

# Chalice Tidings

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## HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Ice Cream Social & Baked Potato Bar

August 25

Immediately following Worship

Fellowship Hall

(see inside for more details)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, August 11

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

The Incredibles 2



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am

(Education Wing)

Children's Choir/Sunday School resumes

Sunday School Promotion and Teacher Recognition

9:45 am

(Sanctuary)

# Josh's Journal

Happy August, Y'all!

I cannot believe that August is already here! This summer has really flown by, which is just insane. I spent last week in the lovely state of Iowa at the General Assembly of our denomination in Des Moines. It was a great time to be there! I got to see many of my friends from TCU and from Vanderbilt, and so many other people from across the denomination. Jan and Dean Rockwell from our church went as well, so it was fun to see them there too. General Assembly had many different workshops, a huge exhibit hall where different ministries and groups had booths (naturally I spent most of my time at the TCU booth and the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt booth), it of course had business sessions where we could vote on resolutions for the denomination, and it had worship each night, with after-sessions each night too. The worship was absolutely incredible, full of great music and powerful sermons. It was a wonderful time, and I left it feeling energized and excited!



It did remind me though, when I looked at the dates, that I don't have much longer here with y'all in Macomb. I have truly loved spending time here and serving as your pastor this summer. It has been such a joy to get to know so many of y'all and be welcomed in to this amazing congregation. We still have two more weeks together here, so let's make the most of it. This summer has been full of so many wonderful things, and I'm ready to see what the last two weeks will bring. As always, I am grateful for each of y'all and the gifts that you bring to our church.

Peace and blessings,

*Josh*

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**WAY TO GO Emily Bennett on winning the Heather Roberts Humanitarian Award!**

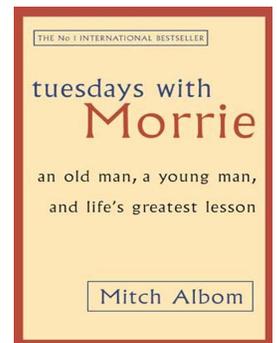
The award was established to recognize an active, McDonough County 4-H member that most effectively exhibits, and communicates the humanitarian spirit that was Heather's life.

**AWESOME JOB!**

## FCC BOOK CLUB

On Thursday, August 1st, at noon in the Fellowship Hall, we will be discussing Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance. Our next book will be an easy, but memorable read, Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom. We already have the used books in, but more can easily be ordered for \$5 a book. Please let Norma Kentner, (309)333-3945, know if you are interested in reading and discussing this book with a great group of readers and friends.

We will discuss Tuesdays with Morrie on Thursday, September 5th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies will be available, but bring a sack lunch if you wish.



## YOU'RE INVITED!



**Sunday, August 11**  
**1:00 pm—3:00 pm**  
85th Birthday Celebration for Phyllis Shields  
*Fellowship Hall*



Phyllis will be celebrating her 85th birthday!  
All are welcome to attend and your presence is gift enough!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

Where has the summer gone? It's been a busy CE summer. We have held successful a Children's Church or a Sunday School lesson, every Sunday during the 10:30 service. Dean Hansen's Sunday School group has met faithfully all summer with the exception of June when WIU Professor Amy Carr led a special Sunday School series following up on our discussion of Kelly's sabbatical book, *The Call*. Many thanks to the very dedicated teachers and helpers for their talents and time. We have held two Movies in the Parking Lot—one in June had 30-35 people attending, but the July movie was cancelled due to high heat and lack of participation. Since we have had two movies that have had to be moved inside due to heat and bugs, we have decided to move the Sunday, August 11 movie, *Incredibles 2*, inside in the Fellowship Hall and show it at 7pm instead of 8:30pm. Please come for a good time—bags of candy and trail mix!

Our Fishin' in the Woods on July 21st was moved to First Presbyterian Church, our partner church for VBS, due to high heat temps and impending rain. Attendance was not good...we plan to meet to arrange a better rainy weather situation for next year. MANY THANKS to helpers (and I hope I remember all the names): Barb Houck, Jeff Bennett, Emily Bennett, Martha Behymer, Aaron Meunier, Rachel Rochford (a Kentner granddaughter), Joe Meunier, Jack McKinnon, Roselynn Chown, Judy Graves, Betty Sherwood, Dave Kentner, Ben Kersey, our FCC Boy Scouts: Justin and Quentin Rossmiller, Melissa Richardson (for help with publicity) and Josh Jackson (for being interviewed on WKAI). Your help and smiley faces were so appreciated!

We are gearing up for the fall Sunday School time. Sunday School Kick-off/Open House will be Sunday, August 25 at 9am. All Sunday School students, family, and any interested congregation members are invited to attend on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing. Refreshments and a craft will be provided. (We will have an Open House later when the windows are installed and the stairways/elevator are completed.) In addition, we will have a Sunday School Promotion/Teacher Recognition at 9:45 in the Sanctuary on August 25th. Please come to celebrate our Sunday School program and faithful teachers!

We will have three Youth Sunday School classes: Ben will again have Sunday School classes in the Youth Room for 7th-High School age youth. We will have a K-2 class and a 3-6th grade class up in the Education Wing, 2nd floor. Dean Hansen and Tim Adams will again provide wonderful leadership for the Adult Classes in the basement of the Education Wing. All these classes begin at 9am on Sunday mornings.

I am sure you have noticed when you watch the Children's Moment that we have a good-sized, bubbly and excited group of children attending FCC. Please, if you have neighbors, family or friends that may be looking for a home church, remember to invite them to FCC to receive and share in God's love.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Sunday, August 11**

**7:00 pm**

**Family Movie Night**

The Incredibles 2  
Fellowship Hall



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## CHRISTIAN ACTION & OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell

**C-2-B collections** are going strong! Thank you to all and to Kathy Fischer & Kim Cunningham for delivering the caps & lids to the Quincy & Macomb bench projects!

A big thank you to the following for helping make & serve the Genesis Gardens' **Soup N More** traditional FCC taco salad supper with watermelon and brownies: Risa Diehl, Barb Houck, Rob & Nita Burg, Patti Jones, Judy Graves, Josh Jackson, Bill Bailey, Jan & Dean Rockwell, & Erin Fink. With the help of several Vista Interns, Mark Merrill & Melissa Calhoun plus several others from the community, we served around 125 meals on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church. The food was delicious & a good time was had by all!

The 1<sup>st</sup> full week of August, FCC is helping Genesis Garden serve their **free Summer Lunch Program** for youth in Macomb. Nancy Reed is organizing helpers in two shifts daily, 9-11 & 11-1:00. Sign up to either prepare food or serve & clean up. The list is on the Parlor Hall bulletin board.



Just to be thinking ahead - be considering how you can help this fall with our annual **Fall Festival**.

Cheryl Andrews is chairing the event that is truly a church outreach & brings so much joy and good will to our town's families. This huge activity requires participation from all of our church family!

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY THOUGHTS & THANKS

The General Assembly in Des Moines was a celebration of the 50 year anniversary of merging the National Christian Missionary Convention (African American congregations) and the Disciples of Christ/Christian churches (predominantly Caucasian) across the USA. Interestingly, it was that same year, 1969, we chose to become Disciples and joined FCC in Macomb. Being newbies, we didn't realize what a rich history we were embracing and an exciting time it was for the denomination.

Now, 50 years later, we are proud to be reminded that at the core of Disciples theology is the belief in justice and human rights for all people. This year's assembly focused on how far we as Christians have come and yet how little has changed in the past 50 years as far as racism and human rights within the United States. DOC members from the US and Canada decried the inhumane treatment of immigrant children & families and took stands supporting their human rights and the "Good Samaritans" who choose to help. Other resolutions were passed concerning domestic violence: concerning constructive relations with Cuba: concerning an invitation to educating congregations to be in relationship and receive the gifts of gender-diverse people: and establishing church policies for prevention of harassment for general ministries. Statements made it clear that it is our God-given duty to be good stewards of the earth and its people.

Worship services had dynamic speakers and many languages were heard in songs and prayers. We were thrilled that Andra Moran, who was featured at our 2018 summer coffee house; provided several songs at one evening worship. The music was fantastic! Each worship service was more inspiring than the ones before. The final sermon by DOC minister Dr. William Barber, II, national leader of the Poor People's Campaign, electrically challenged us to speak out for justice and hold the guilty accountable when atrocities occur, no matter how difficult. We are the hands and protective arms God uses; if not ours, then whose?

General Minister & President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens graciously, eloquently, and powerfully lead the assembly. Her leadership and insight are truly assets to our denomination.

We thank you for entrusting us to represent First Christian Church of Macomb at the 2019 Des Moines General Assembly.

We were blessed!

Dean & Jan Rockwell

## YOUTH Ben Kersey

You may have noticed I was out of town for a few weeks in July! Well, I was at our denominations summer camp. Camp Walter Scott. The first week, I was there with Seth and 30 other middle school campers as well. The theme was 'Peace Works'. We had a good week, and suffered in the sweltering heat, and met lots of new friends, and maybe reconnected with some old ones.

The next week, I was joined by Luke and Damien, and about 25 other 3rd through 5th grade campers. We again had to withstand some serious heat, but I was so proud to see our three young campers emerge from these weeks of camp with a new invigorated love for Jesus (and an appreciation for air conditioning).

Each day, we had discussions with our 'family groups' The first week, I had the pleasure to lead Seth and his fellow Eighth graders in many fun activities. We played a game called compliment fight.

One person stood in the middle and the rest of the group screams kind words and happy thoughts, and relates nice messages to each other in an unconventional way. It helped us to become more comfortable with each other, and to get rid of some energy.



### JULY ACTIVITIES YOUTH & JYF

|              |                 |  |
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| <b>4 -</b>   |                 | No meeting   |
| <b>9-10-</b> | 8:00 pm—8:00 am | Youth Lock-In  |
| <b>11 -</b>  | 8:30 am         | Making Cookies for Fellowship                              |
|              | 7:00 pm         | Family Movie Night—Incredibles 2<br><i>Fellowship Hall</i> |
| <b>18-</b>   | 5:00 pm         | School Year Planning                                       |
| <b>25-</b>   | 9:00 am         | Sunday School Open House ( <i>Education Wing</i> )         |
|              | 5:00 pm         | Youth Group Begins!  |

## DISCIPLES WOMEN

### Char Carden



The picnic on Sunday, July 14th was a great success. The food was delicious (as always), and the comradery and laughter contagious. The ladies had the table set for everyone after church service in Fellowship Hall. Josh said grace and the eating began.  
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT BROUGHT A DISH TO PASS.

The pie auction once again was fun, fun, fun. I won't mention names, but, someone kept bidding on a yummy pie until the price was up to a certain amount. Of course, this was done with a lot of kidding. Congratulations Drew...you won grandma's pie. We, all, had a good time watching you and Josh. Oops, don't tell anyone...I wasn't going to mention names.

Bob Chatterton and his son-in-law Ron did a super job getting people to bid. We always enjoy watching these two.

The pies all looked GREAT....I know the one we got....was SUPER delicious!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED AN ITEM FOR THE PIE AUCTION. ALL THOSE WHO HELPED AND MOST OF ALL...THOSE WHO BID AND WON A PIE!!!

Do you believe July is almost over? School will be starting again soon. Gosh, it goes so fast you just get into a summer routine and you have to shift back to the 'routine' routine.

### **HOMECOMING SUNDAY** **Ice Cream Social & Baked Potato Bar**

**August 25**

Immediately following Worship  
*Fellowship Hall*

Disciple Women will be serving a baked potato bar with all the trimmings and HOMEMADE ICE CREAM.  
Now, you know EVERYTHING will be delicious.



Well, like the saying goes....one door closes and another opens.  
Kelly's sabbatical will soon be over and he will be back with his congregation on Aug.12th.

Josh's last sermon for us is Aug. 11th. He will back in Nashville to start school Aug. 14th.  
THANK YOU JOSH, YOU WILL BE A GREAT ASSET FOR A CHURCH ONE DAY.

We have enjoyed our time with you and your spiritual guidance.  
WE WISH YOU THE BEST IN ALL YOU CHOOSE TO DO.



WELCOME BACK KELLY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING OF ALL YOUR ADVENTURES.

Blessings  
Char



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