

## Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September **2**  
**Office Closed**  
in observance of Labor Day

**Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal**

7:00pm in Sanctuary

Wednesday, September **4**

**Parent Meeting**

High School & Middle School  
Families

7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September **5**

**Board of Directors**

Meeting at 5:30pm

Sunday, September **8**

**Personnel Committee**

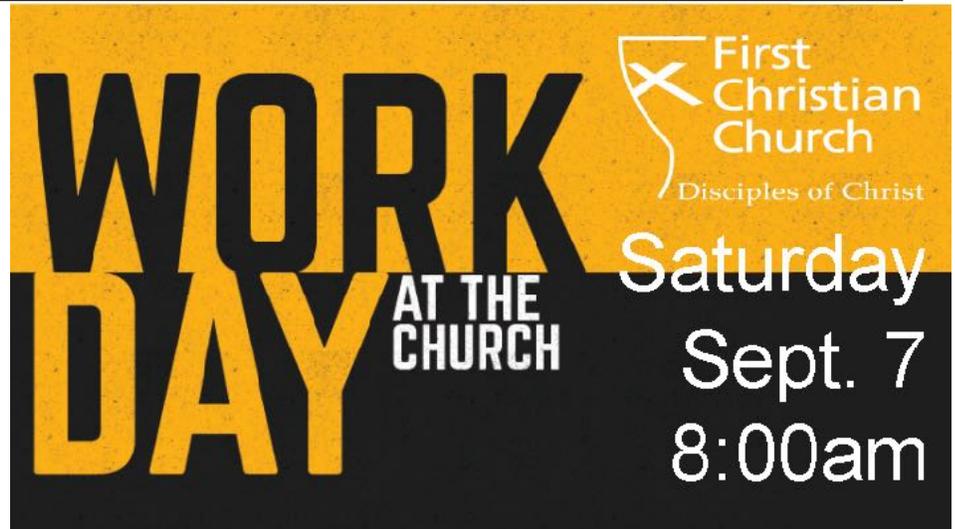
6:00pm, Dr. Brooks' office  
Wednesday, September **11**

Sunday, September **22**

**Joint Worship Service**

at 10:30am

followed by a catered farewell  
meal for James & Amy Brooks



**WORK  
DAY** AT THE CHURCH

First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ

Saturday  
Sept. 7  
8:00am

**8th Jack H. Enloe Memorial  
Youth Scholarship 4-Person Scramble**

Sunday, October 6, 2019

12pm Registration

1pm Shotgun Start



Oak Brook Golf Course

9157 Fruit Road, Edwardsville, IL



First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ

**all church  
PICNIC**

October 13, 2019  
**SAVE the DATE**

Please  
pray  
for the  
ministry  
of our  
Search Team!



**FCCE Search & Call Committee**  
**Jake LaChapelle, Kari Belobrajdic, James Speciale**  
**Laura Coracy, Barb Small, Melanie Herndon, Tracy Wetzel**

**Search Committee UPDATE**

by James Speciale, committee chairperson

On Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Search Committee reported that, as their initial task, they were engaged in a search process for an Interim Minister. In making the report the committee indicated that they would be searching for an Intentional Interim Minister. It turns out Interim Ministers come in all sorts of varieties so we thought some clarification might be helpful. Some Interim Ministers simply fill the pulpit on Sunday, others serve only on the weekend, while others are part-time, working only a few days a week. All of these are in contrast to an Intentional Interim Minister who is a full-time minister who has received specialized training to assist congregations transitioning themselves from one Minister to another. It is anticipated that the Intentional Interim Minister will serve our Church until a Settled or Permanent Minister is called. There are many goals of Intentional Interim Ministry but among the most important is to position the congregation to successfully enter the Search and Call process for the Settled Minister with the greatest probability of success.

Since our report on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, the Search and Call Committee has interviewed two outstanding candidates for our Interim Minister position. Each is experienced and fully capable of serving our congregation. We are continuing to gather additional data on each candidate with the ultimate goal of recommending one of them to the Board for their consideration.

## Welcome New Member

Macy Sullens joined our congregation by transfer of membership on August 18th. Macy is our Youth & Children's Minister. She will graduate from Greenville University in December and intends to begin studies at Eden Theological Studies. Please offer her "welcome" when you see her next!



## THANK YOU

"We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtful gift of \$485.00 ... to the Ministerial Relief and Assistance fund. The Ministerial Relief and Assistance program helps many who find themselves in need of assistance because of varying circumstances. This gift will enable us to assist more effectively those ministers who have special financial needs because of the congregations they have served, many of which are small and struggling.

~Rev. Ruth Chavez Wallace, VP  
of Pension Fund of the Christian Church

## FunTimers Event!

Marilyn Morrow, PhD, will present her popular travel talk about her trip to the Holy Land. Part Two of this series, entitled Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, will be on Thursday, October 10, at 11:00 in the Sanctuary of the First Christian Church located at 215 South Main St., Edwardsville. Sponsored by First Christian's Funtimers group, Marilyn's presentation is free and open to the public.

## NEW Tables in Fellowship Hall

New, lighter-weight tables have been purchased for the Fellowship Hall. We thank the Property Committee for taking the lead on this project. If you have interest in the old round tables, please contact Paul Meier.

## PurposePoints: Musings on Ministry & Misc.

by Dr. James R. Brooks, Lead Minister

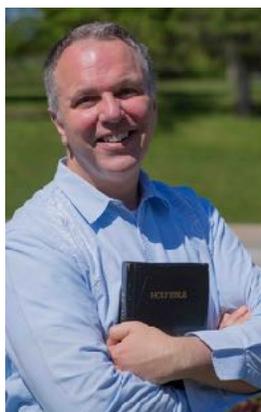
Last June, I preached a sermon series titled Fearless: Holy Futures. I am inspired by Jesus. Also, I was inspired by my mentor Rev. Joe Nevius, a retired minister in my student church in White Oak, Kentucky. Joe's confidence in a better tomorrow was contagious. In addition, I was inspired by a book by Hans Rosling, "Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World - and Why Things Are Better Than You Think." Bill and Melinda Gates recommend Rosling's book.

Rosling's book is replete with examples of improvement in the human experience. A serious reading of his work will provide a fresh perspective of the world we inhabit. A perspective that is more hopeful than most envision.

In San Martin, Spain ... a small unremarkable village ... I had a most remarkable conversation with a recent retiree of the World Bank. We spent more than a dinner discussing the impact of the World Bank ... a cooperative effort of over 190 countries ... providing for peace in our world. While war continues to be waged on our planet, we have not experienced a world war in over 70 years. Students of history will recognize the unique period of peace we have enjoyed.

Those who founded FCCE had a mission for a Christian church in Edwardsville and to pass the faith on to the next generation. Thus is our mission today. With so much hope, we endeavor to share the faith of our souls with our neighbor near and far, old and young.

If I were to recommend two books for this winter's reading, I would recommend Rosling's book "Factfulness" and the Bible, beginning with the Gospels. May the turn of each page fan the flames of your faith.



**Combined Worship**  
**10:30am**  
**September 22nd**  
**Catered Luncheon to follow**



## September Birthdays

Bev Brown 1  
Josh Royer 2  
Audrey Cummins 5  
Jillian Lane 9  
Joanne Kelley 13  
Michael Olson 18  
Linda Hester 19  
Conner Smith 22  
Barbara Durham 23  
Nancy Polon 23  
Max Rolens 28

Mike Coracy 2  
Carolyn Case 5  
Danny Rolens 7  
Cam Potter 9  
Ed Small 13,  
Christian Adams 19  
Ed Young 20,  
Keaton Smith 22  
Rob Luster 23,  
Frank Kessinger 26

## September Anniversaries

Mark & Sally Speciale 6  
Paul & Angela Meier 14  
Jim & Sandy 17,  
Rob & Karen Luster 30.

### Compassionate Care

*FCCE provides many opportunities for congregational care, spiritual growth, and celebration, as well as pastoral assistance to those in need.*

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION ELDERS FOR AUGUST  
Susie and Augie Campagna

### Ministry Staff

Dr. James R. Brooks, Lead Minister  
Ms. Macy Sullens,  
Youth & Children's Minister  
Mr. Denis Doelling, Organist  
Mrs. Danielle Castelli, Accompanist  
Ms. Lindsey Folsom, Keyboardist  
Ms. Carolyn Jenkins, Choir Director  
Mr. Warren Lomax, Custodian  
Mrs. Teresa Droste, Admin. Assistant

### The Messenger

To submit information for this monthly communication ministry, contact the office at 618.656.7498 or [admin@fcedwardsville.org](mailto:admin@fcedwardsville.org)

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Edwardsville IL 62025**



## Boy Scout Troop 1216

Troop 1216 members are constantly on the go and adventuresome! Recently scouts and adults went mountain biking on SIUE trails. The Bike Surgeon, a local business, provided instruction and bikes at no cost!

In September, a weekend family campout is planned at Silver Lake Park in Highland.

Boy Scout Troop 1216 meets Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to stop by to check out our Scout led activities. More info is available online at [www.troop216.org](http://www.troop216.org), including age requirements and events calendar.

~ Annette Schoeberle, Troop 216 Committee Chair



## Annual Report Published!

Congratulations to our Administrative Assistant, Teresa Droste, and all who contributed to the Annual Report!! You can find copies in the narthex or contact the church office. Thank you to our VBS participants for the amazing cover art!

The Annual Report includes a summary of our many ministry accomplishments from the previous church year, financial accountability, directory of participants with contact information, and so much more! This year we are including reporting on the 2018 Sabbatical experience support by the Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant.