

# Ladies' Tea

"Tea, Tidbits & Truth" was the theme for the Ladies' Lunch on May 6th.



The Ladies Tea on May 6 brought hours of preparation, plenty of laughs and wonderful food! Thank you to all those who made this event possible!



# Graduates



We recognized our graduates on May 21 (individual prayer requests located inside Newsletter).

# Little Lambs Circus



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*Dear Church Family,*

For the past year or so, we have taken intentional steps to plant a church in a neighboring community by interviewing and hiring Kyle Romine, determining a location (Chenoa), doing a sermon series on church planting, and recruiting a core team to lead the effort. In February, First Presbyterian Church of Chenoa (FPC) reached out to us to see if we would be interested in leading worship services and pursuing a long-term partnership. Since March, we have led worship services each Sunday at FPC, have fostered relationships with them, and have had various meetings with FPC leadership. This "dating relationship," as we've called it, has gone well, but just like real-life dating, the future has not always been clear. My aim here is to give an update on the church planting effort and relationship with FPC that is an accurate update of the **past, present, and future** in this process.

*~Past~*

FPC invited CCC to lead worship services for the month of March so that we could get to know one another and see if we would be a good fit for a long term partnership. March went well, so we agreed to continue leading Sunday worship, while beginning to discuss specific future steps.

Preaching and music leadership has rotated, with Kyle preaching twice a month and Grant and I each preaching one time per month. In mid April, the CCC worship team began leading worship in Chenoa on the first and third Sundays.

In April, CCC elders, FPC elders, and three representatives from the Presbyterian denomination met for a meeting moderated by Dr. Phil Foster, an agreed upon third-party mediator. The meeting revealed that before any official arrangements could be made, FPC needed to decide what they want to do with their denominational relationship and building and communicate that to the Presbytery.

On May 9th, FPC elders met with CCC elders and shared that they wish to purchase their build-

ing from the denomination and work with CCC, thus ending their ties with the PCUSA denomination. The purchase process will take some time, as the General Assembly does not meet again until August and there is no guarantee that an agreement will be reached in August.

No agreement about leasing or sale was made between FPC or CCC because such an agreement is premature until FPC works with the Presbytery. However, CCC elders communicated several desires at the May 9th meeting that were agreeable to FPC. First, we expressed our ideal timeline would be to officially "launch" Christ Community Church of Chenoa in September this year. Secondly, we explained four categories of building changes that we'd like to see in the short term (this calendar year), while also looking at a long-term building plan. In the short run, we'd like to (1) get new A/V technology in the sanctuary, (2) install new signage outside and inside the building, (3) remodel the children's space in the basement, and (4) give the building a general facelift. For the long-term, we'd like to meet with a contractor to develop a potential plan to use the space in the lot to the east of the building.

*~Present~*

Since the May 9th meeting, FPC elders are working with their denomination to find out the best way to proceed with a building purchase and use of their assets.

CCC elders and Kyle are working on specific proposals on each of the aforementioned building upgrades. Once we have a specific proposal, we will then meet with FPC to discuss who pays for what and we will begin to prepare a timeline for implementing changes in accordance with what FPC hears from the Presbytery.

We will continue to lead worship services in Chenoa this summer.

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### Pastoral Staff

Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor  
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor  
Kyle Romine, Associate Pastor



### Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am  
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday  
K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Communion served 4th Sunday  
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

### Youth Groups

Wednesdays  
Jr. High 6:00pm Jordan McKinsey  
Sr. High 7:30pm Danny Kaupp

### Moms' Group

1st & 3rd Wednesday of month  
Fellowship Hall  
9-10:30am Bible Study & Hang out

### Men's Ministry

1st & 3rd Saturday of month  
Fellowship Hall  
7am - Breakfast and Bible Study

~Future~

Once the details above are finalized, and a launch date for Christ Community Church of Chenoa is officially set, we will take a one week break from leading worship in Chenoa. On this week, FPC will have a final service together as a Presbyterian denomination and CCC will have a commissioning service for those from our church family who plan on being sent out from Gridley to be a part of the work in Chenoa.

FPC and CCC will work together to come to an agreement about long-term building use, ownership, and changes.

Kyle will lead training this summer for the core church plant team in an effort to further cast a vision for the church plant and also to invite FPC folks into the work with CCC.

There are many logistical issues left to address, but the big picture is that God has opened a door for us to work with FPC and to launch Christ Community Church of Chenoa sometime this fall. That timeline is not set in stone, but it is our aim.

When I step back and consider what has happened so far, I am amazed. In a short time, God has brought about a spirit of trust with fellow believers in Chenoa and has already been bringing new people from the community to worship services. I am so thankful for the kindness and openness of FPC, for the leadership Kyle has provided, and for the Lord's clear provision in this church planting effort.

Grace and Peace,  
Andy

# Vacation Bible School



The VBS theme this year is "Cave Quest" Kids learn Jesus is the one who lights our way and gives us hope for each new day. His love illuminates when the path is dark. Cave Quest VBS encourages kids to follow Jesus where ever he will lead them!

**Date** July 24-28 from 6-8 pm. We will end the week with a family fun night on Friday which will include dinner for everyone, children's VBS program and fun and games afterwards.

**Coordinators** Lori Hardman, Becky Roth, Sarah Meiss

**Classes** Pre-school and K-8th graders according to the 2017-2018 school year. There will be no adult classes this year primarily due to the need for space for the increasing number of children at VBS.

**Dinner** served in the Fellowship Hall from 4:45-5:30 pm for VBS volunteers and their families.

**Opening/Closing** We will begin and end in the Family Center. Kids can go directly to their class area in the Family Center at 5:45.

**Registration** Register in June during Coffee Fellowship or online at our website: christ-cc.org and click on the Ministries tab.

**Parent Pick-Up** Kids in 3rd grade and under must be picked up by their parent. Kids will stay in their designated area in the Family Center until they are claimed. 4th and 5th grade students may go directly to their parents.

**Help Needed** We need help in the nursery (provided for VBS volunteers).

Register your kids for VBS in June during Coffee Fellowship.



## Youth Group Summer Events

Our youth groups take a break in the summer from weekly Wednesday meetings. But our youth directors have planned events throughout the summer.



**Jr. High** Jordan McKinsey

We've made it through another exciting year of Jr. High Youth Group. And now it's time to get our summer activities in your calendars.

**Sr. High** Danny Kaupp

Senior High Youth Group has a jam-packed summer fast approaching! We welcome all high school students, including both senior & eighth grade graduates to participate.

July 2	Pool Party Gridley Pool	6-7:30pm
July 16	SkyZone Springfield Springfield, IL	6:30-9pm
July 26	McKinsey's Hangout! 206 W 4th St, Gridley	6:30-9:30pm
Aug 10	Matthiessen State Park Utica, IL	All Day
Aug 23	Messy Kickoff Christ CC	5:30-7:30pm

July 1	Lake Party Bryan & Tamara Betts' house 2299 CR 1100 N Secor, IL	1-4pm
July 10-15	CIY Wheaton College	All Week
July 21	Drive-in-Movie Harvest Moon Theatre Gibson City, IL	6pm
Aug 6	Pool Party Gridley Pool	7-8:30pm

### Christ in Youth (CIY) July 10-14, 2017

The Fall semester of Youth Group will begin on August 23th with our "Messy Kickoff" night! This is an event that gets all the kids excited for another semester of Jr. High Youth Group! It will be an exciting time with fun and games but most importantly an opportunity for us to see Jesus and his love for us.

We hope to see you this Summer!

### Stay connected

- Facebook @c3jnyg @ccseniorhighyouthgroup
- Instagram c3jnyg (Jr. High) dkaupp17 (Sr. High)
- Twitter c3jnyg (Jr. High)

We are also very excited for CIY which is July 10-14. The theme is *And Then...*, and we will be spending our week looking at several stories from the life of Peter to see what kind of "And Then..." moments Jesus might have in store for you.

If your Sr. High student would like to attend CIY, we ask that your final payment of \$329 be turned in to Danny Kaupp by **June 10th!**

## Graduate Prayer Requests



**Rebekah Kaeb** That she would be a faithful witness to Christ.

**Shelby Edwards** That she would find good church to attend.

**Maddie Morrison** That she would surround herself with Christian friends and that she would continue to grow in faith.

**Zack Puck** That he would preserve the friendships he has here in addition to finding more Christian friends. That he would find opportunities to preach the Word of God.

**Max Foor** That he would be bold in his faith.

**Alec Ihlenfeldt** That he would find good Christian friends to grow with and find a good church home.

**Sydney Butikofer** That she would continue walking with the Lord.

**Gracie Feeney** That she would find a good church family.

**Lily Blair** That God would keep her from straying from His ways.

**Sydney Hall** That she would find good Christian friends.

**Adam Ludy** That God would give him clarity on his future plans.

**Dylan Steffen** That God would give him patience as he continues to raise support. That God would provide the necessary means to continue with plan.

### June Birthdays

- 1 Thomas Erwin
- 1 Jordan McKinsey
- 2 Hart Zeller
- 2 June Freed
- 4 Jim Todd
- 4 Ron Richard
- 5 Dan Dixon
- 5 Neil Jeffreys
- 5 Matty Wenger
- 7 Melvin Grace
- 7 Phyllis Smith
- 8 Jamie Erwin
- 10 Alec Ihlenfeldt
- 13 Zachary Johnson
- 16 Brian Buchanan
- 17 Mary Ferguson
- 17 Adam Ludy
- 18 Matt Wenger
- 19 Chris Blair
- 19 Lily Blair
- 20 Mark Butikofer
- 20 Jacob Ludy
- 21 Archer McKinsey
- 21 Elise Morrison
- 24 David Hess
- 25 Jennifer Morrison
- 25 Michelle Porzelius
- 28 Mary Carls
- 29 Alice Guth
- 30 Caleb Kaupp

### Anniversaries

- 2 Jordan & Alissa McKinsey
- 3 Timothy & Susan Johnson
- 4 Ron & Stephanie Richard
- 8 Jason & Michelle Porzelius
- 10 Andy & Abby Huette
- 13 Phil & Linda Hartzler
- 13 Jonathan & Jonna Strauch
- 14 Larry & Carol Neuhalfen
- 15 Frankie & Stephanie Finck
- 28 Daniel & Jamie Erwin

### Attendance & Offering

5/7	309	\$ 14,250
5/14	324	\$ 5,491
5/21	398	\$ 9,669
5/28	319	\$ 6,994

### Pancake Day Proceeds

The Forgotten Initiative received **\$1,415.67** from our Pancake & Sausage Day. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported it.