



The MESSENGER

➤ *Bake Sale at the Farmers' Market*

This is a fundraiser for our Block Party. Please bring baked goods to FCC this Friday, May 12, between 7:15 AM – 12:45 PM. If you cannot come during the set times, items may still be dropped off until 6:00 PM.

➤ *Gifts for Another Table*

During the month of May, our gifts of non-perishable food items will be given to Ministry & More food pantry. They do a great job helping those in their neighborhood. Suggestions are: canned fruits & vegetables, boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, macaroni & cheese), canned soup, crackers, cookies, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, and instant mashed potatoes.

➤ *Start Fresh Clothing Ministry*

Also during May we are collecting donations of new socks (size 10-13) and used/new belts, pants, jeans, and dress shirts for men being released from Lincoln Correctional Center.

➤ *????? You Asked for It – Again*

By the end of May you are invited to submit to Jim Warren a question or topic you would like to see addressed in a sermon this summer.

➤ *Brown Bag Bible Bunch*

All are invited to come study the book of Revelation Wednesdays at noon in the Conference Center. Jim Warren leads the group.

➤ *Work Day at Camp Walter Scott*

May 13. Call 1-217-739-2332 to volunteer.

➤ *Youth Symphony Spring Concert*

Sunday, May 14, 7:00 PM, IWU Presser Hall, Westbrook Auditorium. Deanne Bryant, Conductor

➤ *Wednesday Supper Club*

May 17, 5:30 PM, Café Italia

Please make a reservation on a Sunday attendance pad or phone FCC office by 4:30 PM on Monday, May 15.



➤ *Grief Journey Support Group*

Our last meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 5:00-6:30 PM, in the Conference Center.

➤ *Tee It Up! For the GFPD in Honor of Max Chapman*

Pre-event reception & silent auction May 18, 6:30 -9PM, ISU Alumni Center. \$20/person. Register: www.teeitup4gfpd.com. Music by Dan Hubbard.

➤ *Help us Celebrate Mothers and Those Receiving Degrees!*



Please send pictures (hard copy or via email) by May 17 for use on the screen as we celebrate graduates on May 21. This Sunday, May 14, we will celebrate Mother's Day and see the pictures received of our mothers.

➤ *Mission Trip Food*

Look near the Information Center for a poster with post-it notes of many pantry items the congregation could donate to help offset our Mission Trip's food budget.



Mission Trip May 27-June 1

**To Union Avenue
Christian Church,
Urban Mission Inn,
St. Louis, MO**

**For youth entering 6th Grade – 12th Grade,
College, and Adults.**

**Cost is \$125 -- includes Six Flags,
Cardinals Game, Zoo, and City Museum.**

**For more information, see:
www.union-avenue.org/urban-mission-inn**

Sign up by May 15 with \$125.

Witness of the Faithful

Attendance: 4/30: 149, 34 5/7: 144, 42

Offering: \$26,847.36

Prayer Concerns

Advocate BroMenn: Marlyn Mahannah

University of IN: Dave Eyman

Aftercare: Mickey Armstrong, Dawn Craig, Lori Craig, Mary Helen Haskell, Forrest Kaufman, Pat Meyer, Connie Rapp, Mary Smart

Awaiting Tests/Surgery: Richard Malone

Hospice: Darlene Bethel, Virginia Warren

Treatment: Dave Eyman, Sharon Warren

Assisted Living: Alma Samuels (Taylors' home)

Nursing Homes: Judy Feezor (Aperion); Richard Anderson, Merle Murray, Virginia Warren (Heritage, Blm.); Sonna West (Heritage, El Paso); Harold Goyen (Heritage, Normal); Corena Meyer (Liberty, Clinton); Dave Dungan, 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: ... John Trefzger family on the April 27 death of his brother, Thomas Trefzger, Sr., in Peoria
... Susan Cleaver family on the death of her cousin in Texas

... Jen (Darrel) Petri family on the death of her cousin in Texas

Thank You

Posted on the bulletin board at the Information Center are cards from Mary Helen Haskell and Dorothy Sallee (health).

➤ *Disciples Women's Ministries News*



The Spring Tea, held May 4, was enjoyed by over 30 ladies—and Jim. A huge thank you to the committee: Mary Helen Haskell, Kim Rott, and Pam Yerkes, and our hostesses, Nancy Guither, Kim Rott, and Tamara Shields. Delicious refreshments were provided by members. The center pieces (made by Kim) were door prizes, so eight lucky ladies left with a pretty planter. The Baby Fold, Boys and Girls Club, and Children's Home and Aid (formerly Lucy Morgan Home) all had representatives who told us about their programs. Much is being done to help the children of our community, but the need is far greater than they are able to fill. It was inspiring to listen to all that is being done for our youth and plans for more programs as funds allow.

The Disciples Women's Ministries group welcomes all who are interested in study, fellowship, and ways to serve their Lord in our

church. They meet the first Thursday of each month. Next month's meeting is June 1 at 1:00 PM in the Conference Center near the elevator. Currently we continue to study *Women of the Bible* – and June's program will be on *Leah*, presented by Gail Corbett. Won't you come and join us. We will also be discussing plans for next year's programs, among other things. Reservations are NOT necessary—just come and enjoy our fellowship.

➤ *Diversity of our Region at the GA*

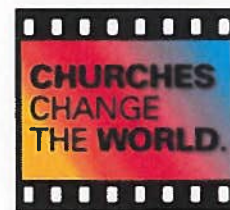
The CCIW region is looking for 6 young adults between 20-30 who represent the diversity of our region and would like to attend the General Assembly in Indy. The region will pay your registration (as voters) & hotel. The requirement: meet together ahead of time; attend the GA; come back and help promote Young Adult Ministry in your congregation and in the region. Contact Teresa at Teresa@cciwdisciples.org if you would like to go or have someone to recommend.

➤ *Planting Churches*

"Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves," says Terrell L. McTyer, minister of New Church Strategies and church planter. "By empowering the oppressed, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor and promoting hope in a fragmented world, the church can literally help change the world," he adds.

Churches Change the World ... Start More! is the theme for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 2017 Pentecost Offering, which will be celebrated Sundays, June 4 and June 11. To date, 980 Disciples churches have started in the United States and Canada, sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision in 2000. According to McTyer our original goal was to start 1,000 new congregations by 2020, but we can't stop there. "We must continue our journey by setting our heights higher, planting even more churches, and equipping more courageous leaders," he says.

Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to the local Christian Disciples Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training, and coaching of new church leaders at events like the Leadership Academy.



2017 Pentecost Offering

A long obedience in the same direction...

One of the issues currently facing our church is what to do with the 1931 wing, and I am devoting this *Messenger* column to exploring this with you. The 1931 wing houses the Fellowship Hall, Founders' Room, kitchen, two offices, classrooms on the ground and second floors, and boiler room.

Farnsworth Group conducted an engineering study in 2015 of the 1931 wing and found that about \$650,000 worth of repairs and modifications need to be made to that part of our building. (All of the costs mentioned here are probable costs and are not based on actual construction estimates.)

What are the major findings of the study?

- The largest item in the study is replacing the slate roof, which has reached the end of its life. The study gave this a probable cost of \$350,000.
- The second largest item is \$135,000 for the installation of an elevator to make the third floor accessible. The study considers this optional; we would not be required to install an elevator.
- Exterior repairs of \$22,700 include woodwork, window wells, drainage, and brickwork.
- Interior repairs and modifications of \$165,500 are for signage, water infiltration, and accessibility issues.
- Updating the electrical system is \$57,000.

The total for all of the repairs and modifications is \$595,200. A 10% contingency of \$59,520 brings that to \$654,720. If the optional elevator is added, the total becomes \$789,720.

What questions do we need to answer?

- How well does the 1931 wing meet our current and future needs?
- First Christian Church has seen a decline in membership in recent years similar to other mainline churches. What does this mean for our church if this trend continues?
- American churches like ours are facing substantial demographic, cultural, and generational changes, which play a major role in our declining membership. Will we be able to transform ourselves to meet those changes?

What have we done so far?

- Renaissance Roofing did a roof inspection in August 2013 that indicated the 1931 roof needed to be replaced. We did some roof repair at that time to give the roof a few more years.
- The trustees sponsored the 2015 engineering study of the 1931 wing.
- Jim Michel from the Disciples' Church Extension came for a consultation in April 2017. Mr. Michel works with churches that are planning to remodel or expand.
- I encouraged all of us to be in prayer for our church during Lent 2017. The question was, "What is God's plan for our church?"

What do we need to do now?

- Gather more information
 - Mr. Michel gave us a *Building Planning Workbook* to help us determine our current and future needs. Ryan Newton, our board president, will put together a group to complete the workbook.

- o Begin exploring actual costs for some of the needed work. For example, look at possible roofing materials and get estimates.

- Begin a process of discernment. Ryan Newton will gather a group of church leaders to identify and wrestle with the larger concerns involved. They will then expand this process to include the congregation.
- Remind ourselves often of the evangelism and stewardship priorities identified by Focus Forward in 2014. What can we do to make those priorities a central part of our church's life?

I believe we need to decide what to do with the 1931 wing based on what God is directing us to do. We're making a decision not just for us today, but for the generations who will come after us in this place. We just celebrated our 180th anniversary; what will our church be when we come to our 200th anniversary? Please keep praying and asking, "What is God's plan for our church?"
 -- Jim Warren



➤ *Youth Cook-Out & Volleyball*
 Sunday, May 21, 5:00-6:30 PM

➤ *Wear Red for Pentecost*

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, you are invited to wear the color red to church as we remember "... a sound like the rush of a violent wind ... Divided tongues, as of fire ... rested on each of them ... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit ... (Acts 2:2-4).



➤ *Noisy Change*

Please bring coins with you to church on June 11 for a Block Party fundraiser.

➤ *Seeing your Dentist?*

Bring some dental floss for our Aug. 12 Block Party

➤ *Service Opportunities*

Please call Linda Merrill (828-7356) at Home Sweet Home Ministries if you would like to help with a "family picnic" on July 1 or as a Fresh Market Errand Drive on 1st & 3rd Sundays.

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Youth Groups WILL NOT meet	15 10:30 AM Bridge 5:45 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre	16 9:00 AM Building Use 9:30 AM Staff 5:00 PM NA 5:15 PM Choristers 6:15 PM Music/Movement 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre	17 12:00 PM Bible Bunch @ Cafe' Italia 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre Rehearsal	18 5:00 PM Community Grief Group 5:30 PM Private Voice Lessons 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre	19 6:00 PM New Route Rehearsal	20 1:00 PM Seeding Workshop 6:30 PM New Route Rehearsal
21 Honoring Graduates 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM Piano Recital 5:00 PM Youth Group Cook Out 6:00 PM New Route Rehearsal	22 10:30 AM Bridge 5:00 PM New Route Rehearsal 5:45 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre	23 9:00 AM Building Use 9:30 AM Staff 3:00 PM New Route Rehearsal 5:00 PM NA 5:15 PM Choristers 6:15 PM Music/Movement 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre	24 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	25 10:00 AM CCIW Lessons 7:00 PM Illinois Theatre	26	27 Mission Trip thru June 1 6:30 PM New Route Rehearsal
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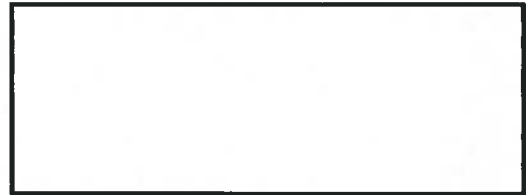


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Serving Sunday, May 14

Acolytes: Bekah Warren, Gabriel Warren
Child Care: Trish Logan, Naomi Kosier
Deacons: 9:00 John & Kathy Dailey
10:15 Ted Logan, Doug Reed
Jr. Deacons: Seth Newton, Austin Metz
Driver: Ryan Newton
Elders: Karen & Rich Crusius
Homebound Elders: Don & Marianne Dungan
Fellowship Hosts: Robyn Loftin, Holly Rocke
Fill Candles: Connie Rapp
Greeters: Cindy Rousey, Pete Whitmer
Information Center Host: May Jackson
Scripture: Bob Trefzger
Sound Tech: Brian Metz
Time for Children: Scott Fisher
Video Tech: Todd Chapman
Worship & Wonder Greeters: Ryan Newton, Naomi Kosier
Pulpit: Jim Warren – Psalm 23 – *The Good Shepherd*
This famous Psalm helps us understand better who God is, and who we are for one another.

Mailed: May 10, 2017

Serving Sunday, May 21

Acolyte: Charlie Campos
Child Care: Trish Logan, Stephanie Reed
Deacons: 9:00 Nancy Guither, Vicki Hall
10:15 James & Libby Nussbaum
Jr. Deacons: Bryce Reed, Brennan Reed
Driver: Gary Thompson
Elders: Chip Jamerson, Darrell Arvik
Homebound Elders: Karen & Rich Crusius
Fellowship Time: Honoring Graduates
Fill Candles: Connie Rapp
Greeters: Art & Camille Taylor; Bill, Susan, and Tom Chaney
Information Center Host: Nancy Pool
Scripture: Holly Rocke
Sound Techs: Austin Metz, Brian Metz
Time for Children: Tamara Shields
Video Tech: Austin Metz
Pulpit: Jim Warren – I Peter 2:2-10 – *Building with Living Stones*
This passage calls us living stones who are being built into a spiritual house. What are we building together?

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM
One and All Worship 10:15 AM
Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM
Youth Groups..... 5:00 PM

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