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FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER

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PENTECOST – THIS SUNDAY!!! WEAR RED!!!

Pentecost ("the fiftieth day") is a special Christian holiday commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On that holy day the Apostles began to speak in many languages and received many other spiritual gifts. The event was even foretold by Jesus before his Ascension. In the Christian tradition Pentecost is a moveable feast observed exactly seven weeks after Easter Day, and also falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter Day.

We will observe Pentecost in worship this Sunday, as part of Pastor Jeff's three-part series on "wholeness," and as well in our liturgy for both worship services. Traditionally, on this Sunday, the paraments on the communion table and lectern, and pulpit, as well as ministerial stoles, are red, signifying the fire that descended upon the apostles. Everyone is urged to wear red for worship this Sunday, to be part of the morning celebration.

COME AND MEET THE CANDIDATE – EXCITING NEWS!

SPECIAL BOARD AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BEING CALLED!

The Associate Minister Search Committee after many, many months of examining potential ministerial candidates are ready to present to the congregation their choice for the next Associate Minister for Youth and Family at First Christian Church – Troy.

The candidate, Seth Rash and his wife Brandi, is a Missouri native, a 2017 graduate of Brite Divinity School at TCU, in Ft. Worth, and will be ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Saturday, June 2nd at Central Christian Church in Weatherford, Texas. He is married, and they are expecting their first child in December.

A gathering with the Search Committee will take place the evening of May 24th, and a separate event with the Elders will take place on the evening of May 25th. A "meet and greet" is set for Saturday, May 26th in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, in which members of the congregation are invited to come and enjoy fellowship as you have the opportunity to interact. Search Committee member Shirley Collier is in charge of this event.

On Sunday morning, May 27th, the first Sunday of our summer worship schedule, a special called Board Meeting and Congregational Meeting will be held simultaneously following the conclusion of worship. All members are urged to be present. Please be watching for further details as we get closer to the day.



Upcoming Events @ FCC:

Outreach: May: Pentecost

Saturday, May 19th
11:00 AM CMF BBQ @
Peoples Bank Parking Lot

Sunday, May 20th
8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship

Monday, May 21st
6:30 PM Edna Ricks Circle

Tuesday, May 22nd
9:00 AM God Talk
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, May 26th
10 AM-12:30 PM Meet & Greet
Associate Minister candidate

Sunday, May 27th
SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Special Board &
Congregational Meeting
10:00 AM Sunday School

JEFF'S JOTTINGS

One of my student churches I served while in seminary at Brite Divinity School was a small Christian Church in Archer City, Texas. The town of Archer City had a population of approx. 1000, and while the town had no major industry, it was well known for the famous movie "The Last Picture Show," featuring Cloris Leachman. The movie theatre, which had long been closed when I was serving in that community, was a symbol of a time long before when locals flocked to the theatre to see the latest from Hollywood. The closed and boarded up theatre along with many other store fronts represented a broken and sad downtown that had been seemingly abandoned.

The church where I became a Disciple, Mirror Lake Christian Church in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida, a mainstay in that city, which had a vibrant ministry for nearly 100 years, closed its doors in the late 1980's after struggling with a declining attendance and extremely high maintenance costs. My sadness was that I had many major milestone events take place there, including my ordination, and knowing that it had closed and ended up empty for many years, brought a sense of grief to my heart. Additionally, another Christian Church I served, which was located in San Diego, closed several years after I left there – its demise coming at the hands of a minister who lacked leadership and foresight. The thought of these and so many other closed congregations indicates a brokenness – a fragmentation from the wholeness and unity we know God wishes for all His children.

It's hard to see things grow old – even harder seeing things that were once vibrant – now empty, closed, abandoned, useless. I certainly wish I could make all things new – all things complete and whole...but I can't.

I can't – but God can. "He restores my soul," wrote the shepherd. He doesn't reform; he restores. He doesn't camouflage the old and broken, he restores the new. The Master Builder will pull out the original plan and bring restoration and unity. He will restore the energy...He will restore the hope...he can even restore the soul when it is we that are broken and separated and fragmented from his purpose.

Mirror Lake Christian Church, is today (2018) the host to a new congregation – which is full of energy and life, proclaiming and spreading the word of God in that downtown city. It's enthusiastic music, its young crowd of worshiping Christians, represents a newness, a coming together, a unity that reminds us that God is ever with us – weaving back into life that which has been broken. I will be in my place this Sunday bringing the final piece of my three part series on "wholeness." I hope to see you in yours.

Pastor Jeff

LUNCH BUNCH HEADED TO O'FALLON!



The monthly Lunch Bunch gathering will travel to O'Fallon to Cracker Barrel on Tuesday, May 29th. If you would like to ride the bus, please let the Church Office know in advance. We will plan to leave the church parking lot at 10:45 am.

PASTOR JANE TO PREACH AT HAWK POINT!

Pastor Jane Kelley will be preaching at the Hawk Point Christian Church on Sunday, May 20th. She will be with us here in Troy for the first service, but will depart after and be present for their worship service there, as their minister is out of town.

PASTOR JEFF TO ATTEND CLERGY CLUSTER IN MANCHESTER!

Pastor Jeff will attend the monthly meeting of the Clergy Cluster he is a part of at Community Christian Church in Manchester, on Wednesday, May 23rd. He will join other Disciple clergy as well as Rev. Dr. Penny Ross-Corona – Regional Minister.



BUDDY BAGS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This coming (third) Sunday is “Buddy Bag Sunday” (May 20), and your help is needed by bringing donations of peanut-butter and other non-perishable items that can be included in student’s backpacks to sustain them over the weekend. The wagon will be in the Narthex to receive your donations. Additionally, cash/check donations are equally welcome and will go directly to assist this outstanding program.

DON'T FORGET – ONE SERVICE SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS ON MAY 27!

Please remember that our one service summer schedule begins on Sunday, May 27, Memorial Day Sunday, with a traditional service format. Worship will be at 9 am while Sunday School will be at 10 am. The one service schedule will continue through Labor Day. The purpose of this schedule is to allow our musicians and ministers time to be away and enjoy their vacation. Be watching each week for updates on the schedule!

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer Concerns: Daries Mitchell (friend of Nancy Smith), Bill Clayton (brother-in-law of Nancy Smith), Pete Collier, Wilda Staufer, Gilbert Pieper, Ann Watts, David Jackson (friend of Naomi's), Missy Summers, Suzann Koehler, Marillyn Box, Patricia Ohmes, (Friends & Family of Tammy Fox), Doug Miller (Cindy & Terry Finley's son-in-law),

Emmilee Rutledge (Cindy & Terry Finley's daughter), Jacob & Cody Sutch, Patrick Morris, Sharon Remmler (friends & family of Myrtle Remmler), Darren McCarty (friend of Jeff & Naomi), Leah Czerniewski (friend of Barb Arnold), Bob & Ava Hall, Mel Schwent, Donya Gress, Mary Jo Boschert (friends of Cindy & Shane Bertels), Ralph & Linda Williams, Mike Shaunessy (friends of Brett & Jackie Mossotti), Silas Smith & family (friend of Lynn & Tom Sullivan), Ann Taylor, Tricia Stagner (Brenda Monse's sister), Wendy Miles, Sullivan Menne & family (friend of Jeff & Naomi), Cole Folkman (Bob & Ava Hall's Grandson), Marianne Largent (friend of Annette Walton), Carol Hutton (Norma Campbell's daughter in law), Tracy Bremerkamp (granddaughter of Myrtle Remmler), Barbara Ashley (Laura Schuerger's mother), Annie Schreiber (Niece of the Zuroweste's), Bill Lagemann (Debbie Colbert's brother-in-law), Bill & Jeannie Carr (Cathy Whitworth's sister & brother in law), Wendy Eisenbath-Sconce (friend of the Falls Family), Angela Keller (Diane Bockhorst's Niece), Cindy Stumpe, Edward Stumpe, Bernard O'Donnell & Angie Gralnick (family of Mary McCann), Georganna Lister (Delma Mallett's sister-in-law), Helen Bowen (Annette Walton's sister), Sandra Sweatatt (Nancy Smith's sister), Billie Jean Kerpass (friend of Mossotti's), Mary Beth Lenzini (friend of Clarence South), Dale Beatman (Son in law of Myrtle Remmler), Nancy Chilton (Donna Loughridge's sister), Tiffany Ledbetter (Nancy Smith's niece), Ed Huckelman, Marlene Nonn (friend of the Monse's), Brett Mossotti. **Nursing Home, Assisted Living, & Home Bound:** @ Sugar Creek Assisted Living: Pat Bertels (grandmother of James Bertels & Shane Bertels), @Troy Manor: Margaret Clare; @ Troy Nursing & Rehab: Barb Burlison @Home: Donna Lewis. **Please Pray for Our Troops:** Bill Damron (friend of Shane & Cindy Bertels, Ryan Dussold (Kelly & George Tucker's nephew), Nicholas Hutton (Grandson of Norma Campbell), Jake Jones (friend of the Lacey's), Caleb Eisenbath, Patrick Taylor. **Please let staff know if you want a name or event added or removed from the prayer list.**

CHOIR ENDS THEIR SEASON!

The Adult Choir, which has performed regularly since last fall will now take their summer vacation. Final rehearsal is this Wednesday, May 16th, with a possible get-together on May 20th. Many thanks are extended to our awesome choir, who will now get a well-deserved rest. Be watching for date and time when rehearsals begin again in the fall. Thanks to Cathy Whitworth, Choir Director, for a great year!!!

May 13, 2018

Offering: \$ 8011.00

Coffee Donation: \$ 11.00

Community Breakfast: \$ 52.00

Pentecost: \$ 50.00

Attendance: 215

C.M.F. - B.B.Q.

(Christian Men's Fellowship)

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH

11:00 - 1:30 pm

Location - Peoples Bank Lot on Cherry Street

We are encouraging call - in orders

Please Call 314-280-5282

Menu

Sandwich & Soda \$ 6.00
(Porksteak or Hamburger)

Plates \$ 10.00
(Porksteak or Hamburger,
Potato Salad, Slaw, & Soda)



DIANE KOLLAR – KITCHEN SUPPLY COORDINATOR!

Many thanks are extended to Diane Kollar, who has accepted the voluntary position of Kitchen Supply Coordinator. Any inquiries about supplies, paper goods, etc. that are needed in the kitchen should be directed to Diane, who will handle the inventory as well as the purchase of needed items. Please thank Diane for taking on this role.

OUTREACH PENTECOST OFFERING

Isn't it right as we plant our gardens to produce nourishment for our bodies that we also plant churches for our spirits. With our help, our denomination does just this through the Pentecost offering. This year a portion of the offering will stay in the St. Louis area nurturing the New Hope Christian Church. Please give to this necessary ministry!



NEWSLETTER

BOARD VOTES TO CHANGE NEWSLETTER TO TWICE A MONTH STARTING JUNE!

The Official Board of the church voted to accept Pastor Jeff's proposal that we print a church newsletter twice a month, starting in June – rather than once a week. This would be done through the summer with an evaluation at the end of the summer as to whether we continue this printing schedule. In the meantime, there would be a “new” bulletin insert added each week that would be a “newsletter supplement in miniature,” called “First Family News.” Be watching for these exciting changes.

JOTTINGS FROM JANE...

"Passion to Serve"

Recently, The Lincoln County Journal printed a special piece with this title: Passion to Serve.

The articles featured businesses and individuals who exhibit a passion for what they do in this community. It was a good read!

Before our New Associate comes to be a part of this congregation, I believe it would benefit each of us to ponder the passion we have for Jesus and the work of the church. It is good to do a self-exam and consider where our passion to serve happens in regards to serving God. I'm sure that we have plenty of opportunities for service!

Let me give you some starting points using the letters of **PASSION**.

- P.** Pray regularly. Be Persistent. Be Personal.
- A.** Adoration for Jesus. Maintain a pure and upbeat Attitude.
- S.** Act as a Shepherd. Be Steadfast in God's Work. Support your church and families.
- S.** Serve God. Share what Christ has done for you.
- I.** Ignite your programs with excitement. Illustrate the Bible through your actions, activities, and attitude.
- O.** Be **obedient**, open and **obvious** about your attitude
- N.** Take **notice** of all others. Never give up!

"Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God." —Ephesians 6:6 (The Message)

Blessings!

Pastor Jane

THANK YOU

Dear FCC family,

A big thank you to my church family for the special senior worship service. It means a lot to me to be cared for so much and to know I'll always have a church home.

Love,
Wil Wright



Pastor Wendy Miles was at worship this Sunday and we are happy she could join Troy FCC for Mother's Day! Please continue your prayers for Wendy. May God continue to give her strength and may healing continue!

EDNA RICKS CIRCLE TO MEET

Edna Ricks Circle will meet on Monday, May 21st @ FCC in the fellowship hall. Diane Kollar is the hostess.

We hope you will join us! This is our last meeting until September!

MEMORIAL DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED!

Church office and First Step Preschool will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.
Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 29th.



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____ Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

I grant permission to First Christian Church to use my child's photograph on the church website, newsletter, Facebook page, or other information sharing documents.

Yes, I give my consent for my child's photograph to be used as described above.

No, I do NOT give my consent for my child's photograph to be used.

Parent or Guardian's signature

Date



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM WORSHIP

Serving May 20, 2018

ELDER: Joy Faires

DEACONS: Sheila Royer, Karen Starr, Wayne Kollar

GREETERS: Ginny Patterson & Clarence South

MUSICIANS: Pam Hall & Cathy Whitworth

AV: Rollin Heaton

SONG LEADER: Jim Zuroweste

ELDER: Darrell Faires

DEACONS: Darren Bremer, Matt Kersting, Tracy Bruce

GREETERS: Lillian Chaney & Delma Mallett

MUSICIANS: James Bertels, Denny Gibson, Andrea Lallis, Brett Mossotti & Chris Stark

AV: Bryan Falls

SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS! ONE SERVICE!

Serving May 27, 2018 (Contemporary)

ELDER: Joy Faires, Darrell Faires

DEACONS: Sheila Royer, Karen Starr, Wayne Kollar, Darren Bremer, Matt Kersting, Tracy Bruce

GREETERS: Lillian Chaney & Delma Mallett

MUSICIANS: James Bertels, Denny Gibson, Andrea Lallis, Brett Mossotti & Chris Stark

AV: Tom Whitworth/Nori Rasmussen

Preparing Deacon: Karen Starr

* If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and notify the church office.