thesamaritanwellinc.org> (309/837-3357).

Disciples Women

Char Carden, President

Disciples Women will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28th. We have several projects we are discussing and since some of our members were not available for voting all was tabled.

We would like to take this opportunity and wish every Mom a WONDERFUL Mother's Day!



Saving the Earth, One Small Step At A Time

By Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon

In continuing our recognition of Earth Day last month, we'd like to share with you some of the projects that our church-based committee (Faith Based Creation Care, comprised of representatives from 7 different local churches) has been involved in recently.

1. Between our FBCC committee and the project with the Macomb High School Ecology Club, we have sorted, boxed up, and mailed over 1,500 prescription bottles and lids to the Matthew 25 Charity organization in Ohio. This has been over a mere 4-month period of time! Thanks to the congregation for your contributions to this worthy project!
2. A LIFE class was offered in March, which provided information on eco-friendly household and hygiene products. Participants were given samples of products to try at home, and most products were evaluated as being very effective (and in the case of TP, comfortable!). For more information on these products, ask Jack or Kathy.
3. A presentation was given on plastics at our last meeting. Suggestions for remedying the formidable plastic problem include more legislation (e.g., mandating fees for plastic bags at grocery stores, reducing plastic packaging in products, and banning Styrofoam cups).
4. Our efforts to bring tree free toilet paper to local stores (still in progress)
5. Our continued support of the Ripple Glass project in Macomb (by continuing to make the public aware of its existence)

We continue to be excited about this committee! With an average meeting attendance of 10, all of whom are committed to being better stewards of the environment, we feel empowered to make changes, one small step at a time.

Prayer Walk for Peace

Join us for a meaningful evening at our “Prayer Walk for Peace” this Thursday, May 7th at 5:30 PM. We’ll gather at the Wesley Foundation, before walking together toward Chandler Park. Participants are encouraged to wear purple, and to bring a water bottle. A GoWest bus will be provided for convenience, and in case of rain, we will still meet at the Wesley Foundation. Come take a step—literally and spiritually—toward peace. Sponsored by MACMA.



Evangelism

Anne Ingersoll, Chair

One of the simplest ways we can extend a warm welcome each Sunday is by wearing our name tags. For guests and newer members, remembering names can feel overwhelming, and a visible name tag helps remove that barrier instantly. It opens the door for meaningful conversation, helps visitors feel seen, and reflects the hospitality we’re called to show as the body of Christ. A small act like this can make a lasting impression on someone who may be walking through our doors for the very first time.

We invite everyone to make name tags a regular part of your Sunday routine. By doing so, you’re helping create a friendly and accessible environment where connections can grow naturally. Evangelism often begins with simple, genuine interactions, and something as easy as wearing your name can be the first step in sharing God’s love with others.

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 black and white advertisement for Camp Walter Scott. The top text reads "PEEK INTO POSSIBILITY. Summer Camp Registration is Open." Below this are two photo strips showing children and families at camp. At the bottom left is the Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center logo, and at the bottom right is the Crystal Conference Center logo.

PEEK INTO POSSIBILITY.
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