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SERVING THIS WEEK OF July 26

Worship Leader: Tim Adams
Elders: Jack McKinnon (bread); Janet Shank (cup)
Diaconate: Jill Jones, Roselyn Chown, Joan England
 Jonelle Schauble, Jeff Young, Esther Young
Balcony: Josh Butcher, Collin Reed, Shannon Reed
Preparatory: Donna Bainter, Charolette Hughes, Cindy Moon
Greeters: **Front** LouAnn Herriman
Central East Karen Chatterton
Balcony South Jeanna Montgomery
Elevator: Bob Sherwood
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Gail & Joyce Randall
Children's Moment: Sherri Wagner
Children's Church: Jeanna Montgomery
Soundboard Tech: Eric Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time: Myrna Osborn
Acolyte: Samantha Adams
Hospital Caller: Patti Jones
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Dorothy Loop

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister
 Hannah Goodman,
Nursery Supervisor
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant
 Paul Huff,
Custodian

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Cameron, IL

On Sunday, July 26, our Deacons will be receiving a second offering designated for Week of Compassion to be used for relief efforts in Cameron, IL.

Last week, the small village north of Macomb, had a tornado and much property and homes were damaged or destroyed.

Please read the article on page 2 regarding the assistance of First Christian Church this week to help our sister church serve food to relief workers and families who cannot use their kitchens.

Please be mindful that we are to be neighbors to those in need and be generous to the Week of Compassion offering on Sunday.

Kelly's Korner

Attending General Assembly has been pretty great. It's like a family reunion for our denomination. There are lots of friends to catch up with, remember old times and share lots of laughter. At this reunion there is also worship and communion and great music. We are having great conversations, sometimes unnerving, about the future of our family, our church. Some business items are also being discussed, because we always have some business to attend to at assembly.

Some of the unnerving conversations I have had this week center around the future of the church. With declining numbers, finances and attendance, is it just a matter of time before the church dies? Will churches need to own their own buildings to do ministry in the world? Is the church dying? Will she resurrect and take a new form?

In the midst of such conversations are also celebrations of joy. Ministry and witness and mission are happening throughout the whole of our church. Lives are being impacted. God is being made known. This happens through the institutional church, seminaries and colleges, and maybe most markedly, through the work of local churches. People of all ages and skin tones speaking different languages are giving their lives to the work of God in this world.

Fortunately, we have been experiencing some really good moments in the life of our own local church. First Christian Church of Macomb has much to celebrate. For our celebrations to continue we must ask ourselves some questions. Questions like...*How can our building serve God's purposes? What can we do beyond our building to help others know love and compassion and kindness? How open are we to God's leading in difficult times?*

As we considered renovating our building, we also considered some heart renovations. As the building renovations are nearing completion (for now), may our heart renovations continue. Asking ourselves questions like those above may help.

Peace,



Sunday, July 26

Bill Butcher opens/closes church
John Carden drives the van
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship

Saturday, August 1

7:15 AM DM @ Old Dairy

Sunday, August 2

Dave Kentner opens/closes church
Larry Ellis drive(s) the van
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion
Elders: Patti Jones
Jan Rockwell
Deacons: Jeff & Esther Young

Birthdays & Anniversaries

26 Betty Sherwood
28 Nancy & Jim Lane (a)

August

5 Gail Randall
Kathy Rouse

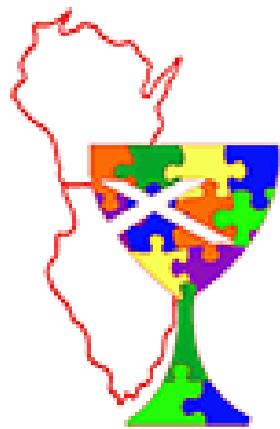
Sunday, July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Tuning
Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Lectionary Readings:
II Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Sunday, August 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:
II Samuel 11:26-12:13
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35



NEW DAY 2016

New Day 2016 is an offering of the Regional church to help our congregation create an atmosphere open to God's transforming power. Together we pray, we listen to God, we take risks, we experiment with new ideas, we let go, and we focus on ministry opportunities outside and inside the congregation.

We are getting ready in 2015! We are gathering partners and talking about transformation as a spiritual experience.

One of the ways to start: Plan to attend **A Day to Play and Pray with Imagination**, being held on Saturday, August 22, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Crestview Christian Church in Decatur, IL.

God gives us the gift of imagination, a future we can barely see, a place God is calling us to go. Churches that are

transforming are willing to play and pray with imagination and ask, "What if?"

What if we turned our attention to the community and shared God's abundant love?

What if money wasn't an issue, what would we do?

What if there were no barriers and sky's the limit, where would God want us to go?

August 22 will be a day of playing and praying with imagination.

We will learn more about New Day 2016, a way of churches working together in transformation.

Please think about joining others of the IL-WI region on August 22 in Decatur and let Rev. Ingersoll know of your interest in attending this exciting beginning for New Day 2016 by **August 10**.



Kelly sent contact information Monday after learning the needs at Cameron from Rev. Dulyea-Parker. The FCC Christian Action and Outreach Committee contacted the Cameron Christian Church, the headquarters for the disaster relief effort. There was a need for "walking" desserts for those on the clean-up crews and families being helped. By 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, around 300 cookies, brownies, and other home-baked items were delivered to the Christian Church kitchen. A big thank you to the women who dropped everything to help: Roselyn Chown, Holly Runner, Jonelle Schauble, Joan Hansen, Pat Ward, Jean Vaughn, Erin Fink and Jan Rockwell.

The town was quite devastated with random hits from total destruction to areas quite untouched. The downtown grain elevators were crushed like aluminum foil. The church had a relatively small loss of

some roof damage and their huge shade tree uprooted.

The pastor's wife has a well-organized crew that operates the kitchen from 7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. A volunteer station tent, located in front of the church, takes needs requests for the community and sends out the helpers. Our small offer of food was graciously received. We may be contacted when more needs are assessed.

If you are interested in ways to help, please see Jan Rockwell. Thanks to Pastor Kelly for encouraging our church's outreach to get involved.

Our national church Week of Compassion office is sending aid to Cameron. Here we see our giving at work!



JWF is sponsoring a family movie night on August 2 in our church parking lot.

The brand new movie *Home* will be shown starting at 8:00 p.m.

Admission is free so invite friends to come watch with you.



ATTN: Prayer Shawl

and

Sewing Guild Members

It's time to get this year started! We will meet on August 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please bring a sack lunch.

We will discuss projects for the winter and update our Prayer Shawl list. If you have been working on shawls, please bring them and we will have them blessed.

If anyone who has not been a part of either group would like to join or find out what we do, please join us on August 18. All are invited to help with any of our projects.



The recycle container is in the parking lot and will allow us to recycle at church. We will be recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum cans (no aluminum foil). This will actually save us a little money each month and will allow us to care for our earth more responsibly.

There will be a designated trash can in Fellowship Hall kitchen soon labeled specifically for recyclable items.

We ask that cans and plastic containers be washed before placing them in the receptacle.

We will appreciate your using our new recycle container as you discard items at church.



If you have been enjoying the flowers in the front of the church every Sunday morning and would like to donate towards their purchase, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the parlor bulletin board.

Each bouquet lasts for two Sundays.

Please consider helping with this addition to the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship.

The cost of each bouquet is \$15.00.