



The MESSENGER

➤ Silver & Gold

During worship this Sunday, June 25, we will celebrate with our 25th and 50th+ anniversary couples. Added to the group this year are:



Jess & Linda Gates August 20, 1967 – 50th
Tom & Cindy Rousey December 9, 1967 – 50th
David & Darcy Drexler Anderson August 22, 1992 – 25th

➤ Gifts for Another Table

Let's all pitch in and give non-perishable food items for Center for Hope food pantry. Please bring them with you to church during the month of June. Suggestions are: boxed rice dinners, pasta & sauce, potato dinners & sauce, Hamburger Helper, instant mashed potatoes, and canned vegetables & fruit.

➤ Summer Bible Study



Brown Bag Bible Bunch is reading through the short Letters of Paul this summer beginning with the books of Ephesians and Philippians. Come join us on Wednesdays at noon in the Conference Room. Jim Warren leads the study. (We will not meet July 5, 12, 26; and August 2.)

➤ Block Party



Saturday, August 12
9:00-12:00
Church Parking Lot

Our recent "noisy change" fundraiser raised \$968.21.

➤ Disciples Women's Ministries News

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 6, at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room by the elevator. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to join us. For the past couple of years we have been studying Women of the Bible. The July program is entitled "Who am I?" and will be given by Mary Helen Haskell. The DWM year runs from September through August. We will be discussing different ideas for our monthly study, as well as ministry projects we might consider for the next year. Please come and help us make plans for the 2017-18 year. Volunteers are needed to fill several areas: Programs, Projects, Hospitality, and Communications. The group can only grow with the support of its ladies. Won't you prayerfully consider lending your time and talents to this group?
- Marcia Christensen

Faith, Fellowship, & Flip Flops

Sunday, July 23, 11:30 a.m.
Major Hall, First Christian Church
Chicken Salad sandwiches/chips
provided. Please bring a side dish
to share.
Bingo (with prizes!!)
Volleyball
Children's Games



Witness of the Faithful

Attendance: 6/11: 145, 28 6/18: 151, 43
Offering: \$15,034.01

Prayer Concerns

Advocate BroMenn: David Bradbury, Becky White
Treatment: Dave Eyman, Sharon Warren
Aftercare: Mickey Armstrong, Sabrina Campos, Lori Craig, Doug DeFilippo, Dave Dungan, Mary Helen Haskell, Martha Hunter, Forrest Kaufman, Connie Lindenbaum, Connie Rapp, Mary Smart, Marilyn Thompson
Hospice: Darlene Bethel, Virginia Warren
Assisted Living: Alma Samuels (Taylors' home)
Nursing Homes: Dave Eyman, Merle Murray, Virginia Warren (Heritage, Blm.); Sonna West (Heritage, El Paso); Harold Goyen (Heritage, Normal); Corena Meyer (Liberty, Clinton); Dave Dungan, Marlyn Mahannah, Lois Murray, Barbara Thatcher (Martin Health); Eugene Hunter (McLean Co.); Roberta Blomgren (Sugar Creek)
Military: Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA); Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)
Sympathy to: Erma Satorius and family on the June 15 death of her husband, Richard Satorius, of Lilydale, MN

A long obedience in the same direction...



How Do I Pray for Them?

Last Sunday I began our summer sermon series: *You Asked for It - Again*. Like last summer, I've asked for your questions and am addressing them in my sermons through the summer. Sunday's sermon, *How Do I Pray for Them?*, came from the question, "How can I sincerely pray for people who are mean and cruel?"

I answered the question by exploring what Jesus said in Matthew 5:43-48, focusing on his words, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." I also cited the example of Jesus praying on the cross for those who had orchestrated his execution and for those who were carrying it out: "Father, forgive them."

I shared with you some of the prayers I say when I'm praying for those who want to harm me, even destroy me. I've had a request for those prayers, so here they are:

For terrorists: *Touch the hearts of those who are terrorists, that they will be transformed into people who love peace.*

For others whose lives are filled with violence: *Lead those who would use violence to harm others into the paths of peace.*

For those whose hearts are darkened by sin: *Bring healing to NAME'S soul, that s/he may learn to live with love, peace, and compassion.*

And for myself: *Show me my wrong in this relationship and give me the courage to seek forgiveness.*

How do you love the unlovable and pray for those who hate you?

How do you follow Jesus' words and actions: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you?

-- Jim Warren

➤ *Box Tops for Education*



Please continue to collect Box Tops and leave them in the Disciples Women's Ministries mailbox at church. May Jackson will take them to Bent School in September.



➤ "Start Fresh" Ministry

Thank you for answering God's call to partner with other congregations as The Body of Christ serving people in need. In three months, you have helped share God's love by providing clothing to 26 men leaving Lincoln Correctional Center. Each man receives one gently used casual outfit. A prayer card and note of encouragement are also included. The response has been very appreciative and positive! Please continue to pray for the ministry and the men affected, that they may know God's love. Together, as The Body of Christ, we will strive to live out His Word,

Matthew 25:36: *"For I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me."*

The clothing pantry is housed in the basement of Second Presbyterian Church. Work continues to collect, sort, and replenish the clothing each Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please join us if you can.

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Silver and Gold Reception 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 2:00 PM Christian Motorcycle Association	26 10:30 AM Bridge 5:00 PM PPR 5:45 PM Bridge	27 9:30 AM Staff 5:00 PM NA	28 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 5:30 PM Elder Orientation 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	29 5:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	30	1
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Serving Sunday, June 25

Acolyte: Ethan Rocke
Child Care: Trish Logan, Corin Chapman
Deacons: 9:00 Scott & Valerie Fisher
10:15 James & Libby Nussbaum
Jr. Deacons: Mason Janvrin, Austin Metz
Driver: Frank Lipscomb
Elders: Jill West, Kathie Chapman
Homebound Elders: Sharon Warren, Matt Chapman
Fellowship Hosts: Silver & Gold Reception
Fill Candles: Marla McElroy
Greeters: Darrell & Teri Arvik, Matt & Naomi Kosier
Information Center Host: Sharron Wright
Recycle: Marty Sallee
Scripture: Art Taylor
Sound Tech: James Nussbaum
Time for Children: Patty Thompson
Video Tech: Chip Jamerson
Pulpit: Holly Irvin - Romans 15:1-7 - "A Welcome Place"

Mailed: June 21, 2017

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM
One and All Worship 10:15 AM
Sunday School for Adults 10:15 AM

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Serving Sunday, July 2

Acolyte: George Davis
Child Care: Trish Logan, Kathie Chapman
Deacons: 9:00 Vicki Hall, Brian Metz
10:15 Peg Larson, Liberty Nussbaum
Jr. Deacons: Seth Newton, Gabe Warren
Driver: Ryan Newton
Elders: Patti & Chip Jamerson
Homebound Elders: Kathie Chapman, Naomi Kosier
Fellowship Host: Beverly Leight
Fill Candles: Ryan Newton
Greeters: Ron & Nancy Gramley, Jim & Carolyn Hepperly
Information Center Host: Pam Yerkes
Scripture: Nate Damery
Sound Tech: Dave Phillis
Time for Children: Linda Lehmann
Video Tech: James Nussbaum
Pulpit: Jim Warren - Ephesians 4:1-6
"You Asked for It Again: How Did There Get to Be So Many of Us?"
(Oriental Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestants)