



JUNE PHOTOS

Baptisms



We had two baptisms in June.

Max Foor gave his testimony and was baptized on June 5.

Sami Allen gave her testimony and was baptized on June 26.

Women's Fellowship



These ladies prepared food (50 lbs. of green beans!) for the Spare & Share Volunteer Appreciation banquet.



Newcomer Brunch



We have a brunch and informational meeting about twice a year for those who are new and interested in learning more about Christ Community. Marcia Mool and Pat McKey, along with their husbands, Ron and John, cater the brunches.



Hop on for Hope Bike Ride Fundraiser

August 6 starting at 6-9 am

First United Methodist Church of LeRoy
Benefits Lifesong's Village of Hope, Guatemala
Registration forms/info at the foyer Welcome Center.
Please see Vera Wahls with questions.
www.villageofhopeguatemala.com

Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday
K-3 Children's Church 1st & 3rd Sundays
4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday School on summer break

406 W 7th Street, PO Box 280, Gridley, IL 61744 Ph 747-2299 www.christ-cc.org

Youth Groups

Contact leaders for summer events.
Jordan McKinsey, Jr. High
Danny Kaupp, Sr. High
Pastoral Staff
Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor

CHRIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF GRIDLEY

July 2016

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Dear Church Family,

One of my friends who manages a team at State Farm once told me that he begins each day with a "stand-up" team meeting. They stand up in order to keep the meeting short (about 5 minutes) and the purpose of the meeting is to give a quick update on each person's progress on their work. At such a large company, with so many different projects in the works, such meetings help keep everyone on the same page.

What follows is the monthly newsletter version of a stand-up team meeting. It's a progress update on various "projects" going on at Christ Community.

Elder Nominations

Beginning today, July 3, elder nominations will be accepted from the congregation for three weeks. All church members are encouraged to nominate men from the church family who evidence the character and competency of an elder according to passages such as 1 Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-5, among others. After nominations are received, those who receive three nominations will be contacted and the current Council of Elders and the Leadership Council will begin discussing, evaluating, and training interested candidates in the hopes of having nominees to bring forth to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting in January 2017. In accordance with the transition plan set forth in 2015 when we migrated to the revised constitution, the Church Leadership Council will remain intact until three non-staff elders are established.

Administrative Assistant Transition

As shared at the June 5 congregational meeting, Keri Hany will be retiring at the beginning of 2017, and Jordan McKinsey will be stepping in to fulfill her duties. I am so thankful for Keri's willingness to train her replacement, which will begin gradually this month. By September, Jordan will be a full-time staff member continuing in his current role as Jr. High Youth Pastor, and serving as the church administrative assistant. Jordan, along with Sr. High Youth Pastor, Dan Kaupp, will begin seminary together this fall with the long-term intent of pursuing vocational ministry. We are excited to have the opportunity to affirm the calling of these two young men, while also receiving the benefit of their service to the church family. Please be sure to keep them in prayer during this time of transition in their lives.

Kyle Romine Process

On June 26, the church was introduced to Kyle and Courtney Romine (and their 5 month old daughter, Anna) during a question and answer time after the worship service. Kyle has been

serving as a youth pastor for three years in Mortons Gap, Kentucky, and we hope to hire him to be the lead pastor of the proposed church plant sent out from Christ Community. I got to know Kyle as his high school Bible teacher at Cornerstone Christian Academy and have kept in touch throughout his ministry. He is a man I trust, who evidences godly character, competency in ministry, and zeal in loving and caring for others. We are excited about the potential of hiring Kyle, but do not want to make such a big decision without the consensus of the church family. Please call, email, or schedule at time to meet with one of the elders to give any feedback you have on the hiring.

Kyle will be preaching in the July 10th worship service, and a few more of his sermons are available on YouTube. Search for "Kyle Romine". His sermons are listed by date (YYYYMMDD). Later this summer, we hope to bring Kyle's hiring to the church for a vote in a congregational meeting, which would allow him to begin working here this fall. During his time "in house" at CCC, Kyle would plan the logistics of the church plant, shadow CCC pastors and ministries, meet people and begin forming and training a core team to launch the church, and participate in ministry here such as preaching, Sunday School, and musical worship. It is then our hope that sometime in the 2017 calendar year, Kyle and a team would be sent out from CCC to begin the new work.

Praying for Direction

In the June 5 congregational meeting, I mentioned that we believe we have the person to lead the church plant, and we have a general plan, or model, of how we envision going about church planting, however, we are not yet settled on the place. Though there are faithful believers laboring all around us, our exploration over the past few years, has led us to believe there is room for a new work in the Fieldcrest and Prairie Central school districts. If Kyle is able to join us this fall, we hope to make a decision on where to plant sometime this calendar year, and we ask that the whole church join in praying for God's direction. We do not sense that one direction is right and the other is wrong; rather we are hoping to discern the work of other churches in surrounding areas that we do not want to duplicate along with which area our church is most equipped to reach at this time.

*Grace and Peace,
Andy*

Vacation Bible School: July 25-29 from 6-8 pm



VBS classes are for PreK through 8th grade with TED talks for adults. Register your kids by downloading the form at our website: www.christ-cc.org. Photos from 2015 VBS.



Lori Hardman, Erin Kaupp, and Becky Roth are the 2016 coordinators for VBS.

Ted Talks for the Soul

TED Talks are “ideas worth sharing” in 18 minutes. The adult class will meet Monday through Thursday and will feature three TED Talks including a Q & A time with each speaker.

Topics will include: *The Christian in Politics; Worship as a Performance?; The Cubs: God’s Team; Why We’re Cautious about Short-Term Mission Trips; Small Town Mission, Church Planting in Small Towns* and more.

A list of titles for each talk will be available before VBS.

Please join the class to hear some “TED Talks for the Soul” from 6:15-7:45 any VBS night you’re able to come.

This year, VBS will look “normal” Monday through Thursday. Children’s classes will rotate between Bible stories, music, games, and crafts. Adults will have TED talks. But on Friday, we’ll depart from the routine and have the first-ever VBS Family Fun Night.

All family members, including grandparents and young siblings, are invited to come for a simple meal served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. At 6:30, the children will present their program so everyone can have a glimpse of what happened during the week.

Families are then invited to stay and enjoy games and activities. The plans are still in the works but look for carnival-style games, a petting zoo, hayrack rides, maybe horse rides, snow cones, popcorn, and more.

Kids Helping Kids at VBS

The Master’s Home of Champions provides a loving and safe home to children who have been orphaned, destitute or abandoned. The Liberian staff is made up of Christians who understand the dynamics of their culture and the challenges of living in poverty. The desire of the entire staff is to change lives and raise up “champions.”

Some of the school’s current projects are:

- Growing raised-bed gardens, with students learning how to care for them;
- Giving vocational training in agriculture, computers, cosmetology, carpentry;
- Teaching students how to run a small business with the school’s new water packaging business that provides clean, filtered water for purchase. This business will help sustain the school over time.



The VBS offering will benefit Lifesong’s school, the Master’s Home of Champions in Liberia.

Bible Bucks Store



Sunday school is on summer break, and the kids kicked off the summer by spending their final Bible Bucks at the store. They earned bucks through the school year by remembering to bring their Bible to Sunday School and for memorizing a Bible verse each month.

Partnering with Meadows

Christ Community is now an Associate Church of Meadows Mennonite Home. As an Associate Church, we agree to provide activities for the residents. We also agree to pray for the people who live at the home and the staff working there. In return, they will pray for our church.

Carrie Dixon, our Parish Nurse, is our liaison with the Meadows staff this year. She is working under the umbrella of our Local Outreach (LO) team; activities will be funded from that budget. Stacy Ludy is the deacon of LO.

Our first activity—an ice cream social—will take place on July 12 at 2 pm. It will be in the activity room and Madison Ifft will lead a sing-a-long. Everyone is welcome. When you go to the Home, follow the ice cream cone balloon path to the activity room.

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday July 12 @ 2 p.m.
Meadows Mennonite Home

Everyone is invited!
Kids too!



Two of our long-time members, Amy McKey and Pearl Rinkenberger are residents at the Meadows Home.

Summer Reading for Kids (big & little)

Staff Picks: Keri Hany
(for readers in high school & above)

The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn (Christian Living category - 120 short pages)

A quick read presenting a biblical view of money and joyful giving. Several copies available.

The Ascension: Humanity in the Presence of God by Tim Chester and Jonny Woodrow. (Spiritual Growth category - 85 pages)

Have you ever heard much about the doctrine of Ascension? Read this and your eyes will be opened to the security believers receive in their own daily walk because of Christ’s ascension. Christ is our ascended Priest, King and Man in the presence of God.

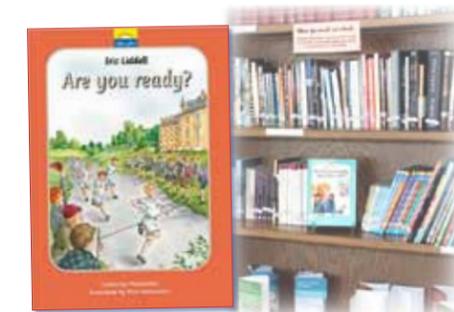
Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliott (Biography category - 268 pages with pictures)

A classic. The true story from 1956 of five young missionary men who were killed while trying to communicate with a fierce tribe in South America. Their story, as told by one of their widows, has mobilized thousands to mission involvement.

Book Review

Eric Liddell: Are you ready?
by Catherine Mackenzie

“Eric Liddell was running in the Olympics. He won the race. Eric was a missionary in China. I liked the book.” —Reviewed by Elly Huetter



The church library has great reads for kids. Get your kids reading this summer!

July Birthdays

- 01 Marsha Albritton
- 01 Elly Huetter
- 02 Lois Burke
- 04 Hannah Ludy
- 04 Pam Neal
- 06 Benjamin Porzelius
- 07 Jeff Benedict
- 07 Alex Poppen
- 08 Zack Moulton
- 09 Finn Zeller
- 10 Randy Barth
- 10 Lydia Hall
- 12 Ethan Carrion
- 12 Jack Erwin
- 14 Grant Morrison
- 15 Stephanie Richard
- 18 Emily Roth
- 18 Molly Roth
- 21 Madalynn Morrison
- 21 Gracie Schultz
- 22 Betty Kaupp
- 22 Creed Welsch
- 24 Sonya Hughes
- 25 Grace Edwards
- 25 Chris Gentes
- 26 Lucas Allen
- 26 Nadine Finck
- 27 Calee Schultz
- 31 Marqui Krone

Anniversaries

- 05 Alan & Linda Schoppert
- 08 Grant & Jill Stauter
- 09 Paul & Susan Laiming
- 16 Tim & Cindy Fairchild
- 20 Randy & Mandy Barth
- 21 Bob & Anne Wettstein
- 21 Delmar & Cathy Smith
- 21 Kenny & Dianne Kuerth
- 24 Frankie & Nadine Finck
- 25 Brian & Susan Buchanan

June Births

- 20 Archer Eugene McKinsey
Parents: Jordan & Alissa McKinsey
Grandparents: Suzy and Jerry McKinsey
- 22 Owen Charles Vercler
Parents: Christian & Cristina Vercler
Grandparents: Hector and Susan Carrion

Attendance & Offering

6/5	374	\$ 9,939
6/12	353	\$10,187
6/19	318	\$ 6,994
6/26	332	\$ 7,454