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WORSHIP for Sunday, JULY 23

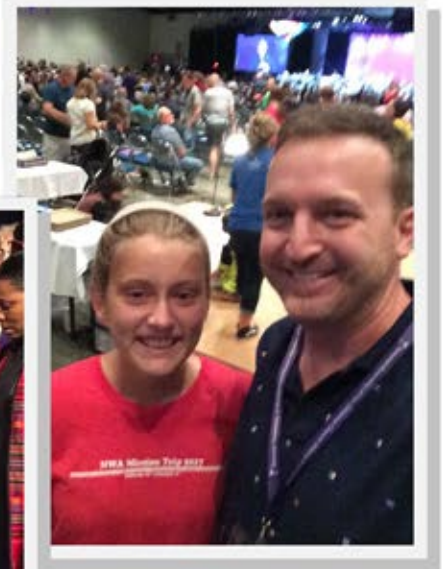
Who is in? Who is out? Who decides? Come join us for church this Sunday as Rev. Stagg peels back some of the layers of Jesus' Word about tending to our fields! Sunday's scriptures are Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. Get ready for a new way of thinking with the sermon "The Parable of the Weeds".



WORSHIP for Sunday, JULY 30

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, yeast, treasure hidden in the field, a merchant in search of fine pearls, a net thrown into the sea. What does this all mean for us today in the 21st century? Come hear Rev. Sally Robinson as she helps us explore Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 on July 30th. Her sermon is titled "The Nearness of God's Realm".

ASSEMBLY ACCOMPLISHES GOALS



Attending the General Assembly of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada on behalf of FCC, (l to r) Rev. Sally Robinson, Rev. Jimmy Spear, Elder Sarah Storm. Also in attendance but never all together at the same time for a picture, FCC's retired trio of clergy friends Dr. Ken Watson, Rev. Larry and Peggy Veatch, and Dr. John and Sarah Yonker. The middle picture shows that it was quite a moment when Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens was installed as the new GMP! Pictured also is former FCC member Maddie Micek who was in attendance Saturday night with her youth group from FCC, Fayetteville, AR. She has grown a foot in the couple years since the Micek's moved south! The Assembly was held in Indianapolis July 8-12.



Bit from Brad

Casting Seed Far and Wide

I want to share a letter we received Thursday in the mail. Through our denomination, our children's ministry adopted a boy from a third world nation. He wrote to us this week. I suspect he had help writing the letter; in spite of translations and English grammar, I hope you get the gist of his life and spirit.

"Lephoi Center, PO Box 20739, Francistown, Botswana; June 19, 2017

Dear Parent,

I would like to send my greetings to you and your family and I take this moment to appreciate the job done for me as your son. I am Patlo Gabatshlowe Methaetsile, a 9 years old boy from Gumare village in North West district of Botswana. Gumare is a place of tourism our culture is based on basket making weaving and beading and our traditional food is fish, tswii, and maize. There are different languages spoken in culture i.e. Herero, Seyei, and Bambukushu.

I am a visually impaired student studying at Phatlogo Primary which meet my special education and [living] at Lephoi Center for the Blind. I spent most of my time away from my parents and from our village from to were am schooling; it is a very long distance that takes two days when using buses and we always meet wild animals on the way and other children who can see will describe how beautiful and scary they are. Though I am blind I am willing to compete with other children who don't have disability and my aim is to make my parents proud one day.

Our school opened on May; it is very cold in our country. And there are days I feel like I should not go to school but there is nothing I can do because education is the key to success. When I grow up I want to be a psychologist so that I can give support to people who are less privileged and disabled.

Hope to hear from you soon! Yours, Patlo."

Our job is to join Christ in scattering the seed far and wide. It is not our job to judge if the ground is too hard, shallow, too thorny, or just right. We scatter seed. How far and wide have you been scattering? Amen.

Blessings, Brad

WHO AM I?

- This lady was born and raised in Hobbs, NM.
- She met a man here in 1974 and married in 1979.
- She plays flute in the Columbia Community Band.

The answer will be in next week's VISITOR!



If you would like to submit a baby picture, elementary or high school picture, or simply a fun guess-who shot, e-mail it to fcc@firstchristian.org or bring it by the office and we'll scan it and give it right back! Happy guessing!

Last issue's "Who am I?" was... **Jeff Underwood!**



NEWS OF THE PEOPLE

We rejoice with **Bud & Deb Batterson** as they celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary, July 18.

Congratulations also to **Trish and Brad Stagg** for their 25th Wedding Anniversary, July 18.



Our prayers are with **Pam Hunsaker** – whose neck surgery was postponed 2 weeks due to respiratory infection, and for **Pat Rybolt** and her second procedure to remove cancer tissue. She is recovering at home.



- July 23** Lexy Bell and Judy Longaker
- July 24** Audrey Snyder
- July 25** Larry Dietzel, Jennifer Rose Hallam and Julia La Hue
- July 27** Derrick Evers and Bradley Volmert
- July 28** Mark Martin
- July 29** Shane Bower
- July 30** Nancy Davis and Donna Heinen
- July 31** Hayley Batterson
- August 3** Brad Beary, Frances Brown, Lauren Hofmann, Ryan Hughey and Brian Mottaz
- August 4** Kayla Von Talge



MAKE A NOTE OF IT!

Mark it on your calendars! Tuesday, July 25 at 11:30am. The Drennan Group luncheon will be at the Senior Center. For more information, contact Lorene Trickey.

There will be NO BIBLE STUDY on July 25 or 26, or August 1, 2, 8 or 9 due to vacations.

The Next Youth Event
CYF 2017
Mission Team
will be serving in
Denver CO
July 23-29

Report for Sundays
July 9 and July 16, 2017
Offerings \$12,202 (YTD-\$21,987)
Attendance July 9- 160, July 16- 101
(incl. early service)
July 9- 39 July 16- 44
(Visitors July 9- 9 July 16-7)

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 23

Van Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Richard Barnard
Welcome Station:
Jan Davis and Steve Humble
Flower Ministry
Arranged by: Brenda Mosby
Delivered by: Mary Daugherty

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Bob & Linda Hutton and Mary Daugherty
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans
Offering Counters:
Kim Reardon and Mary Moeller

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation:
Steve & Tracy Evers and Derrick Evers (jr.)
Liturgist: Amy La Hue
Elders: Jean Hall, Harlan Hackett and Paula Hoenes
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team
Ushers: The Scott Team
Greeters:
Diana Provenzano (N. Door) Wyatt Rogers (S. Door)
Hunter Rogers (Atrium) Coleman Rogers (Portico)
Banner Bearers:
Cullen Snow and Elizabeth Martin
Candle Lighters:
Carleigh Snow and Kate Volmert
Children's Worship:
Holly Gieseke (ldr.) Brad Volmert (hlpr.)
Offering Counters:
Sarah Storm and Debbie Taylor

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 30

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Gene Taylor
Welcome Station:
Jennifer Alexander and Jan Davis
Flower Ministry
Arranged by: Susan Klockow
Delivered by: Dan and Holly Gieseke

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom & Carol Hughey and Mary Moeller
Elder: Donna Houston
Offering Counters:
Doug Smith and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation:
Richard & Nancy Barnard and Becky Baumgartner
Liturgist: Diana Provenzano
Elders: Eric Seaman, Mark Mills and Sarah Storm
Deacons: The Garton Team
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Greeters:
Hartley Rogers (N. Door) Ella Rogers (S. Door)
Kim Rogers (Atrium) Chuck Scott (Portico)
Banner Bearers:
Lena Schaefer and Gabe Palmer
Candle Lighters:
Amelia Leon-Rudy and Izzy Arnett
Children's Worship:
Eric Arnett (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)
Offering Counters:
Cindy Smith and Diana Provenzano



COOL DOWN AT CHI-RHO CAMP

Good times. Great friends. Glorious weather. Can it get any better than Chi-Rho Camp? I think not! This fine group from FCC is enjoying a cool break before 'diving' back into how they can better serve others and our wonderful God. Pictured- in no particular order- are Jack Bower, Lian Buckman, Kameron Freed, Ian Gaffney, Mia Gregory, Joe McCormack, Ella Rogers, Liam Rose, Lena Schaefer, Luke Stagg, Counselors Valerie Freed and Megan Potthast, and Director, Jimmy Spear.



Just a 'shout out' of THANKS to those who helped to make the Fifth Street concert reception such a success!

1. Sarah Read who shared her creativity, energy and time in planning/ implementing the various reception activities (including "People "Bingo")!
2. Jimmy Spear for all his time and energy in coordinating the myriad of duties which made the reception happen!
3. Brad Stagg for all of his support and encouragement...both in and out of the pulpit!
4. Church staff (Fred, Robert and Keith) for their 'behind-the-scenes' help!
4. Janelle Patterson for serving as my reception 'co-coordinator' and who was there from start to finish!
5. Peggy Veatch, Brenda Mosby, Sue Wright, Audrey Shock, Debbie Potthast, Mary Moeller, Opal Stites, Susan Gray, Barb Rothenberger, Betty Moon, Joyce Stanley, Eric Seaman, Donna Houston, Colleen Nilges, and Janelle Patterson who so willingly responded to my request for food! (And to anyone who may have brought food but did not sign up!)
6. To EVERYONE who was able to attend! You make me proud, FCC!!

Sarah Storm

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR July 23-August 6

Sunday, July 23

- CYF Mission Trip, Denver, CO
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, FCC Elders, 3:30pm

Monday, July 24

- CYF Mission Trip, Denver, CO

Tuesday, July 25

- Drennan Group luncheon, 11:30am, Senior Center

Wednesday, July 26

- CYF Mission Trip, Denver, CO
- Brummett-Harrah Group, Lenoir, 1:30pm

Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29

- CYF Mission Trip, Denver, CO

Sunday, July 30

- CYF Mission Trip, Denver, CO
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Elders Diversity Reading Discussion, 9:30-10:30am, Bethany

Monday, July 31

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Elevator Inspection, Schindler, 1:30pm
- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00pm

Tuesday, August 1

- College Town Hillbillies Bluegrass Jam, 6:30pm, Bethany Hall

Wednesday, August 2

- World Outreach Meeting, 5:00pm, Keystone

Friday, August 4

- Church Dine-out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans Restaurant

Sunday, August 6

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall

Sign up in the office or on the pew pad in the worship services.



August 10 (Thursday)- LAKE OF THE OZARKS

This excursion includes a wonderful fish fry and a relaxing afternoon at the Rothenberger cabin. More details will be announced soon. Depart from the church at 9am. Lunch is included in the price of just \$18.

September 28 (Thursday)- SEDALIA (KATY DEPOT & DAUM MUSEUM)

This outing includes lunch in Sedalia, a visit to the college campus and much more. Further details coming soon. Fee- \$15.

October 12 (Thursday)- HANNIBAL

Tour the sights and enjoy a wonderful lunch, and- get this- a fun one-hour riverboat ride at 1:30pm or a 14-mile trolley ride to several points of interest! Return to Columbia by 5:45pm. Fee- \$30.

November 9 (Thursday)- ST. CHARLES

More information coming soon.

**December- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

More exciting details coming soon.

