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Coming Events

- 4/30 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship
8:00, 9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 5/1 1:00 pm InterAgency Meeting
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 5/2 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 5/3 5:30 pm Wellness Class
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 5/4 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 5/5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 5/7 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship
8:00, 9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 5/8 6:00 pm Volleyball League
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 5/9 6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 5/10 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
5:30 pm Wellness Class
- 5/11 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
7:00 pm Sermon Study
- 5/12 Children First Fundraiser & Grad.
- 5/14 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship
8:00, 9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

The Thursday noon Women's Book Study will take a break due to summer schedules and resume in September studying Esther.

Wednesday Wellness is up and running! If you would like to join us, come to the Fellowship Hall basement on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30**. All ages are encouraged and welcomed!

Thank you Sonya Bishop for planting the beautiful flowers around the church building. We appreciate you sharing your green thumb with us!

Congratulations Adam and Allison Korte on the birth of their son, Maddox Adam Korte, on Sunday, April 16. Maddox has been welcomed home by brothers and sister - Jack, Wyatt and Addison.

A vehicle key was found outside Crossroads during Holy Week and turned in to Heaton Chevrolet. If you or someone you know is missing one, contact Heaton's.

On Sunday, **May 7**, we will recognize the 8th grade, high school and college graduates in our church family. We will display a picture of high school and college grads along with the name of the school. **Please provide us with your graduate's info as soon as possible.**

Church League Softball will begin the end of **May**. Please contact Matt Sealock if you are interested in playing on team FCC!

The **Disciples Class** is having a movie night at Roger and Charlotte Dunham's this Sunday, **April 30**, starting around 5 p.m. Might be a triple feature! If you have ever attended the Disciples Class in your entire life, you are included!

CWF May Events: 5/4, 2:00, Circle V. 5/8, 6:30, Circle I. 5/11, 9:30, Circle IV. 5/16, 5:30 Salad Supper and Officer Installation in the Fellowship Hall. The **CMF Dinner Meeting** will be at 6pm on Tuesday, **May 16**, at Crossroads. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend. The men will prepare the meal.

The **Church Board** will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, **May 9**. Packets will be ready for pick up on Sunday, May 7.

Thank you to the great group of volunteers who came to help prepare and serve the Pike Press Scholars Banquet. We really appreciate your willingness to serve. It was a lovely evening inside and out! We have one more big event this spring season and that's the PHS Scholars Banquet on Wed, May 17. Contact Joyce Lemons if you are available to help.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Sandy and Larry Wigington for all of their hard work making the Crossroads Center and sanctuary beautiful this Easter! From 20 foot banners to hand-made cloth columns, they used their creativity—mixed with several hours of hard work—and created a uniquely inviting atmosphere for our Resurrection Sunday worship. This couple is truly invaluable, so if you enjoyed what you saw, be sure to make them feel appreciated!

I would like to give a BIG thank you to any and all the ladies that brought food or served at Grandpa's funeral dinner. They went above what we could have asked for. Such a blessing! I cannot thank Michael enough for the comforting scripture he said to me. I'm blessed to be a part of so many caring people. Thank you all. -Gina Bryant & Carl Douglas Herron family.

Thank you everyone who helped in anyway with the Bill Smithers and Doug Herron funeral luncheons. We so appreciate each and every one of you. -CWF Bereavement Committee.

Prayer Concerns

Mary Chamberlain	Calvin Anderson	Chip Barber
Jack Kirk	Keaton Hittner	Richard Kindel
Teresa Wade (Jaci Baker's mother; Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain's daughter)	Karen Lawber	Michelle Phipps

We express our sympathy to Gina Bryant and family with the passing of her grandfather, Doug Herron.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Angie Hittner, David James, Jeremy Schoenherr; 2 Jeff Cox; 3 Shirley Loyd, Sharon Houchins; 4 Buster Mendenhall; 5 Morgan Plattner, Cadience Mendenhall; 6 Beryl Richards, Angie Ruebush; 7 Chaz & Kate Waterman, Isaac Hayes; 9 Tresea Harrison, Dora Lee Claus, Paul & Patty Ruble, Brenda Kramer; 10 Julie Lierly; 11 Vera Staffy, Katie Hull, Jack Palmer, Kevin & Megan Hittner; 12 Corinne Pennock, John Plattner; 13 Randy & Marjie Guthrie; 15 Ashli Freesmeyer; 16 Brad Losch, Luke Saxe, Maxwell Bonnett, Wayne & Edna Baughman; 18 Abby Lipcaman, Lainey Ten Eyck; 21 Ralph Piper; 22 Zachary Boren, Benjamin Boren, Nathan & Kyndle Christianer; 23 Mackenzie Lipcaman, Wesley Picone; 24 Jamie & Brandi Pennock, Braxton & Laura Boren, Lia Picone; 25 Phil Shaw, Brian Daniel, Jonathan & Jennifer Schoenherr; 26 Skyler Schoenherr; 27 Delbert Robertson; 28 Rick Curfman, Randy Guthrie; 29 Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith, Ray Carr; 30 Seth Daniel; 31 Henry Speckhart.

<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 16– 21</p>	<p>Bev and Eddie White are coordinating a bake sale to benefit MDA on Saturday, May 13. They will be on the Subway/US Cell parking lot from 7:30am-? Plan to stop by and see what sweet treats are available. Contact Bev at 285.2420 if you would like to donate a baked item.</p>	<p>Our Outreach Ministry continues to support the Pikeland Snack Pack program which distributes food to children and their family to ensure they receive proper nutrition during weekends when school is not in session. If you would also like to contribute to this program, mark your offering envelope “Snack Pack” and funds will be directed accordingly.</p>
<p>Mississippi Valley Church Camp Start Dates June 4 High School June 11 7-8th Grade June 18 5-6th Grade June 25 3-4th Grade June 28 1-2nd Grade July 1 5-2nd Grade</p>	<p>The next newsletter will be printed the week of May 8.</p>	

Board Meeting Excerpts from April 11, 2017

Call to Order at 6:30pm by Moderator David Koltveit
Opening devotion and prayer were led by Joyce Lemons. She read a meditation centered on Jesus Christ during Holy Week.
The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Minister’s Report: Work on the digital sign is ongoing. FCC Advisor Doug Harvey had a productive visit during March, and will be submitting his report in the coming days.

Treasurer’s Report: Bethany Dunham reported that as of March 31, 2017: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$395,039.69. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$119,109.33. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$83,632.91. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$18,331.62 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$12,532.47 for a difference of \$5,799.15. Bethany noted that \$12,031.92 was added to the Church Construction/ Renovation fund at the end of March. David Bishop motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Larry Wigington seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Trustees: Joyce Harrison noted that the Millie Wendorff Estate has notified the Trustees that they will receive \$5,000. Also, applications are available for the Baughman Scholarship for any college student pursuing a career in education or ministry.

Christian Ed: Orange Conference will be held April 26-28.

Property: The Crossroads Center water heater was installed. There continue to be ongoing issues with the Crossroads Center roof. Pastor Michael mentioned that he would like to explore the possibility of small groups to get together to work on work projects around the church and property.

Balsman Property: The Balsman property is in need of some maintenance work. Bobby Smith received from Ryan Bland at Non-Typical Wildlife Services, LLC a bid of \$1,500 to clear trees and shrubs around the cabin, and to perform some necessary maintenance work to the property and the cabin. Gary Mendenhall motioned to approve \$1,500 to complete the maintenance work required on the property. Hamer Tate seconded, and the motion carried. The first half of the 2017 cash rent has been received from Doug Harter Farms for \$4,320

New Business

Rod Gordley has approached Pastors Michael and Chaz about the possibility of serving as a part-time intern this summer, working on various projects around the church, assisting with youth group activities, and helping out with Sunday worship. He is available for the months of June, July, and the first week or two of August, and would still need to find housing. Joyce Lemons made the motion to create an internship position with a paid stipend up to \$2,000. David Bishop seconded, and the motion carried. Judy Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Phil Sandidge seconded the motion. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer. The next Board meeting will be on May 9 at 6:30pm.

He is Risen!

As I mentioned Sunday, my illness provided me an insightful time during Holy Week. I was able to take a back seat and watch the ministry of some wonderful parts of our Church Family. It was a joy to watch the spontaneous prayer and fellowship that erupted at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service. I appreciate Chaz, the Elders, choir, and tech team for making that evening most meaningful.

I was amazed at the Good Friday service. All of the music was superb as were the readings. The artist who painted the portrait of Christ with her hands right before our eyes was truly something to behold. We discussed the possibility of the event in staff for several weeks but watching the creation take form right before my eyes was something very special.

Kayla and Chaz went above and beyond in pulling together all of those parts. Much thanks to both of them, as well as the musicians, custodial and technical crews.

I was so very gratified to see all of the worshippers for our two services on Resurrection Sunday. The youth did a fantastic job leading worship. The music and dramas were wonderful and the acapella group amazed us once again. (I have had multiple requests for them to share their talent at 10:30 service sometime.)

The 10:00 AM Resurrection Celebration was outstanding as well. From the music, to the interpretive dance, to the bell choir, Christ was glorified. As I sat in the front row pew at the conclusion of service, several thoughts crossed my mind.

First, was how thankful I am to be part of this wonderful church family. The second thought I had was of Christians who are being persecuted around the world. We are very blessed for the freedoms and privileges that we have to worship as we choose. I only hope that we grow in our passion and appreciation to God in worship.

My final thought was of a quote I shared Friday. C.S. Lewis writes:

God, who needs nothing, loves into existence wholly superfluous creatures in order that He may love and perfect them. He creates the universe, already foreseeing – or should we say “seeing”? there are no tenses in God – the buzzing cloud of flies about the cross, the flayed back pressed against the uneven stake, the nails driven through the mesial nerves, the repeated incipient suffocation as the body droops, the repeated torture of back and arms as it is time after time, for breath’s sake, hitched up. If I may dare the biological image, God is a “host” who deliberately creates His own parasites; causes us to be that we may exploit and “take advantage of” Him. Herein is love. This is the diagram of Love Himself, the inventor of all loves.

Loving you all,
Michael

The Children First Fundraiser and Graduation will be Friday, May 12, at Crossroads. The meal featuring pulled pork will be served from 5:30-7. Adults \$7, children \$4. Graduation will begin at 7:30. A FANTASTIC selection of items will be available to bid on during the silent auction. Bids will be accepted until 7:00. Contact Jennifer at 285-4129 if you would like to donate an item to the auction.

Children First is currently accepting enrollment for the Summer Program. The tentative dates are Monday through Friday, May 30 through August 18. The range of ages are Kindergarten through age 12. Contact Jennifer at 285-4129 for more info or to add your child(ren) to the list.

Lead Teacher

Children First is seeking a DCFS early childhood teacher to fill a full-time daycare center program position. You must have 60 hours of college credit with 6 hours directly in early childhood education. We are also looking for DCFS qualified early childhood substitutes. Contact Jennifer at 217-285-4129 for information.

Teacher Assistant

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.

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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)	4/16	4/23
Operational	\$9,094.61	\$7,920.00
Property Improvement	53.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	110.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	88.00	53.00
Church Construction/Renov	25.00	50.00
Children First	70.00	200.00
Unmet Needs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>
Total	\$9,680.61	\$8,444.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,716.13 \$7,640.00
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

Serving Schedule

April 30, 2017

Elder: Jim Dain, Phil Sandidge
Diaconate: Jill Kunzeman, Karen Goodwin, Eric Kunzeman, Donnie Apps, Julie Boren, Mike Boren
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
9:15 Communion: Phil & Georgia Sandidge
9:15 Greeter: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw
9:15 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
10:30 Scripture: TBA
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Sound System: Cherise Anderson
Shut-ins: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw, Phil & Georgia Sandidge

May 7, 2017

Elder: Larry Wigington, Joyce Lemons
Diaconate: Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner, Kate Waterman, Ciera Anderson, Faith Saxe, Lauren Saxe
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
9:15 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
9:15 Greeter: Bev & Eddie White
9:15 Nursery: Lainey Ten Eyck
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
10:30 Scripture: TBA
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Chaz Waterman
Shut-ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain, Matt & Faith Saxe
Fellowship Treats: Betty Hoover, Carolyn Capps, Bethany Dunham, Jade Roseberry, Evelyn Hoover

Wishes & Wants

Brenda Kramer has a refrigerator free to whoever wants to pick it up. 217.602.1126.
For Sale: John Deere riding lawn mower model 170. Judy Dunham 285.2738

Lectionary

4/30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
 5/1: Ps 134; Gen 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25
 5/2: Ps 134; Prov 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3
 5/3: Ps 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14
 5/4: Ps 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12
 5/5: Ps 23; Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17
 5/6: Ps 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7
 5/7: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
 5/8: Ps 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
 5/9: Ps 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21
 5/10: Ps 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matt 20:17-28
 5/11: Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; Gen 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15
 5/12: Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16
 5/13: Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

	4/16	4/23
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	232	90
9:15 AM		66
10:30 AM	<u>286</u>	<u>99</u>
Total	518	255
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	1	6
K-1st	2	5
2nd-3rd	4	5
4th-5th	10	10
6th-8th	0	6
Sr High	0	0
Disciples	11	12
New Beginnings	6	6
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	41	57