



Chalice Tidings

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All Church Cook - Out at the Chatterton's

**Sunday, September 16
4:00 pm
1550 Tower Rd, Macomb**

Kelly Ingersoll
Minister

Samantha Dawe
Nursery Assistant

Bill Froom
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon
Organist

Paul Huff
Custodian

Allie Hulen
Children's Choir Director

Erin Jacobs
Administrative Assistant

Sarah Maier
Nursery Supervisor



Join us out at the Chatterton's for the All Church Cook - Out!
Hot Dogs, Drinks and S'mores will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share!

Kelly's Korner

faithnaturally

a first christian church sermon series
rev. kelly ingersoll
the nature of sin | the nature of love
the nature of grace | the nature of discipleship

Have you ever seen the film Love Actually? The web site imdb.com describes the movie in these words: Follows the lives of eight very different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London, England. Some of the stories are complicated, some less so. Some of the couples have been together many years, some are just meeting. The sweetest of the stories is of a boy's first love. Love Actually is a feel good Christmas movie.

In September, we will be using a similar graphic to the movie graphic with a sermon series titled Faith Naturally. The series will be the last four Sundays and will look at the nature of faith in 4 parts: sin, love, grace and discipleship. There will be a progression through the series—not something so drastic that one must attend each worship service to understand. Yet, a subtle progression will build slowly as we think about what sin has to do with love, love with grace and our response as disciples of Jesus to God's ways of relating with/to us.

And calling us to a faith that is deep within our core/heart/soul.

A faith that is natural.

Like eating.

Like breathing.

May faith naturally inspire us to respond to God's that we might live as God desires. See you soon!

Peace,



SEPTEMBER SERMONS

2—Mark 7:5-8 Holding On

9—Genesis 3:1-3 The Nature of Sin

16—Matthew 23:34-40 The Nature of Love

23—Ephesians 2:4-10 The Nature of Grace

30—Mark 9:33-37 The Nature of Discipleship

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Donna Bainter



The Stephen Ministry met on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 1:00. Those present were Sue Adams, Sue Cooper, Donna Bainter, and Jean Vaughn, our leader. There were 3 absent.

We discussed events that are coming up. We would like to have the Stephen Ministers' Memorial Service on the first Sunday in November – November 4, 2018, during the "All Saints Day" Service. This is to remember all our members that we have lost this past year. We agreed to have the Recognition of the Stephen Ministers in June 2019.

The contacts we made last month were 2 phone calls, 4 visits, 7 cards and we gave 2 Grief Books. We have also up-dated our prayer list. Those who had care-receivers gave us a report on their progress.

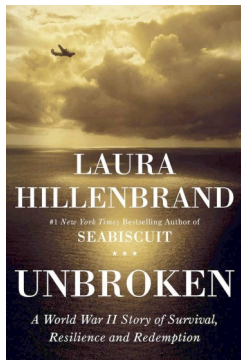
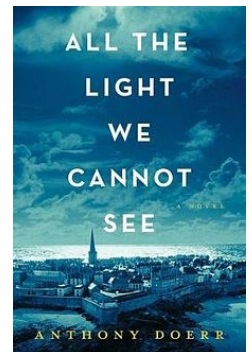
We are studying the chapter about "Experiencing Losses Related to Aging" and how we can help our care receivers. We also discussed our hopes and fears of getting older.

If anyone would like a care receiver, please call Jean Vaughn at 837-4406. Our next meeting will be September 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

FCC BOOK CLUB

Norma Kentner

On Thursday, September 6, at noon, FCC Book Club will resume, discussing All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr in the Fellowship Hall.



On Thursday, October 4, again at noon, we'll be discussing Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. Unbroken: Path to Redemption will be coming out in the movie theaters soon. This movie sequel focuses on Louis Zamperini's struggle after the war and finding peace in God. Perhaps we'll have to meet as a group to attend the movie! Norma still has copies of these books if you'd like to join our group, please do!!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

You are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:00 am! **Dean Hansen's Adult Class** has been meeting all summer long and will be continuing with study materials from The Present Word. **Tim Adam's Adult Class** will begin again on Sunday, September 2, at 9:00 am, discussing He Said...She Said...Biblical Stories from a Male and Female Perspective, by Knight and Outcalt. **Barb Houck, Carolee Sellers and Nancy Reed** will be returning to teach the K-1 class and **Norma Kentner** will be teaching the 3rd-5th grade class during the month of September. **Jan Rockwell** will teach the 3rd-5th grade class in October, **Margaret Taylor** in November and **Jack McKinnon** will teach in December. Both of the school-age classes use the wonderful Seasons of the Spirit materials. As you will note, we have a great roster of teachers lined up for Sunday School! We are still in the process of looking for a new **Youth Minister** for the 6th-12th grades.

***We are trying to build up our Sunday School program, please come and invite friends/neighbors to join us each Sunday morning at 9:00 am.**

Children's Choir will be held during the service with one of our music interns, Allie Hulen, leading the group. Allie did an outstanding job working with the choir last year and we feel very fortunate to have her returning.

Mark your calendars for a **Christian Education Safety/Informational Meeting** Saturday, September 29th at 9:00 am. All teachers and helpers are asked to attend the hour-long program. Donut holes and coffee will be available!

Please extend a welcome to our new **Nursery Workers**, Sarah Maier and Samantha Dawe. Already we are enjoying their cheerfulness and eagerness in working with our little ones!

Pastor Kelly will be working again with the **Youth Ministry (6th-12th)** on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm....there's talk of a kayaking trip! Anne Ingersoll will be working with **JYF (3rd-5th)** on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5 -6:30 pm.

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples Men will meet at The Old Dairy
September 1 at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at Chubby's
September 20 at 7:30 pm

TRUSTEES

Dean Rockwell

Trustees meeting is September 17 at 5:30 pm
followed by the Church Board meeting at 7:00
pm.

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

Though the A & O committee didn't meet over the summer, much was accomplished.

Loaves & Fishes, due to continued generosity of the community, has maintained an unusually high balance over the summer while serving a large number of families. They will celebrate their 25th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 7th 2:00 – 4:00 as an open house at the First Presbyterian. Public is invited. Contact Rod Burg more information.

Samaritan Well's John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run was successful in raising funds for Samaritan Well & St. Jude's.

Prayer Shawl group will resume meetings in September. See Roselyn Chown for details.

FCC has been a good neighbor to those in need. The Emergency Cupboard has been used respectfully by the community, with more items taken than ever over the summer. Shelf stockers are needed to maintain the supply. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the parlor kitchen. An instructional sheet is posted in the storage area and Tim Adams is completing a tutorial video. Items for the Cupboard have been generously provided during the first Sunday food collections taken by the youth. Popular things seem to be spaghetti sauce, meals-in-a-can, cracker & cheese packs, wash cloths & soap.

The Interfaith Alliance of Macomb is hosting the Macomb Come-Unity Event (2nd annual) on Tuesday, Sept. 18th 6:00-8:00 pm. Julie Hood's food truck is being added and family friendly activities again will be offered in addition to speakers, music & candle light vigil. Many leaders planning the event are from FCC. For questions or to help, see Patti Jones, Norma Kentner, Rod Burg, Kelly Ingersoll or Jan Rockwell. Rain location for the event is the 1st Presbyterian Church.

The July Soup N More dinner is becoming an FCC annual July event. Taco salads, watermelon, & desserts were served by almost 20 members of our church helping the committee. The Genesis Garden crew very much appreciated the help, as did the 160 who enjoyed the meal. Thank you to all!

Several FCC ladies donated their noon hours to help in the final days of the Youth Summer Lunch Program. Thank you for your generous time donation!

Out of Darkness, the 3rd annual Macomb/McDonough County community walk for suicide awareness, will be held Saturday, Oct. 6. More can be found on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/363601904129917/> or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's website: <http://www.macombwalk.org>

Friday, September 21st is International Day of Peace.

" This date marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: The Right to Peace, unanimously proclaimed by the United Nations. It sets aside a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences & to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. " To learn more you can go to (<https://internationaldayofpeace.org/>) or #standup4humanrights or #peaceday

YEAR OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

On Homecoming Sunday, we recognized four special teachers for their years of dedication and service to our Sunday School Program.



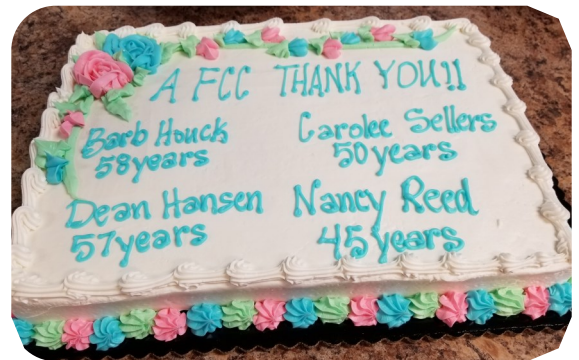
Barbara Houck - 58 years

Dean Hansen - 57 years

Carolee Sellers - 50 years

Nancy Reed - 45 years

Thank You for all you have done!



September

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 – Erin Fink
- 3 – Linda Ward
- 5 – Larry & Dorothy Loop (a)
- 9 – Leroy Brown
- 10 – Dorothy Loop
- 12 – Tim Adams, Daryl Vail
- 15 – Joan England
- 17 – Thomas Darensbourg
- 18 – David Greathouse
- 22 – Alan Andrews
- 24 – Pauline Dunn, Joyce Randall
- 25 – Carol Harmon
- 27 – Jake Anderson
- Rod & Nita Burg (a)

Interfaith Alliance of Macomb



~ presents ~

A Comm-UNITY Celebration

Tuesday, September 18
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Chandler Park

A family-friendly event to promote peace,
celebrate diversity & foster understanding

Music & Children's Activities
Fellowship & Speakers
Candlelight Closing

Food truck available on site

Meet Our New Nursery Staff



Sarah Maier - Nursery Supervisor

A little bit about me is that I was born and raised in Shorewood, Illinois; right next to Joliet. I have one brother named Alex, two dogs, my amazing parents, Tammy and Jeff, and my long time boyfriend of almost 3 years, Andy. I am majoring in Law Enforcement at Western and aim to be a detective one day. I love animals, children, arts and crafts as well as spending time with friends and family. Some interesting things about me too is that I have a wide collection of Crocs and I am also ambidextrous.

Samantha Dawe - Nursery Assistant

I am a student at Western Illinois University. I am hoping to use my degree towards technology and substitute teach students until I go toward my masters. I am originally from Oak Lawn Illinois; within time of going to WIU; Macomb has become my home for the last couple years.

I've worked with kids since I was a preteen helping my mother with her children's theater performances. I love the ability to help children and be a big child at the same time. I am loving this job and the church's community for welcoming me into this position!



NEW MEMBER AND CHILD DEDICATION

On August 5, 2018, Carl Bishop became a New Member here at FCC Macomb! On the same day Rev. Ingersoll performed a Child Blessing for Carl's children, Lydia and Maverick, as well as Carl's Parent Dedication.

It was a lovely service!

We are very excited to have this family as a part of our church.

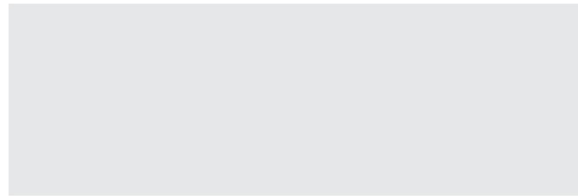
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For with
God nothing
shall be
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Luke 1:37

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MAY ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE AGE YOUTH (grades 6-12) and JYF (grades 3-5)

College Age

9 - 8:00 pm *Gathering*

16— 4:00 pm All-Church Cook-out at Chatterton's

Youth 6 - 12 Grade

2 - Holiday Weekend—No meeting

9 - 5:00 pm *Getting Back*

15 - 2:00-5:00 pm Kayaking at Spring Lake

16 - 4:00 pm All-Church Cook-out at Chatterton's

23—5:00 pm Service Project. Meet at church.

30—5:00 Natural Disasters and Faith

JYF 3 - 5 Grade

16—4:00 pm All-Church Cook-out at Chatterton's

23—5:00 pm JYF