

# FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

## EDNA RICKS CIRCLE

Edna Ricks Circle will meet on **Monday, May 20th @ 4:30 PM** in the conference room. **Please remember to bring your blessing boxes.**

## FSP GRADUATION

First Step Preschool will have their graduation ceremonies this next Thursday evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the sanctuary. Both pastors will join Director Jamie Simms and teaching staff with prayer and celebration of this great achievement. Please lend your prayers to this momentous event.

## MANY THANKS...

...to Jeni Young for purchasing the lovely carnations that were distributed on Mother's Day Sunday in both services. They were beautiful and such a wonderful thought!

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The Elders have discussed for several months the possible transportation needs of church members to attend church weekly. Rather than just re-starting the bus ministry that we had several years ago, the Elders suggest, that if you need a ride on Sunday morning to church, that you call the Church Office no later than 12 noon on the Thursday before. You will be notified as to who will be picking you up and returning you home. We want to insure that every church member who wishes to attend church, will be able to do so. (Also, if you would be willing to be a Sunday driver for someone who needs a ride, please let the Church Office know!)

## LINCOLN COUNTY TRAVELERS TO MEET!

The Lincoln County Travelers, a senior adult ministry that our church is the proud sponsor of, will have a fun "Mystery Trip" on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. For those attending, the bus(s) will leave the church at 9:00 am. Pam White, Traveler organizer, has planned for a very fun day of fellowship and food! Pastor(s) Jeff and Seth will be driving the buses.

## LAST NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

With the advent of our summer worship schedule on May 19<sup>th</sup>, as we have done the past few summers, we will discontinue the weekly newsletter in favor of a Sunday only shorter-print edition. Next week's newsletter will be the last weekly newsletter until fall.



## Upcoming Events

## *May Outreach- Pentecost*

### Wednesday, May 15th

5:30 PM Youth Night Celebration  
6:30 PM Choir

### Sunday, May 19th

ONE SERVICE WORSHIP BEGINS  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Sunday School

### Monday, May 20th

1:00 PM Prayers Arising  
4:30 PM Edna Ricks Circle

### Tuesday, May 21st

9:00 AM Lincoln County Travelers  
Outing  
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 22nd

1:30 PM Bible Study  
6:30 PM FSP Graduation

### Thursday, May 23rd

12:00 PM Clergy Cluster

### Sunday, May 26th

9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Sunday School

## **PASTOR JEFF'S JOTTINGS...**

Pentecost is such a strange, mysterious and powerful Sunday, that, for some reason, we preach and teach so little about. I'm not sure why, because the presence of the Holy Spirit, which we acknowledge in worship and in our lives each and every day is all-consuming. Surely one would wonder why we don't spend more time calling attention to this day that infused the apostles and future leaders of the early church with an understanding of how Christ would forever live in their hearts and minds, and through their service.

The Holy Spirit, which I celebrate as winds of change, are moving, freely flowing – indicating that “things” are happening, that the spirit is among us and at work, hoping to make us a better people, a better church, in a better world. As ministries change, as leadership changes, as churches grow and decline, the Spirit is at work, calling us to be faithful, honest and true.

This Sunday, on Pentecost Sunday, we will baptize 5 individuals – adults and youth alike, who will make their Confession of Faith in the holy waters, and be immersed to eternal life by both Pastor Seth and myself. Later in June, while I am on vacation, there will be two more baptisms planned – all joyful celebrations of how God works in and through all of us. The Holy Spirit will be felt, experienced, and spread by all who come to witness, share, and be consumed by the energy that God releases in this symbolic act of the church.

Be in prayer that the Holy Spirit embraces each of those who will be baptized Sunday morning, and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and direct our church, as the changing winds propel us forward. Neither churches or ministries are ever stagnant, when placed before the Holy Spirit, to be channeled for good.

Blessings!

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### **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING – MAY**

The Pentecost Special Offering, that we are receiving this month, supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between our own Mid-America Region, and the New Church Ministry. This offering is vital to the continued growth of our church world-wide, and the sustaining and support of older congregations that are seeking a new vision for future ministry. Please be generous in your giving to this offering.

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### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The Summer Worship Schedule will officially begin on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, in which there will be several baptisms planned. The worship service each week (rotating between traditional and contemporary format) will commence at 9 am, followed by Sunday School at 10 am.

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### **TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH**

The Tuesday Lunch Bunch will celebrate their final outing before the summer break on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The group will travel to the city of St. Charles to “Salt and Smoke” Restaurant, which after lunch, will also have time for some shopping in the area. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex area, or call the Church Office. The bus that day will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. for an 11:30 lunch. Sign up now!

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#### **OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

##### **MAY 19TH**

General : \$ 4,589.00

Pentecost: \$ 275.00

Food Pantry: \$ 125.00

Attendance: 156

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#### **CLERGY CLUSTER TO GATHER HERE**

The St. Louis Clergy Cluster of the Christian Church clergy will meet here on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon. Associate Regional Minister Rev. David Woodard will lead the gathering.

## PEGGY SOUTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Clarence South and his children selected Sara Diemer as the 2024 recipient of the Peggy South Memorial Scholarship.

Sara is the fifth graduate from FCC to receive this \$1000 award. The South family is keeping the memory of Peggy alive through their support of

our young people, and their support is greatly appreciated.

Sara will be attending American University in Washington, DC this fall. She plans to study international affairs with a concentration in humanitarian aid.



## CARD SHOWER FOR THE MENNES!

Bernard & Marilyn Menne will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on May 22nd. Let's shower them with cards to celebrate them! Their address is: 436 Highway J, Troy, MO 63379.

## SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its Christian love and sympathy to the family of L.C. (Elsie) Kinker who recently passed away. Services for her will be held this Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in our sanctuary, with visitation from 10 – 11 am, just prior to the service. Pastor Jeff will be officiating the service.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

-Grace Hudson  
*(family of Tom & Lynn Sullivan)*  
-Rose Garvin  
*(Jessica Rentfro's mother)*  
-Tom Lacey  
*(John Lacey's father)*  
-Lloyd Moore  
-Carter Creech  
*(grandson of Pat & Clem - blessings & prayers for travel)*  
-Lisa Blossom  
-Bob Strode  
*(friend of Jeff & Naomi)*  
-Nathan Voss  
*(friend of the Larsons)*  
-Bob Hall

### **Continued Prayers:**

-Dave Duncan  
*(friend of Wayne Kollar)*  
-Darrell Faires  
-Betty Guzanski  
-Melody  
*(niece of Mary McCann)*  
-Camden Davenport  
*(Jeran Davenport's brother)*  
-Alfred Chilton  
*(Donna Loughridge's brother)*  
-Helen Lester  
*(friend of Betty Guzanski)*  
-Theresa Dearing  
*(Jessica Rentfro's mother)*  
-Mary Roberts  
-Arlene Smith  
*(friend of Bart & Linda Creech)*  
-Joseph Lovette  
*(friend of Bart & Linda Creech)*  
-David Jackson  
*(friend of Naomi)*  
-James Gant  
*(cousin of Brenda Monse)*  
-Morgan Groves  
*(friend of Annette & Mike Walton)*  
-Susan Noelkin  
*(friend of Coral Ballack)*  
-Harry Jones  
-Nancy Lacey  
-Jim Finger  
*(Marilyn Menne's brother in law)*  
-John Barnhart  
*(uncle of Karen Starr)*  
-Anna Riley  
*(cousin of Christy Harper & Cindy Davenport-Bertels)*  
-Jerry & Ann Watts  
-Lucas Carroll  
*(Bob Hall's son-in-law)*  
-Rick Gritz  
*(brother in law of Rocky Collins)*  
-Karl Berger  
*(friend of Mike Walton)*  
-Bill Carr  
*(Cathy Whitworth's brother in law)*

-Jerry Faires  
*(brother of Darrell Faires)*  
-Bev Kersting  
*(Matt's mom)*  
-Angela Collins  
*(Rocky's daughter)*  
-Caiden Thies  
*(Friend of Brandi Rash)*  
-Tab Militello  
*(friend of Donya Gress)*  
-Anita Darnell  
-Katie Bruening  
*(niece of Brenda Monse)*  
-Shelby Jones  
*(Harry Jones' brother)*  
-Russ Mudd & Doug Mudd  
*(family/friend of Tom & Lynn Sullivan)*  
-Brittany Filsinger  
*(friend of Jim & Karen Diemer)*  
-Robert Stuckey  
*(Cathy Pieper's brother-in-law)*  
-Bill Dahlheimer  
-Pat Ind & Judy Myers  
*(friends/family of Garry & Glenda Martin)*  
-Courtney Carroll  
*(friend of Rocky Collins)*  
-Helen Bowen  
*(Annette Walton's sister)*  
-Geneva Fetch  
*(Jessica Colbert's grandmother)*  
-Stephen & Marin Justice  
*(Leslie Lindsay's parents)*  
--Rebecca Galmiche  
*(friend of Scott & Sharon Falls)*  
-Sal Toro  
*(Cindy Finley's brother-in-law)*  
-Denise Gannon  
*(Donna Raeman's daughter)*  
  
-Cindy & Edward Stumpe,  
Angie Gralnick, Nicole Licary,  
Jean McCann *(family of Mary McCann)*

### **Homebound:**

-Delmar Gardens: Dorothy Graeler  
-Sugar Creek: Mary Roberts  
-Lincoln County Nursing & Rehab: Helen Stice  
-Elsberry Heath Center: Donna Lewis  
-Home: Dottie Westermann

**Active Military:** Jamison Lallis, Merrill Soundararajan *(Becky Wilhoit's son in law)*, Nicholas Hutton *(Grandson of Norma Campbell)*

**Please call the church office if you have any additions or updates to the prayer list.**



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

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## SERVING SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 19

#### 9:00 AM

Elder: Pastor Jane Kelley  
Deacons: Renee Martin & Clint Wilson  
Greeters: Charla & Harry Jones  
Musicians: Pam Hall, Kathy Hardy &  
Cathy Whitworth  
Slides: Colin Lindsay  
Sound: Jeni Young

### Sunday, May 26

#### 9:00 AM

Elder: Cindy Finley  
Deacons: Renee Martin & Clint Wilson  
Greeters: Charla & Harry Jones  
Musicians: Pam Hall, Kathy Hardy &  
Cathy Whitworth  
Slides: Colin Lindsay  
Sound: Jeni Young

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