



## Chalice Tidings

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***WHO: Andra Moran***

***WHAT: Coffee House***

***WHEN: Friday, August 11 8:00 pm***

***WHERE: First Christian Church (DOC) 120 N McArthur***

***Doors open at 7:30 pm***

***Free Event! For more information call 309-837-6473***

***Andra will also be performing during Sunday Worship at 10:30***

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# Kelly's Korner

Can you believe the summer has gone by so fast? It has been a good summer for us. August will be just as good. ( A quick shout out to our Christian Education Committee, led by Jonelle Schauble, Outreach Committee, led by Rod Burg and Evangelism Committee, led by Norma Kentner, for their wonderful work this summer!) As you read this newsletter you will see lots of upcoming opportunities. I'm very excited to welcome a good friend from Nashville for the Summer Fun Day/ Coffee House/worship service weekend. You will be blessed by the music of Andra Moran. Invite friends to come hear her. And invite friends to Homecoming Sunday on August 27 as well. These are the times when we have the opportunity to be radically hospitable hosts, sharing the love we have for each other and God with new friends. Invite away!

Each Sunday in August we will look at the very familiar story of Jonah. Surely you remember Jonah's story. Maybe you have children of a certain age that grew up watching the Veggie Tales version of Jonah. Jonah is urged and coerced to do some work for God that he does not want to do. He spends time in the belly of a big fish or whale. Funny how spending time in stinky places will convince us to do right things. Eventually, begrudgingly, Jonah did what God had asked. He is definitely not happy about it.

Do you know why Jonah is not happy? He knew God would show love and mercy and grace and forgiveness to the people of Nineveh. He preferred God to show anger and wrath. Jonah knew that the very nature of God is to forgive. Does it anger us that God loves those who are from different political parties? Are we frustrated that God's love is graciously extended to people from other countries? Is it impossible to believe that God might love Jews and Hindus and Buddhists and Muslims as well as Christians? How much of Jonah's story is our own? I'm looking forward to August and hope you are too! See you soon!

Peace,



## *August Sermon Series—Jonah's Story*

*6 —Jonah 1:7-10 — Lots*

*13 — Jonah 2:7-10 — Deliverance Belongs to God*

*20 — Jonah 3:1-4 — God Relents*

*27 — Homecoming Sunday — Jonah 4:3 — My Way*

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

*Jean Vaughn*



Exciting things are happening in Stephen Ministry. Three ladies from our congregation have committed themselves to the 50 hours of training to become Stephen Ministers. By the time you receive this Newsletter they will have completed four sessions for a total of 10 hours. Our plan is to be finished by the middle of November. On the back of our church bulletin you see that "We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation"; therefore, I would like to ask you to pray for each of our Stephen Minister trainees as they read, hear, learn and practice new skills. These ladies are Sue Adams, Judy Bland and Sue Cooper. You might add me to the list as I prepare and teach these trainees.

## **EVANGELISM**

*Norma Kentner*

We have our new supply of mugs and pens for visitor Goody Bags. If you see a visitor in church on Sunday morning, please encourage them to sign the Guest Register and have them include a phone number/email and address so that someone from the Evangelism Committee can drop off a Goody Bag with a mug, pen and something home-baked like bread or cookies.

Our FCC jackets and caps have been ordered and we are awaiting their arrival. Thank you to the Evangelism Committee, Bill Butcher, for his assistance in ordering the jackets/caps, Bill Froom, for his continued expertise with the FCC logo on the jackets and caps, and Pastor Kelly and Anne for their advice and proofing.

## ***FCC Book Club***

The FCC Book Club met July 6<sup>th</sup> to view the DVD of our latest book, The Shack. We enjoyed watching the movie on the large screen in the Youth Room with a brief discussion following the movie. Thanks, Kelly, for running the movie. Our new book, America's First Daughter, will be discussed at our next meeting, which will be Thursday, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> at NOON in the Fellowship Hall. Our group is about 15 members strong, and we always welcome new members. The following book will be Night by Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust story, which will be discussed on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. In November, Macomb local historian Ray Krey will be our guest speaker. Ray will share materials from his unit on the book, Night, and he is a very enjoyable speaker as well. There will be available copies of the book, Night, if you are wishing to join the group.

## ***Prayer Shawl***

We are continuing to meet throughout the summer. Three new baby blankets and about a dozen baby caps will be brought to the OB Department at MDH. Please let Norma know if a family member, friend, or member of the community is in need of a prayer shawl or even a baby blanket or baby cap.

**COMMUNITY ACTION AND OUTREACH**

*Jan Rockwell for Rod Burg, Chair*

The Samaritan Well Men's Shelter is holding an open house Thursday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30 – 5:00. The house is owned by FCC and located just west of the church on W. Jackson Street. Stop by and see the renovations recently made with the proceeds from the Blue Dress Gala. Meet Director Jennifer Diggs and some of the board members. Nita Burg and Jan Rockwell represent FCC on the board.

Reminder: Soup N More dinner is hosted by FCC this month on July 30. We had a great team working it last year – see Rod or Nita Burg to learn how you can be a part.

Genesis Garden's Summer Lunch Program is hosted by FCC August 7 - 11. Leslie Trone is still accepting help.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*Jonelle Schauble*

Here we are again, about to embark on another month. Christian Education will be hosting the last Summer Fun Day event for the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are doing a "Splash Down" at Macomb Country Club on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Andra Moran will be providing the special music. Andra will be here the entire weekend blessing us with her music. She will be performing on Sunday during worship as well.

August 13th is Rally Sunday. We will rally all our children and youth as they prepare to head back to school. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary as we promote our kindergarteners out of the nursery and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students into high school. They are growing up so fast.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in some way for our Summer Fun Days 2017. We hope you have enjoyed the activities this summer. We had a very good turnout this year for all 3 movies. Hope everyone had a great summer. Watch the newsletter for fall and winter activities.

**THANK YOU NOTE:**

Thank you to those of you who came to my surprise celebration at the American Legion for my 50 year membership with General Macomb Chapter of DAR. Thank you too, for the beautiful cards and emails which are in a beautiful scrapbook that Regent Sarah Curtis made for me. It was such a happy day and you all helped make it a special day to remember! Mary Stipanowich

The family of Kathryn Weghorst appreciated the wonderful memorial celebration given by Rev. Ingersoll and the lovely planter we received in her memory from the church.

## **DISCIPLES WOMEN**

*Karen Chatterton*

The Disciples Women hosted the Church Pot luck and pie auction, July 16. One hundred people attended, bringing all kinds of good food; everyone enjoyed eating and fellowship. Twelve pies were sold by auctioneer Ron Runner, with Bob Chatterton and Don Hodges helping. The pies were of all flavors selling for \$1,640.00. Thanks to you wonderful bakers for bringing them.

The Homecoming Ice Cream Social will be held immediately after Church August 27 with the Schauble Family serving a potato bar lunch as an expression of thanks to the Church Members for their acts of kindness during Jeanna's illness. Members will be contacted about bringing ice cream and desserts.

REMEMBER: IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT, HE WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT!!

## **FCC LIBRARY**

New additions: Copies of books read by our FCC Book Club can be located in the FCC Library. Several of the books, The Shack, The Education of Little Tree and The Orphan Train have accompanying DVDs which are good viewing.

Thanks to Jack McKinnon for a 6 DVD Special Edition DISCOVER ISLAM series. Discover Islam has partnered with several church denominations nationwide, of which Disciples of Christ was a part of. The cover notes: "Over 1.75 billion people across the globe are Muslim. Yet few people outside the faith truly understand their beliefs, practices, and values. There is great misinformation about issues ranging from Jihad to Women's Rights. These films aim to remedy this situation." The DVD set can be found on the library checkout table. Please sign out this set on the yellow checkout pad.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

August 27th is Homecoming Sunday which will include the annual ice cream social and potato bar. Homecoming Sunday is a day to invite your family members, former FCC members (those we haven't seen in a while), neighbors, and friends. We will celebrate with special music and share God's love with all those who enter our doors! In addition to a great worship celebration, we will also be taking family photos to be entered into our church database in hopes of creating an electronic directory. (It's been over 5 years since our last directory!) Wear your Sunday best and rally your family members for Homecoming Sunday! Photos will be taken in the Parlor starting at 9 am and will continue after worship until 12:15.

## **SPARKS WEDDING**

Matthew Sparks and Tiffany Males have extended an invitation to the entire church family for their wedding on Saturday, August 26th at 11 am. A reception will follow at Chubby's on the Square for which they are requesting RSVPs as soon as possible. Please call or text Matthew at 309-252-0817 if you plan to attend the reception.

## Andra Moran



Andra Moran lives in Nashville, Tennessee where she works as a songwriter, singer, author, worship designer and freelance touring musician.

The daughter of two insightful, progressive ministers in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Andra quite literally spent her formative years in sanctuaries and fellowship halls, singing in the children's choir, napping on pews, and later leading music in her youth groups. Her father worked as an Army Chaplain, which took the Moran family all over the world. She grew up making friends from all sorts of backgrounds, seeing people at their best and their worst, and discovering a broad definition of home.

Andra works actively in ecumenical settings, as well as in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ, providing music at the local, regional and national levels for a variety of gatherings. In addition to her work in concerts and commissioned music, Andra is sought after as a consultant in worship design, modern liturgical music and leadership in churches and denominational conferences across the country.

Andra's music expresses both a deep faith and a mature sense of self. Andra has released six albums in America, the most recent of which is crowd-funded Instarock Records release, *Harmony Grove*. In addition to her English language recordings, Andra's bilingual album *Chant Spontané* was released by the Reform Church of France in 2010. Andra's songs have also been published in contemporary song and hymnal collections and are sung in churches, summer camps and dorm rooms around the world.

In 2012, Andra added "author" to her resume, writing for *One Great Hour of Sharing's* leader devotional guide. Andra authored "K-Tunez Praise," in 2013, a children's collection of devotionals written for Capitol Records / Brentwood Benson. Andra's book, *Brim: Creative Overflow in Worship Design*, co-authored with Rev. Dr. Suzanne Castle, was released in 2013, and is the recipient of the Editor's Choice Award by Worship Leader Magazine, and a top selling worship design resource at national worship gatherings. A *Brim* sequel is in the works and scheduled for a spring 2018 release.

Currently, Andra serves Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville as the part time Creative Director at The Bridge alongside her husband, musician Stephen Daniel King. The couple has a one year old daughter, Calla, named for the lilies in Andra's wedding bouquet. She loves to sing.

**For more information on Andra's music and ministry, please visit [www.andramoran.com](http://www.andramoran.com).**

### **Need a little chuckle? The Coin Toss**

When Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide whether I was going to church or going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

## DISCIPLES MEN

*Dean Hansen*

Disciples men will meet at The Old Dairy  
August 5, at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at  
Chubby's Thursday, August 17, at 7:30 pm.

## TRUSTEES

*Donna Bainter*

Trustees will meet Monday,  
August 21 at 5:30 pm.

Church Board will meet Monday,  
August 21 at 7:00 pm.



## *Meetings*

- 5 8:00 am Disciples Men at The Old Dairy
- 7 7:00 pm Spirit Sisters  
7:00 pm Christian Education
- 8 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- 11 8:00 pm Coffee House with Andra Moran
- 12 2:00 - 4:00 pm Splash Down Country Club
- 14 1:00 pm SM Training  
5:00 pm Property  
6:00 pm Outreach and Action
- 15 5:00 pm Pastoral Support
- 17 7:30 pm Third Thursday Men's Group @  
Chubby's
- 21 5:30 pm Trustees  
7:00 pm Church Board
- 27 Homecoming Sunday, Ice Cream Social
- 28 5:00 pm Evangelism  
7:00 pm Elders
- 29 9:30 Disciples Clergy

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 7 Patricia Ward
- 11 Jan Rockwell
- 15 Nancy Reed
- 17 Phyllis Shields, Judy Bland
- 18 Betty Aten
- 22 Randi Regan  
Jack McKinnon
- 23 Dean and Jan Rockwell's anniversary
- 24 Marcia Higgins
- 28 Elizabeth Burton



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First Thursday of the month: FCC Book Club will meet at 12.00 pm.  
Please come join us **September 7<sup>th</sup>** for a morning of fun.

First Saturday of the month: Disciples Men meet at The Old Dairy at  
8:00 am. Please join us **August 5<sup>th</sup>** for a morning of fun fellowship.

First Monday of the month: Spirit Sisters, which is one of our church  
social groups, will meet at 7:00 pm. We meet at Diamond Dave's for  
refreshments and chips, and you are welcome to eat dinner there as  
well. We chat about a given topic in a safe environment, share our  
experiences, and learn a bit more about each other. You are always  
welcome to bring a friend! Come join us **August 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Second Tuesday of the month: Prayer Shawl will meet at 1:00 pm.  
Come join us **August 8<sup>th</sup>** for a lovely social hour.

Third Thursday of the month: Men's Group will meet at Chubby's at  
7:30 pm. Come join us **August 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Fourth Tuesday (fifth Tuesday in August) of the month: Disciples  
Clergy will meet at 9:30 am. Come join us **August 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Fourth Tuesday of the month: Martha Shemwell group meeting will  
meet at 11:30 pm, Itoko Maeda dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by  
a meeting at 7:15 pm. Come join us **September 26<sup>th</sup>**.