

# The Good News ...

September 2020

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*)

### OUR STAFF:

Senior Pastor - David Nordyke  
Admin. Asst. - Sherry Curtis  
Custodian - Cindy Jones

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Friday - 8:30 am - 12:00 (Noon)

*If you need to visit the office,  
please call for an appointment.*

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The church office will be closed

Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. There will be no one in the office on Friday, September 4th, which is Pastor David's day off and Sherry will be taking a day of vacation.

### *Christian Education Update*

In an effort to meet the needs of the congregation and take into account feedback from the recent survey, the Christian Ed Team met to discuss new programs for children, youth, and adults.

With Sunday School on the decline and with changes to our Wednesday evening programs because of COVID, we recognized the need to modify our approach.

For now, we will *not* meet for traditional Sunday School, instead we will provide quarterly 4-6 week study programs for all ages. With less time, commitment, and more flexibility, we hope more people will attend.

**In September**, Children and Youth will meet Wednesday evening September 2nd and 16th at 6:30 PM at the church for outside games/activities and a short lesson. Pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be provided.

**In October**, adults will meet Sunday evenings from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary as we study the *Handbook for Today's Disciples*. This is a short study about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and what this means for us today.

**In October**, Children and Youth will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM for a 4-week VBS/Camp style bible lesson, games, and activities. No dinner but pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Men's Breakfast Group** plans to resume beginning Thursday, **September 17** at 7:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy biscuits and gravy provided by Community Betterment Fundraiser. Cost is \$7.00. Please call the church office, Pastor David, or Dennis Thrasher by **September 10th (DEADLINE)** to reserve your breakfast.

**\*\*We will try our best to Social Distance for all activities.\*\***

Please join us for **Church in the Park on Sunday, September 20** at 10:30 AM in Gary Ewing Park at the Mt. Vernon golf course. Following church service, you are invited to have lunch, visit, or play games.

Bring a lawn chair and a sack lunch for you and your family (everyone is on their own). Church will provide bottled water.

**\*\*Rain date - Sunday, September 27th\*\***







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HAPPY GIVING and THANK YOU for your continued support.

## Back to School Prayer

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve as they embark on the journey together. Amen.

*Laurie Yogi*

**Youth Fun at the Park ...** On August 19th, FCC's children and youth met at Ewing Park for some food, fun, and fellowship.



**Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, September 29 at 9:00 AM**, FCC members will be driving by to let people know we are thinking about them. We can't get to everyone, but will do our best to greet those we haven't seen in a while. Drivers are to meet at the church. Feel free to decorate your cars, make signs, or whatever to cheer those that are unable to get out to attend church.



## September Birthdays

15th Buddy Hunt  
23rd Kathy Nordyke  
29th Joan Astles  
29th Bryston Pryer  
29th Roy Robison  
30th Lisa Furgason  
30th Tyler Maas

## September Anniversaries

13th Sam & Marsha Jones  
27th Randy & Susan Conaway

## Upcoming Events

4th - David & Sherry out of office  
7th - Labor Day ~ Office Closed  
13th - 2:00 PM ~ Drive-by Greetings  
14th - 6:30 PM Board Meeting  
20th - 10:30 am ~ Church in the Park  
29th ~ 9:00 AM Drive-by Greetings



## August Attendance

	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
2	34	93
9	32	94
16	35	100
23	49	157
30	54	92

## August Offering

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## Thank You Notes

**Karen Jackson-** Thank you to everyone who took care of the details of Al's service and for making the Fellowship Hall ready for our luncheon. FCC is very special to our family and we look forward to seeing you soon.