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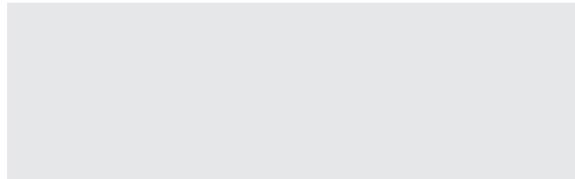


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF June 7

Worship Leader: Jack McKinnon

Elders: Janet Shank (bread); Jack McKinnon (cup)

Diaconate: Samantha Adams, Natalie Workman, Teresa Bennett
Betty Sherwood, Bob Sherwood, Gail Randall

Balcony: Rich Cangro, Sue Cangro, Elise Cangro

Preparatory: Joyce Randall, Phyllis Shields, Sam Shields

Greeters: **Front** Rod Burg

Central East Nita Burg

Balcony South Sherri Wagner

Elevator: Gail Randall

Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Rod & Nita Burg

Children's Moment: Tad Goldner

Children's Church:

Soundboard Tech: Tim Adams

Coffee Fellowship Time: Sam & Phyllis Shields

Acolyte: Jeanna Montgomery

Hospital Caller: Jack McKinnon

Financial Escort: Barbara Houck

Sunday Morning Office Staff: Patti Jones

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,
Custodian

**Congregational
Meeting**



Larry Loop, Chair of the Board, has called a congregational meeting on June 7, 2015, immediately following the worship service.

The agenda for the meeting will be to approve a proposal for renovations of the Fellowship Hall and funding for those renovations.

Please plan to stay for this important meeting.

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Kelly's Korner

This June, we will start a sermon series based on the book of Joshua. Maybe you are enough of a Biblical scholar to know that Joshua took over leadership of the Israelite people after Moses died. Maybe you remember the battle of Jericho—if nothing else, maybe you remember the song. One of our sermons will focus on Jericho. All of our sermons will focus on the faithfulness of the Israelite people.

As we approach this series, we should remind ourselves the Israelites have been wandering in the desert for 40 years. Moses has died, but Joshua has taken over with the purpose of helping God's people, once slave and now free, to claim the land God has promised them. The promise came first to Abraham and Sarah, then to Isaac and Rebekah, and then to Jacob and his family. Jacob received a new name—Israel. This is to be the name of the promised land. Jacob Israel had 12 sons. Each of the 12 tribes of Israel bear the names of these sons. As the people inherit the land, Jacob will situate them by tribes. The land will be divided 12 ways, for the most part. There is an exception, but let's not worry about that for now.

The book will start with the people crossing the Jordan River to enter into the first battle at Jericho. After many more battles (which may cause some uncomfortable feelings for those of us who see God as love and peace), the land will be divided. Jacob will give a speech to the whole of Israel. This speech is famous and calls for more faithfulness, not less. The battles may be won and the land may be theirs, but the promise of God continues.

My hope is that we can ask some good questions and find some deeper learning in Joshua. And, although we may not have all fought physical battles or gone to war, we know the struggles of life. We've seen the battles of friends and neighbors and even come to understand the battles of strangers via news and internet. As the Israelites remained faithful during their struggles, may we too remain faithful during ours.

By the way, the good news in all of this, God is always faithful. See you Sunday!

Peace,



Saturday, June 6

7:15 AM Disciples Men, Old Dairy
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Junk in the Trunk and Bake Sale,
Church Parking Lot

Sunday, June 7

Bill Butcher opens/closes church
John Carden drive(s) the van
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 NOON Congregational Meeting
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion
Elders: Eric Reed
Nancy Reed
Deacons: Rod & Nita Burg

Monday, June 8

6:30 PM Action & Outreach
7:00 PM Elders

Tuesday, June 9

5:30 PM Pastoral Support Comm

Saturday, June 13

4:30 PM JYF Kids and parents
leave church parking
lot for Chiefs baseball
game

Sunday, June 14

Dave Kentner opens/closes church
Jim Schauble drive(s) the van
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Dixie Canon
Roselyn Chown
- 7 Bonnie Becker
Dean Rockwell
Holly Runner,
Carolee Sellers
Dixie & Roger Rouse (a)

Sunday, June 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Crossing Over
Scripture: Joshua 3:14-17

Lectionary Readings:
I Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20
Psalm 138
II Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:
I Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 2
II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34



*But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will **soar** on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*
Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

As a whole, the 40th chapter of Isaiah has a message for the Church in this time and place. Comfort, preparation, call, challenge – all are contained in this single chapter. And there is also the promise of fresh strength to SOAR! Scholars tell us that this part of Isaiah was written as the children of Israel were returning after the Babylonian exile. They were returning to a place both familiar and new, longing for wholeness after fragmentation. They were celebrating the return to their homeland. But the land they left had changed and the uncertainty of the future was very real.

The comfort of the lasting love and support of God sustained them and sustains us in the present day. God

comforts, but we can't stop there. God also calls—giving strength for the work we have ahead to put joy in our welcome, love at our table, heart in our wholeness and feet to our movement.

Notable speakers will include William J. Barber, Pastor, Greenleaf Christian Church, Goldsboro, NC, Phil Bergey, Executive Coach at Design Partners International, Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ, Amy Butler, Senior Pastor, The Riverside Church, NYC and Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS

This promises to be an exciting General Assembly. Whether in worship or core lectures, the speakers scheduled to appear at the General Assembly in Columbus will indeed invite your thinking to SOAR.

The General Assembly is open to all church members who wish to attend, so think about going. Columbus, OH is within driving distance. See Rev. Ingersoll if you would be interested in attending.



Junk in the Trunk

We hope you have cleaned out your closets and basements and plan to participate in the **Junk in the Trunk** sale, Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in our west church parking lot. Fill your car/truck with sellable items, open your trunk and have fun!

If you like to bake, bring baked goods for the bake sale. Baked goods may be brought to the church between 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5 if you cannot attend on Saturday.

Invite your friends and relatives; it will be a great time to eat, sell, buy, and socialize.

The proceeds from this sale will help with the cost of remodeling our kitchen.

Contact Karen Chatterton or Joyce Randall for more information.



Thanks to everyone for all the cards, calls, and emails we have received during Gene's battle with leukemia. We appreciate your friendship and prayers for us. It has helped us more than you know.

Sue & Gene Cooper

Sermon Series

June 7	Joshua 3:14-17 Crossing Over
June 14	Joshua 6:15-21 Jericho, Achan, and Ai
June 21	Joshua 21:1, 14-17 As For Me...



Mission TRIP

On July 22 we will be taking the church van and going to Midwest Distribution Center (MDC) in Chatham, IL. MDC assembles all kinds of kits to be used in disasters stateside and abroad.

They are building an addition to their warehouse and could also use people who can swing hammers! We will take a tour of the buildings and see all the projects they work on; after the tour we will be assigned a job for the day, e.g., assembling kits or helping with the construction.

This will be a trip with no charge. Anyone over 11 years of age may go. We will leave the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m.

Please bring a sack lunch for your noon meal.

July 22, 2015
Chatham, IL

For more information:
Ellen Tingley
309.331.4853
by July 1



First Christian and First Presbyterian Churches are joining forces again to present an exciting and meaningful VBS experience for our youth this summer.

VBS 2015 SonSparks Lab starts Sunday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. and concludes on July 2. It will be held at First Presbyterian this year.

Each evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and the evening will conclude at 8:00 p.m. There will be a self-contained preschool/kindergarten class and three rotating age groups of grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 involved with crafts, small group Bible stories, games and some super music. The older youth will have activities off campus and there will be an adult class as well. The adult class will be led by Rev. Kelly Ingersoll.

We are seeking volunteers to run our labs and be guides and some enthusiastic scientists (children!).

Please contact Tad Goldner for information on ways to volunteer to help and/or to register your child/children for VBS. Keep watching this newsletter for more information!