



The MESSENGER

➤ Block Party News –



1. Don't forget to bring your baked goods to church this Friday, May 11, between 7:15 AM - 12:45 PM for the Block Party bake sale at the Farmers' Market which will be held Saturday, May 12, on the downtown square beginning at 7:30 AM.
2. Monical's fundraiser for the Block Party is Monday, May 14, at any of the three local Monical's pizza locations. Get your flyer at the Information Center or you can go to www.monicals.com. 20% of sales will go to the Block Party for school kits.
3. Block Party T-shirts will be available on Sundays at the Information Center for \$15 each. Again, proceeds go to buying school kits.

- *Wear Red for Pentecost* – You are invited to wear the color red to church on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, as we remember "... a sound like the rush of a violent wind ... Divided tongues, as of fire ... rested one each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit ... (Acts 2:2-4)."

➤ Youth Group News –



1. Youth Sunday School and Youth Group will not meet Mother's Day, May 13
2. Our K-12th grade year-end cook-out will be May 20, 4:00 PM, at Maxwell Park. Sign up on the Youth Board.
3. Registration for the FCC Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis will begin soon ... the dates are July 22-28.
4. It's time to register for summer camps online at cciwdisciples.org.

- *Gifts for Another Table* – The food pantries are always most appreciative of receiving our gifts. Items this month will be given to St. Vincent de Paul. Suggestions are: canned fruits & vegetables, cereal, soup, crackers, cookies, Hamburger Helper, and instant mashed potatoes.

➤ Wednesday Supper Club



May 16, 5:30 PM, Vicki Hall's home
301 ½ W. Raab Road, Normal

Please RSVP on a pew pad or contact the church office by noon Monday, May 14. Carpooling recommended.

Parking options: 1. in turn-around

2. driveway (first car in park all way to garage & others pull as close as you can)

3. driveway of house next door to the east

4. driveway around the corner off School Street.

Questions – call Vicki at 454-3081.

➤ Graduates will be Honored May 20 –



Please send a picture of your 2018 graduate to the church office electronically or deliver by hand to be scanned by May 13.

- *Abundant Life Meal* – We will be serving a meal to Abundant Life Church on Sunday, May 20, at noon. The meal will be spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad. Servers & desserts are needed. See the sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

➤ Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus –



Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 3 – Thursday, June 7 with Centennial Christian Church and St. Luke Union Church at First

Christian. Meal 5:30 PM, VBS 6:00-8:30 PM. If you could help lead, please sign up at the Information Center. Online registration for children will begin May 15. We need you to help us paint, cut out palm leaves, cut cardboard into thatch, and a thousand other things to transform FCC into a deserted island. Please sign up at the Information Center and come help on May 26, 9:00-1:00 PM; June 1, 6:00-9:00 PM; or June 2, 9:00-11:00 AM.

A long obedience in the same direction...

Overflowing



I'll finish the current sermon series, *Overflowing*, this week. *Overflowing* has been about the many ways God's goodness, grace, and love overflow into our lives and our world. I've looked at some of the gifts God has given us and explored how they bring God's abundance to us.

Creation, relationships, church, and ourselves are some of God's amazing gifts I've highlighted in this series. Our lives are overflowing with God's goodness, grace, and love through these gifts.

Indeed, I want us to understand that *everything* is a gift from God. All that we are and all that we have come from God. God has entrusted to us the goodness of creation, the love in our relationships, the grace of the church, and the beauty inherent in ourselves. These are God's gifts for us to care for and manage. They are not ours to clench tightly, but ours to share freely and generously with others.

Using God's gifts wisely and well is what we call stewardship. Stewards are those who manage what another has entrusted to them. God has entrusted to us magnificent gifts, which we are to use to bring honor and glory to God.

Overflowing has been about stewardship. I've asked each week how God wants us to steward (manage/oversee/administer) the gifts God has entrusted to us.

"Stewardship" is a lens through which we can view most, if not all, of life. In addition to God's gifts listed above, the decisions we have to make are God's gift to us. What we decide to do and not to do with the opportunities before us are indications of how we handle God's gifts. Our families are another gift from God. How we treat the members of our family and how outwardly focused our families are demonstrate our

level of stewardship. The list of God's gifts to us is limitless; our calling to be faithful and generous stewards is endless.

Take a moment to ponder the kind of steward you are. Reflect on a gift that God has given you, e.g., creation, a specific relationship, our church, yourself, an opportunity before you, your family, etc., and ask whether you've been a good and faithful steward with what God has entrusted to you. Have you tried to hoard what God has given you, or have you been ready to share it willingly with others? Have you looked on it as belonging to you, or do you acknowledge that it, like everything else in your life, is a gift from God?

God asks us to be good and faithful stewards of everything we have and everything we are. How does your generous stewardship stack up against what God is asking of you?

-- Jim Warren

Witness of the Faithful

Attendance -- 4/29/18: 156, 29

5/6/18: 147, 26

Offering -- \$44,607.12

Prayer Concerns

OSF St. Joseph: Betty Beer

Advocate BroMenn: Helen Joyce Barclay, Jim Fry

Aftercare: Meredith Hall, Rita Hensley, Carol Kline, Peggy O'Neal, Chuck Smalley, Sid Smart, Daniel Sperry

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

McLean County -- Darlene Bethel

Military: Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA);

Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)

Other: Luke Pool (Fire Academy Blm. Fire Dept., Glenview, IL)

Sympathy to: Dave Dungan and family on the April 14 death of his brother, Harold Dungan.

Thank You

Posted on the Centrum bulletin board are notes received from: Bob & Gail Corbett, Jim & Helen Fry, and Doris Thompson (flowers); Integrity Counseling (donation).

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Serving Mother's Day Sunday, May 13

Acolytes: Ellie Chapman, Maddie Chapman
Child Care: Trish Logan, Naomi Kosier
Deacons: 9:00 Todd & Corin Chapman 10:15 John & Kathy Dailey
Jr. Deacons: Austin Metz, Seth Newton
Drivers: Ryan Newton, Darrell Arvik
Elders: Joe & Sue Bandy
Homebound Elders: John Hensley, Susan Cleaver
Fellowship Host: Pam Yerkes
Fill Candles: Kathie Chapman
Greeters: Shirley Wotherspoon, Rick Erickson, May Jackson
Information Center: Sharron Wright
Scripture: Art Taylor **Time for Children:** Scott Fisher
Sound Tech: Brian Metz **Video Tech:** Nate Damery
Worship & Wonder Greeter: Chip Jamerson
Pulpit: Jim Warren – II Corinthians 5:16-20 "Overflowing: Honoring the Future." God has entrusted the future to us, and we are stewards of what will be. As we care for those who will come after us, God's grace overflows into the lives of our children and children's children.

Mailed: May 9, 2018

Serving Pentecost Sunday, May 20

Acolytes: Bekah Warren, Gabriel Warren
Child Care: Trish Logan, Stephanie Reed
Deacons: 9:00 Stacey Erickson, Libby Nussbaum
10:15 Matt Davis, Robyn Loftin
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Pulpit: Jim Warren – Pentecost

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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