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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

The Newsletter of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Children's Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship -10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship Service—5:30 p.m.
 Nursery Provided at both services
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First of all, thank you for the gifts of tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini! Second of all, I don't need any more zucchini!



A Note from Kerry

I love this time of year when we get to enjoy the bountiful harvest of fresh fruit and produce from our gardens and orchards. Last year Joe and I planted a bunch of tomato plants. Critters and pests got a couple plants, bad drainage took out one or two. After all our planting and tending we ended up with one plant that thrived and managed to produce some good tomatoes.

Consider all the work that goes into trying to grow a plant or crop: good soil, proper drainage, not under or over watering, protection from pests or other blights. It all takes time and effort, as well as an element of luck with weather. But its worth it isn't it? And we wouldn't expect a harvest where no seeds were planted.

Our spiritual lives are like gardens that need planting and tending. Of course, we all want to experience the harvest of good spiritual fruits, things like patience, peace, and feeling close to God. But if you're like me, sometimes we want the harvest without taking time to tend and feed our souls. What are some of the things that nurture our spirits? Some of the first things that come to mind might be prayer, reading and studying the Bible, worship. There are other things that help feed me spiritually: music, reading poetry, silence, being in nature, and plants are just some of the things I try to do regularly to help me feed and water my spiritual life.

This Fall, as a church, there are lots of opportunities for you to find ways to connect with God and others.

Engage with a Sunday morning class, mid-week Bible study, choir, or simply commit to be in worship every Sunday. You will find that these things will plant seeds that will help your soul and spirit grow and flourish over time.

Growing in Christ,



8:00 a.m. — September 12th — Carry-in Breakfast prior to Sunday School!

Bring your favorite dish to share and let's kick-start our many choices of Sunday School Classes

Sunday School Resumes on Sunday, September 12th @ 9:00 a.m.

New Classes offered for all ages!

- * Men's Study Group led by Fred Eaton will meet in the Board Room
 - * Adult Sunday School led by Carolyn Peery will meet in the classroom beside the Board Room.
 - * "Young Adult" Sunday School led by Pastor Kerry will meet in the MPB basement.
 - * Children's Sunday School led by Aimee Sage will meet in the MPB Upstairs classroom.
- Nursery will be available by 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary nursery

Sunday Evening Service Resumes

Sunday, September 12th

5:00 p.m.

This is a relaxed service.
 The dress and atmosphere is very casual.
 We will share communion.
 We will discuss scripture.
 The nursery will be staffed and available.

	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
ELDERS Com.	Gary Bagby	Skip Vandelicht	Jennifer Barringhaus	George Rasche
Off.	Pat Hilgedick	Aimee Sage	Laura Lewis	Mike Thornton
DIACONATE	Leah Flaspohler	Pansy Kean	Sheri Eaton	Lacey Gladden
	Ben Gladden	Ronda Gerlt	Jan Kunkel	Ariana Moore
	Dale Linhart	Emily Bange	Stewart Huttzell	Darrel Monckton
	Margie Linhart	Leslie Sutton	Rosie Thornton	Don Bagby
LAY LEADER	Skip Vandelicht	Novy Foland	Pat Hilgedick	Chris Rohlfing
GREETERS	Melody Vandelicht	Kenny Blakely	Trish Hilgedick	Bobby Wilhoit
	Pansy Kean	Bonnie Blakely	Kathy Baylor	Edris Wilhoit
COMMUNION	<i>Diaconate Team</i>	<i>Diaconate Team</i>	<i>Diaconate Team</i>	<i>Diaconate Team</i>
PREP/CLEAN-UP				
NURSERY	Hailey Sage	Hailey Sage	Hailey Sage	Hailey Sage
	Addison Newell	Addison Newell	Addison Newell	Addison Newell
HOSPITALITY ROOM	Edris Wilhoit	Cathey Monckton	Nancy Shepherd	Joan McMillan
	Jan Kunkel	Lesley Monckton	Terry Bentley	Lisa Cook
Shut-In Communion	Novy Foland			
5-Sep				



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Sept. 2 Lawrence & Juanita Dickerson
- Sept. 4 Jean Lessly
Novy Foland II
John & Cortney Pettit
- Sept. 6 Larry Leech
- Sept. 7 Lori Strodman
- Sept. 10 Nick Bagby
- Sept. 13 Lacey Gladden
- Sept. 14 Ron Lessly
Cindy Dudenhoffer
George Sweet
- Sept. 15 Taylor Rice
- Sept. 16 Mickie Foland
- Sept. 17 Megan Felten
- Sept. 21 Cindy Schluckebier
- Sept. 23 John & Michelle Howell
Bonnie Blakely
Dale Linhart
- Sept. 24 Nancy Shepherd & Brian McInerney
- Sept. 25 Joe Strodman
Chris Baylor
Connor Fuemmeler
- Sept. 26 Donna Baker
- Sept. 27 Lyndsy Holloway
Clara Lutz
Lorna Miller
- Sept. 28 Alison Symes Parish
- Sept. 30 Justin Felten
Ivan Moore



IN THE MAIL

Dear FCC,
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your many years of kindness and generosity! The church scholarships have helped me tremendously and I cannot express how much it has meant to me. I wouldn't be where I am or who I am without my church family.
Appreciatively,
Hailey Sage

Dear FCC and the Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for giving me the FCC Scholarship. This gift is such a blessing to me. I am so fortunate to have a church community that supports me and my educational goals. I am truly thankful!
Sincerely,
Ariana Moore

Dear Church Outreach Committee,
Thank you so much for the original scholarship and the additional scholarship. I am truly blessed to have such an amazing church that supports me. It will greatly help me this year with my financial situation paying for school. You are a true blessing in my life,
Thank you so much,
Zane Rice

Dear FCC Outreach Committee,
Thank you so much for your contribution to Holiday House 2021.
Your contribution will help make our community Christmas project a success by making Christmas a much more joyful time for many area families. We would have a hard time meeting our goals without your support.
Sincerely,
Christmas Holiday House Committee
Pat Hilgedick, treasurer

Christian Education Opportunities Sundays at 9AM

Fred Eaton will be leading a men's class on the book "What is the Bible" by Rob Bell.

Carolyn Peery will be leading a class for all ages using a *lectionary based curriculum called "Reading Between the Lines."

Pastor Kerry will be leading a Young(ish) Adults class on "The Heart of Christianity" by Marcus Borg.

*The lectionary is a three year cycle of scripture readings. Each week has a scripture reading from the Old Testament, Psalms, a Gospel and a reading from one of the Epistles (Paul's letters). Pastor Kerry generally follows the lectionary for her preaching texts.



The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received in congregations this year on September 26th and October 3rd. Our theme is "Revealing God's Justice: "The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right." As we reflect on the events following the televised death of George Floyd, anti-Asian violence, and disparities in contraction rates of the novel Coronavirus in ethnic and racial communities, our Church strengthens its commitment to actively seek God's justice. As followers of Christ, we believe every life is precious and valued in God's beloved community. Reconciliation Ministry is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. Your generosity has supported our capacity to provide grant awards to Bethany College's Equity Community Guide, Diversity Audit and the Region of Greater Kansas City's Becoming Beloved Community Program, as well as local congregational racial and social justice educational events. We believe that the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) is uniquely equipped to encourage racial equity and justice in the communities where we worship and serve. Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry promote our mission of creating a just and loving society. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's salvation is for ALL of us. The scripture in Isaiah 56:1 reads, "This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed." All of us have a role in revealing God's justice. It is our call as the community of faith, the body of believers, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your giving promotes our capacity to respond and to reveal God's love and justice in such a time as this!

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Days Off: Friday & Saturday
Friday is my day of Sabbath. I don't check work email on Fridays. I do check phone messages should there be a pastoral emergency or something urgent.
Cell Phone: 509-901-5514 Please feel free to call or text me.

Coffee With Kerry

When: Every Monday
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Where: Fellowship Hall
Stop by Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation with Pastor Kerry. This is a great way to get to know each other.

