

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

SUNDAY SERVICE  
October 13, 2019

Sermon  
"Chosen/Marked"  
Rev. Sue Knupp

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-10

Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES  
Sunday Worship: 9/29 -82: 10/6 - 84



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### **Clergy Appreciation Sunday...**

Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, has been designated as Clergy Appreciation Sunday. We will be honoring Virgil and Sue during worship, and there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School. Fare will be BBQ sandwiches, potato chips, potato salad, slaw, and baked beans. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share. All are welcome so mark the date on your calendar.

The Worship Committee



*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."*

*Matthew 5:14*



**SERVING IN OCTOBER**



God's Work  
Our Hands

**Deacons:** Marilyn Bellessa, Clint Anderson, Chuck Wiles, Gary Bellessa, Phil Benefiel, Rhiannon Anderson  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Elder on Call:** Priss Parmenter  
**Sanctuary Straightener:** Lynette Wiles  
**Acolytes:** Emma & Shelby Mayhue  
**Counters:** Gayle Conrady & Doris Deputy  
**Communion Preparers:** Larry & Ginger Boewe

**Worship  
Through  
Giving**



<b>OFFERING - September 29, 2019</b>		<b>OFFERING - October 6, 2019</b>	
General	\$2,440.00	General	\$2,517.00
World Outreach	8.00	Sunday School	12.00
Website	100.00	World Outreach	8.00
CCF Décor	25.00	Reconciliation Offering	295.00
Memorial Fund	30.00	Blessing Basket	7.00
Reconciliation Offering	195.00	Brown Bag Buddies	150.00
Camp Fees	25.00	Youth	100.00
Operation Share	20.00	Reimbursement	<u>357.50</u>
Sunday School	<u>4.00</u>	(MCHS Aces breakfast)	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,847.00</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,446.50</b>

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**Attention Committee Chairman...** please remember that **budgets are due by the end of October.** Thank you. The next Stewardship meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.



Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Don Mann, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Rev. Brant Hazlett, Bev Williams, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Rich Kolb, David Taylor, Harold Mobley, Scott & Jennifer Nettleton, Marilyn Matthews, Jaxson Malcolm, Jayce Swift, Sue Wilkinson, Robin Crouch, Cathie Gorley, Kendall Brooke, Jeff Hyatt, Norma Beckerman, Harold Leipold, Connie Mayhue, George Beckerman, Joe Beckerman, Rosanna Peterson, Etta Rosignol, Dan Summers, Wayne Williams, **Megan Bunnage** and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women, and 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.**

Stewardship Sunday is quickly approaching... October 27<sup>th</sup>.



We will have a special speaker. Our Regional Elder, **Reverend Doris Beckerman**, will be speaking that morning. After service and Sunday school, there will be a carry-in potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall (11:40 AM) The meat will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## ORGAN RECITAL...

St. John's Episcopal Church has purchased and installed a magnificent electronic Allen organ, and our very own, Gary Hargett and Alisa Gidcumb, will be the guest organists during a recital on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. You are cordially invited to attend this musical display as they demonstrate some of the capabilities of the Allen organ. There will be everything from classical to gospel music. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterward.

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Our On-Line Giving option is now fully functional. By simply going to the church webpage ([www.mountcarmeldisciples.com](http://www.mountcarmeldisciples.com)) and clicking on "Online Contributions" in the navigation bar, you will be directed to set up your own giving page or make a one-time donation. There is also a tutorial page for those who have questions or need help setting up your giving page. We also have a QR code you can scan to access your page once you set it up. The QR code is on the front page of the Visitor and on the Sunday bulletin as well for your convenience.  
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## Upcoming CCIW Events ...

### YOUTH

**Camp Work Day...**(FCC Youth), November 2, 2019  
**Summit**, November 22-24, 2019 Lake Williamson Christian Center  
**Midwinter**, January 25-26, 2020 Central CC, Danville, IL

### DISCIPLES WOMEN

**Spring Gathering** will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 (further information will become available after the next planning meeting.)  
**Pray and Play 2020** are currently being scheduled and further information will be available on website <https://cciwdisciples.org> and [www.facebook.com/cciwdw/?ref=bookmarks](http://www.facebook.com/cciwdw/?ref=bookmarks)

## OPERATION SHARE...

There will be a special offering taken Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> for Operation Share. Operation Share provides Christmas toys for those children who might not otherwise receive a gift. You may never know the impact you will have on one of these children, but the Lord knows!



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## Your Regional Elder

*In case you have been wondering why you have a Regional Elder, here is a partial explanation. I am a volunteer with our Region. Every Cluster of churches in the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin has a Regional Elder. Our Cluster is composed of the Disciples churches of Albion, Barney's Prairie, Lawrenceville, Mt. Carmel, Olney, and Robinson.*

*The Cluster ministers, both active and retired, meet for prayer and discussion on the second Monday of every month, September through May, and I attend those meetings. The Regional Elders meet in Bloomington every February and August with the Regional Ministers for training and study. I attend those meetings when the weather permits.*

*As a Regional Elder, I am a communication link between our six congregations and ministers, and the Region. I am supposed to be a local source of help and information. Sometimes it feels like we here in the southern part of the state are not important to the Region, but we ARE! In fact, WE are the Region, and the Regional staff is there only to help us.*

*I visit worship occasionally in the congregation, or attend a board meeting or some celebration. I maintain contact with the ministers and am supportive of them and their ministries*

*Rev. Doris Chapman Beckerman, Regional Elder.*



“Those were the days, my friend, we thought they’d never end...” Time and space have blessed me with the ability to not remember who, when and where these lyrics were important to me. They are ‘falling leaves’ and just remind me of human life which begins with birth, fresh and new, like spring. Summer follows and much is accomplished; graduations, families, grandchildren, more graduations, new homes; in short, growth! Then, the fall of life arrives and is characterized by empty nests, downsizing, and needing care givers. Some call this the circle of life.

The Fall Season, full of cooler weather, changing and falling leaves, and less critter sounds, calls me to reflect upon God’s wonderful world. He’s in the process of showing us earth’s bare bones, naked, as our kids used to call bare trees. Great sadness spreads over me when I see how “we” (humanity) has trashed and polluted God’s wondrous earth! Then I wonder, have we as His children, polluted ourselves?

God gave humans the responsibility (dominion) over the earth, told us to be fruitful and care for her. Check it out in

Genesis, Chapter 1. Down through the generations, our families have had fall clean-up days, inside and outside of our portion of the earth. Each Fall Season becomes our time to clean up, repair, exchange lighter clothing for warmer wear, bring in the sheaves (crops), and store up for winter. Oddly enough, old habits die hard, especially the good ones.

Have our past generations passed on to us the “need” to clean, repair, and put right our lives with Christ, too? Do we need a spiritual fall cleanup? Personally, I am constantly cleaning out, putting away childish things, correcting, repenting and repairing my relationship with my Heavenly Father. Take inventory of your space within. Do you have leaves to rake (unresolved issues), fences to repair (broken relationships), windows to wash (spiritual cleanup), and a change of weather gear (confess and repent = new holy robes)?

Even though autumn leaves are falling and cooler days are coming our way, we cannot relax. Continued diligence must be kept in the care of 1) our souls, our life with God in Christ, 2) our relationships, both within our families and with those whom God sends our ways, and 3) constant maintenance, physically, emotionally, and especially spiritually. Indeed, fall cleanup is necessary for our care of Mother earth, and especially for the health of our relationship with God.

Continuing to love God and you,

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