

# The Herald

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



June-July 2008

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## Miners Baseball Outing



A church outing to see a Southern Illinois Miners baseball game is planned for Friday evening, July 25. Just as last season, the Miners games are selling out. However, we have our tickets already for this game against the Gateway Grizzlies. We have box seats on the third base line. The price is \$7 for each ticket. FCC outings to minor league baseball games are terrific fun for all ages. As one participant

once said, "This isn't just baseball, its total entertainment." Get your tickets before they are all gone. We will car pool to the ball park. Contact Al Parr to purchase tickets 559-3132.



## Mission Yard Sale

Our Annual Mission Yard Sale is rapidly approaching. This year's sale will be on August 15th and 16th, and the Outreach Avenue of Service will be needing the help of all our church family to make this a successful event.

We are requesting that most Yard Sale items NOT be brought to the church until July 27th, at which time they may be brought to the Fellowship Hall, which will be available for the three weeks preceding the sale. This time frame was used last year, and it worked out very well.

If you have items to donate that CANNOT wait until July 27th, please call or e-mail Martha Ellert to arrange

for pick-up, or leave the items in the hallway on the third floor. But please keep in mind that each year we have a huge amount of CLOTHING to sell and much of it goes unsold. Most clothing donated prior to July 27th should be taken to the Church Women United Thrift Shop, a very worthy organization which serves the community well. However, baby's and children's clothing, clothing for special sizes, like-new clothing and clothing of particularly good quality would be gladly accepted for our Yard Sale. FURNITURE in good repair, and other high quality items, are also welcome throughout the year..

Anyone having questions regarding donations should call (521-0613) or e-mail ([msellert@aol.com](mailto:msellert@aol.com)) Martha Ellert, Yard Sale coordinator.

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## FCC Weekly



Sunday worshippers, get your fresh ,up-to-date, hot off the presses news items in the brand new FCC weekly news flyer.

## Summer Intergenerational Worship . . . .

We are a community greatly impacted by Southern Illinois University. When summer arrives and students head for home and Carbondale residents seek summer renewal, our streets enjoy less traffic, our restaurants fewer patrons and our churches smaller numbers of worshippers.

Here at FCC we pray God will refresh your spirit and we hope by adapting our approach to summer Sundays, we can also facilitate your very real need for respite with family and friends. Please join us for friendship and refreshments in June at 9:45 a.m. in our Friendship Hall where coffee, punch and bagels will be provided. Our 10:30 a.m. intergenerational worship service will hopefully engage and lift all into God's kin-dom.

God's family is wondrously diverse yet, sadly Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours in our culture. When we think of segregation, we are most likely to think about the sin of racism but the worship service often isolates generations as well. Jesus is reported to have scolded his disciples saying, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10:14 NRSV) As we plan our summer intergenerational worship, we ask the question; How are we stopping our children from coming?

The changes we have made in the order of worship reflect our attempt to make room at the Table for all of us. Summer worship will be less formal, more interactive and hopefully conclude at 11:15 a.m. There will be nursery care for the littlest disciples but we invite all ages to be present to each other as Christ is to each one of us.



This symbol indicates an invitation to stand

*10:25 Piano Introit*

**Welcome & Greeting**



**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

*SING TWICE*

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*UNISON PRAYER*

*(printed in bulletin)*

**MESSAGE IN MUSIC (choral or solo)**

**SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*A time of silence is offered that individuals may be in meditative prayer.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Spoken in Unison**

*Let us continue to offer God our prayers in our tithes and offerings as the deacons wait upon us.*

**OFFERTORY**

**HYMN OF COMMUNION**



**DOXOLOGY**

**Thanksgiving for the Bread**

**Elder**

**Thanksgiving for the Cup**

**Elder**

***Please be seated***

**Words of Institution**

**Pastor**

*Please eat the bread as it is passed holding the cup until all can partake together.*

**HYMN OF INVITATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**BLESSING & CLOSING HYMN**

**Shalom to You Now**



Going Green is good for our planet. The use of the new “low energy” compact florescent light bulbs uses approximately 75% less energy and lasts 10 times longer than standard incandescent bulbs; saves \$30.00 or more in electricity costs over the bulbs lifetime; produces about 75% less heat which helps with lowering home cooling bills. These new bulbs are now available in many sizes and shapes for indoor and outdoor use. According to [www.energystar.gov/index](http://www.energystar.gov/index) “if every American home replaced just one light bulb with an Energy Star qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs and prevent green house gases equivalent to the emission of more than 800,000 cars.

Even “good things”, however, have some drawbacks. Sure, the bulbs do cost a little more, but most importantly, Consumer Reports on Health; Vol 20, No 5, May 2008, cautions that these new bulbs contain mercury, while only 1% the amount found in old thermometers, breakage of the bulb can pose a risk.

Take these steps to insure safety if a bulb breaks:

- (1) open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes;
- (2) wear disposable gloves to clean up broken pieces with a damp paper towel or sticky tape if needed;
- (3) DO NOT use a vacuum to clean up the broken bulb because spread the mercury particles into the air;
- (4) put remnants into a double, sealed plastic bag and discard in the trash outdoors.
- (5) Discard burned out bulbs at a recycling center or as a last resort, sealed double plastic bag.

## Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar for JULY 14, 2008, 2:30 PM UNTIL 6:30 PM when First Christian Church will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall. Cardinal T-Shirts will be given to all who attempt to donate. Watch for more info on posters in the church and on the Hot Line.



The A.E.D. has arrived and by the time The Herald is out, you will see it mounted on the wall and will be hearing details about its use and training for its use. In the meantime, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not tamper with, try to remove the unit to look at it or in anyway disturb the box and unit. If you do remove the unit, a loud alarm will sound indicating that there is an emergency and that the unit has been removed.... each time the unit is removed, we have to pay Cardiac Science a fee to have the unit recharged and reset for use....SO PLEASE ask one of the people posted as “certified users” if you have questions and watch for announcement of training classes and information classes to be offered at the church. Marge

## Outreach

One night while watching a story unfold on Channel 3 news, I heard the tagline, *Be the Church*. It took a minute for this to register. Be the church? What?

It seems that a local congregation took yesterday off for the first time in its 30 years of existence. Did they play golf? Sleep in? Enjoy a lazy morning of reading the paper over coffee? We all know we dream of this at times, when we're struggling out the door Sunday morning after a long, hard week, some of us with kids in tow, some of us with mobility issues, and some of us just plain TIRED.

It happens to the best of us, admit it. However, this church took Sunday off for a reason. Remember *Be the Church*? For this group it was more than just a tagline. It was a call to action. The minister described this unprecedented action as wanting to show the community that it's one thing to go to church, but another to live out what we all believe in. So, this congregation spent the morning picking up trash, fishing with underprivileged kids, and helping people with fixing up their houses. This group went beyond the comfortable, climate controlled walls of their Sunday morning worship. They went out to BE the body of Christ.

I think this little story has practical application for our own congregation and is powerfully specific to the area of outreach. Exciting things are happening at our church! Ideas and positive energies are flowing freely. There is an atmosphere of hope, of renewed purpose. Yet, despite the enthusiasm that is flowing among those of us called to leadership, one issue remains. We can't do it alone.

Ideas are in development as I type this message to you all. We are excited by some new possibilities that we hope will bring the light of Christ out into Carbondale and beyond, welcoming in everyone who would come, as they are, loving them as Christ loves us all. Curious? Stay tuned. As we get our plans developed, information will be shared. As a cherished and valued member of this congregation, you will be the first to know!

In the meantime, please take the quietude that I hope summer will offer to you, and search your heart for what it means to "be the church". Are you on-board? We can't do it without you. Outreach can be as simple as a warm smile offered to a visitor, an invite to coffee hour, or attending one of the many events we have in store for you.

Watch the hotline and messages from your friendly co-chair of outreach regarding summer activities. During June, July, and August, we plan the first Sunday of every month to go out after worship so that we might grow closer together and truly consider what it means to put our faith into action. There are also plans in the works to attend a Miners' ballgame. Stay tuned.

It seems that the one page I am given to write to you is about filled. How does that happen? You see, we may all be doing a hundred different things today, in a hundred different places, but you are with me, always. How can we share this wonderful blessing of being a part of something larger, of something with purpose, with others? Summer is upon us, offering time to reflect upon this. Blessings-  
Debra Whitledge

## Mission Yard Sale

On August 3rd we will need some help bringing already donated items down to the fellowship hall. From there on we will need help setting up, sorting and pricing. For all you bakers out there, we will again need your delicious baked goods to sell. They can be dropped off at the church starting Thursday August 14th.

Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex on Sundays in July and August. We have many loyal volunteers that help each year, but the more people we have to do this, the easier and more successful the Mission Yard Sale will be. Our Yard Sale is well-known in the community for both the quantity and quality of items for sale.

### Here are some tips for donors

- Please mark content information on the outside of the box or bag. This saves the sorter having to go through the entire package to see what's included. This holds true, of course, for any other packages that may contain only one type of item (e.g., books, shoes, etc.)
- Items that include several pieces should be kept together, either by taping, pinning, or placing all parts in a bag or box and marking it clearly.
- Fragile items should be wrapped carefully

We cannot sell items that are heavily soiled or badly broken. We will try to clean items that are lightly soiled, if it seems to be worth the effort. But it is certainly preferable if donated items are brought to us in a relatively CLEAN condition

## Summer Worship

The Young Disciples will be in worship during the summer, except for one Sunday each month when we will have Summer Fun Sundays. Worship will be a shortened, more casual, kid-friendly service, and nursery care will still be available for our pre-schoolers in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Fun Sundays are for kids of all ages and will fall on the second week of each month: June 8, July 13 and Aug. 10. On June 8, we will be exploring and creating labyrinths and mazes. On July 13, we will have a mini "campout" in the Playlot in celebration of camp commissioning Sunday. On Aug. 10, we'll cool off with some water play.

## Labor Day Campout

Mark your calendars! We are planning to campout together as a church and with other regional Disciples churches on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29-Sept 1, at Camp Walter Scott. The Labor Day Campout includes an ice cream social, campfire vespers, worship and communion, a potluck, and lots of free time to play together! We'll have more information in August.

## VBS

Vacation Bible School will be July 7-11. Once again, we will partner with First Presbyterian Church to present Marketplace VBS, and our own pastor will be the spiritual leader for the youth at this event! This year's theme is the story of Moses and the Exodus. The story comes alive as children "visit" the places where the events occurred and do related crafts like hieroglyphics, woodworking, leatherwork, needlework, jewelry making, brick making, and gourds. The cost is only \$10. To register, contact the office.

Last year First Christian's presence, both in terms of children and adult volunteers, was quite large. The children who attended had a great time and really did learn a lot. This year again we are seeking Disciple help in the form of volunteers who can lead crafts booths or participate as group leaders. If you feel called to this ministry, please let me know.

## Off to Camp

Logos Summer Camp, for children finishing grades 3-12, is July 14-18. Kids have a blast each year at Camp Walter Scott where they get to fellowship with Disciples from around the region. First Christian assumes half of the \$235 price for our children to attend camp so the cost for families is only \$117.50. Need-based full scholarships are also available. We will commission our campers during worship July 13.

Logos Camp is the one traditionally attended by Carbondale Disciples, but it is not the only camp available at Camp Walter Scott. Disciples camps are available throughout the summer and for many age groups. If you'd like to check out the many camps available, go to [www.cciwdisciples.org](http://www.cciwdisciples.org) and click on the camps link, or come visit me in the office.

In Christian Love,  
Marleen Shepherd  
Christian Education Coordinator



## Important Dates

Sunday, June 8 – Camp & VBS registration forms are due to the office Summer Fun Sunday – Amazing Mazes(Labyrinths, Mazes and fun

Week of July 7-11 – Marketplace VBS

Sunday, July 13– Camp Commissioning Sunday Summer Fun Sunday – Camp out

Week of July 14-18 – Logos Summer Camp at Camp Walter Scott

Aug. 10 – Summer Fun Sunday – Wet & Wild

Aug. 29-Sept 1 – Labor Day Campout



Dwight Welch receives a send off from FCC as he goes forth into seminary as a candidate for ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ Dwight received a full scholarship from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN and will be moving to Indianapolis the first week in June. Dwight has been an active member of the Carbondale community on and off campus working with University Christian Ministries, the Carbondale Interfaith Council, the Church of Good Shepherd and First Christian Church (D.O.C.). Dwight's degrees in religion and philosophy has equipped him to serve as an educator and now he seeks a Master of Divinity degree to equip him for campus or pastoral ministry. We are proud and excited for Dwight. We pray God will richly bless his journey!

## Our Graduates



## Library

Wainwright, Geoffrey, and Karen B. Westerfield Tucker. *The Oxford History of Christian Worship*. Oxford University Press, 2006. 916p.

A history of Christian worship and Christian practices is in many ways a history of the Christian Church itself, for the Church would certainly dwindle without a strong worship tradition and scheduled worship services. This massive and authoritative history of Christian worship looks at the spread of Christianity throughout the world, from its earliest times to the present, examining changes

that have occurred in the worship tradition based on geographical and social forces as well as changing interpretations of scripture and doctrine. Emphasis is on organized worship, from cathedral to parish, with details of movements, growth of sects, development of liturgy, and evolution of the worship service. Among the many geographic traditions considered are Byzantine and Slavic Orthodoxy, the Lutheran tradition, the Mennonite church, Catholicism in Hispanic America, and Asian and African missions. However, the impact of other forces are treated as well in chapters addressing the

influence of women in worship, the development of Christian music, vestments, and visual representations of Christian icons. To read *The Oxford History of Christian Worship* from cover to cover would be a monumental undertaking. However, it is an ideal reference tool suitable for easy searching of aspects of Christian worship, and a quick way to find out why we (and they) as Christians do the things we do. An extensive index makes topics easily found, and hundreds of color and black and white photos enhance the text.—Thomas Kilpatrick.

# June-July Calendar

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## ALL SUNDAYS IN JUNE & JULY

Refreshments & Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

### JUNE CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 1** Board Meeting & all church fellowship at Blue Sky Vineyards

**Sunday, June 8th** 8:30 a.m. Elders meeting & Camp Registrations Due

**Sunday, June 15th** Taylor Joy's Baby Dedication & Father's Day

**Sunday, June 22nd** Marleen Shepherd Preaching

**Sunday, June 29th** Jak Tichenor Preaching

All Mondays' Office Closed

**Tuesday, June 3rd** 12 noon CWF at Golden Corral

All Wednesdays, Staff meeting at 11 p.m.

**June 4th & 11th** - No Choir Rehearsals

Other choir rehearsals are schedule depending upon choirs availability. I wouldn't put any on the calendar if I were you.

**Friday, June 13th,** 5 - 9 Marchal Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, June 14th** - Marchal Wedding

**Katherine & Ron on vacation from June 16th thru July 6th**

Office open only from 9 - 12 noon on June 24th thru June 27th - Mary Burnam is on vacation

### JULY CALENDAR

Office Closed on Friday July 4th for National Holiday

**Sunday, July 6th** Sam Foskey Preaching

8:30 a.m. Elder's Meeting

**Sunday, July 13th** - Camp Commissioning Sunday

Congregational Care following worship

**Vacation Bible School** Monday July 7th thru Friday July 11th at First Presbyterian

**Logos Camp** at Camp Walter Scott Monday July 14th thru July 18th

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON MONDAY JULY 14TH 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Elders of June:** Tamara Workman  
**Deacon of June:** Kathy Deutsch  
Watch for July info in Sunday's bulletin and Hotline

### June 1st

**Worship Leader:** Dia Parr  
**Bread Elder:** Dia Parr  
**Cup Elder:** Rachael Nelson  
**Narthex super:** Toby Nelson

### June 8th

**Worship Leader:** Virginia Dicken  
**Bread Elder:** Martha Beck  
**Cup Elder:** Al Parr  
**Narthex super:** Jason Arnold

### June 15th - Father's Day

**Worship Leader:** Katherine Graves  
**Bread Elder:** Jak Tichenor  
**Cup Elder:** Imogene Huffman  
**Narthex super:** Marge Schulhof

### June 22nd

**Marleen Shepherd Preaching**  
**Worship Leader:** Marleen Shepherd  
**Bread Elder:** Rachael Nelson  
**Cup Elder:** Tamara Workman  
**Narthex super:** David Schremp

### June 29th Freedom & Democracy Sunday

**Jak Tichenor Preaching**  
**Worship Leader:** Derek Hamblin  
**Bread Elder:** Jak Tichenor  
**Cup Elder:** Grace Hussey  
**Narthex super:** Les Miller

## *First Christian Church June/July Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### Birthdays

- 6/1 Sarah Heck  
Logan Klein
- 6/2 Joe Elliot
- 6/4 Ed Workman
- 6/5 Sara Kayne
- 6/6 John Alphonso Lenzini  
Susan Patrick-Benson
- 6/7 John Klein  
Marcia Phelps
- 6/12 Katlynn Ellis  
Anita Lenzini
- 6/14 June Staley
- 6/16 Carol King
- 6/18 Lisa Moore  
Monica Tichenor
- 6/23 Imogene Huffman
- 6/26 Margaret Gilbert  
Mike Seagle
- 6/28 Robert Schulhof, Sr.
- 6/30 Rachael Nelson
- 7/2 Kathy Benedict
- 7/7 Jane Klein
- 7/11 Grace Hussey
- 7/15 Noble Thomas
- 7/17 Hugh Muldoon
- 7/20 Clara Naomi Barthelme
- 7/24 Sharon Williams
- 7/28 Oval Myer



### Anniversaries

- 6/11 Dale & Helen Jones
- 6/13 Toby & Rachael Nelson
- 6/14 Will Hunter & Jay Bull
- 6/21 Oval & Joyce Myers
- 6/22 Noble & Ruth Thomas
- 6/23 Bill & Betty Revell
- 6/28 Richard & Reon Chancey
- 7/7 Brice & Amy Dion
- 7/12 Tony & Jane Hunter  
Donna & Daryl Waller
- 7/19 Richard & Madeline Miller
- 7/20 Bill & Kathy Deutsch
- 7/28 Bill & Vera Felts

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