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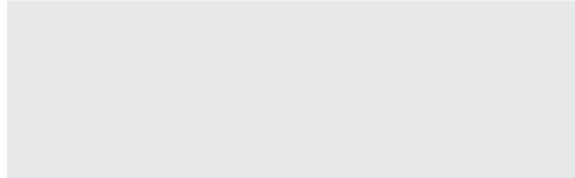


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF June 14

Worship Leader: Sharon Butcher
Elders: Myrna Osborn (bread); Jan Rockwell (cup)
Diaconate: Roselyn Chown, Gail Randall, Larry Ellis
 Sherri Wagner, Norma Kentner, Phyllis Rogers
Balcony: Bill Butcher, Anne Ingersoll, Jeanna Montgomery
Preparatory: Judy Graves, Carolee Sellers, Ellen Tingley
Greeters: **Front** Joan England
Central East Judy Graves
Balcony South Dave & Norma Kentner
Elevator: John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Bob & Betty Sherwood
Children's Moment: Shannon Reed
Children's Church:
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: Jonelle Schauble
Acolyte: Jeanna Montgomery
Hospital Caller: Nancy Reed
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Leslie Trone

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,
Custodian

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Third Thursdays

Who: ALL MEN
When: All third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. starting June 18
Where: Chubby's @ 320 W Adams St
What: A time for men to come together, have a favorite beverage and share in laughter, friendship and discussion (feel free to invite others!)
Why: Why not? Trying something new in a relaxed atmosphere in the hope of connecting with God in a unique way

Kelly's Korner

*Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho...
And the walls came a tumblin' down!*

If you use Youtube, you can see video of Mahalia Jackson singing these words on The Nat King Cole Show recorded in 1957. It's an amazing video. Ms. Jackson has a voice that is truly unrivaled. And she loved singing gospel music. Her voice is so powerful on this particular song, you can almost feel the walls tumble down. There is also one of Elvis singing this song, but it is only an audio recording with a picture of a young Elvis on the screen. It may be only an audio recording, but, come on, it's Elvis right?

As an introduction to Joshua, I would use these two videos with my classes in Kansas City where I taught Bible to sophomores at Cristo Rey Kansas City High School. Very few of the students would know who these great singers were. It seemed good to me to deepen their knowledge of good musicians. It seemed good to me to affirm the culture of some students while widening the cultural horizons of other students.

As we continue our study in Joshua this week, we may be affirming part of our religious culture. We may question it also. As instructed by God, Joshua instructs the people about what is acceptable and what is not acceptable when it comes to doing battle with the citizens of Jericho. A man named Achan will disobey. The next battle will be affected by Achan's disobedience. Some harsh consequences, first for the Israelites and secondly for Achan, will result.

For many who read the stories we will discuss on Sunday, God will seem harsh. God will seem power hungry. God will seem to be different than the God we claim to follow and worship. I wonder how you will feel after hearing these stories. I can tell you a little of what some young people thought and felt. It's not all good. How do we reconcile the stories of our past to the realities of our present? Probably a good question for all of us to ponder. See You Sunday!

Peace,



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

Sunday, June 21

Eric Reed opens/closes church
Eric Reed drive(s) the van
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
2:00 PM Grand Prairie
4:00 PM Everly House
Elders: Jan Rockwell
Deacons: Jeanna Montgomery
Margaret Taylor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12 Joan Hansen
Patti Jones
14 Ron Vaughn
Collin Reed
15 Bob Blansett
Sam Shields

Sunday, June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Jericho, Achan, and Ai
Scripture: Joshua 6:15-21

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

Sunday, June 21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:
I Samuel 17:1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
II Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41



*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.



John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run

It was great having members of our church support last year's John Bliven Memorial Walk/Run. Now is the time to register for this year's event.

Registration forms will be in the church parlor this week. Deadline for registering is June 14 to be assured of getting a t-shirt.

The event is the main fund raiser for the Samaritan Well shelters. A portion of the funds will also be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The date for the Walk/Run is June 27.

Sermon Series

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| 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:
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by July 1



First Christian and First Presbyterian Churches are joining forces 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. VBS needs the following items: white long sleeved men's shirts (any size), cookies, fruit rollups, used CDs and ping pong balls. If you can donate any of these items, please give them to Tad Goldner. Keep watching this newsletter for more information!