

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

SUNDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Sermon
"Who He Is!"

Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: Mark 9: 2-9

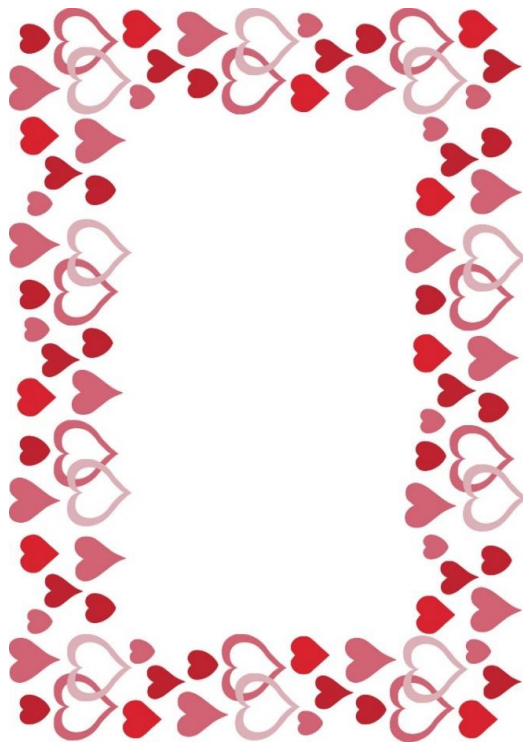
Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:45 AM
Chili Fundraiser	11:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship:	Jan. 25: 6	Feb. 1: 6
Sunday Worship	Jan. 28: 88	Feb. 4: 89

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CHILI COOK-OFF

The Youth are sponsoring a Chili-Cook-Off fundraiser Sunday, February 11th at 11:30 am. There will be sandwiches available and a dessert auction to benefit the youth.

SOUPERBOWL CHURCH RESULTS

Thank you to the children and youth who collected money for the WADI food pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated money and food to help. The totals for the collection were: Commercials \$183.40; Eagles \$79.48 and Patriots \$67.82 for a grand total of \$330.70, plus 50 canned goods to help our local food pantry at WADI.



LENTEN THEME

The theme for Lent this year is "With My Hands and Feet I Will Serve the Lord". During Lent explore what it means to serve God. As you consider what to sacrifice for Lent, think about offering your time or talents to help others.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 is Ash Wednesday. Join for a delicious pancake dinner at 6 pm followed by the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 pm. The theme of the night is "God So Loved the World." Celebrate the greatest love of all through God's love this Valentine's Day.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor's Class for 5th graders and older youth who are not baptized will start on Wednesday, Feb. 14. It will be held each Wednesday during Lent in the afternoon. A letter has gone out this week to invite youth to explore their faith and prepare for baptism.

MISSION TRIP MEETING

Are you interested in a summer mission trip? If so, please plan to attend a short meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6 pm. All ages are welcome to attend, if younger than middle school an adult must accompany them on the mission trip.

WEEK OF COMPASSION - Feb. 18-25

Week of Compassion is our annual offering that supports our work to neighbors near and far in the midst of disasters and on-going humanitarian crisis. With your gifts you will help people grow food to feed their families or provide school supplies for children in hurricane affected areas or help with recovery needs from fires or mudslides. Together with God's blessing our dollars make a difference in God's world.

CAMP WORK DATES

Who's interested in a beautiful day at Camp Walter Scott? Join us on March 3 to start the inside cleaning at Camp and help prepare for the summer camping season. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. Other dates are April 28 and May 19.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

The Church Camp Dates are available for summer 2018. On-line registration is now open. When you register online, please put that you are paying by check and put the church e-mail, fccmc803@gmail.com, as the payment e-mail. If you have questions or need help filling out the form or computer access, please stop by the church office for assistance. Early bird deadline is March 16 and final deadline is April 20. (some late registrations may be accepted as space permits at the camps)

Camp Walter Scott
Camp Acts- June 3rd-9th
CYF- June 10th-16th
Senior- June 27th- 29th
Grandparents and Me- July 8th-11th
Beginners July 11th-14th
Chi-Rho-July 15th-21st
Chi-Rho/JYF- July 22nd-28th
Post High- August 3rd-5th

COUNTERS NEEDED

You still have an opportunity to sign-up to count. The months available are: March, July, October and November. If you haven't been a counter and would like to learn more, contact Janice Alka 262-3852 or ask Debbie in the church office.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway for the Fall Women's Retreat Sept. 28-30, 2018. Mark your calendar now and watch for more details coming your way. It is held at Camp Walter Scott.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES SALE

Bags made by women in the Congo are still available in the church office. They're on sale now for only.....\$20.00 for the small ones and \$30.00 for the large ones.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY



Deacons: Juan Escobedo, Barb Escobedo, Larry Boewe, Phil Benefiel, Lesley Hipsher, Chuck Wiles

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Ginny Brown & Sarah Wisner

Sanctuary Straightener:

Elder on Call:

Acolytes: Jaxon Schrader & Alex Baker

OFFERING - Jan. 28, 2018

General	\$2,819.00
Sunday School	13.00
Blessing Basket	1.00
Fellowship Time	25.91
Website	100.00
Initial Offering	4.00
Outreach	16.00
Mid-Winter Retreat	<u>40.00</u>
Total:	\$3,018.91

OFFERING - Feb. 4, 2018

General	\$3,039.00
Sunday School	17.00
Blessing Basket	8.50
Brown Bag Buddies	400.00
Outreach	24.00
Initial Offering	1.00
Coffee Fellowship	<u>6.00</u>
Total:	\$3,495.50



Tracy Deckard, Bob Chapman,
LuAnn Lemke, Evelyn Frick,
Julius, Jason Fiero, Charlene
Daniels, Paul Wilson, Greg
Urbanski, Emily Ewald, Laverne
Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia
Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth,
Mary Faye Wyatt, Don Mann,
Global Refugee Crisis, Betty &

Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Bob Onyett, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill & Pat Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

***The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be put back on.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Donations needed for a mission trip to Africa. Band-Aids and bottles of multi-vitamins are needed by Sunday, Feb. 11th. Drop off on Giving Table in front lobby of the church.



Dear FCC:

Thank you on behalf of the staff and board members of Southeastern Illinois Center for Pastoral Counseling. Your donation will ensure that this vital ministry will continue in the future, serving our friends and neighbors here in Southeastern Illinois - extending healing, help and hope to those who are hurting and struggling along life's journey. SICPC appreciates your kind and generous donation, and covets your continued prayers for the success of this ministry.

Brenda Knuckles, Counselor

Dear FCC:

I would like to take this time to thank you for the support you have given to Safe Haven this year. It has allowed us the ability to serve many families that were in need. By supporting Safe Haven, you have helped make your community better by doing something about the homeless, not just talking about it. You should be proud of this accomplishment.

Sincerely, Pat Harlson - Executive Director

Dear Christian Action Committee,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Wednesday's Child Program. The money will be used to provide dental health care for children of low income families in Wabash County.

Sandra K. Ward - Board Chair

A HEAVENLY FOCUS

"Why are not our hearts continually set on heaven?" asks 17th-century pastor and author Richard Baxter. Focusing on heaven stirs our faith, guards against temptation, eases suffering and makes us an encouragement to others, Baxter says. He urges: "Bend thy soul to study eternity, busy thyself about the life to come ... and let not those thoughts be seldom and cursory, but bathe thyself in heaven's delights."

SPLINTERS from the Board

Worship: Ash Wednesday is February 14th with a pancake supper prior to the service. Easter Sunrise Service will be April 1st.

Christian Education: There will be free workshop February 17th in Nashville for Vacation Bible School programs.

Stewardship: The Stewardship program for 2018 will be Consecration Sunday, tentatively scheduled for October 21st. We will need 7 church members to serve on the campaign committee. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Jim Summers.

Direct deposit is now available for donations. Please contact the office for information and/or signing up.

Membership: Upcoming Fellowship dates are February 4th and 18th, and March 4th and 28th. Membership directories are in process. Stacey Swift has graciously taken pictures, assisted many download and ordered pictures, continues to organize and process pictures. We owe Stacey a big "Thank-You" for the many hours of work she has donated to this project.

World Outreach:

Eureka College	\$1,000.00
Church Finance Council	250.00
Church Mission Trip	250.00
Week of Compassion	200.00
Cane Ridge	<u>500.00</u>
Total:	\$2,200.00

Christian Action:

MC After School Program	\$ 500.00
Southeastern Illinois Centers	
For Pastoral Counseling	2,000.00*
Wednesday's Child	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,500.00

*(983.33 will come from Budgeted funds and \$1,016.67 will come from Special Funds)

Administration: Janis Roberts is the new Chairperson for the Administration Committee.

TAT: Thursday Around the Table is continuing to grow. Goal was to have 20 people and they are getting approximately half that each week. Rev. Jim Summers encourages anyone to attend on Thursday if you are unable to attend on Sunday or to join in even if you do attend Sundays.

Southeastern Illinois Center

for

Pastoral Counseling

10th Annual Benefit Dinner

You are invited to join us

Sunday, February 25, 2018

First Christian Church DOC, Mt. Carmel

8th and Market Streets

We will enjoy a

Pasta Dinner

Pasta & Breadsticks provided by **Little Italy's**

Homemade Desserts

Serving 11:30am to 1:00p.m.

Door prizes!!!

A few surprises!

All donations will be gratefully accepted.

PLEASE RSVP to 262-5921

reservations not mandatory!

Transportation available by calling 262-7331