

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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SUNDAY SERVICE

February 12, 2017

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Sermon: The Inside
Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-37

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

January 30: 85

February 5: 103

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*“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s
Word”*

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WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING - FEBRUARY 19TH

**“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members
of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)**



God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims as family members people who suffer.

Christ is so present in them that when you feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger – you feed, and care for, and welcome Christ. When you give through Week of Compassion to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know: **YOU ARE HERE!**



SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

The youth stood at the exits of the sanctuary this past Sunday and collected money for Souperbowl of Caring. The money collected will be going directly to the WADI Food Pantry. When donating your money, you could vote for Falcons, Patriots or the television commercials. The results are: Falcons \$104.95; Patriots \$33.12; TV Commercial \$138.31. A grand total of: \$276.36!



9TH ANNUAL SICPC DINNER

The Southeastern Illinois Centers for Pastoral Counseling will be having their annual fundraiser dinner at the church on Sunday, February 26th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.



Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long, Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Cindy Hocking, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo, Mindy Newsum, Bette Jo Pixley, Tammy White, Jane Evans, Stu Grant, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Judy Schnepfer, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Gayle Panipinto, Norm Brunson, Connie Deisher, Teresa Stoltz,

Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Diane Whitenack, Myra Webb, Mary Margaret Rusch, Liz Kieffer, Luke Dill, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Rod Raber, Tom Sarg, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Ruth Buchanan, Larry Peterson, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jeff Raber, 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.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY



Deacons: Gary Bellessa, Marilyn Bellessa, Clint Anderson, Connor Anderson, McKinnon Anderson, Lesley Hipsher
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Sarah Wiser & Ginny Brown
Sanctuary Straightener: Debbie Lewis
Elder on Call: Gayle Conrady
Acolytes: Luke Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

OFFERING - Jan. 30 2017

General	\$3,324.00
Sunday School	11.00
Blessing Basket	5.00
Website	100.00
Initial Offering	1.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Outreach	16.00
Youth	30.00
Total:	\$3,587.00

OFFERING - Feb. 5, 2017

General	\$3,385.00
Sunday School	16.00
Blessing Basket	1.00
Reconciliation	16.00
Website	100.00
Outreach	8.00
Loan	400.00
Memorial Fund	15.00
Funeral Dinner	20.00
Total:	\$3,961.00



DIALYSIS DRIVERS NEEDED... ..
Doug Peterson is needing volunteers to take him to dialysis treatments on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. If you can help, please call Mary Peterson at 263-7963.



CAUGHT DOING GOOD... ..

- CCF delivered food from the church to the WADI Food Pantry.
- Connor Anderson for coordinating the presentation of the flags by Boy Scout Troop #293. Thanks also to Ben Pixley and David Brown, Scoutmaster.

Birthday Party for
 Virginia Richey & Mary Jo Birley
 Sat. February 11th, 2017 1-3 PM at
 Heritage Plaza Recreation Room
 1130 N. Walnut Street
 Hosted By: Singers, Browns & Parrs
 Your presence is the best gift





Thank You to everyone who called or visited me while in the hospital and since I've been back home. Thank you also for your prayers and concerns.
Frances McVaigh

Christian Action Committee:

Thank you so much for your donation to Safe Haven! May the Lord bless you mightily!
Safe Haven

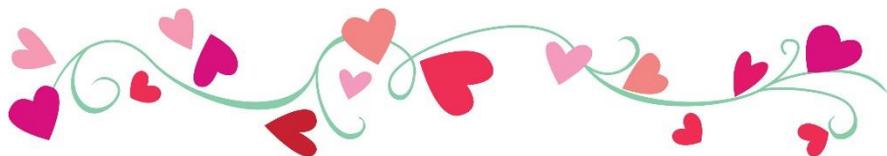
First Christian Church:

Thank you for your support this season!
Moms for Football

Dear Friends,

It is so heartening to receive your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets program. Your commitment helps people in communities around the world recover from disaster and know that someone cares enough to provide support.

**Rev. John McCullough
President & CEO
Church World Service**



February 2017: Disconnect to Connect

By [William O'Brien](#) on January 06, 2017

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

I had the misfortune of misplacing my phone on a microbus. This is by no means an unheard of situation in the chaotic world of Cairo public transportation. After a few days of mourning my pocket-sized computer, the silver linings surpassed the size of the storm cloud quickly.

The obvious challenges did not surprise me. Communicating with friends and colleagues in Egypt, communicating with friends and family in other countries, social media, taking pictures, and checking the weather were all slightly more challenging, an annoyance. I had not realized how dependent I had become on my phone for getting directions, meeting my friends, and finding my socks when the power goes out in my apartment. Each of these obstacles required greater planning, excepting the last one which required more stumbling around in the dark trying to get the curtains open.

Planning required me to set aside time for activities and allowed me to be fully present in those activities. I was able to devote time to creating and fostering friendships with my coworkers, neighbors, and fellow Arabic students. This intentional communication went beyond people in Egypt. While I wasn't able to talk to my friends and family outside of Egypt as much, I found myself more invested in the conversations I was able to have.

In the eight years since I began using a cell phone, I have never been more "disconnected" from the world around me according to modern technological definitions. However, in those same eight years I have never felt as present and immersed in what I'm doing. Now having a replacement phone, I will have to work to maintain the level of intention and focus that I have benefited from during this time. Luckily for me it has a very short battery life.

Will O'Brien, member of Union Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), St. Louis, Missouri, serves as a Global Mission Intern with the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS). His appointment is supported by [Week of Compassion](#), Our Church's Wider Mission, Disciples Mission Fund and [your special gifts](#).