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SUNDAY SERVICE
September 25, 2016

Sermon: "The Rich and Poor"

Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: Luke 16: 19-31

Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:45 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

September 11: 105

September 18: 104

"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
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ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Advent? Yes, it's not too far away and so we are starting early to prepare our hearts and minds for Advent. Do you get too busy during Advent? Then this is the study for you. Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm at Marilyn

Bellessa's home to study Advent 2016 God Is With Us. This is an in-depth study of the Scripture readings for Advent and allows us time to cover them well. Women and Men are welcome and invited.



It's Brown Bag Buddies-South Chowder Time!!!!

What: Annual "I Can" Class Chowder

When: Sunday, October 2. Serving at 4:30 pm.

Where: Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church

Why: Brown Bag Buddies - South

Come join us for Ray Street's "World Famous" Chowder!



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We are pleased to welcome Gary Kidwell back to our pulpit on Sunday, October 9. There will be a Potluck Lunch with meat provided following Sunday School. Please join us and bring a side or dessert to share.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN - Sept 11- Oct. 16

This prayer vigil is a time to learn and pray about the needs of children everywhere. This vigil leads up to the National Children's Sabbath on the third week-end of October. For more information go to

<http://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/light-a-candle-for-children-prayer-vigil>

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Receive weekly text messages from Disciples family and children ministries by texting @weeklyfc to 81010.

PIPPIN MUSICAL TRIP

Tuesday, October 18 we will travel to Evansville to watch Pippin. This musical is a fund raiser for the Jacob Ball Wish Fund which raises money for special needs classrooms. We will leave the church at 5:15, you may bring your supper to eat on the way. Admission is by donation, treats are available as well. Please call the church office to reserve your seat on the church bus.

ELECTION WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

"Tired of the Elephant and Donkey? Come follow the Lamb!"

Sunday, November 6 at 6 pm we will host a Community Prayer Service at FCC. This is for our community to come together in prayer for our community and our nation. This is not a political rally, there will be no political prayers, it is a time for us to be in prayer as a community of faith. The service is sponsored by the Wabash County Ministerial Alliance and will take the place of the Thanksgiving Service this year. There will be a Community Choir which will rehearse one time and sing that evening.

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

We have a new church website in creation for our church. You can check it out at www.mountcarmeldisciples.com. It is not complete yet, but on its way. We hope you enjoy the new look, pictures and information.

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP

This trip to Arkansas is to the Heifer Please project site and Church World Service warehouse where they will volunteer and learn. The dates are Oct 31- Nov 5. If interested, please contact, Dave Kniker at [309-853-7814](tel:309-853-7814) or e-mail at dfkniker@gmail.com



Joyce Marx
September 8, 2016

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - HEART CONNECTIONS

October 21-22 in Springfield. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Adults and youth are welcome. We do need some adults to serve as delegates as the youth will be involved in mission work on Saturday morning. This is also an opportunity to be involved in a Mission First Gathering on Saturday afternoon to help our General Church discern where we are being called to mission as a church. Please hold the Regional Assembly and Mission First Gatherings in your prayers.

OPERATION SHARE DATES - for your calendar

Thanksgiving Food - Nov. 21-22 @ First General Baptist Church
Christmas Toys - Dec. 12-13 (&14) @ First Christian Church
Christmas Food - Dec. 19-20 @ Zion Lutheran Church
All are welcome to help set up and distribute food and toys.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER



Deacons: Bill Hackler, Doug Lathrop, Kelsey Phelps, McKinnon Anderson, Kim More, Connor Anderson
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Sharon & Harold Mobley
Sanctuary Straightener: The Mayhue's
Elder on Call: David Foshee
Acolytes: Ty Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

OFFERING - Sept. 11, 2016

General	\$1,820.00
Sunday School	12.00
Website	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$1932.00

OFFERING - Sept. 18, 2016

General	\$1,980.00
Sunday School	16.00
Blessing Basket	21.00
Brown Bag Buddies	200.00
Website	100.00
World Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$2,325.00

COMMUNITY CHOIR

In preparation for a Christmas concert December 4th at WVC, Community Choir has begun. Rehearsals are each Monday night from 6:45 – 8:30 pm in the Brubeck Arts Building band/choir room. All voices are needed and it's not too late. No fee and no auditions. Gary Hargett - Conductor



Kent Elmore, Norm Brunson, Geoff Hodgson, Andrew, Connie Deisher, Teresa Stoltz, Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Ella Mae Whitten, John Lockhart, Diane Whitenack, Myra Webb, Bryan Buchanan, Kenny Thompson, Terry McGuire, Our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world, Ed Johnson, Liz Kieffer, Luke Dill, Blake

Baker, Charlie and Louise Acree, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Rod Raber, Tom Sarg, Ashley Davis, Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Don Marx, Ben Campbell, Devan Swift, Ruth Buchanan, Larry Peterson, Mary Margaret Rusch, Richard Alka, Doug Peterson, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Gillihan, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jeff Raber, Alice & Jim Warmoth, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

HOW TO BE FRIENDLY TO CHURCH GUESTS

(adapted from Thom Rainer)

1. Talk to someone you don't know. Resist talking to the same people each week and look for someone new to greet. That person might be a visitor or someone you haven't spoken to in church before.
2. People who are new to church don't know where to find things. Offer to show a guest where a bathroom is located rather than pointing the way. Do we have good signs in our church for directions?
3. Insider language can be a barrier for someone who hasn't heard it before. What words or phrases might you explain to a guest before worship starts to help them understand the service?
4. Take time to not only greet parents, but children as well. Remember if a child isn't happy or feeling welcome the parents won't be happy either.
5. The best way to be friendly in church is to be friendly outside of church. How can someone feel welcomed in church if you don't smile, show compassion and greet them on other days of the week as well? Take time every day to welcome another person and show them how you live out your faith in your daily life.

Be RECONCILED

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING 2016 | MATTHEW 5:23-24.

Charleston ... Ferguson ... San Bernardino ... Orlando

These cities have been seared into our brains due to the intolerance and fear of one human for another. And, predictably, humans have reacted with fear, hate and misunderstanding. Calls go out for legal solutions and an end to violence but we have yet to address the root of the discord.

In this confluence of many social currents, the search for policies and processes to help prevent these acts will be complex. But we **can have movement by rejecting this hate, violence, and fear**. We have an opportunity to encourage the love so freely given by Jesus Christ, a love that casts out fear.

We live in such a volatile time that anyone could be targeted - be they Black, Muslim, gay, Mexican, or anyone in the wrong place at the wrong time. **But it is not time to be afraid of one another.**

Through it all, this is the time to reach out to each other as one human family knit together by God who loves us. We must **MOVE** together.

The Coastal Plains Area-CCSW Reconciliation Ministry team invited youth to imagine a world without hatred, bigotry or racism. The Disciples in the C.P.A. have been on an intentional journey over the last year to be in meaningful, honest dialogue about the issue of racism and how we, as church, respond.

*Jesus invites us all with one heart, one voice and one song in faith.
There is no racism in Jesus Christ, because Jesus transcends all forms of hatred.*
- Brisa Gallaway, youth participant, First Christian, Houston

Your gift to the Reconciliation Offering is one way to help move us toward wholeness. Through grants in regions and across the general Church, faith based organizing, and programming that promotes understanding, Our Reconciliation Ministry is key to the Disciples' emphasis on being a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church and a **MOVEMENT** for wholeness.

We as a church must live and act to demonstrate the love of God to a world so desperately in need of a Beloved Community. Let us **take action and MOVE**, in ways small and large, to show that **love is stronger than hate**. Love wins.

YOUNG ADULT OUTING

Sunday, Oct. 16 - 2:45 pm - travel to Evansville to eat and have a Locked Room Adventure!



October 2016

Senior Group Meets Every Wednesday
 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 CCF – 3:30-5:00 PM
 Chi Rho – 3:30-6:00 PM
 CYF – 3:30-7:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 CWS Work Day
2 World Communion Sunday Brown Bag Buddies Chowder 4:30 PM	3 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	4 Counseling Bible Study @ 7:00 PM	5 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Choir @ 7 PM	6 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	7	8
9 Stewardship Sunday Gary Kidwell Potluck Lunch	10 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	11 Counseling Anxiety 7-8:30 PM Bible Study @ 7:00 PM	12 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Choir @ 7 PM	13 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	14	15
16 Young Adults Outing 2:45 PM	17 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	18 Counseling Pippin Musical 5:15 PM	19 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Choir @ 7 PM	20 Exercise 9-9:45 AM COOKIE DAY	21 Band Brunch 10:00 AM Regional Assembly	22 Regional Assembly
23 <hr/> 30 Hot Breakfast 8:30 AM	24 Exercise 9-9:45 AM 31 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	25 Counseling Grief Support 7-8:30 PM Bible Study @ 7	26 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Choir 7:00 PM	27 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	28	29 





October Birthdays

2	Myra Lathrop Caleb Stevenson	14	Karissa Anderson Betty Winternheimer
3	Jacob Nelson	15	Kaitlyn Osman
4	Asher Lathrop	18	Elaine Spencer
6	Mike Foshee	19	Sophia Wolf
7	Sarah Wiser	20	Ruby Kirkman
9	Emily Ewald Brian Gill	23	Sue Sams
10	Sarah Sawyer Craig Leeper	26	Aden Gill
11	Anna Grace Gill	27	Calvin Seybold Jackie Summers
13	Sam Shehorn Kaitlyn Grimwood	29	Stephen Sawyer Steve Storckman Madison Escobedo
		30	Gayle Conrady

3	Bob and Lora Cunningham
6	Tim and Sarah Wiser
12	Wilbur & Peggy Brown
14	Verlin and Trish Snow Ray and Paula Street
17	Stephen and Brenda Sawyer
19	Scott and Marilyn Compton
20	Kurt and Susan Keneipp