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Coming Events

- 10/2 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
6:00 pm Fireside Meeting
- 10/3 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 10/4 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:00 pm Dining Room Rental
- 10/5 6:30 pm Women's Book Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 10/6 7:00 am High School Bible Study
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
Noon Women's Book Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 10/7 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 10/9 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 10/10 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 10/11 9:00 am CMF Food Prep
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 10/12 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
6:30 pm Women's Book Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 10/13 7:00 am High School Bible Study
9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
Noon Women's Book Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 10/14 5th Quarter Party
- 10/15 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

During Color Drive **Oct 15-16**, CWF will serve pie and drinks and CMF will serve sloppy jo sandwiches on the courthouse lawn. Sign up at the fellowship table if you can assist with this fundraising event. CWF proceeds will go towards various ministries they support in the church and community. CMF proceeds primarily go towards church camp fees for our youth. CMF will prepare the meat on Tuesday, **Oct 11**, at 9am at Crossroads. Contact David Koltveit or Matt Sealock if you can come in to assist.

Pastor Michael will host another Fireside Meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, **Oct 2**, at 6pm. This is a great time to ask questions about our past, present, and future.

The Republican Dinner will be at Crossroads on Tuesday evening, **Oct 4**. Sign up at the fellowship table if you can help in the kitchen that day.

CWF Meetings

Oct 6, Circle V, 2:00 at Crossroads
Oct 10, Circle I, 6:30 at Crossroads
Oct 13, Circle IV, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn
Oct 27, CWF Exec Committee

The Church Board will meet at 6pm on **Oct 11**. Packets will be available in the Long Room on Oct 9.

Celebration Sunday will be **Oct 30** with a fellowship meal. More details will follow.

This coming weekend, **Oct 2**, is Cookie Sunday! Stay after worship for continued fellowship with your church family!

Christmas Cantata news!

Rehearsals for this year's Christmas cantata will begin on **Oct 19** at 7 p.m. Childcare is provided. This year's cantata will be called "Christmas Through the Years" and will be Dec 18 at 5 p.m. **Please let Helen know no later than Oct 26 if you want to participate.**

We will be organizing a children's choir for grades 2-6 to sing two numbers with the choir. If you have a child or children in these grades that would like to participate, please see Helen or call the church office. We will establish a practice time once we know everyone's schedule.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Oct 10.

Save the dates of **Nov 2** for the church Turkey Dinner and **Dec 2** for the CWF Christmas Bazaar!

We are here to serve but we need your help in getting information. If you or someone in your family is ill or having surgery, please give us a call to let us know or let your Elder know.

Children First is seeking a DCFS early childhood teacher assistant to fill a full-time daycare center program position. Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED and must be willing to obtain required credentials, along with meeting all other DCFS requirements. Candidate must have a passion for working with children. We are also looking for DCFS qualified early childhood substitutes. Contact Jennifer at 217-285-4129 for information.

Kathy Curfman has 1 ticket remaining for the **Oct 11** trip to Springfield to see Christian comedian Anita Renfroe. Contact her if you would like to go.

Elijah and Kristen Peters send us their newsletter which we post on the bulletin board outside of the Long Room. If you would like to see up to the minute reports on their missionary work in New Zealand, contact Roger and Rokettia Brokaw about how you can be added to the Peters' private Facebook group.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Jane Calaway; **2** Don Martin, Cindi Schoenherr, Alyssa & Brandi Cothren, Chaz Waterman, Kate Waterman; **3** Ann Ferguson; **4** Larry Howard, Linda Decker, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain; **6** Jenny Tate, Preston & Bethany Dunham; **7** Michael & Julie Boren, Cindy Chamberlain, Ed & Rosi Picone; **8** Bill Grimsley; **9** Korey & Lisa Wombles; **11** Robert Crowder, Don Houchins; **12** Chuck Barber, Cathy Lacey, Steve & Betty Hayden; **13** Debbie Gouran, Terra Schoenherr; **14** Deloras Martin, Ashley Ferguson, Hudson Moss; **15** Helen Earls; **16** Karl Benjamin, Buddy & Chris Crowder, Cade Tomhave; **17** Gary & Christie Mendenhall; **18** Michele Westmaas; **19** Andrew Westmaas; **20** Larry & Sandy Wigington, Steve & Kathy Lehr; **22** Mary Gates; **24** Dave & Gena Londrie; **26** Elaine Hoaglin, McKenzie Tomhave, Brian & Hannah Roig; **27** Joyce Groom, Betty Hoover, Adam Ruble, Scott Palmer; **28** Evert Poyner, Tammi Koltveit; **29** Linda Belford, Judy Sweeting, Bill & Eleanor Jenkins; **30** Helen Burbridge, Becky Irwin, Roger & Dorothy Yaeger, Austin Wintjen; **31** Sarah Tharp

Prayer Concerns

Mary Chamberlain
Charlie Gates
Bill Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother)
Lura Hammitt (Larry Wigington's mother)
Carolyn McCann (Joan Halsey's sister)
Gale Manson
Maria Owens
Norma Peebles (Barbara Fosco's sister)
Andrew Westmaas

We express our sympathy to Buster Mendenhall and family with the passing of his sister, Ruby Bex, from Indiana.

There are several dishes from recent funeral dinners sitting on the table in the Crossroads kitchen. Feel free to pick up your dish on Sunday. The kitchen will be busy during October and we do not want something to happen to your dish.

*How can we ever express the love and concern we felt from our church family while Ron was so ill and after his passing. At times like this every call, prayer and card helped us through. A special thanks to Pastor Michael for being there for Ron and family during Ron's illness and for the wonderful service he gave to celebrate Ron's life, his generosity and loving heart. Thank you to all of the ladies who fixed the lovely meal after the services. It provided a time for many to share their stories and their love.
-Barbara Bradburn and family.*

Board Meeting Excerpts from September 13

Quorum of 9 met. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck was in attendance via Skype.

Call to Order at 6:05P.M. by the Moderator Bobby Smith.

Opening devotion and prayer was led by Phil Sandidge. Shared a reflection on Pastor Michael's sermon on Gideon. ... it's about Gideon (me). No, it's is about GOD!

The August minutes were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report highlighted the importance of renewing Elder responsibilities.

Bethany reported that as of August 31, 2016:

*Total Checking/Savings Assets =\$401,912.76. Total General Checking Assets =\$184,916.17. Total Budgeted Receipts =\$317,798.40.

*Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total =\$52,600.50 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements =\$36,950.32. Difference of \$15,650.18.

*Worship Attendance average for January thru August =268 individuals.

*66.67% through the fiscal year. Fiscal year Total Budgeted Disbursements =\$244,029.82 (54.36%)

The Treasurer's report was approved by general consensus.

Property: Damaged fence replaced at the Congregational Park. Door repaired at Admin Building. Sanctuary entry steps repaired.

Crossroads Center: N.D. Harrison made the motion to allow Illini Hospital the full use of the Crossroads Center as a back-up center for temporary housing and the resources available to continue hospital operation. Hamer Tate seconded the motion and all approved.

Children First: Board meeting September 15th.

New Business: Larry Wigington made the motion to accept Roger Brokaw, Joyce Lemons, Jill Kunzeman, Jade Roseberry, Kathy Curfman, and John Hull as the 2016 Nominating Committee. Seconded by David Koltveit and all proved. Ann Ferguson made the motion to appoint Roger Brokaw as the Nominating Committee chairperson. Seconded by David Koltveit and all approved.

To the Congregation,

As most of you know, this Christmas cantata will be my last cantata as director. I am retiring from my position as music coordinator effective Dec 31. I cannot begin to tell you how much I have enjoyed doing this job all these years! It has been so rewarding to share my passion with all of you and to bring glory to God through our music!

I will continue as program coordinator part time which includes Crossroads Center and other ministries so I will still be around but effective Jan 1, I will pass the reigns of the music coordinator and choir director to Kayla Boren. She has already been working as my assistant and is ready and able to run with it. I am so excited to pass the torch to someone so talented and passionate about worship! She will do a fantastic job! Please join me in praying for her as she undertakes this new job. Please pray for her ministry here that God will bless it and use it for His glory.

The cantata is set for Dec 18 at 5 p.m. and it will be a compilation of some of my favorites from my 30 years of cantatas. It was impossible to do all my favorites in an hour and 15 minute program but I did my best to narrow it down and I am really excited about putting this together.

Thank you to all of you and to all those through the years that have loved me, encouraged me, supported me and prayed for me. I could not have done it without you!

Love,

Helen

I have entered the time of year where cross country meets and basketball games are falling on the same nights. It is great to support the kids, but it's a tad bit stressful trying to get to as many events as possible. The events are often held at schools that are an hour's drive away, and we can't leave town until after work. Inevitably, while trying to get to another rural school, I find myself behind a grain truck working on harvest, or a slow moving vehicle. Murphy's Law continually proves true on these nights!

Last week, as my wife and I raced across the back roads to make the second of the evening's sporting events, I was passing a slow moving vehicle when my "Service Engine Soon" light came on. The first thing I thought of was that my car has over 200,000 miles on it and it is normal for that light to appear on a car with that kind of mileage. My instinct was to simply ignore it as "normal."

I laugh at myself because I am neither an ASE certified mechanic nor even a garage gear head. I can change oil, plug a tire, and on a good day replace an alternator... but that is about it. I decided to take my vehicle to someone who could check the code and see if it was a minor issue or a major one. After all, warning lights are there for a reason.

There are some warning lights in our spiritual walk as well. These are subtle indicators that are there to alert us to conditions that we need to address for optimal performance in our spiritual walk.

The great theologian A.W. Tozer framed these "warning lights" in seven questions that we can ask ourselves. When answered honestly, they can be an indicator of our spiritual health and areas of needed attention in our spiritual journey and health. They are:

1. What do we want most?
2. What do we think about most?
3. How do we use our money?
4. What do we do with our leisure time?
5. What kind of company do we enjoy?
6. Who and what do we admire?
7. What do we laugh at?

Take a moment and prayerfully look at your "instrument panel" in light of these questions. Are your honest answers lining up with God's word, or has the age in which we live begun to infiltrate our mind and soul to the point of leaving us somewhat tarnished and carnal?

Remember our study of Samson in light of the fact that he founded his life on self-interest rather than God's purpose for him.

James 1:26-27 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. ESV

Live the life God purposed for you! It is the path to fulfillment in Christ.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F

Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am

Sunday School: 8:00am, 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	9/18	9/25
Operational	\$6,100.25	\$11,321.25
Property Improvement	28.00	53.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	39.00	17.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	60.00	555.00
Operation Christmas Child	523.00	356.00
Children First	<u>170.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$7,070.25	\$12,572.25

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,787.45 \$10,979.39
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

	9/18	9/25
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	70	63
9:15 AM	96	107
10:30 AM	<u>89</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	255	270
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	3	7
K-1st	7	6
2nd-3rd	5	12
4th-5th	7	13
6th-8th	6	4
Sr High	6	6
Disciples	16	12
New Beginnings	6	7
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	63	74

Serving Schedule

October 2, 2016

Elder: Roger Brokaw, Spencer Boren
Diaconate: Donnie Apps, Julie Boren, Mike Boren, Jill Kunzeman, Eric Kunzeman, Faith Saxe
8:00 Communion: Carol O'Malley
9:15 Communion: Judy Ferguson
9:15 Greeter: Steve & Kathy Lehr
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren
10:30 Scripture Reader: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Sound System: Michelle Gates
Shut-ins: Larry & Sandy Wigington, N.D. & Joyce Harrison
Fellowship Treats: Jo Rhodes, Kay Sealock, Kathy Curfman, Vera Staffy

October 9, 2016

Elder: Ann Ferguson, Roger Dunham
Diaconate: Rokettia Brokaw, Bill Grimsley, Ron Halsey, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Kathy Lehr
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
9:15 Communion: Dave & Sandy Herring
9:15 Greeter: Ray & Robin Carr
10:30 Communion: Zack & Libby Boren
10:30 Scripture Reader: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Matt Saxe
Shut-ins: Ruth Bennett & Deloras Martin, Dave & Sandy Herring

Lectionary

10/2: Lam 1:1-6; Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
 10/3: Ps 137; Lam 1:16-22; James 1:2-11; Hab 1:5-17; James 1:2-11
 10/4: Ps 137; Lam 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21; Hab 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
 10/5: Ps 137; Lam 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24; Hab 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14
 10/6: Ps 66:1-12; Jer 25:1-14; 2 Tim 1:13-18; Lev 14:33-53; 2 Tim 1:13-18
 10/7: Ps 66:1-12; Jer 27:1-22; 2 Tim 2:1-7; Num 4:34-5:4; 2 Tim 2:1-7
 10/8: Ps 66:1-12; Jer 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16; Num 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16
 10/9: Jer 29:1, 4-7; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
 10/10: Ps 102:1-17; Jer 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29
 10/11: Ps 102:1-17; Jer 29:24-32; Eph 6:10-20; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Eph 6:10-20
 10/12: Ps 102:1-17; Jer 25:15-32; Matt 10:5-15; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matt 10:5-15
 10/13: Ps 119:97-104; Jer 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34; Isa 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34
 10/14: Ps 119:97-104; Jer 26:16-24; 2 Tim 2:14-26; Gen 31:43-32:2; 2 Tim 2:14-26
 10/15: Ps 119:97-104; Jer 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52; Gen 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52