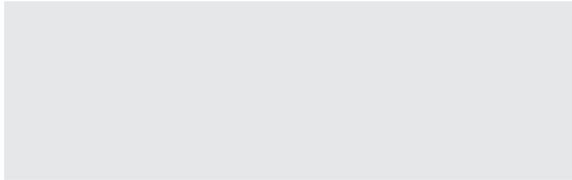




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SERVING THIS WEEK OF July 20

- Worship Leader:** Eric Reed
Elders: Grant Reed (bread), Jean Vaughn (cup)
Diaconate: Dorothy Loop, Larry Loop, Peggy West, Elizabeth Bailey, Rick Webster, Kim Cunningham
Balcony: Samantha Adams, Margaret Taylor, Natalie Workman
Preparatory: Marcia Higgins, Sherri Wagner, Sharon Butcher
Greeters: **Front** Judy Graves
Central East Mary Raymer
Balcony South Dan Reed
Elevator Jeanna Montgomery
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Jonelle Schauble
Children's Moment: Jan Rockwell
Children's Church: Jonelle Schauble
Soundboard Tech:
Coffee Fellowship Time: Heather Craig-Bailey
Hospital Caller: John Carden
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Janet Shank

- Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director
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**Sunday, July 20,
2014
Immediately
following Worship**

By provision of our Church constitution, I am informing you of a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, July 20, 2014.

The agenda will include information and discussion of current projects that are part of our capital campaign.

It is important that you attend and familiarize yourself with this update as we finalize plans for our sanctuary renovation.

We are excited and interested to hear about what is happening!

Bob Chatterton
Board Chair

We will be known by our fruits (Matt 25:29-30)

Kelly's Korner

As we approach our fourth week of the sermon series, *Things That Make Atheists Go HMM???* we turn our attention to certainty. With so many religions and ethnicities and traditions and cultures, with so many different approaches to life, how can anyone be sure? Is it even responsible to claim one's religion as right? These are the questions that atheists ask of believers. These are the questions that will guide this week's sermon titled *Whose God is Right?*

Many young people today (and remember, the younger one is, the more likely one is a non-believer) look at the world and see the variety of life and have difficulty with religions' claims they have found the single truth about God. As they are taught about different cultures and customs, they see goodness. As they study world religions, they hear common themes of loving God and doing good things for others. Often today, young people feel that there is one God. The different religions in the world are just different expressions or approaches to understand and interact with God—as the thinking goes.

History shows that much tragedy has come from religions' claims to be singularly right. Holy Wars. 9/11. Middle East conflict. Believers thrown to the lions. Crucifixion. Genocide. And more.

In defense of religion, too little is celebrated about the goodness believers bring to the world. Peace. Clean water wells. Food to the hungry. Education. Overnight relief from the pressures of living on the street. And so much more.

In seminary, a student asked if the God of Christianity could be the same God for all other religions. The professor responded that it would be offensive to say to the Jew that the God of the Muslims is the same as their God. He intimated the same might be true with other faiths as well. We could limit the question to just Christianity. Is the God of Catholicism the same as Protestantism? We could limit the question to just Protestantism. Is the God of the Baptist the same as the Presbyterian or Methodist or Anglican or Christian or so on?

No wonder non-believers look at us and question. May God help us make sense.

Peace,



Sunday, July 20

Rod Burg opens/closes church

Rod/Nita Burg drive(s) van

8:00 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 PM Congregational Meeting

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

Elders: John Carden

Deacons: Anne Ingersoll

Josh Butcher

4:00 PM Everly House

Elders: John Carden

Deacons: Anne Ingersoll

Josh Butcher

Friday, July 25

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 26

3:00 PM Wedding

Sunday, July 27

Bill Butcher opens/closes church

John Carden drive(s) van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

21 Jan Miller

22 Bill Butcher
Charolette Hughes

Sunday, July 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Whose God Is Right?

**Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3;
John 14:6-7**

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Psalms 128

Romans 8:26-39

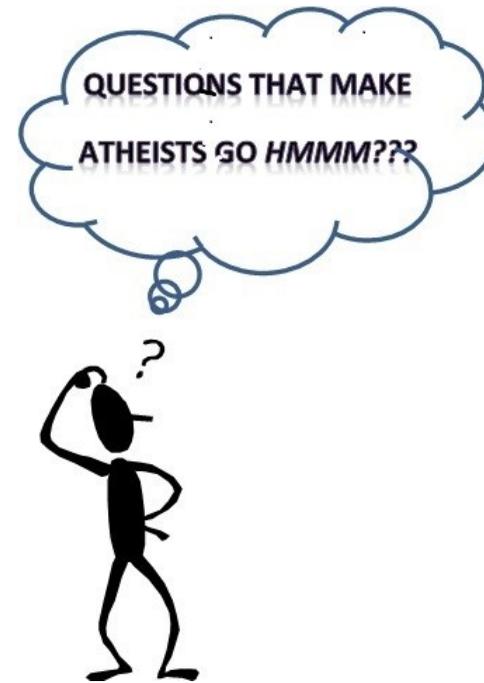
We want to update the congregation on the status of the undertaking to help a new member, detailed in an article in the May 22, 2014 *Chalice Tidings*. As you may remember, this project is being sponsored by the Church Board, the Elders, the Trustees, and the Christian Action & Outreach Committee.

The congregation has provided leadership in mentoring, offering assistance in job hunting (which has been successful), budgeting, furniture and essentials shopping, obtaining a place to live and other items for everyday living in Macomb. The leadership of the church is so pleased with the outpouring of grace and kindness to this new member.

We have been accepting “designated giving” to use toward helping this person establish himself in affordable housing and employment. He arrived in Macomb with nothing so all necessities of everyday living have needed to be acquired/purchased.

If you have not had a chance to donate to this project and would like to, please put your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. Please mark clearly that all or a portion of the money you are giving is to be used for “member aid” and Annetta will see that the intended purpose is honored.

Please continue to keep all these efforts and your participation with them in your prayers.



Scholarships

The Trustees have announced that four choir intern scholarships, one children’s choir intern scholarship, and two scholarships for church members who will be attending WIU will be available next school year, 2014-15.

The applications for these have been posted to our web page: www.fccmacomb.org

July 20—Whose God is Right?

July 27—Spiritual Resume



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The planning is nearly complete and it is our hope to present an exciting and meaningful VBS experience for our youth this summer. **VBS 2014 Scavenger Hunt** starts Monday July 28th and runs through Friday August 1st. We will begin each evening with a light meal starting at 5:30 p.m. and we will dismiss at 8:00 p.m. There will be a

self contained preschool/Kindergarten class, and three rotating age groups of grade 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th. The older youth will also have activities off campus led by Will Wetzel. Pastor Mark Merrill will lead an adult class after all, and the pre/K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th grade groups will be involved with crafts, small group Bible stories, games - including a scavenger hunt, and of course, some super music. We are asking that anyone planning to attend please complete a preregistration form. This will help to insure that we have enough materials for everyone. Adults planning to attend Pastor Mark's class should also preregister if possible. Preregistration is not required, but recommended. Van transportation and nursery care for children under 3 will be available every night of VBS. Please indicate if you will need these services on your registration form. These forms are available in the parlor. Please turn them in to the Christian Education mailbox, the church office, or give them to Peggy West, Jack McKinnon, or Jonelle Schauble.

We are now seeking volunteers to be shepherds for one of the rotating groups. The shepherd's job is mainly to take children to their respective classes on time and be available to help as aides in the classrooms. There will be a sign up sheet in the parlor for anyone interested in helping as a shepherd. This is a very important position, because shepherds insure the schedule runs smoothly.

Thank you for your wonderful response bringing in shoe boxes and old maps. We have all the maps and shoeboxes we need. We do need Christmas wrapping paper to wrap the boxes after they are packed. Thank you for your fantastic response.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (cont'd)....

The VBS mission focus this year is "Operation Christmas Child" which distributes shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and personal care essentials to needy children worldwide. VBS kids will conduct a scavenger hunt each night for items to go into their shoebox gifts. If you would like to help this mission, you can do so by donating any of the following new and unopened items for kids ages 5-9: pencils, pencil sharpeners, small notebooks/writing pads, toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, small coloring or picture books, crayons (16 or 24 count), and small toys (yo-yo, toy car, slinky, jump rope, jacks, ball, small doll, etc). There will be a collection box in the parlor starting this Sunday through July 27th.

Jack McKinnon



The VBS kitchen staff is seeking zucchini for vegetable sticks, and other fresh vegetables that can be used in green salads to include in our daily meal plan for VBS.

If you have some that you could donate, please bring them to church on Sunday, July 27, or during the week of VBS. (See Jonelle Schauble or Patti Jones with your donations.)

Who said you could only eat carrot sticks?!! Thank you!