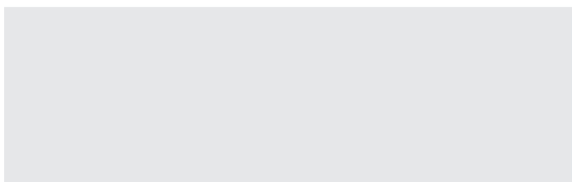




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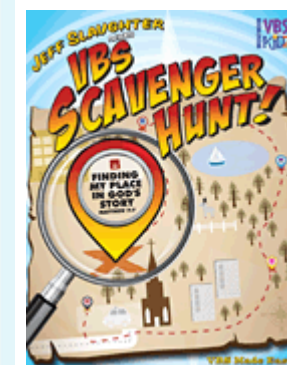
June 5, 2014

### SERVING THIS WEEK OF June 8

**Worship Leader:** Jack McKinnon  
**Elders:** Char Carden (bread), Grant Reed (cup)  
**Diaconate:** Nita Burg, Rod Burg, Larry Ellis  
Joan Hansen, Halie Runner, Hanna Runner  
**Balcony:** Nancy Reed, Anne Ingersoll, Jeanna Montgomery  
**Preparatory:** Judy Graves, Holly Runner, Ellen Tingley  
**Greeters:** **Front** Dave & Norma Kentner  
**Central East** Joan England  
**Balcony South** Linda Dace  
**Elevator** John Carden  
**Sanctuary Superintendent(s):** Bob & Betty Sherwood  
**Children's Moment:**  
**Children's Church:** Alex Adams  
**Soundboard Tech:** Chris Dace  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Jonelle Schauble  
**Hospital Caller:** Jean Moore  
**Financial Escort:** Karen Chatterton  
**Sunday Morning Office Staff:** Jonelle Schauble

Kelly Ingersoll,  
Minister  
  
Bill Froom,  
Chancel Choir Director  
  
Carol Harmon,  
Organist  
  
Annetta Holt,  
Administrative Assistant  
  
Paul Huff,  
Custodian  
  
Mariah Chapdelaine,  
Youth/Children's Choir Director  
  
Brandi Collins,  
Nursery Supervisor  
  
Sydney Speziale,  
Nursery Assistant

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 28 - AUGUST 1 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Planning for VBS 2014 is underway. This year, VBS will run Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1.

The theme for the week is *Finding My Place in God's Story*.

In order to be successful, we need everyone's help. Workers and prayers are needed.

Some needs we already know about are shoe boxes and old maps. The shoe boxes will be used for our 2014 VBS mission to support Operation Christmas Child of Samaritan's Purse. The old maps will be used for decorating. The maps will not be returned, so please look for maps you do not need.

Please be in prayer for VBS, and if you feel led in any way to help, please contact Jack McKinnon.

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# Kelly's Korner

Pentecost is upon us. This is the time when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Maybe you remember the happenings of the first Pentecost celebration. From the time that Israel had been dissolved, the Israelites had been dispersed to all ends of the earth, forming what has been known as the diaspora. Those who lived outside of the holy city of Jerusalem would return on occasion for festivals and holy experiences. The writer of Acts (probably the same writer as the gospel of Luke) tell us in Chapter 2 that "...there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem." Folks had returned to Jerusalem, but after generations of living away, had learned the language of the country in which they had been living.

On the day of Pentecost odd events such as divided flames of tongues rested on each person gathered and a sound like the rush of a violent wind occurred. People were filled with the Holy Spirit and they were able to understand each other in their native languages. Luke says they were sharing stories of God's deeds. Some people observing all this thought the people were drunk. But Peter stood and preached and shared that this was not the case, but God was working in these people to bring about such understanding.

In the 1980's, Leonard Cohen wrote a pop rock song called "Hallelujah." According to Wikipedia Cohen wrote 80 verses to the song before paring it down for recording. The song has been covered by many artists and recognized as one of the greatest songs ever written. I recently saw a Youtube video where three German young people on a singing competition performed Cohen's creation. It was stunning. The song is simple, beautiful and haunting.

Some of the lyrics are biblical recalling David and Samson. Other lyrics are religious in nature, speaking directly to God. One lyric states: *There was a time when you let me know what's really going on below. But now you never show it to me, do you? And remember when I moved in you The holy dove was moving too And every breath we drew was Hallelujah.* These lyrics sum up God for a lot of people. Some may only focus on the fact that God seems distant or non-existent. Others may recognize that along with separation from God, there have been moments of closeness as well.

Cohen reminds us that Hallelujah may take many wonderful and even broken forms. The original Pentecost was a Hallelujah moment. The fact that many people in our day and time feel no connection to God means we need more Pentecost-like and Hallelujah moments. Happy birthday church! Now, get busy.

Peace,



## Sunday, June 8

Dave Kentner opens/closes church  
drive(s) the van

- 8:30 AM Prayer Group
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship

## Monday, June 9

- 5:30 PM Christian Action & Outreach
- 6:00 PM Stephen Ministers
- 6:00 PM Christian Education
- 6:30 PM Membership

## Tuesday, June 10

- 5:30 PM Pastoral Support Group
- 7:00 PM DW General Meeting  
Installation of 2014-15 Officers

## Sunday, June 15

Eric Reed opens/closes church  
drive(s) the van

- 8:00 AM Prayer Group
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Grand Prairie  
Elders: Jan Rockwell  
Deacons: Jeanna Montgomery  
Samantha Adams
- 4:00 PM Everly House  
Elders: Jan Rockwell  
Deacons: Jeanna Montgomery  
Samantha Adams

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 7 Bonnie Becker  
Dean Rockwell  
Holly Runner  
Carolee Sellers,  
Dixie & Roger Rouse (a)
- 12 Joan Hansen  
Patti Jones

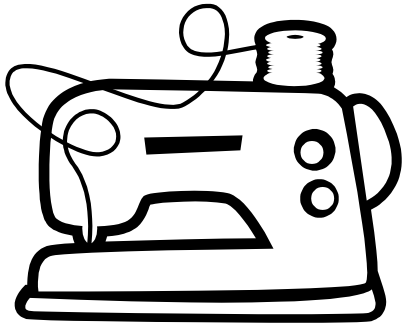
## Sunday, June 8 Pentecost

**Sermon: God's Deeds**  
**Scripture: Acts 2:1-21**

**Lectionary Readings:**  
Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
I Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23  
John 7:37-39

## Sunday, June 15 Trinity Snday

**Lectionary Readings:**  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
II Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20



On June 9, 10:00 a.m., there will be an organizational meeting of our new Sewing Guild.

One project we will be working on will be quilt tops for missionaries in Hungary. They will finish the quilts and give them to women and children that have been rescued from human trafficking.

Please come join us for this project, as well as others. If you have a light weight sewing machine, please bring it if possible. If you just want to be a part of this group, come and we will find a job for you.

See you on the 9th at 10:00 a.m.!

Ellen Tingley

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still room for more volunteers for the Heritage Days booth.

We are also in need of walkers to walk along our wagon/tractor unit which will be carrying our veterans from the congregation.

All are welcome to participate! Sign up in the parlor!

Also, we will be taking orders for t-shirts. Cost should be between \$10 - \$15.

If you would like to order one to wear at the booth or just around town, see an Evangelism Committee member in the Parlor this Sunday!



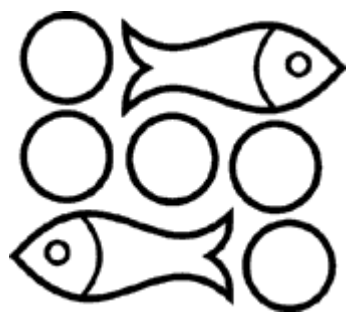
Every church was new once; every church had a beginning when congregational leaders planted the church and held the first service. The beginning date for First Christian Church, Macomb, was 1845. (None of us remember being there!) This year's Pentecost Offering is themed **Your Church Was New Once** and invites us to reflect and celebrate the beginning of our existence in Macomb.

Pentecost gifts support the development and growth of new churches. 50% of the offering given is available for new church ministries in the IL-WI Region and 50% supports the General Assembly's New Church Priority that is housed in the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation. Therefore, you can be sure that 100% directly supports the operating expenses of new congregations and the training of new church pastors, mentors and coaches.

50,000 lives have been brought to Christ through Disciples new churches since 2001. New mission fields are being created and communities are being transformed by new Disciples churches through the United States and Canada. Some of our new church plants worship in languages other than English. At last report, Disciples churches worship in at least 19 different languages.

Think about what the community of Macomb, IL would be like without First Christian Church (DOC) sitting on the corner of Jackson and McArthur all these years. Please pray about giving to the Pentecost Offering to provide opportunities for others to worship as Disciples in their communities.

We will continue to accept this offering on Sunday, June 8.



## PANTRY VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry currently has several volunteers coming multiple times a month to help fill gaps in schedules.

New volunteers are always welcome. A training and refresher session for volunteers has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the library/pantry area of First Presbyterian Church. Anyone wanting to volunteer and cannot attend that date may call Sally Roberts (837 9234), Susan Lawhorn (837 3515) or Janna Hawthorn (837 1586) to discuss options.

Food pantry hours are 1:15-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 1:15-3:00 p.m. on Friday.



A General Meeting of all women of FCC will meet at 7:00 p.m. on June 10 for the installation of officers for 2014-15. The Bertha Gilchrist and Itoko Maeda groups will serve as hostesses.

Even if you do not attend a small group of DW, please feel free to join us at the general meeting.

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



It's time to think about hosting the Coffee Fellowship time each Sunday.

A sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Parlor to host a Sunday during July, August or September.

The church furnishes coffee and punch. The host/hostess needs to make coffee, pour punch, furnish a small treat (home made or purchased) and clean up the kitchen after the fellowship is over.

Please consider taking a turn during the next three months. If all of us helped, no one would have to host more than one time!

This is an opportunity to meet and greet each other, catch up and welcome those who are new to our services.

## VBS (cont'd)...

We are forming teams this year instead of having individual leaders for the preschool class, music and drama class, Bible study and small group activities class, crafts and creativity class, and games. If you would become a member of one of the teams, you would not have the total responsibility. It will be a team effort. Please consider helping in an area of interest to you.

This year we will be serving all five meals, so we will need lots of help in the kitchen. Jonelle Schauble is organizing the kitchen team. Will Wetzel is planning youth activities for the week, and plans are for an adult class to be offered.

Look for sign-up opportunities in the Parlor beginning this Sunday! Please make a commitment to help this year with Vacation Bible School. You won't be sorry!

