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September Sermon Series
The Challenge of Job

09/06 - Job 1:1, 6-12
Challenge Accepted

09/13 - Job 2:11-13
Challenging Friends

09/20 - Job 32:1-5
One More Challenge

09/27 - Job 38:1-7
Challenging God

Worship @ 10:30 am



1 - Ken Coffman
1 - Erin Fink
2 - Paul (Fanbin) Zeng
5 - Dorothy & Larry Loop (a)
10 - Dorothy Loop
10 - Dan Meyer

12 - Tim Adams
18 - David Greathouse
22 - Alan Andrews
24 - Joyce Randall
27 - Jake Anderson

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September Sermon Series
Matthew Says

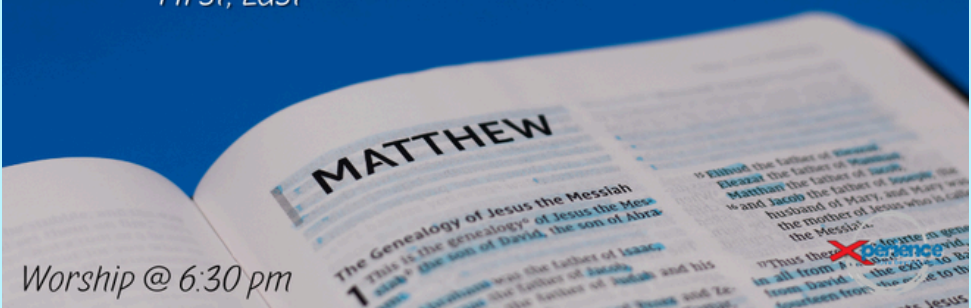
09/06 - Matthew 17:19-20
*Have Mustard Seed
Sized Faith*

09/13 - Matthew 18:21-22
Forgive. A Lot.

09/20 - Matthew 20:16
*Last, First.
First, Last*

09/27 - Matthew 21:23-27
Don't Question Jesus

Worship @ 6:30 pm



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And if peace is what we pray for and peace is what we give, then peace will be the way we are, and peace the way we live. Yes there still is the time to turn around, and make all hatred cease, and give another name to living, and we can call it peace. (Excerpt from The Peace Poem written by John Denver)

I recently used this poem at Xperience in a sermon on peace. It is so easy to feel overwhelmed by the violence and war of the world. Somehow, it has become easy for some to justify such violence, even though Jesus was clear that we who live by the sword also die by it. No matter, we cannot sit idly by and do nothing--especially if we are faithful.

I believe the easiest way to help bring peace (and joy and love) is to provide a random act of kindness for someone else. If all of us who are faithful committed to just one small daily act for another, we could bring about change in our small circles of the world. And that changes would be gentle peace. Try it. Tip your server extravagantly. Pay for someone's food or gas or coffee. Smile at the cashier. Wave someone through the stop sign. Talk with a new neighbor. Bake and give away some cookies or lasagna. If you need other ideas, seach on-line. This is doable. And it's faithful. Gentle. Peaceful.

When I got to my vehicle on that Sunday night after Xperience when I preached on peace, there was a duck on the door handle. With the word peace and a peace sign on it. A small, kind act. An amazing sign for this preacher!

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Peace friends,

Kelly



Environmental Stewardship

Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon

The Boreal Forest Down the Toilet

Have you ever heard of the Boreal Forest? The Boreal Forest is a vast forest making up nearly 27% of the earth's total forests. It circles the earth in the northern hemisphere with Russia having the largest acreage and Canada coming in second. They grow in areas that have long brutal winters. They consist of mainly Spruce trees, but deciduous trees thrive there as well.

Why should you worry about the Boreal Forest? Just like the Rain Forest, the Boreal Forest is disappearing. There are many reasons, but as you can imagine, at the top of the list is climate change and destruction by humankind. The loss of habitat for plants and animals is devastating and can lead to extinction for some species.

The Boreal Forest stores huge amounts of carbon in the trees and soil. As the trees disappear, the carbon in the atmosphere increases. This leads to a faster warming of the planet.

We often say, "But what can I do? I don't live anywhere near the Boreal Forest." If you use toilet paper, you are probably contributing to the destruction of the Boreal Forest. Take the popular brand, Charmin. The process of making Charmin uses only virgin wood fibers. That means no recycled materials are used. To make Charmin and many other cushy brands, new tree fiber must be harvested. Thus, huge amounts of Boreal Forests are being clearcut for our comfort.

There are other options. There is one right here in Macomb. The manager at HyVee has agreed to stock a toilet paper called "7th Generation." It's made from 100% recycled paper. The last report from HyVee was that it was selling briskly, and that they had just ordered five new cases. This is one very simple thing we can all do to slow down the destruction of the Boreal Forest. Please consider trying toilet paper made from recycled paper as an alternative to the name brands. We can make a difference if we make the effort.

Disciples Women

Char Carden, President

September: School has started and the students say 'UGH!' and the parents say 'Hallelujah!'. Well, maybe only 10% of each say that. You decide.

The Ice Cream Social was a great success. What a way to start the new season upon us. The light lunch was enjoyed by all...the delicious desserts were a hit. But the star of the Luncheon was the Homemade Ice cream which made everyone's day brighter!

Disciples Women want to thank all those who helped with making the desserts and the homemade ice cream. Thank you to those who helped clean up. Thank you to YOU, the congregation, for helping make the day the success it was.



A final thank you to Nancy Reed's family for letting us enjoy her birthday decorations at the luncheon.

Disciples Women would like to thank EVERYONE that helped with the bereavement dinner on Friday. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. It takes a team to make the meals we serve a success. Please keep Rod, Nanci, and their family in your prayers as they grieve for Nita.



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September Event Calendar

September 5th: Disciples Men - 8:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

September 6th: Emergency Cupboard Collection

September 7th: Labor Day - Office Closed

September 14th: Elder's Meeting - 6:00 pm

September 17th: Third Thursday Groups

- Meditation - 12:15 pm @ *Parlor*
- Men's Group - 6:00 pm @ *BWW*

September 22nd: Ladies Luncheon - 11:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

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September 26th: Park Golf Scramble - 9:30 am @ *Ball Fore*

Welcome Our New Nursery Attendant!

Please help us give a warm welcome to our new nursery attendnat, Re-Charian Courtland! Re-Charian Courtland is from Chicago, Illinois and is currently a senior at Western Illinois University pursuing a degree in Physical Education. She works as an Assistant Teacher at the YMCA Community Child Care Center, where she enjoys helping children learn, grow, and discover new skills through fun and engaging activities. As the second youngest of six siblings, Re-Charian has always valued the importance of family and creating a welcoming environment for others. She is excited to serve the children and the families of the church as a Nursery Attendant and looks forward to providing a safe, caring, and joyful space where every child feels loved and supported.

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Re-Charian Courtland



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Evangelism

Anne Ingersoll, Chair

I suppose by now many of you have heard of the term influencer. If not, it is essentially a term used to describe people who are primarily on social media promoting products and/or services that they recommend because they have experience with using them. They make money from sponsorships or get paid based on how many people buy the products they recommend.

Anyway, I've been thinking about how we, as Christians and members of FCC Macomb, could become influencers, not necessarily on social media (or maybe so). Kelly and I have been members of several churches over the years but our little slice of heaven at FCC sure does rank up at the top as one of the *most* loving congregations we've been involved with (not that it's a competition!). I just can't understand why more people aren't flooding our sanctuary each week because the love one feels when they enter our doors is special. I leave church each week with a more positive outlook on life and more joy in my heart because of the people I encounter. The message is inspiring too (no, Kelly didn't help me write this article! :)) but goodness, the LOVE we share between us and with those who visit is contagious! It's hard to leave church in a bad mood.

Now, back to my original thought on influencers. How is it that we can use that same LOVING *influence* we each experience every week to impact even more people outside our church walls and to invite them in? One of the meanings of influence according to Webster's Dictionary is "a source that guides you for better or worse." I believe each of us is a source of love. That love comes not only from God but also from each other. So, as the chair of our Evangelism Committee, I'm going to challenge each of us to become an influencer. You can decide if that's on social media or in other ways.

I think it can be done by living out our faith and the mission of our church –*To Receive and Share God's love.*

National Night Out!

National Night Out was a huge success and we had lots of fun! Thank you to everyone who helped, whether it be donating cookies, helping organize, or donating your time, we appreciate you so much!



Are You Ready for an Adventure?

You may not be aware that First Christian Church in Macomb is going to experience an "Adventure" in 2027. Kelly will be taking a well-earned 12-week sabbatical from May 24 - August 15, 2027. The theme of this sabbatical will be "Adventure". Your sabbatical team consists of myself, Dave Behymer, Chair, Kim Cunningham, Bob Donnell and Dean Rockwell. We have been meeting fairly regularly (along with Kelly) since late May or early June, getting details worked out about what will be happening during those 12 weeks. Our proposal has been presented to the Trustees, who received it on August 14th and then the same proposal went to the church board who also approved it unanimously on August 17th. I say that we will be all experiencing this "Adventure" together as a congregation because that is exactly what we are planning. You will be finding out more details as they are firmed up but just be aware that we are in for an exciting time next summer. Of course, we want Kelly to have the best possible experience, but the sabbatical team's goal is to make sure we ALL have a great, positive experience. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Park Golf Scramble

Help join us on Saturday, September 26th for our Park Golf Scramble to raise money for our Emergency Cupboard! Our Emergency Cupboard helps supply food and personal care items for those in the Macomb area. We now provide up to \$1,500.00 in food and supplies each month. The cost to participate is \$200 per four-person team and sponsorships are available starting at \$50. There will be lunch, prizes, & a 50/50 raffle! Please contact the church office or scan the QR code in the photo to register by September 18th! Thank you for your continued support in this amazing ministry to help local families struggling with food insecurity.

Park Golf Scramble

Lunch, prizes, & 50/50 raffle!

Saturday, September 26th
Ball Fore - Macomb

Check-In: 9:30 am
Tee-Off: 10:00 am

Help us raise money for our Emergency Cupboard!

Cost: \$200 per four-person team*
Pre-registration ends 9/18

Sponsorships Available
Starting at \$50.00

Scan QR Code to Register

Givelify QR Code

Food collection at event!

*Ways to Pay:
Check, Cash, or Givelify

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