

June 2023

Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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Congrats, Grads!!!



Last month, we congratulated three FCC members/Canton seniors on completing their high school careers! Those three grads are (from left to right) Belle Hardy, Lexie Shaw and Jaiden Walters. Pastor Steve led the congregation in an ancient form of prayer signifying love and protection for these three young ladies as they continue on with their future endeavors. The girls were also gifted a daily devotional to remind them that God is present every step of their journeys.

Isabelle "Belle" Hardy's future plans include attending Spoon River College in the fall! After SRC, she plans to transfer to a university where she will major in social work, or psychology!

Lexie Shaw will be attending Black Hawk College to play softball and will major in Animal Science....

She plans on transferring to Middle Tennessee State University to complete her bachelor's degree and continue on for her Veterinary Medicine degree!

Jaiden Walters will attend Heartland Community College where she will play softball while obtaining her Associate Degree in Art. After Heartland, she plans to attend Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing to obtain a degree as a traveling Pediatric Nurse.

We wish these three a great future! Congratulations again, ladies!!!



90 and Fabulous!!

On May 13th, the lovely Margaret Wright turned 90 years young! She was surrounded by family and friends as they celebrated her in the fellowship hall after worship on May 14th. Margaret said she moved from Jacksonville, Florida to Canton, Illinois



in 1956. She became a member of the First Christian Church in the 1960s. When asked the question "What is your secret to a long and happy life?" she responded, "That's a tough question. I would say my faith in God and love of people!" We are lucky to have Margaret in our church family and so happy to celebrate her!

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Rick Coulter: Building Supervisor
John Davis: Director of Music
Gretchen Fuller: Organist

On May 28th we celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the church and a reminder that the church has been and will always continue to be a global movement that takes many forms, speaks many languages and looks different based on its cultural context. Similarly, one of the reasons I love going to the General Assembly (GA) conferences held by the Disciples denomination, is the opportunity to step outside of what I regularly know and love about church to witness the many other ways that church can be, even within our own tradition. I've been going to GA since I've been in college and I haven't missed one of these every-two-year gatherings—other than 2021's Assembly, which was cancelled, due to COVID. That's why I've been especially interested in seeing who else from FCC is interested in joining me this July 29-Aug 1 in Louisville for 4 days of worship, dialogue, exploring and connection-building.

In years past, GA has helped me learn new ways of worshipping—including the idea for a Pray Ground!; it's been a time of discovering potential mission partners and meeting with leaders from the general church to learn how we can grow. I've been to seminars on clarifying vision, on updated approaches to stewardship, on how to clarify our communications approach...and all along the way, GA is always punctuated by rekindling an existing relationship and meeting someone new who has been a gift!

For this GA in Louisville, the theme is "The Kin-dom of God is Within Us and Among Us." At FCC, we'll be preparing all our hearts, not just those of us who will go to Assembly, by exploring the themes and scriptures that will be used at GA throughout our July worship services. But at GA, I'm looking forward to the hearing in worship from our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, as well as Owen Chandler, an old friend from Bethany Fellows who is a US Army Chaplain and I'm sure has much wisdom to share after his 5 deployments. I'm also intrigued to see how Rev. Yolanda Norton will be guiding us in worship, considering she is the creator of the Beyonce Mass—if that intrigues you, definitely Google it! There's something new that should be reviving to the soul: there are 5 resident artists who will be bringing beauty to our days! At GA, there's also some work to be done, that's a part of the Covenant Project, where we're looking at updating the church's by-laws and changing GA to a once-every-three-years event and making the role of congregational representatives a much more important and ongoing role.

For those who have been doing Bible Study with me this past month when we've been talking about the Holy Spirit, we've talked about Cane Ridge—well, there will be trips to that site, where the Disciples began as a revival. I'm also excited to explore the Muhammad Ali museum, who called Louisville his home, and I'm sure there will be plenty of good bluegrass and maybe a bit of local bourbon along the way. I'm even going to participate in a Habitat house build—inside the convention center!—and learn from the Week of Compassion some helpful hints on disaster preparedness.



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Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or
in your email.

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I'm so excited to make this GA experience that the 5-and-a-half-hour drive will be a breeze.

So far, we officially have Trygve Meade joining me as an official voting representative. But there's room for more. If you have an interest in going, we can officially send two other voters—and as many participants as we'd like. We can even help make this affordable with financial support for your participation.

But time is running out! If you want to go, or even just want more information, please talk with me ASAP. Also go check out ga.disciples.org because GA is a wonderful experience and can be a blessing for the whole church!

Peace,

Steve

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

in Louisville, Kentucky
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2023



CAMP WALTER SCOTT

2023 SCHEDULE

Jun 2-4 **Creation Care Camp**
Open to all Families

Jun 11-17 **CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship)**
Completed grades 9th to 12th

Jun 18-21 **You & Me***
Completed grades K to 5th & Adult(s)

Jun 22-24 **Beginners Camp**
*Completed grades K to 3rd***

Jun 25-Jul 1 **JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)**
*Completed grades 3rd** to 5th*

Jul 2-8 **Chi Rho**
Completed grades 6th to 8th

**Formerly known as Grandparents & Me.*

***Campers who have completed 3rd grade may attend either Beginners Camp or JYF Camp.*

YOUNG ADULT GLAMPING WEEKEND

Jul 21-23
For adults ages 18-30. Formerly known as Post High Camp

FAMILY CAMPS

May 25-29
Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp

Aug 31 - Sep 4
Labor Day Weekend Family Camp

Jump for Joy! It's Camping Season!

This camping season offers great opportunities for kids and families of all ages and backgrounds the ability to develop friendships in Christ, spend time in nature and grow in discipleship at Camp Walter Scott, just south of Effingham, IL. Not only are children and youth of FCC encouraged to participate, but camp is a great place to invite their friends.

If you have kids who are of camping age, you should be receiving (early this month) an email repeating all this information, as well as a helpful video showing highlights of what campers can expect and experience at Camp Walter Scott.

Remember families, all campers can have up to **half of their camping registration fees paid for by FCC** and if there is enough interest, shared transportation might be arranged. We already have a few campers this season and we hope the youthful ones in your life will have the benefit of this life-changing ministry!

PLAY 'N PRAY

FAMILY VBS

WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE
6-8PM

- Fun for the whole family every Wednesday night in June as we celebrate love for everyone and find new ways to grow our spiritual and emotional health!
- Each evening will include dinner, crafts and games for all ages and abilities...and it's all FREE!

RSVP online (using the QR code) or by calling the office



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What is a Living Legacy Gift

(part 4)?

Our Canton First Christian Church Living Legacy Ministry is continuing to evolve. The staff members from the Indianapolis office of our Christian Church Foundation are freely giving us consultation and assistance to create our ministry concerning end-of-life giving. A quote from one staff member, Rev. Susan Ward Diamond, states, "I think this type of ministry is one of the most important things a congregation can do. When we talk about our lives, all of us are wondering, are we making a difference and the thing that is so exciting to me is the idea that I can still make a difference even if I'm not here."

The plan we have set, with the guidance we have received, will take most of a year to fully explain the whole ministry. During that time, we will also educate everyone on the many opportunities to give to this ministry and how it will be a blessing to our church and you as the giver. There are also some of the options that may be financially advantageous to you from a tax standpoint.

These monthly newsletters are just the first pieces of information to introduce the ministry and begin to familiarize you with efforts that will be coming later in the year. The next major step in the process is the finalization of the trifold brochure which will have a simple description of how gifts can be given. Hopefully, we will be able to mail them out to everyone in the congregation with additional information before the end of June. Please, continue to pray for this.

Blessings,

-Don Heller, on behalf of the
Finance Committee

Leave a
Legacy



FRIENDLY REMINDER

Outside Service

Every First Sunday This Summer
(please, bring a chair and enjoy)





Please Pray For:

Family & friends of Tom Snowman upon his death;
 Family, friends & co-workers of Izaiah Hernandez after his suicide completion; Bing Bluemreich (Caitlin Mason's stepfather); Margaret Wright (Zaborac); Lorraine Neill (recovering from neck surgery); Bill Kemper; Steve Moore; Betty Tracey and Family; Tracy Snowman; Cora Murphey; SueEllen Stephenson; Crystal Grabel (Denny D's niece); Allard Family; Sarah Eskridge, Elaine Putrich & Melody who are struggling with breast cancer.

Contact the office, Pastor Steve or fill out a pew prayer request and put it in the offering box to add your prayer requests

June Birthdays

Cole Schrodtt	June 4
Amy Allard	June 5
Kathy Burton	June 7
Henry Dare	June 13
Kadence Schoolcraft	June 15
Emmie Stephenson	June 22
AlmaLee Wertman	June 26
Gage Baldry	June 29

June Anniversaries

Kara & Dan Fitzjarrald	June 2
Kevin & Rhonda Morgan	June 5
Mark & Laura Taylor	June 7
Mike & Sue Walters	June 10
Amy & Tad Allard	June 12
Corey & Jen Miller	June 14
Alan & Daryle Coleman	June 15
Bruce & Sherry Fisher	June 26
Greg & SueEllen Stephenson	June 27

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates

Mildred Weber; Margaret Wright;
 David & Bea Meeker

At Sunset

Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

At Renaissance Care Center

Angie Slater; Shirley Harris

Passionate

SPIRITUALITY

Joyful

SERVICE

Inspiring

GENEROSITY

BECOMING
 DEDICATED

Disciples

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules			
June 4, 2023 - God is Love		June 11, 2023 - Accept that God Loves You	
Scripture	1 John 4.7-12	Scripture	Eph. 2.4-10
Greeters	Jan & Kevin Dearing	Greeters	Kevin & Jan Dearing
Ushers	(Outside Service)	Ushers	Denny & Dee Doubet
CtW Reader	Jean Edwards	CtW Video	Video
Scripture Reader	Jan Dearing	Scripture Reader	Liz Pollitt
Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva	Children's Moment	Jen Miller
Invitation	Mike Krulac	Invitation	Bill Leitze
Prayer	Tammy Weaver	Prayer	Alan Coleman
Deacons	Brian /Michelle Spiva (Prepare) & Tad/Amy Allard	Deacons	Shawn/Lyn Snowman (Prepare) & Denny/Dee Doubet
Counters	Chuck Taylor & Doreen Shaw	Counters	Bruce Edwards & Jen Miller
Coffee Fellowship	Don & Connie Heller	Coffee Fellowship	Tammy Weaver & Liz Pollitt
June 18, 2023 - And the Answer is...		June 25, 2023 - Love God	
Scripture	TBD	Scripture	Luke 10.25-28
Greeters	Diane Schrodtt	Greeters	Doris Taylor
Ushers	Mike & Susan Walters	Ushers	Wanda Carmack
CtW Reader	Grant Stephenson	CtW Video	Video
Scripture Reader	Kara Fitzjarrald	Scripture Reader	Bill Leitze
Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman	Children's Moment	Janet Krulac
Invitation	Chuck Taylor	Invitation	Jen Miller
Prayer	Kevin Dearing	Prayer	Doreen Shaw
Deacons	Grant/Amanda Stephenson & Eugenia Warden/Mark Taylor (prepare)	Deacons	Chuck/Denise Jarvis & Zack/Janet Krulac (prepare)
Counters	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver	Counters	Kevin Coleman & Doreen Shaw
Coffee Fellowship	Judy Leitze	Coffee Fellowship	Paula Grigsby

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sunday worship in June!		1 G.E.M.S. 10AM Rm 104	2	3
4 Outside Worship 9:00AM (Bring A Chair) Bible Study 10:30AM	5 Elders Meeting 6:30PM	6	7 Play 'N Pray 6-8PM	8 G.E.M.S. 10AM Rm 104	9	10
11 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:30AM	12 Worship Meeting 6:00PM	13	14 Finance Meeting 6:00PM Play'N Pray 6-9PM Big Creek Pool and Rec Center	15 G.E.M.S. 10AM Rm 104	16	17
18 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	19 Christian Ed. Meeting 6:00PM Cabinet Meeting 7:00PM	20 Card Club 2PM	21	22 Newsletter Deadline G.E.M.S. 10AM Rm 104	23	24
25 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	26 Property Committee Meeting 4:00PM	27	28 Play 'N Pray 6-8PM	29 G.E.M.S. 10AM Rm 104	30	