

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
April 8, 2018

Sermon
"Never a Doubt?"

Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: March 22: 8 March 29: 5
Sunday Worship: March 25: 109 April 1: 156

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"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
First Christian Church



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**BE SURE TO READ THE IMPORTANT LETTER
INSIDE THIS EDITION FROM JIM AND JACKIE**



BAPTISM AND BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

April 8 we will have Butterfly Sunday as we continue to celebrate the resurrection and celebrate with butterflies and baptisms

EVANGELISM SHARING

Sunday, April 8, is a chance to find out how others share their faith and trust how you share yours. All are invited to go to Lawrenceville First Christian from 2-4 to meet with other churches in our cluster and share together on spreading the Good News.

PROPERTY WORK DAY

Saturday, April 14th - 8:00 AM - Noon - Workers Needed!

BARBIE'S BOUTIQUE HELPERS NEEDED

Saturday April 14th 9 AM - Noon

MISSION TRIP TO CAMP

June 3-9 will be our summer music trip. There are many projects to be done at camp for all skill levels. Plan to come for a day or two or the week. Registrations are available in the church office.

BIBLE SCRATCHERS NEW STUDY

Are you looking for a Sunday school class? Join the Bible Scratchers as we look at "Crime Stories of the Bible"

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ENCORE

Please see Alison Mayhue to sign up to donate food or drinks for the Encore cast party after Cinderella, Sunday, April 22.

CAMP WALTER SCOTT WORK DAY

April 28 is the next work day at Camp Walter Scott. Reserve your spot the week before to help plan for food and work that can be done.

YARD SALE

Are you ready to do some spring cleaning and make a little money? You are welcome to set up and sell their own items using the church Fellowship Hall. May 25-26 are the dates. Please let the church office know if you're interested. Limited space available.

SCHOLARSHIP

Any church members wishing to apply for the scholarship can do so by filling out an application from the church office. Deadline to complete the application and return to the church office is May 1st.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

There is currently some Memorial Funds available for special projects. Anyone with ideas and requests please notify the appropriate committee chairperson. The Executive Committee will meet on May 1st at 6pm to prioritize and vote on the projects. Committee Chairpersons can email proposals to Ldhipsher@gmail.com before May 1st.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sunday morning Fellowship Times have open opportunities for 2018. It's easy! You will find the sign-up sheet posted on the office window.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway for the Fall Women's Retreat Sept. 28-30, 2018. Mark your calendar now! It is held at Camp Walter Scott. Our keynote speaker is Victoria Wick, a Disciples Divinity House Scholar at Chicago Theological Seminary.



Bill & Marilyn Kieffer, Peg Geurin, Mark Folz, Ray Culver, 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, Mary Jo Birley, 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.**

SERVING IN APRIL



Deacons: Linda Gill, Bill Hackler, Kim Reilly
Mike Reilly, Jessica Williams, Kim More
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Sharon Mobley & Lynette Wiles
Sanctuary Straightener:
Elder on Call:
Acolytes: Ty Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

OFFERING - March 25, 2018

General	\$3,247.00
Sunday School	12.00
Blessing Basket	4.50
Lilies	10.00
Technology	100.00
Website	100.00
Easter Offering	295.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$3,776.50

OFFERING - April 1, 2018

General	\$ 3,842.00
Easter Offering	405.00
Memorial Fund	45.00
Choir Music Fund	10.00
Mission Trip Fund	5.00
Website	100.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$4,415.00



Dear First Christian Church Family,

Grace to you and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ. As pastors, our call is from God and we know it is important to be open to God's call and leading in our lives. With that in mind, we have felt God calling and leading us to a new ministry. As of July 1 we will begin serving as the Co-Pastors of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bardstown, KY.

This move is not without a great deal of prayer and wrestling with God over the last several months. First Christian Church in Mount Carmel has been home to us for over 21 years. We have been nurtured here in ministry, we have raised our children in this church family. We will forever be grateful for the care and loving support received while serving FCC Mt. Carmel. This will not be an easy move for us to leave this church home nor for this church family to adjust to new ministry leadership. We are thankful that none of us face this alone, it will only be accomplished as we seek God's guidance in the midst of our ministries.

It is time to allow this church family to grow with new ministry leadership and time for us to grow with another church family. We strongly believe that God has a very bright future for First Christian Church in Mount Carmel which will involve each of you doing your part and answering God's call to share in the ongoing ministry of First Christian Church. May God bless you and keep you today and everyday until we meet again on this side of the river or the next.

Blessings,

Rev. Jim Summers

Rev. Jackie Meece Summers

SPLINTERS *from the* Board

The Administrative Board met March 21, 2018.

Property: The Property Committee is looking to replace all the light fixtures in the hallways of the Educational wing for both first and second floors with new fixtures and LED lights.

A work day is planned for Saturday, April 14th.

Worship: Sunrise Service will be at 6:36 am on Easter, April 1st. Trinity will be providing coffee and donuts. Butterfly Sunday will be April 8.

Christian Education: The children's Easter Party will be Saturday, March 31st starting at 10:30 am. A new crib is needed in the nursery.

Stewardship: We still need a few counters for 2018.

Membership: Next Fellowship date is April 15th. Next hot breakfast is April 29th. Women's Banquet is May 6th. Theme is Aprons. Anyone with ideas or wishes to help should contact Marilyn Hocking. FCC Directories has been completed and distributed. Special credit and kudos to Stacey Swift, Debbie Lathrop, Marilyn Hocking and the additional individuals who helped with this project.

World Outreach:

Easter Offering	\$ 500.00
Church Finance Council	250.00
Church Mission Trip	250.00
Week of Compassion	200.00
CTTW Regional Camp Scholarship	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total:	\$2,200.00

Christian Action:

Benevolent Fund/Ministerial Alliance	\$ 1,000.00
Sweet Potatoes Concert/July	1,000.00
Early Childhood Dist. #348	340.00
Project C.A.R.E.S. Board Books	<u>500.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,850.00

Administration: Debbie Lathrop is retiring in June 2018. We know Debbie will be hard to replace: however, a search has begun. Kelsey Phelps has been hired as the new Tech Rep.

Youth: Youth is looking to go paint balling during spring break. They have also donated 10 \$10 Casey's gift cards to the Matthew 25:40 bags.



The Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin Welcomes Two Full Time Staff Associates:

After a year and a half Study and Discernment process that involved voices from around our region, and six-month Search process with our Personnel Committee, CCIW Regional Church Council voted unanimously to welcome Angelique Byrd and the Rev. Eliezer Rolon to our Ministry Team.

Angelique Byrd “Angee” new Associate Regional Liaison for Communication Angee has had a 20 year career in Marketing and Communications, most recently as a Senior Account Director. She has a Bachelor degree in Advertising from the University of Illinois, and MS in Marketing Communication from Roosevelt University. According to her references, she has been an excellent partner and team player. She is well respected and professional. She gets things done. She has been promoted for her wonderful work and everyone who has had the chance to work with her has found her professional----and become a friend. She is a communicator and is always thinking about her staff. She chose her clients---based on their service to people. She wants to make a difference in this world. Angee took an idea our Communication Team/Personnel Committee gave her and created a proposal for “Join us at the Table” that gave us a step by step plan for learning to share our life-giving/life-changing stories. You will be hearing more about this very soon. She works with people where they are and takes them to the next step, including congregations that may not know a thing about websites or social media, let alone snapchat. Angee’s faith is deep and resonating. It is reflected in her whole life: in her relationship with co-workers; in her compassion for others---organizing fundraisers to help neighbors in need; in her church work. She has a deep love for Jesus, and wants to be an asset for God’s Kingdom. As one person put it, she is “a woman of strong conviction and faith in God . . . She will take what she has learned from the world and use it wisely to help others.” She is new to Disciples, and ready to sign on to our work. She will work toward a Commission over the next two years. Angee lives in Bolingbrook, and is the mother of 3. Angee will begin her work with us on May 1, 2018.

The Rev. Eliezer Rolon “Eli” new Associate Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults

Eli is a brilliant young man. He is currently working on his PhD with Claremont School of Theology in Religious Ethics. He has a BS in Computer Science from University of Illinois, Chicago; an MDiv from Vanderbilt Theological Seminary; and an MA in Ethics from Iliff Seminary. He is an ordained Disciple Minister. Eli came to the Disciples in his younger adult years. He tells a story of walking across the campus at UIC, and watching people sharing faith in an aggressive and confrontive manner, and thinking there must be a better, more respectful way. His home congregation, Iglesia del Pueblo--now Hope Church in Hammond, IN formed him. In a Young Adult class, he was invited into a conversation about faith. He was asked for the first time what he thought. It was an opening, welcoming, encouraging experience---respectful of who he was and is. While in seminary he served as a Youth Ministry Intern. He led Young Adult Ministry for our denominations North American Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD) congregations. Most recently he has been Director of Program and Technology for Higher Education Leadership Ministry (HELM) for the Disciples, working with technology and Young adults. Eli has connections across the life of the church that will be an asset as her serves CCIW. Those connections bring with them a lot of love and respect.

By the way, multi-cultural is in his DNA. His mother is Korean. His father is Puerto Rican. Eli is bilingual Spanish/English. Eli is creative, computer savvy, ethical and artistic. If he doesn’t already know how to do something, he will figure it out. Eli will begin his work with us on June 11, 2018.

The Regional Church Council believed God has prepared the way for Angee and Eli to join us. And, we look forward to what God will accomplish with and through us. Let us continue to seek God’s call, set clear Jesus-like intentions, and be open and willing to go where the Spirit leads us

Thank you to Rev. Evan Williams, Personnel Chair; Rev. Ed Morris, Camille Taylor, Kate Webster, Anne Ingersoll, and Rev. Bryan Burris for your faithful discernment. And, to our Discernment Teams which included you in conversations around the region and our CCIW Regional Church Council, Ministry Leadership Team, and our Personnel Committee, plus Sandra Lienhop, Jim Bisch, John Huxtable, Joyce Snodgrass, Ale Rubio, Yvonne Gilmore, Clayton Summers, Colton Lott, Hannah Fitch, Bill Crawl, Cynthia Lindner, Bill Kerns, Arvil Bass, Marla McElroy, Sharon Patton, Jacqueline Myers, Christopher Schilling, Al Keeney, Priscilla and Brandon Price, Mike Dixon, Jeff Parker, Tim Akers, Anne Ingersoll, Cheryl Jackson, Kelly Ingersoll, Rex Kibler, Bruce Fowlkes, Kate Summers, Beth Rupe, Scott Woolridge, Teresa Dulyea-Parker. Grateful to all who took part in any level of the conversation.

2018 Easter Lilies

In Memory Of:

From:

*Guy & Betty More
& Melanie More Blevins*

Terry & Tina More

William & Willie Cotner

Bill Cotner Family

Alice Jeanne McGuire

Fred Jackson

Olivia Jackson

Fred Jackson

Nelle Scott & Averil Miller

Amos & Linda Chenoweth

*H. Paul & Adah Louise
Waterbury*

Rian & Karen Waterbury

*Raymond & Henrietta Beesley
Francis & Ruth Brothers*

Bill & Pat Beesley

Joyce Marx

Don Marx

*Harry & Nelle Berry
Roy & Ruby Seybold*

Calvin Seybold Family

*Charles & Evelyn Schrader
David Schrader*

*Lesley Hipsher
Luke & Ty Hipsher &
Jaxon Schrader*

Tom Tyler

Eudine Tyler

In Memory Of:

From:

Charles Calverley

Esther Calverley Family

*Ruth Gould
& Annalee Jones*

Jean Munro Vogel

Dorothy & Stuart Monroe

Jean Munro Vogel

*Richard Spruell
Glenn & Jeannette Miller
Charles & Wilma Miller
Robert Miller; Ted, Grace &
Ron Walter*

Marilyn Spruell

Joyce Walter

Raymond Frick

The Frick Family

*Robert Hocking
Francis & Catherine Leeds*

Melvin & Marilyn Hocking

Duane Deputy

Doris Deputy & Family

In Honor Of:

From:

Evelyn Frick

The Frick Family

Mary Wyatt

Bernard Wyatt

Myrtle Hocking

Melvin & Marilyn Hocking

Betty & Mike Foshee

Lynn & Tim Reed