



The MESSENGER

➤ *Congregational Meeting* –

Sunday, April 29, 10:00 AM, in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing Board Officers & Ministry Stewards.



➤ *Gifts for Another Table* – This is the last week to help The Boys & Girls Club! Let's each bring an item from the following list to church on Sunday: tall white kitchen garbage bags, 55 gallon garbage bags, toilet paper, latex gloves, band aids, ziplock bags (sandwich, quart, gallon), and quality ice cube trays. Next month our gifts will be given to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

➤ *Youth Group* – We will be doing group building & leadership skills activities April 29 and May 6. Wear comfortable clothing, tennis shoes, and bring a jacket. Registration for the FCC Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis will begin soon ... the dates are July 22-28.

➤ *Brown Bag Bible Bunch* – You are welcome to come read through James, Peter, John, and Jude on Wednesdays at noon in the Conference Room. Jim Warren leads the study.

➤ *Disciples Women's Ministries* –



Don't forget to sign up by April 29 for the Spring Event on May 5 at 9:30 AM. It will include brunch and a program by The Tea Ladies on "Treasure Thy Friends." We hope to see you there! (We will not have our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 3.)



VBS – Vacation Bible

School is Sunday, June 3 – Thursday, June 7 at First Christian. Please plan to help lead!

➤ *Camp* – Summer camp registration is happening now! Don't miss it. Schedules are available on the youth board, and you may register online at cciwdisciples.org.

➤ *BAKE SALE IS COMING*



WANTED ALL FCC BAKERS
BEGINNERS TO EXPERTS
Bring your goodies to FCC
FRIDAY, MAY 11

FROM COOKIES TO CAKES
TO PIES AND BROWNIES
AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

Sign-up & Guidelines
at the Information Center

➤ *Pictures* – Sunday, May 13, we will not only be honoring our mothers, but also honoring our children and our future. In addition to submitting pictures of mothers to be used in worship, please submit pictures of the children in your life (daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc.) to be used in the Centrum that morning to share with our church family. Pictures can be sent to the church office electronically or delivered by hand to be scanned. The deadline to submit pictures is May 6.

Witness of the Faithful

Attendance -- 4/15/18: 158, 33 4/22/18: 142, 33
Offering -- \$14,738.25

Prayer Concerns

OSF St. Joseph: Betty Beer, Daniel Sperry
Aftercare: Peggy O'Neal, Sid Smart
Hospice: Harold Goyen, Marilyn Thompson, Virginia Warren
Assisted Living: Mickey Armstrong (Luther Oaks),
Alma Samuels (Taylors' home) **Treatment:** Sharon Warren
Nursing Homes: **Blm. Rehab** – Marilyn Thompson
Heritage, Blm. – Merle Murray, Virginia Warren
Heritage, El Paso – Sonna West
Heritage, Nrm. – Harold Goyen
Liberty, Clinton – Corena Meyer
Martin Health – Myrna Cable, Dave Dungan,
Marlyn Mahannah, Lois Murray, Barbara Thatcher
Military: Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA);
Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)
Other: Luke Pool (Fire Academy Blm. Fire Dept., Glenview, IL)
Sympathy to: ... Lois (Gene) Murray family on the April 8
death of her brother, Ralph Glenn ... family and friends of
Ruth Tudor on her death April 12 ... Cyndy (Charles) McBride
family on the April 13 death of her father, Tommy Dobson, of
NM ... Jim (Faith) Russell family on the April 20 death of his
stepmother, June Russell

Thank You

... Posted on the Centrum bulletin board is a note received
from: Mickey Drexler (Easter lily).

... We served 73 meals at Abundant Life on Sunday, April
22. Thanks to Doug & Dianne DeFilippo, Ron Gramley, and
Mike Robinson for helping serve; and Holly Irvin for donating
food. You can join us next month for a great experience. We
serve the 3rd Sunday. Menu will be spaghetti, salad, garlic
bread, fruit salad, and dessert. -- Julie Robinson

Appalachian Mission Trip

The Mission Trip to Appalachia is coming up quickly --
June 24-29. The King's Carpenters relies on our faith and
mission to care for the "least of His" to operate. So far
there are 6-7 people going on the trip to Paintsville, KY,
to help the very poorest in the United States. The cost
of the trip is \$325 per person. We have had several
donations and a good fundraiser. However, we are
asking you to prayerfully consider sponsoring our trip.
We will have gas and travel expenses. We are also
trying to help our participants with the cost of the trip.



If you can help and be a part of this
trip by donating, it would be so
greatly appreciated. Please pray
about how you can help.

-- Mike and Julie Robinson, KC, NFP



Next Steps on Our Path of Discernment April 8th Recap

The third installment of our discernment gatherings was held on Sunday, April 8. 63 people met in Fellowship Hall to share lunch and learn more about our walk together. We spent some time looking back at what was covered at the first two sessions, learned about interim plans for the care of our building, and considered some ideas on where our path may be leading us.

Alan Chapman provided information about the remaining mortgage balance from the most recent Capital Campaign. He made an appeal for contributions to assist in retiring this debt. Funds raised in excess of the mortgage balance will be used for "pay-as-we-go" priority maintenance on the Sanctuary portion of our building.






The remainder of our time together focused on what is needed to move forward. Jim Warren reviewed questions that were raised during the November 12 gathering, reminded us of previous plans we had devised but not executed, and introduced the idea of looking for professional assistance to work with us as we move forward. Time for questions and comments followed.

In addition to eating, listening, and sharing, we sang together! Lyrics from the song, *I am the Church* reminded us that:

- "the church is more than a building"
- "we are many kinds of people... from all times and places"
- "the church is always learning"
- "all who follow Jesus...we are the church together."

The gathering concluded with prayer asking for God's guidance and for us to be open to His voice.

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 5:00 PM Youth Group	30 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM CCIW 5:45 PM Bridge 5:45 PM Voice Lesson	1 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA 6:30 PM VBS Meeting	2 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 3:00 PM Seedling 6:00 PM Choir Social 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	3 3:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	4 1:00 PM DWM decorating 7:00 PM Square Dance	5 9:30 AM DWM Brunch 1:00 PM Seedling Showcase
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20  Graduation Recognition 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 5:00 PM Youth Group - Cook Out/Last Youth Group	21 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM CCIW 5:45 PM Bridge 5:45 PM Voice Lesson	22 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA	23 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	24 10:00 AM CCIW 3:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	25 Wedding Rehearsal	26 Wedding
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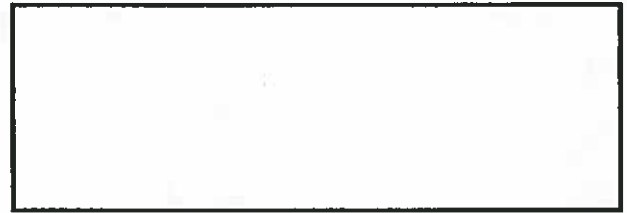
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Return Service Requested



Serving Sunday, April 29

Acolytes: --

Child Care: Trish Logan, Kim Cox

Deacons: 9:00 Kenny & Penny Bland 10:15 Pat & Jenny Lawler

Jr. Deacons: Teagan Gramley, Sabrina Campos

Drivers: Gary Thompson, Ralph Lehmann

Elders: Art & Camille Taylor

Homebound Elders: Art & Camille Taylor

Fellowship Host: Rita Fisher

Fill Candles: Ryan Newton

Greeters: Matt & Naomi Kosier, Darrell & Teri Arvik

Information Center: Nancy Trefzger **Recycle:** John & Debbie Schultz

Scripture: Kathy Smalley **Time for Children:** Patty Thompson

Sound Tech: James Nussbaum **Video Tech:** Todd Chapman

Worship & Wonder Greeter: Heather Damery

Pulpit: Jim Warren – II Corinthians 4:5-7 "Overflowing: Honoring the Body of Christ." Being a good steward of the gospel of Jesus Christ means, in part, sharing it. As we share the gospel, God's grace overflows into the lives of others.

Mailed: April 25, 2018

Serving Sunday, May 6

Acolytes: --

Child Care: Trish Logan, Heather Damery

Deacons: 9:00 Dan & Amy Naughton 10:15 James & Libby Nussbaum

Jr. Deacons: Tyler Chapman, Bryce Reed

Drivers: Frank Lipscomb, Rich Crusius

Elders: John Hensley, Susan Cleaver

Homebound Elders: Al & Beverly Leight

Fellowship Host: Nancy Guither

Fill Candles: Kathie Chapman

Greeters: Jim & Carolyn Hepperly, Ron & Nancy Gramley

Information Center: Pete Whitmer

Scripture: Susan Cleaver **Time for Children:** Matt Chapman

Sound Tech: Dave Phillis **Video Tech:** Austin Metz

Worship & Wonder Greeter: Jessica Davis

Pulpit: Jim Warren – Matthew 22:37-39 "Overflowing: Honoring Ourselves." God has made us in God's image, and we are to be stewards of ourselves. As we care for ourselves, God's grace overflows in our lives.

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM
One and All Worship 10:15 AM
Sunday School for all ages 10:15 AM
Sunday Youth Group 5:00 PM

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