

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
February 10, 2019

Sermon

“Praying”
Rev. Sue Knipp

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

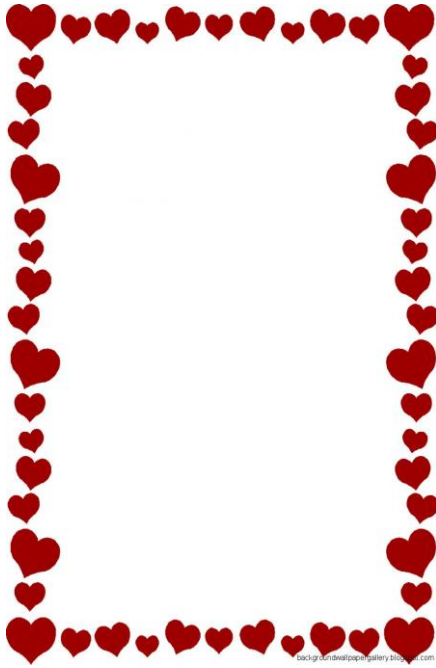
WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 1/24 - 9; 1/31 - 9

Sunday Worship: 1/27 - 84; 2/3 - 101

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“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”
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Youth Activities Scheduled for February

Feb. 10 – No Youth – **Chili Cook-off Fundraiser***

Feb. 17 – Lesson

Feb. 23 – Fun Day! Possible movie or shopping day

***Youth Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction Fundraiser**

When: February 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

What: 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off

Why: Proceeds go toward youth activities such as Winter Jam, Movie nights, Paintball nights and Mission Trips.

BARBIE’S BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN

Barbie’s Boutique will be open on Sunday, February 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, March 22 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for those in need of formal attire and accessories. For questions concerning the Boutique, please contact Barb Escobedo at (618) 240-2649.

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THANK YOU to Marilyn and Gary Bellessa for purchasing a new filing cabinet for the music room. This generous gift was very much appreciated!

Also **THANK YOU** to all who donated canned goods on **Souper Bowl** Sunday. The Youth collected 32 cans of food, and the money received in the Youth offering was \$41.71 from those in favor of the Patriots, \$114.06 for the Rams, and \$186.67 for the Commercials...for a total offering of \$341.44. All proceeds from the Souper Bowl were donated to WADI.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: There is now a file holder attached to the glass window by the office door. Please feel free to use this for anything that goes to the church office after hours.



EXTRA-LARGE NEED



We are in need of **EXTRA- LARGE rubber bands** to place around the plastic bag sleeping mats that are given to the homeless. These mats are such a blessing to those in need, especially during these cold winter months. Please turn in the rubber bands to the church office for distribution. Thanks for your help!!

SERVING IN FEBRUARY



Deacons: Juan Escobedo, Barb Escobedo, Mike Gill, Phil Benefiel, Lesley Hipsher, Chuck Wiles
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Ginger Boewe and Mary Burkett
Acolytes: Ty Hipsher and Luke Hipsher

OFFERING - January 27, 2019

General	\$3,747.00
World Outreach	24.00
Sunday school	10.00
Website	100.00
Initial Offering	13.00
Upper Room	7.00
Greeting card reim.	<u>180.00</u>
Total:	\$3,994.00

OFFERING - February 3, 2019

General	\$3,776.00
Sunday school	19.00
Reconciliation	100.00
World Outreach	8.00
Website	100.00
Memorial Fund	150.00
Blessing Basket	8.00
New sign	<u>41.75</u>
Total:	\$4,202.75



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, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley,

Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Margott Beckerman, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Kevin Stiles, Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Rev. Brant Hazlett, Brenda Culver, Bev Williams, **Phil Mendenhall**, 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 removed or 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.

2019 SEASON CAMP SCHEDULE
 VISIT CCIWDISCIPLINES.ORG/CAMP-PROGRAM FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
 MAY 24-27 MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY CAMP SEE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FEE*
 JUN 02-08 CAMP ACTS (SERVICE WEEK) SEE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FEE*
 JUN 09-15 CYF CAMP \$375 PER CAMPER*
 JUN 23-26 GRANDPARENTS & ME CAMP \$150 PER CHILD / \$180 PER ADULT*
 JUN 26-29 BEGINNERS CAMP \$225 PER CAMPER*
 JUL 07-13 CHI-RHO CAMP \$375 PER CAMPER*
 JUL 14-20 JYF CAMP \$375 PER CAMPER*
 AUG 02-04 POST-HIGH CAMP \$135 PER CAMPER*
 AUG 30-SEP 02 LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP SEE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FEE*
 *AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$25.00 WILL BE ADDED TO ALL REGISTRATIONS AFTER MAY 15, 2019

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Spring 2019 Work Projects at Camp Walter Scott

Clean Up Dates: April 13 and May 18

Call us at 217-739-2332 to volunteer! Or email camp@cciwdisciples.org

Projects

1. Wash, wax, and transport paddle boats
2. Hang tarps in the hogans
3. Turn on water to shower houses and clean shower houses
4. Repair benches at the fire ring
5. Deep clean kitchen
6. Deep clean cabins and Retreat House
7. Cabins, #1 and #2 – insulation, weather stripping, sealing cracks, etc.
8. Check/clear all trails – add wood chips to trails
9. Trim tree branches
10. Cut trees and split firewood – several trees are down that need to be cut for firewood
11. Assemble bench for frog pond
12. Clean the beach
13. Kill weeds around lagoons + duckweed
14. Power wash all metal roofs
15. Repair or discard trailers at shop
16. Install metal roof – north side – small shelter
17. Install metal roof on the shop



The Real Story of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is about flowers, candy, red hearts, and romance, right?
Hmm...

The origin of this 'express your love' holiday isn't romantic. "The real story of the man behind the holiday – St. Valentine's Day, as related by Father Frank O'Gara of Whitefriars Street Church in Dublin, England, defiled the edict of his emperor, Claudius". That edict prohibited young people to marry, based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers were better warriors. During this time, society was very permissive, polygamy was accepted, even encouraged. This was a problem for those who chose Jesus, worshiped in the Christian church, and considered marriage a very sacred act between one man and one woman.

Father Valentine disagreed with Claudius; he encouraged young people to marry within the Christian Church, and he performed secret marriage ceremonies. Legend has it that this priest was caught, imprisoned and tortured for doing weddings, all because he countermanded the emperor. Legend says one of his judges was a man named Asterius, whose young daughter was blind. Valentine prayed with and healed the child with such astonishing effect that Asterius believed and became a Christian.

"In 69 AD, Father Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution; beating, stoning, and finally decapitation for his stand for Christian marriage". Again legend says, Valentine's last words were in a note to Asterius's daughter, signed "from your Valentine". These are the words of today's Valentine Day's romantic messages sent to loved ones. Father Valentine is the patron saint of lovers.

In every life, there comes a time when you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. Through Jesus and with the Holy Spirit, we can do just that. Before you enter into a Christian marriage, you want some

sense of God in your life, a knowledge that in Him, all things are possible. If Father Valentine were here today, he might say to the married couple, that suffering is a part of their life together. It's not easy to maintain your commitment and your vows in today's world. It takes dedicated work to maintain your gushing love as you mature into everlasting love.

Celebrate Valentine's Day – **First**, by loving God with all your heart, mind, and soul, then others, as He has loved you. **Second**, be His valentine and love Him back by loving those whom He has given you – your spouse, children, and extended family. Be their Valentine because of God's love for you. **Third**, by attending church, our meeting place for those of us who love God. Give, work; be a Valentine to your spiritual family. Then, **fourth**, be a Valentine to our community, outside our church walls. Pay attention...get involved where you can, make a difference in Jesus' name. **Finally**, SMILE! You make the world a better place.

I love you all, my Valentines,

Sue

Portions gleaned from "St. Valentine, the Real Story"

By David Kithcart – 700 Club Features Director, CBN

