

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

SUNDAY SERVICE  
July 29, 2018

Sermon

"Power of Signs"

Rev. Amy Wharton

Scripture: John 6: 1-21

Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

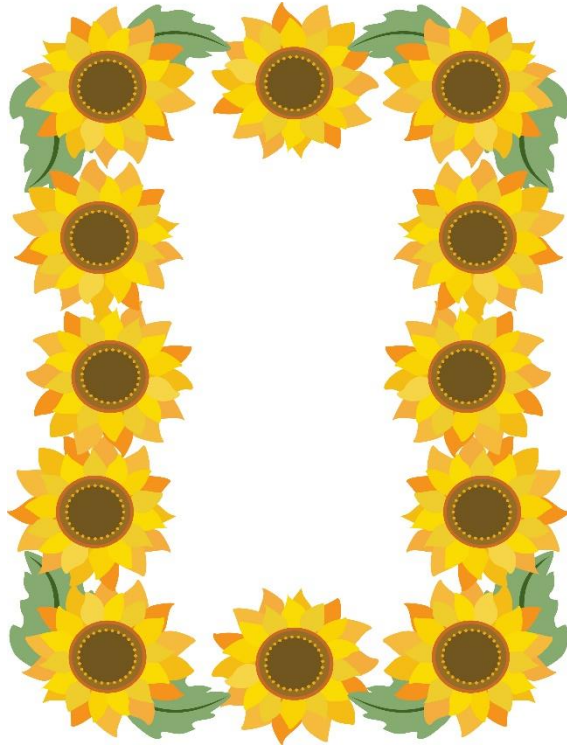
WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 6/14-7, 6/28-6, 7/5-5, 7/12-6, 7/19-4

Sunday Worship: 6/17-97, 6/24-87, 7/1-88, 7/8-90,  
7/15-67, 7/22-82

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



*Visitor*

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Hello FCC Family,

I would like to update you on the Interim search. The Committee has been working hard reviewing several great profiles and they have been able to narrow them down. They are nearing a decision which is very exciting for our church! I really appreciate your patience in the process. We hope to have a big announcement to share in the near future.

Sincerely, Lesley Hipsher - Church Board Chairperson



We will have a special board meeting on **Wednesday, August 1st, 2018 at 7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are on the Administrative Board. We have some urgent business at hand and they meeting will be very brief. (Promise!)

ALSO.....

We will be having a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 5th, 2018** directly following church service or approximately 10:40am. This is only contingent upon Board approval of a subject being brought to the Board at the Special Board Meeting. Please hold this date on your calendar.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 AM**

*Mark your calendars and join us in welcoming all of our new members! Please bring ice cream, dessert, vegetable or fruit tray to share! Sandwiches will be provided!*



Ice Cream Social



A BIG THANK YOU to Reverend Amy Wharton that has been filling in during Sunday Services while the Interim Committee is busy working on the next step in their process.

Rev. Amy Wharton was born and raised in Northwest Oklahoma. She graduated from Oklahoma State University and Phillips Theological Seminary. She was ordained in Enid, Oklahoma and has served as pastor in two different churches in Illinois for a total of 18 years. She is currently in the search and call process. She enjoys crochet, social media, music, and going to the movies. She's been married to Carl Lowery for 9 years. They currently have a dog named Oreo and two cats, Beckitty and Butternut.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**



Women's Retreat is Sept 28-30. Registration forms are now available in the church office. Invite a friend or two and ride together. Don't delay, commit today.



Connie Deisher, Eric Bramlet, Glyn Draper, Roger Anderson, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Mark Folz, Ray Culver, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Jason Fiero, 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, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, our country, its 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.**



**CHOIR PRACTICE**

The 2018-2019 Choir Season will begin with our first rehearsal on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Please note the time change! All voices are needed so please consider joining us. We sing and rejoice and have a lot of fun! Gary Hargett

**SERVING IN AUGUST**



**Deacons:** Duane Lewis, Barb Escobedo, Kim Reilly  
Debbie Lewis, Mike Reilly, Juan Escobedo  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Communion Preparers:** Roxanna Seybold & Rosanna Peterson  
**Sanctuary Straightener:**  
**Elder on Call:**  
**Acolytes:** Talon Rafferty & Jaxon Schrader

**OFFERING - June 17, 2018**

General	\$2,792.00
Sunday School	31.00
Memorial Fund	225.00
Website	100.00
Blessing Basket	2.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$3,158.00

**OFFERING - June 24, 2018**

General	\$2,615.00
Memorial Fund	515.00
Blessing Basket	7.00
Website	100.00
Brown Bag Buddies	25.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$3,270.00

**OFFERING - July 1, 2018**

General	\$3,279.00
Carrell Estate	1,226.00
Fellowship Time	6.00
Memorial Fund	75.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$4,594.00

**OFFERING - July 8, 2018**

General	\$2,654.00
Sunday School	5.00
Blessing Basket	4.00
Website	200.00
Outreach	8.00
Vacation Bible School	400.00
Landscape Maint.	<u>600.00</u>
Total:	\$3,871.00

**OFFERING - July 15, 2018**

General	\$1,088.00
Sunday School	19.00
Brown Bag Buddies	25.00
Upper Room	70.00
Website	100.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$1,310.00

**OFFERING - July 22, 2018**

General	\$2,477.00
Sunday School	14.00
Fellowship	3.00
Website	100.00
Cookbook	<u>5.00</u>
Total:	\$2,599.00



*Dear family and friends at First Christian Church  
Thank you to all who made my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday so very special!  
With gratitude and love, Myrtle Hocking*

### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW SECRETARY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



*We welcome the new Church Secretary,  
Kim Minniear!*

*Kim started her training on July 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Welcome Kim!*

### **VISITOR**

This summer due to the former pastors and secretary transitioning we have published the Visitor just once each month. The next Visitor will be published on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Starting on September 5<sup>th</sup>! It will return to twice a month. If you have any articles to add, please get them in the church office by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW CHURCH HOURS**

**The church is open from 9:00 AM - Noon, Monday thru Friday!**

## **August 2018: Welcoming the Refugee**

*“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:33-34*

In Uganda, the attitude toward refugees is to incorporate them into community life, such as schools and health care. Global Ministries’ partner, the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC), visited Kiryandongo, Uganda, and experienced both the wonderful hospitality of the community and also the great strain on the local resources.

One of the greatest challenges is health care. The influx of refugees has overstretched facilities. The local health center is operating without the necessary infrastructure and many of the basic provisions or staff. Since there are more people who need care, the OAIC is working with a hospital in the capital city to arrange for doctors to assist with the medical needs in the area.

In addition to the great needs in the refugee settlements, the environment is being strained. There is an increased demand for firewood used to cook and trees are cut down at an alarming rate. The OAIC “Tree for Life” program accompanies the community to replenish trees and to find alternative cooking sources. The OAIC works with the local government and organizations to plant trees and start tree nurseries. Work is also beginning in schools to install bio-digesters as a way of turning human waste into methane gas for cooking and electricity.

Our visit to the refugee settlement reminded us of the many biblical accounts of refugees. We were reminded of Abraham and the famine that was so great he had to flee to Africa where he lived as a refugee. Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus were refugees in Africa as they hid from the vindictive, ruthless Herod. The community of Kiryandongo, in spite of the strain, impressed us with their hospitality. They are living examples of the teaching throughout the bible reminding us how to treat the stranger and not oppress the sojourner but offer them hospitality. The OAIC is grateful for the community in Kiryandongo for being an example of how to live with those who find themselves as refugees in their land.



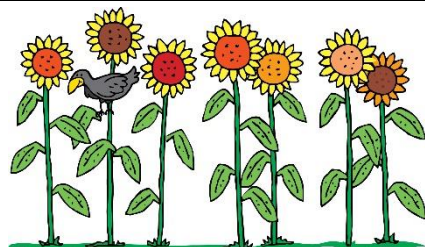
*Rev. Phyllis Byrd serves with the Organization of African Instituted Churches as the Director for the Just Communities Program. Her appointment is made possible by your gifts to Disciples Mission Fund, Our Church’s Wider Mission, and your [special gifts](#).*

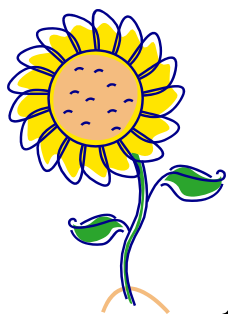


Senior Group Meets Every Wednesday  
from 10:00 AM –2:00 PM

# August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group <i>Special Board Meeting</i> 7:00 PM	2  Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	3	4
5  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:40 AM	6  Exercise 9-9:45 AM	7  Counseling	8  Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group	9  Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	10	11
12	13  Exercise 9-9:45 AM	14  Counseling Anxiety Group 7-8:30 PM	15  Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group	16 Exercise 9-9:45 AM  COOKIE DAY  TAT 6:00 PM	17	18  
19  ICE CREAM SOCIAL 11:45 AM	20  Exercise 9-9:45 AM	21  Counseling	22  Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group Choir Practice 6:00 PM	23  Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	24	
26	27  Exercise 9-9:45 AM	28  Counseling Grief Support 7-8:30 PM	29  Exercise 9-9:45 AM Senior Group Choir Practice 6:00 PM	30  Exercise 9-9:45 AM  TAT 6:00 PM	31	





## *August Birthdays*

5	Martha Buckley	17	Marilyn Compton Christian Foshee
6	Bill Cotner		
7	Lauren Berberich	18	Rosanna Peterson Megan Smith
8	Bill Beesley	19	Kim Reilly
9	Troy Street	20	Jean Raber
10	Gary Hargett	21	Doris Deputy
11	Melvin Hocking	22	Harold Mobley
13	Trish Snow Kurt Keneipp	24	Eudine Tyler
		26	David Foshee
14	Kelly John Paige Keneipp	28	Connor Anderson
		31	Larry Boewe Deana Shehorn

## *August Anniversaries*

4	Chuck and Mallory Parr
8	Randy & Darla Brooke
9	Amos & Linda Chenoweth Sam & Deana Shehorn
10	Jon & Alison Mayhue David & Marsha Foshee
13	Mike & Kim Reilly
14	Duane & Debbie Lewis
20	Mike & Betty Foshee
22	Mike & Priss Parmenter
26	Ben & Shari Ross
28	Marc & Debbie Calverley Ron & Sue Wilkinson
29	Juan & Barbara Escobedo
30	Jack & Marcia Singer

