

THE DISCIPLE



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“Called to be the presence of Christ in our community”



June is here! We are jumping in with a bang! First Saturday of June is the Ladies' Tea, then the First Sunday of June is Pentecost Sunday! I know you know that Pentecost is my



favorite Christian Holiday. I also know you know it is my favorite because it represents the move from God living afar to God living with us and in us. In his book "Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC (Copyright 1973, Harper Collins Publishers), Frederick Buechner writes this about the Holy Spirit:

Spirit is highly contagious. When [someone] is very excited, very happy, very sad, you can catch it from [them] as easily as measles or a yawn. . . . Groups also have a spirit, as anybody can testify who has ever been caught up in the spirit of a football game, a political rally, or a lynch mob. Spirit can be good or bad, healing or destructive. Spirit can be transmitted across great distances of time and space. . . . The spirit of God, Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, is highly contagious. When Peter and his friends were caught up in it at Jerusalem on Pentecost, everybody thought they were drunk even though the sun wasn't yet over the yardarm. They were.

Did you catch the last sentence? "They were." The apostles were "drunk" with the Spirit. In the process they were more fully alive and energized than they had ever been before. It is an experience quite similar to being drunk. And yet, it has no debilitating effects. The Spirit of God inside us can make us contagious in our enthusiasm for love of God. It can make us unstoppable in mission and service. It can keep us safe in dangerous situations. God with us is the ultimate promise of Jesus. He knew what it was like to have God living in him every day. And he wanted to share it! It's Pentecost! God's moving day from temple to heart! Come and celebrate!

I look forward to seeing you around the Lord's Table,

Rick

SANDY'S SPOT...



I have just returned from the Finger Lakes area of upstate New York. My Downers Grove Ski Club, Piccadilly went to 3 wineries a day and we consumed delicious food and adult beverages. I told Hayden I would not be joining him at the lake house for Memorial Weekend. He asked me, what is more fun than jet skiing. Nothing, when you are 6 years old, nothing is more fun than jet skiing. I don't think he would understand Granny's idea of fun compared to tubing, jet skiing, boating and visiting his friend, Alijah, who is 3 days younger than Hayden. Alijah has been abandoned by his parents and is being raised by his granny.

Sharon bought a tee shirt that says life is too short to drink bad wine. As I follow my church friends around the world, I know that we are a truly blessed group. We also have our faith to share and give us strength during our difficult times.

Sandy



FISH Pantry Update



The following are items requested from FISH Pantry. Those being served by the Pantry appreciate all that we can do.

Thank you for your generosity.

Items for the Pantry:

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Cleaning products for bathroom and kitchen

Baby formula

Barb



Join Us for Monday Intercessory Prayer (MIP)!

Prayers are being answered! Please join us for MIP Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. from the comforts of your own home! Spending an hour with God feeling his support and love is a blessing at all times!

God is so good! We not only ask for God's help with our concerns, but we also spend time offering praise for all God is doing in our world. Recent praises were for:

- Naperville Central H.S. students presented a plan to the Dist. 203 Board of Ed. to begin a shift to electric buses in hopes of changing their minds on the feasibility
- Rollins College valedictorian, Elizabeth Bonker with nonspeaking autism, gave a school commencement address with a text-to-speech program and a communication aide.
- Wales was the only U.K. nation to keep up its recycling rate during the pandemic and has now outperformed the other nations for at least 10 years running.

God's is active and working throughout our world. Hallelujah! Join in our praise!

The **conference-calling** feature makes it easy to join from anywhere you are. Dial in to join us for the entire session or just to ask for your own prayer concerns. We welcome all prayer concerns! We document our prayer concerns each week and if you provide us with your email, we can send a copy to you each week.

Join us for a spiritually enriching hour with God! You are free to join in silently or add prayers as you like!

Our Monday night sessions include:

- A brief gathering of any additional prayers and prayer priorities
- A prayer devotion
- Prayers for our joys and concerns: personal, church, community, country, and world
- A brief closing prayer

To Join by Conference Call:

1. Call (607) 374-1123
2. Enter the access code: 390193

For more information email Karen Johns: johns.karen@gmail.com

PROPERTY REPORT

ComEd Electric Church:

2022 3/24 – 4/22 \$202.66
 2021 3/24 – 4/22 \$114.58



The Property team is looking into getting a mailbox for the Church. Greathouse Pest Control sprayed the property inside and outside of the Church, including the outside where the hornets like to be. We're going to renovate the office space Carol uses into two offices and install an air conditioning unit.

We are looking for contractors who can renovate/replace the double doors to the church. J&R Herra is scheduled to do their regular maintenance and, we are discussing the outdoor projects. Perhaps a workday. We will let you know.

Barb and Dan



Current Fund Balances --by date - As of 5/31/2022

Account	5/31/2022 Balance
Bank Accounts	
General Fund - (Operating Budget)	6,386.16
Hope For The Future - Savings Fund	289,651.40
In-As-Much Fund	757.40
Ladies Annual Tea	385.00
Memorials	445.79
Pass Thru Funds	0.00
Property Reserve	24.27
SPECIAL Disciples Mission Outreach ...	0.00
SPECIAL Music & Worship Fund	7.45
The Back To School Fair Fund	2,745.46
Youth Fund	1,330.77
TOTAL Bank Accounts	301,733.70
OVERALL TOTAL	301,733.70

Budget

1/1/2022 through 5/31/2022 Using Budget 2022 Annual

Category	1/1/2022 Actual	- Budget	5/31/2022 Difference
INCOME	54,625.82	50,300.00	4,325.82
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120-Identifiable Giving	53,479.00	49,500.00	3,979.00
130-Loose offering	87.00	200.00	-113.00
140-Space Use Donations	0.00	40.00	-40.00
150_Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00
160-Other Income	1,059.82	560.00	499.82
EXPENSES	48,239.66	50,807.00	2,567.34
200-Ministry	1,359.50	1,245.00	-114.50
210-Worship	359.50	125.00	-234.50
220-Evangelism	0.00	40.00	40.00
230-Disciples Mission Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
250-Stewardship	0.00	40.00	40.00
260-Christian Development	0.00	40.00	40.00
300-Property	8,248.11	9,165.00	916.89
310-Maintenance & Repair	1,089.64	1,665.00	575.36
330-Grounds	3,290.00	3,750.00	460.00
340-Utilities	3,868.47	2,500.00	-1,368.47
350-Improvements	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
400-Office Administration	4,429.70	5,665.00	1,235.30
410-Insurance & Bonding	2,884.32	3,210.00	325.68
420- Office Expense	1,144.83	2,080.00	935.17
430-Payroll Service	400.55	375.00	-25.55
500-Personnel	34,202.35	34,732.00	529.65
520-Sr. Min. Housing Allowance	17,088.00	17,088.00	0.00
530-Sr. Min. Pension	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
540-Sr. Min. Prof. Expenses	280.80	415.00	134.20
550-Office Manager Salary	4,610.00	4,610.00	0.00
560-Pianist Salary	5,670.00	5,669.00	-1.00
570-Choir Director	0.00	0.00	0.00
580-Custodian Salary	3,035.00	3,035.00	0.00
590-Staff FICA	1,018.55	1,415.00	396.45
Net Difference:	6,386.16	-507.00	6,893.16



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 7	Ron Smith
June 18	Cherie Sutter
June 19	Kara Gray
June 25	Norah Peterson
June 27	Bill Martina
June 29	Gage Gilley

Back-to-School Fair (Teacher's Edition)



This year, the back-to-school ministry has three goals: a “teacher’s edition” of the back-to-school fair; backpacks for students on an as-needed basis; and calculators for needy junior and senior high school students. Calculators will be purchased and distributed to Downers Grove High School; earbuds, instead of calculators, will be purchased and distributed to Jefferson Junior High School.

We will host on August 19 a miniature fair for teachers from El Sierra and Kingsley Elementary Schools. We envision tables set up in Fellowship Hall containing different school supplies (notebooks, folders, etc.). Teachers from the two schools will visit the fair from 3-6pm on August 19 and take needed items to help them defray out-of-pocket expenses. We have talked to the schools and enlisted their aid in reaching teachers for wish-list items we can provide them (such as extra easels or specialty art supplies). An email address (mydgteacherwishlist@gmail.com) will afford direct access from teachers to us. We are hoping that teachers will use this email address throughout the school year or visit the teacher’s supply closet we are setting up, as needs arise.

Much work still needs to be done to accomplish these three goals, so everyone’s assistance will be needed soon!

Dan Johns



DIRECTORY CORRECTION



Please correct Joe Iaculla’s phone number to read

1-630-460-8491

SERVING SCHEDULE



ELDERS

Lectern

Table

June 5	Martha Anderson	Becky Daigle
June 12	Karen Johns	Bill Cook
June 19	Joy Claffey	Daphne Hayes
June 26	Barb Bates	Bob Reese

DEACONS

Prep and Serve

Serve

June 5	Don Peterson	Dan Johns
June 12	Mac Flores	Gail Reese
June 19	Jim Claffey	Jeff Igel
June 26	Larry Carley	Galilee Flores

POWER POINT

June	No power point at this time
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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

June 5	
June 12	
June 19	
June 26	

COUNTERS

June	Marve Huizinga
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**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**