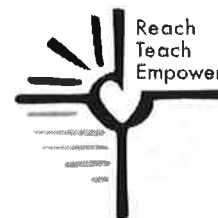


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Coming Events

- 10/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 10/16 6:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 10/17 8:00 am Meeting Room Rental
9:00 am Connection Group
- 10/18 3:45 pm Kids Connection
5:30 pm Q&A Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 10/19 Noon Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Republican Dinner
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 10/22 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 10/23 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 10/24 9:00 am Connection Group
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 10/25 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 10/26 Noon Women's Book Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
- 10/29 8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Family Meal
5:00 pm youth@first

The daytime **women's connection group** meets on **Tuesday mornings** from 9-10:30 am in the education wing upper level. They will be reading and discussing the book Women Living Well, by Courtney Joseph. If you have any questions, contact Libby Boren or Jade Roseberry.

October 29 will be Celebration Sunday! Sunday School will start at 8:45 followed by one worship service in the gym at 10:00. Family Meal will be serviced immediately after worship.

The Color Drive will be Oct 21-22. CWF will sell pies and tickets for the quilt raffle. CMF will sell sloppy jo sandwiches and chips. Monetary donations towards pies can be submitted to your Circle leader or church office. Signup at the fellowship table to help CWF or contact Matt Sealock to help CMF.

A great big THANK YOU goes out to Linda Belford, Ruth Ann Goodin and Jenny Tate for their expert quilt making talents. The 2017 Love Raffle Quilt is finished and is on display! These ladies put much time and love into this lovely quilt. **Chances for the quilt will be available after each service, from the circle leaders and at the church office.** The drawing for the quilt will be at 1:15 on Friday, Dec 1, at the Church Bazaar.

Be sure to stop by the CWF/CMF stand on the courthouse lawn for some delicious food and to purchase your Love Raffle ticket!

We will serve the **Republican Dinner** on Thursday, **Oct 19**, at Crossroads. Please contact Judy Ferguson, Karen Goodwin or Joyce Lemons if you can help that evening.

Save the date of Wednesday, Nov 8, for the all church Turkey Dinner at 5:30. Signup at the fellowship table if you plan to attend so we know how many to prepare for. Carryout will be available. Proceeds will help maintain the Crossroads Center kitchen.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, **Oct 19**, in the fellowship hall.

The **Elders** will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, **Oct 24**.

The **Children First Board** will meet at 5:30 on Thursday, **Oct 26**.

The next **CMF Dinner Meeting** has moved to Tuesday, **Nov 6**, at 6:00.

Looking Ahead...

- Friday, Dec 1: CWF Christmas Bazaar.
Sunday, Dec 10: Christmas Caroling.
Sunday, Dec 17: Christmas Cantata.
Wednesday, Dec 20: Kids Connection Christmas Program.
Thursday, Dec 21: Children First Christmas Program.

Prayer Concerns: Ken Bradbury, Mary Chamberlain, Joan Curfman, Stacey Helms, Richard Kindle, Eddie White
Michael Quincy (Sharon Houchins' brother)
Steve Smith (Amy Cox's father)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Rose Clendenny who passed away.

Due to technical details beyond our control, we are not able to provide the Sunday morning worship service live stream. We still post the recording of the service to our website as soon as possible. We will let you know when we are able to provide live streaming once again.

Good news owners of Amazon Fire Sticks! There's a RightNow Media app for you! Follow the links below to get started:

http://resources.rightnow.org/AppEmail/RNM_Insider_Apps.html

Dear Church Family,

My family and I appreciate so very much your prayers and concerns for my daughter Becky these past five months as she has been battling cancer. She is doing very well and has been allowed to stop all treatments. We are thrilled and thankful! We have certainly felt your prayers surrounding us throughout these weeks. In Christian Love, Joyce and family.

Radio and tv starts our day usually with doom and gloom, but I am telling you about great news! He is alive! Alive oh yes, the family of the First Christian Church tells this by their love with good deeds. Don and I have been blessed by the great love of this church family. We could not have done as well if it wasn't for our friends and church family. Wheelchair ramp, cards and food - it made me the best cook in Pike county. Thank you all. Words cannot tell about the great love we felt.

*In Christian Love,
Don and Deloras Martin.*

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program

Oct 1 – Oct 22

Get a shoebox from the church or use your own regular sized shoebox

Pick up the "How to pack a shoe box" flyer

Decide on the age range and sex of the child

Buy appropriate items to put in, include

- Toys
- Hygiene items (put bar soap in a separate baggie)
- School supplies (if pencils, please include a sharpener)
- Clothing
- Accessories
- A personal note – (a form that can be used is on the display table)

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Breakables
- Anything liquid (NO hand sanitizer)
- War-type toys
- Food
- Hard candy or gum
- Toothpaste
- (anything that can't be sent will be removed from the box)

Pack your box (please make sure it is full)

Put the appropriate boy/girl label marked for the age on the **OUTSIDE** of the box

If you would like to help pay for the \$9.00 S&H for each box, include that in your regular Sunday offering, made out to FCC, and mark it "Shoebox." **DO NOT include it in your box.**

RETURN THE BOX TO THE CHURCH BY OCTOBER 22nd. The church is open on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Any questions, see Michelle Gates, Angela Hittner, Carolyn Barber, Gina Bryant, Tammi Koltviet, Jeremy Schoenherr, or Jim Dain



THANK YOU AND HAVE FUN SHOPPING AND PACKING YOUR BOXES!!!!
Our church has committed to this wonderful outreach opportunity since 2008!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WHAT TO PUT IN A SHOEBOX

Start with a “WOW” item. A medium to large item that will capture the child’s attention. Suggestions are: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks), Dolls, Musical instrument, Clothes outfit, Shoes.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: Toy cars, yo-yo’s, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise, extra batteries, playing cards, card games.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, solar calculators, coloring and picture books.

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths.

ACCESSORIES: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights.

For extra batteries, if they are loose (not in original packaging) both ends must be covered with tape.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, candy, gum, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

Colorful adhesive bandages

Flashlight

Chapstick/or lipstick for the older girls

Reusable plastic containers

Glue stick

Playdough

Plastic cookie cutters (to use with the Playdough)

Small musical instrument (harmonica)

Nail clipper and file

Dry paint sets (watercolors)

Toolkit with nails, screws, screwdrivers and hammers (cannot include saws or pocket knives)

Squirt guns (as long as they do not look like real guns – the bright colored ones are okay)

Wet wipes – a good alternative to sanitizer liquid which we cannot pack

Compact mirrors

Stick deodorant

Washcloth

Solar powered calculator

Safety scissors

Ruler

Puzzles

Small kite

Go to the website www.samaritanspurse.org for more information.

Elder Corner

I love the Fall season. My wife, daughter, and I enjoy camping, and it is the perfect time to get out, setup the tent, and roast some marshmallows over the fire. I will admit we've been through some trials on our excursions: when we couldn't get the fire started to cook our food; when we packed up in the rain because we discovered our tent wasn't waterproof. Somehow, we always survive! Getting back to my point, God has created a beautiful world around us and we really enjoy just being out in nature and unplugging from the things that busy our daily lives.....well, with the exception of my phone. I must admit, like many others in today's society, it is difficult for me to completely detach, even when we camp. The fear of missing an important call from work, a message from a family member with a medical emergency, or even just an email or text causes me to keep the device glued to my side. And when it rings, that becomes my priority and I lose focus of the reason we are there.

This makes me think about our relationship with God and our focus on Him. As Michael is currently in the midst of sharing a powerful series on the Ten Commandments, I look back at the second commandment: "You shall not make idols". There are so many things that we focus our attention on every minute of our day, whether it be work, school, friends, sports, music, technology, social media, money.....the list goes on. John Calvin said that "Man's nature is a perpetual factory of idols". We have tendencies to look for peace and satisfaction in manmade things or activities. But in all these things, who (or what) are we serving? Is God getting the back seat, as nature and my family sometimes does on our camping trips?

Romans 8:5-6 says this: "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

I believe that when we try to replace God, whether it be with work or something else, we will always find ourselves unsatisfied and seeking more. But, when we truly let go and give God full control, serving only Him, we will be granted spiritual peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Schoenherr

There will be a question and answer session at Crossroads Center on Wednesday evening, October 18, at 5:30 in the dining room regarding the Lovell Town Lot and the purchase of an ingress/egress for the Balsman Farm.

As you well know, we have several college students who have graduated from our YOUTH@FIRST program. While we may not see them often—and some aren't members of our church—they are very much a part of our church family.

Statistically, all but a couple of our college students should completely walk away from their faith within the end of this school year. This is a scary stat that can make families and churches feel helpless in defending their beloved children, but this is where you come in!

Studies repeatedly show that regular, loving contact from a church family helps reaffirm and bolster students' faith. For this reason, we'd like to give all of you an opportunity to partner with the parents of our college aged students and show these students that they're loved.

Below are listed the college addresses of our out-of-town students. Mid-terms have just gotten over for these students, so now is a great time encourage them as they approach the end of their first semester.

Peyton Anderson	Mattie Bishop	Austin Fine	Rod Gordley
Merrick Hall, Room 108 330 North Henderson Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	PO Box 262 Pittsfield, IL 62363	542 W Grant Pittsfield, IL 62363	Box 450 100 Campus View Drive Lincoln, IL 62656

Tyler Grimsley	Katie Hull	Thomas Hull	Caitlyn McIntyre
Unit 408 701 South Gregory Urbana, IL 61801	1237 Vermont Quincy, IL 62301	Box 548 1 College Hill Canton, MO 63435	604 N Memorial Pittsfield, IL 62363

Maddie Palmer	Nick Reel	Kendra Sydney	Julia Turnbaugh
Box 841 1 College Hill Canton, MO 63435	Mailbox 1416 1 Residence Drive Edwardsville, IL 62025	STE 550 911 E Urbandale Moberly, MO 65270	Box 300 100 Campus View Drive Lincoln, IL 62656

Aubrie Westmaas	DJ Wintjen
308 W Jefferson Pittsfield, IL 62363	1119 Write Hall 190 N Adelaïd Normal, IL 61761

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 Chaz Waterman, Associate/Youth Pastor
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 Kayla Boren, Music
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian

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

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

Sunday School: 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	10/1	10/8
Operational	\$7,769.55	\$7,882.55
Property Improvement	11.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	120.00	270.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	23.00	13.00
Snack Pack	50.00	15.00
Operation Christmas Child	145.00	395.00
Church Constr/Reno	500.00	0
Unmet Needs	50.00	0
Children First	<u>70.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total	\$8,818.55	\$8,728.55

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,829.55 \$7,637.65
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **October 23**.

Lectionary

10/15: Exod 32:1-14; Isa 25:1-9; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
 10/16: Ps 34; Exod 19:7-20; Jude 17-25; Exod 32:15-35
 10/17: Ps 34; Amos 9:5-15; Phil 3:13-4:1; Exod 33:1-6
 10/18: Ps 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35; 2 Kings 17:7-20
 10/19: Ps 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12; Exod 33:7-11
 10/20: Ps 96:1-9; Deut 17:14-20; 1 Pet 5:1-5; Exod 31:1-11
 10/21: Ps 96:1-9; Isa 14:3-11; Matt 14:1-12; Exod 39:32-43
 10/22: Exod 33:12-23; Isa 45:1-7; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22
 10/23: Ps 98; Dan 3:1-18; Rev 18:1-10, 19-20; Exod 40:34-38
 10/24: Ps 98; Dan 3:19-30; Rev 18:21-24; Num 12:1-9
 10/25: Ps 98; Dan 6:1-28; Matt 17:22-27; Num 13:1-2, 17-14:9
 10/26: Ps 1; Num 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16; Deut 31:14-22
 10/27: Ps 1; Deut 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15; Deut 32:1-14, 18
 10/28: Ps 1; Prov 24:23-34; John 5:39-47; Deut 32:44-47

Serving Schedule**October 15, 2017**

Elder: Matt Saxe, Roger Brokaw
Diaconate: Julie Boren, Mike Boren, Jill Kunzeman, Karen Goodwin, Eric Kunzeman, Donnie Apps
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Sound System: Lauren Saxe
Shut-ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain, Matt & Faith Saxe
Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock
Kids Connection Treats 10/18: Brenda Kramer, Wanda Mendenhall

October 22, 2017

Elder: Jeremy Schoenherr, Wayne Chamberlain
Diaconate: Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Faith Saxe, Carole Elledge, Lauren Saxe, Rokettia Brokaw
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
Scripture: Noah Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Sound System: Kate Waterman
Shut-ins: Brenda Kramer & Ann Ferguson, John & Cindi Schoenherr
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Kids Connection Treats 10/25: Bev White, Deloras Martin

	10/1	10/8
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	145	137
10:30 AM	<u>156</u>	<u>147</u>
Total	301	284

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	4	3
K-1st	3	6
2nd-3rd	6	5
4th-5th	6	2
6th-8th	6	4
Sr High	4	8
Disciples	11	10
New Beginnings	7	8
Sermon Study	7	8
Misc Adult Grps	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	73	66