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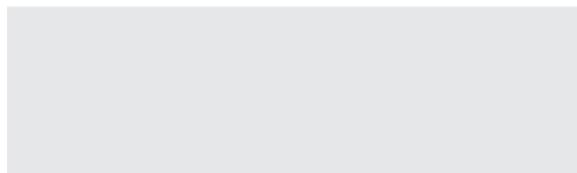


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF April 10

Worship Leader: Anne Ingersoll
Elders: Jean Vaughn (bread), Jeff Young (cup)
Diaconate: Rod Burg, Larry Ellis, Sherri Wagner,
Gail Randall, Phyllis Rogers, Jeanna Montgomery
Balcony: Aaron Meunier, Marissa Meunier, Anne Ingersoll
Preparatory: Judy Bland, Carolee Sellers, Barbara Houck
Front Door: Dave Kentner
East Door: Joan England
Balcony South: Norma Kentner
Elevator: John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent (s): Betty & Bob Sherwood
Children's Moment: Jonelle Schauble & Marissa Meunier
Children's Church: Jonelle Schauble & Jeanna Montgomery
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: Jonelle Schauble & Youth
Acolyte: Marissa Meunier
Hospital Caller: Jean Vaughn
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Office Staff: Leslie Trone

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Debra Abernathy,
Administrative Assistant
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister
 Hannah Goodman,
Nursery Supervisor
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mia Iliopoulos,
Childrens/Youth Choir Director
 Morgan Ochoa,
Nursery Assistant

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Church World Service's Blanket Sunday

Disciples Women is once again taking part in raising funds for Church World Service's Blanket Sunday on two Sundays, April 10th and April 17th.

Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the US hold CWS Blanket events raising funds for:

- * Blankets, tents food and other emergency supplies for disaster victims.
- * Tools and seeds for refuges returning home to replant their fields.
- * Wells for families living in drought areas to provide safe drinking water and crop irrigation.
- * Literacy training for women struggling to realize their potential.

To give you an idea of the scope of this project, in 2015, 300 blankets were given in the Bahamas, 210 blankets were donated in Mexico, and 1,200 blankets were distributed in Serbia. Across the states 3,600 blankets were donated to victims of disaster situations.

It seems like hardly a week goes by that we do not hear of some disaster worldwide. Please consider helping out with this worthy cause. Thank you!

Kelly's Korner

As I write this article, I am preparing to get away for vacation. Anne and I are traveling to Louisville to hang out with some very dear friends. As far as vacations go, this may seem a bit low key—no beaches or mountains or amusement parks. Just enriching conversation and connection with friends whom we have celebrated highs and journeyed to the depths.

By the time you read this, we will already be home, loving on the dogs and preparing to get back to normal life here in Macomb. Thanks to the Elders and Sue Adams for taking over my worship responsibilities. And thanks to all of you for the kind remarks signifying you understand the need for rest. I am lucky to serve such a thoughtful and warm congregation!

As we look ahead to worship these next few weeks, it is still the Easter season. The suggested lectionary stories in this season are often concerned with Jesus revealing himself to the disciples and other believers, his call to them to make disciples and live faithfully, and his ascension to heaven. For the next two weeks we will look at some of the stories of the resurrected but not yet ascended Jesus walking and talking with his followers. This two-week series is titled Jesus Sightings. We will beg the question *How do we still see Jesus today?* (Maybe we should ask if we still do.) Scripture and sermon titles are:

Sunday, April 10—Luke 24:13-21 *We Had Hoped*

Sunday, April 17—John 21:1-8 *Cast. Feed.*

Although I did not see you last Sunday, I hope I will this Sunday!

Peace,



Monday, April 11

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
6:00 pm Christian Education
6:30 pm Property

Tuesday, April 12

6:00 pm Ladies Night Out
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

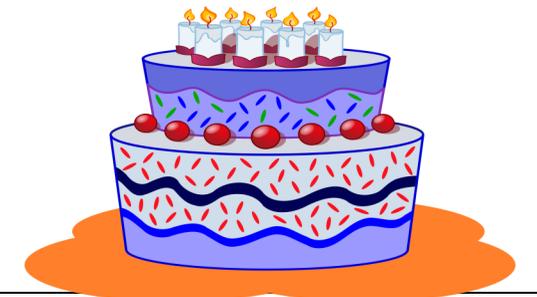
6:30 pm Financial Peace

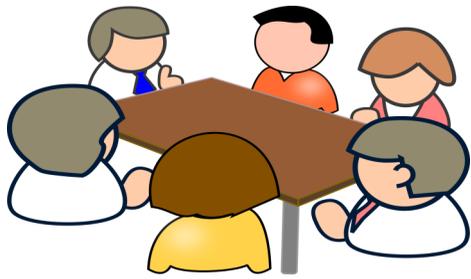
April Birthdays

12th Marissa Meunier
Jill Jones
13th Leslie Trone
16th Ann Lester
Jeff Jones
19th James Shank
Chris Dace
Sherri Wagner
20th Joshua Butcher
21st Jim West
26th Florence Washburn
27th Hanna Runner

April Anniversaries

15th Richard & Sue
Cangro
27th Phyllis & Sam Shields





Community Prayer Breakfast

A Community Prayer Breakfast is being organized to celebrate **World Day of Prayer in May**. Three communities of faith, **Christian, Jewish, Muslim**, will join to celebrate our unity and promote our understanding through prayer and conversation on **Thursday, May 5th at 8:00 am.**

The special event will be hosted by Mayor Inman, have President Thomas as speaker, and feature music by Kay & Don Norton. The prayer breakfast will be held at Spoon River College Outreach Center.

Patti Jones has reserved at table for FCC. Please call Debbie to reserve a seat at the table. 309-837-6473

Reservations must be made by May 1st.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$100 per table.

To reserve a table please call Norma Markert at 309-331-5224



**Stephen Ministry resumes
Monday, April 11, 6:00 pm**

**Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

**Prayer Shawl
Thursday, April 21, 1 pm**

**Third Thursday Men's Group
Thursday, April 21, 7:30 pm
@ El Rancherito**

**Spring Leadership Retreat
Tuesday, April 26
8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Martha Shemwell Group
Tuesday, April 26, 1:30 pm**

**Bertha Gilchrist Group
Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm**

**Itoko-Maeda Group
meets for dinner at Taco Bell
at 6 pm April 26 followed
by a meeting at 7:15 pm**



Ladies' Night Out

The Disciples Women will host Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend and are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. The program will feature John Harmon singing musical selections from Broadway shows. He will be accompanied by Carol Harmon on the piano. The entertainment will be held in the sanctuary following the meal.

The menu this year will include Parisian chicken breast, baked golden potato bar, spinach salad with whipping cream dressing, green beans with bacon and onion, jello salad for youth, yeast rolls, and chocolate or lemon lush. The cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 through 10. Children 2 and under may attend free of charge. The meal will be prepared by Disciples Women and served by the men from the church. Reservations can be made in the parlor before and after church on April 10 or by calling Donna Bainter at 836-8648. Reservations cannot be accepted after April 10.

Friendly Reminders

May is our month to stock the shelves for Loaves & Fishes at the Presbyterian Church. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the parlor kitchen. Thanks to everyone for your help!

The Western Illinois University Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a hymn festival, Sunday, April 10, 2016, 5 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Singing choirs from First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and Wesley United Methodist Church will be participating. The event is open to the public, free of charge. For additional information, please contact AGO Chapter Dean and WIU organ instructor, Linda Andrews, 309-833-3333 or 309-333-4605.

Christian Education has set May 1st as graduation Sunday. The graduates of 8th grade, high school and college will be honored during service and there will be a reception for them after church. These are the graduates we are aware of at this time, 8th grade--Brianna Cangro, High School--Maddie Dace, Natalie Workman and Halie Runner. College--Hannah Runner and Mia Iliopoulos. If there are others, please let Jack McKinnon know by April 15th.

Starting in late April, the newsletter will only be sent once a month. Therefore, in the last week of April, the May newsletter will arrive in your home. Debra is accepting newsletter items now so please get them to her as soon as possible.



While Ron and I were in Florida, we attended church every Sunday, however, I always looked forward to viewing First Christian Church Worship Service on Facebook. I want to thank the "Sound Team" for their efforts in making this possible. Attending worship service in another church just isn't the same as your church family. Again, thank you for what you do. Jean Vaughn

Spirit Sisters

Thanks to the ladies that joined me for our first meeting of Spirit Sisters! We had a great discussion about the adventures we have each been on, and how important adventure is in our lives. There was plenty of chips and salsa, and lots of laughs. Our next meeting is Monday, May 2, in Fellowship Hall. More details to come!

Wanted: Pictures of your parents to display in the window across from the office, for the month of May and June. Please put their names and yours on the back of the pictures. Leave them in the outer office in the basket on the desk. I will be collecting until the end of April and returning the end of June. Joyce Randall

Chancel Flowers: Do you want to provide flowers for the chancel? Please contact Nancy Reed or Karen Chatterton.