

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

SUNDAY SERVICE  
October 7, 2018

Sermon

“Chosen”  
Rev. Sue Knipp

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES  
TAT Worship: 9/20-8; 9/27-7

Sunday Worship: 9/23-94; 9/30-81

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*First Christian Church*



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**Reminders...**

**FCC IL-WI Regional Assembly**

The First Christian Church IL-WI Regional Assembly is scheduled for Oct. 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> for those interested in attending.

**Fellowship Time**

There will be Fellowship time after church on Oct 7 & 21.



A very special “THANK YOU” to all those who came out to help clean the church on Saturday. Much was accomplished and the church is looking great. The church clean-up will continue on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month with the next one scheduled in December.

Also thanks to Betty Winterheimer and her grandson, Jesse Hinderliter, for shining the glass doors and windows on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. They did a beautiful job!

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**"Birthday Party" All-Church Potluck Dinner**

We will be having a "Birthday" themed ALL-CHURCH potluck dinner on October 28th following Sunday School. A table will be set up and decorated for each month of the year. A special birthday-month themed dessert will be provided at each table. After you have eaten lunch and tasted your month's dessert, you may try the desserts of other months if you wish...for as long as the desserts last. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Drinks will be furnished. If you would like to volunteer to decorate a particular month's table and prepare a dessert, please contact Marilyn Hocking at (618) 262-3632. Come and celebrate your birthday month with us at FCC.



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Eric Bramlet, Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, 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, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Demi Decker and baby, Margott Beckerman, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Kevin Stiles, Craig Leeper, **Leon Dudley**, and 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. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.



Our sympathy goes out to Ralph and Jean Raber on the death of their nephew, Rodney Raber.

**SERVING IN OCTOBER**



**Deacons:** Verlin Snow, Phil Benefiel, Marilyn Bellessa, Kelsey Phelps, Gary Bellessa, Trish Snow  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Communion Preparers:** Ginger Boewe, Debbie Lathrop  
**Sanctuary Straightener:**  
**Acolytes:** Shelby and Emma Mayhue

**OFFERING - Sept. 23, 2018**

General	\$3,254.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	11.00
Website	100.00
Other	<u>600.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,973.00</b>

**OFFERING - Sept. 30, 2018**

General	\$2,087.16
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	11.00
Website	100.00
BBB	25.00
Blessing Basket	8.02
Reconciliation	145.00
Week of Compassion	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,484.18</b>

**Plastic Bag Collection**

We are collecting plastic bags to aid the Albion First Christian Church ministry to the homeless. The ladies there turn the bags into sleeping mats and distribute them to those in need. This is an important ministry to the homeless, especially as the weather begins to turn colder. Please save your bags and turn them in to the church (former Quilt Room) for collection by Albion FCC.

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**DIACONATE AND ELDERS**

Please remember to turn in your Deacon/Elder form to the office by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> so we know who is able to continue to serve on the Service Board. If you have misplaced your form, you may stop by the office to pick up a replacement. Thank you for your service to the Church.

**Chowder Thank You**



What an amazing response to the September 30<sup>th</sup> chowder - \$1,200 was raised for Brown Bag Buddies! This program is so blessed with the concern and commitment shown from those who care about Wabash County's young students. Following is a short update on BBB...



### Brown Bag Buddies Update – September 2018

Brown Bag Buddies (BBB) (MCES) is a weekend supplemental nutrition program now serving young students at Mt. Carmel Elementary School. In response to an observed need, the I Can

Class of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ began delivering bags of shelf-stable, easy-to-open, ready-to-eat food to 20+ children in Kindergarten and 1st Grade at South Elementary School in Mt. Carmel during October 2011. At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, 76 students in grades Early Childhood, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade at Mt. Carmel Elementary School were weekly BBB recipients. (South Elementary School closed and students transferred to MCES.) In October 2018, 64 young children will take home BBB. This number typically increases as the school year progresses.

The BBB summer program started in 2012. Most recently, during summer 2018, 42 bags were prepared and delivered for 10 weeks to homes in city and rural areas of Wabash County. Youth of the church and area give much-appreciated delivery assistance to the adult volunteers for both the school and summer programs.

The June and July monthly cost for the BBB 2018 summer program was \$2,300. The monthly cost for the school program ending in May 2018 was \$1,600. All money donated to BBB is used to purchase ONLY FOOD. There are no administrative costs. All labor, packaging supplies, and other necessary items are donated.

Wabash County Museum also benefits from Brown Bag Buddies by collecting Best Choice food labels and redeeming them for cash to promote Museum projects.

The success of Brown Bag Buddies lies in financial assistance and hands-on help from the local First Christian Church congregation; from school administration and staff; from community businesses, organizations, and individuals; and from grants.

Additionally, Mt. Carmel Buehler's Buy-Low assembles each monthly order for pick up, and then gives a substantial discount, which is

a tremendous help and makes BBB funds go further. As we look forward to and prepare for the future, the I Can Class says **THANK YOU** for your continued prayers and support.

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### Swift Halloween Party



The annual Halloween Gathering at the Swift's will be Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. Come and gather at the Swift's house (230 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street) for food, fun, and fellowship! Devan will stir up some vegetable soup and chili. Please bring a side and a bag of candy to hand out to the trick or treaters. Costumes are encouraged.



### SENIOR OUTING

*The church Senior Group (60+ yrs. old) enjoyed an outing to the Dairy Dee in Summer for lunch and ice cream on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. They meet each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for fun, food, and fellowship. If you are looking for an adventure, this is the group for you. You are cordially invited to join the Seniors.*

## October Greetings



This is fall in the Bavarian area where we visited during our tour in Germany. This hamlet is on the Koning Sea, southeast of Berchtesgaden, and situated on a land locked sea with mountains all around; you get there by boat. Our guide (the boatman) shared with us his talent playing the trumpet. When he finished, he said "wait, listen", and a beautiful echo of his talent returned for all to hear. Awesome! We have good memories of this place.

Making new friends is an excellent way to 'travel' without traveling. Each of you have wonderful memories, and we pray you will share some of those with us while we are here in Mt. Carmel.

Music invokes memories, special memories in my heart. When I am tired and weary, it lifts me up, sets my heart in a good place, energizing me for more service to my Lord Jesus and my heavenly Father.

One of my favorite songs is "Why Can't We?" by the Isaacs. These are the lyrics. If you want to hear the song, Google, Song: "Why Can't We?" by the Isaacs.

### Why Can't We?

By [The Isaacs](#)

He lies awake there all alone most every night  
Looking back on all of his mistakes  
Wishing through the tears that he could just go back  
Cause there's a lot of things he'd like to change  
He just can't forgive himself and forget  
Even though God already did

Why can't we?

We are called to follow Jesus and His teachings. Why can't we?  
If He (God) can love someone and find the good within  
In spite of what they've done, no matter where they've been  
If He can let it go and set the debtor free  
If He can keep forgiving you and me  
Why can't we?

There've been times I've been so hurt by someone else  
I didn't wanna give a second chance  
I let all the bitterness take control  
And took grace into my own hands  
But even Jesus said, "Whoever's done no wrong  
Let him throw the first stone"

If He can love someone and find the good within  
In spite of what they've done, no matter where they've been  
If He can let it go and set the debtor free  
If He can keep forgiving you and me  
Why can't we?

He was hated and rejected, betrayed by those He trusted  
Even hanging on the cross, He said, "Father,

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The Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

*Sue*

## **2019 STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ASKS THAT YOU  
PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR 2019  
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE MANY  
MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT BY  
OUR CHURCH FAMILY!!!**

### **WORSHIP:**

Sunday Morning Worship  
Services  
Casual Worship (Thursday Evenings)  
Prayer Lists  
Children's Worship  
Baby Blessings  
Christmas Eve Worship  
Ash Wednesday Worship  
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday  
Worship  
Easter Sunrise Worship  
Baptisms  
Chancel Choir  
Special Music  
Home Bound Communion  
Cantatas  
Weddings  
Funeral Services  
Prayer Services

### **OUTREACH:**

School Supplies  
Mission Trips  
Camp Work Days  
Operation Share Collections  
Crisis Closet  
Barbie's Boutique  
Personal Care Items for WADI  
Safe Haven Homeless Center  
Food Pantry Collections  
Nursing Home Visits

Funeral Meals  
Cookie Day Visits  
Christian Based Counseling Center  
Card Ministry  
Helping Hands  
Red Cross Emergency Shelter  
Alternative Christmas Fair and Soup  
Lunch  
Missionary Visits  
Christian Premarital Counseling  
Bequest Request Donations  
Breakfast for MCHS Football Players  
Brunch for MCHS Marching Aces New Member Classes  
Encore Music Parties for MCJHS &  
MCHS  
Hospital Visits  
Brown Bag Buddy Program

### **MEMBERSHIP CARE:**

Young Adult Group  
Senior Group  
Women's Banquets  
Men's Banquets  
All Church Picnics/Parties  
Exercise Classes  
Summer Ice Cream Social  
Delegates to Regional & General Church Assemblies

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Sunday School (for all ages)  
CCF (Christian Children's  
Fellowship K-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Chi Rho (Middle School Youth)  
CYF (High School Youth)  
Church Camp  
Children's Christmas Program  
Vacation Bible School  
Pastor's Class for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and older  
Women's Bible Study

