

First Christian Communicator



From the Interim Minister

Hello to the members and friends of First Christian Church. Jennifer and I enjoyed attending the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in July. It was held in Des Moines, Iowa. The highlight for me was being able to return to a congregation I served for about eleven years and preaching at their Sunday morning worship service.

It is very obvious in attending the Assembly that we are a very diverse denomination. It is estimated that on any given Sunday in the United States and Canada, Disciples of Christ worship in 30 different languages. Our worship styles, our biblical interpretation and our mission emphases differ greatly.

The General Assembly has business sessions in which resolutions can be brought before the body for consideration. Some of the resolutions were reports from the General Ministries. Others were celebrations such as the announcement that we are in full communion with the United Church of Canada. And others were issues that the Assembly thinks Disciples should be thinking about and discussing. One resolution, presented by the youth, asks us to be very serious about listening, especially with people whose opinions differ from ours.

These are some of the issues the Assembly asks us to think about and discuss:

- Global Migration and Immigration
- Domestic and intimate partner violence
- Welcoming and Receiving the gifts of transgender and gender diverse people
- Our (The USA) relationship with Cuba
- The Crisis at our southern border

None of these resolutions are in any way binding on individual Disciples or congregations. They are simply asking us to study, to reflect, and to listen.



Our diversity brings richness and strength to us. I am grateful for your encouragement in sending me to the General Assembly.

Pastor Jim

THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

First Christian Church Prayer Chain

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 Pastor Tim 502-352-8882
 Margaret Lakies 779-9049
 Shirley Boyer 775-5787
 Mickey Yurack 775-0094
 Myrna Wood 775-1450
 Marilyn Carlson 231-468-2659
 K.C. Mowery 775-8785
 Betty Nelson 775-0622
 Dee Ashbay 775-2244
 Angela Simmons 920-5928

	Deacons
Aug 4	Holly Arrington, Judy Burns
Aug 11	Marilyn Carlson, Wes Simmons
Aug 18	Judy Burns, Bob Burns
Aug 25	Joyce Carlson, Steve Hobbins



	Communion
Aug 4	Lucie Moon
Aug 11	Patty Wiebenga
Aug 18	Mickey Yurack
Aug 25	Joel Wiebenga

Giving Opportunity:

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Wish List for Oasis/FRC. Each month a box will be placed in the narthex for items needed. August items needed are:

Personal care/deodorant/toothpaste/soaps Thank you for your support!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Aug 7 Morgan Arrington
 Aug 8 Mickey Yurack
 Aug 11 Nancy Keith
 Aug 12 KC Mowery
 Aug 14 Nancy Hellowell
 Aug 30 James Lakies



Dubious Democracy

I didn't expect to get a lesson in democracy on a hiking trail. There were five of us hiking that day. On a sunny day, the trail would have been spectacular. It climbed steeply out of the valley, snaked along the side of an emerald-green lake, then up beside a stream cascading down. We scrambled across a long-ago landslide to a placid beaver pond . . . Farther along, the guidebook assured us, was a magnificent waterfall, and beyond that, three more limpid lakes. But this was not a sunny day. The rain came down in squalls. We were cold, wet, and miserable.

We stopped by the beaver pond for a soggy lunch. "How many of us want to go on," asked a voice from beneath a dripping poncho, "and how many want to go home?"

The vote was unanimous. We all wanted to go back.

Then I think I said something like, "It seems like a shame not to see the waterfall, since we're so close. We could leave our packs here and be back in 15 minutes."

"You go if you want to," my daughter Sharon replied. "I'll wait here with the packs."

So I sprinted off through a belt of trees. Ahead of me, a waterfall higher than Niagara plunged down a cliff like a column of white lace. I snapped some photos. When I looked up, I saw that three others had decided to follow me. Only now they had gone on ahead, pushing closer to the falls. One of them didn't stop at the falls. He started struggling up the steep, treacherous trail to the top. The other two followed him. So did I.

And so we went to the top. And as we paused there to catch our breath, one of the women asked a penetrating question: "Is this how democracy works? We voted unanimously to go back down, and instead we went on and ended up here?"

Yes, unless you have leaders who will take you where you want to go. Over my lifetime, I've had the misfortune of belonging to a variety of organizations where people held meetings. They voted. They made a decision. And then they waited for something to happen. But it didn't. Because no one took the initiative to lead. No one risked being the first in line.

Of course, sometimes the opposite happens. The leader, having gotten out in front, ignores the vote. History is full of examples of leaders who didn't take people where they wanted to go. Some of the worst dictators of the last century – Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler – were originally democratically elected. But because someone was leading, the people followed.

Halfway up the hill, when I caught up with the group, I asked, "Where are you trying to lead us?"

"I'm not trying to lead you anywhere," the person in front said. "Every time I turn around, you're right behind me!"

Followers have responsibilities too.

– Jim Taylor

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Meets on the **first Thursday** of the month at 10am at the church.



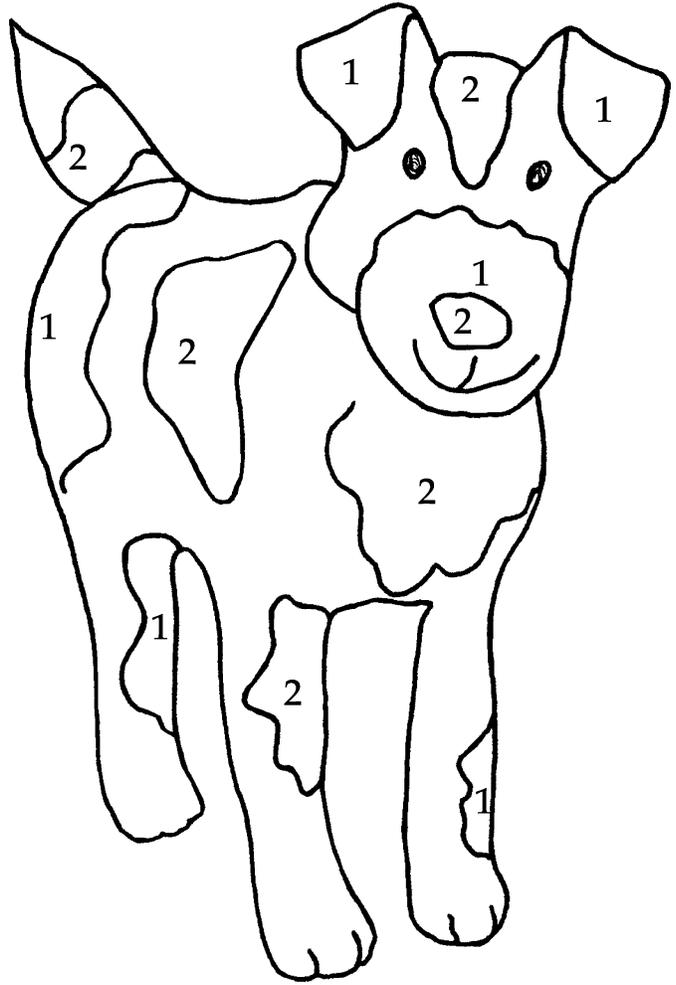
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

We meet the **first Saturday** of the month for breakfast, fellowship and devotions at Big Boy at 8am

Color

It's fun to play with pets anytime of the year. Color the spots on the dog.

- 1- Brown
- 2- Black



Break the Code

Use the code to fill in the blanks below.

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Answers: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.



News & Headlines

We've got new nursery resource handouts for new and returning families available if you stop by after service. We've been busy this month playing outside when it's nice.

Crafting with Kids

Easy Cloud Dough

Ingredients:

Hair conditioner. Any kind, as long as it's creamy and CHEAP. Don't use the expensive stuff. Keep in mind that your play dough will smell like the conditioner, so use something that smells great.

Cornstarch.

A bowl.

A popsicle stick or spatula.

Gel food colors (optional)

Put equal parts hair conditioner and cornstarch in your bowl, and start mixing them together. It will most likely look like marshmallow fluff at this

point, which is way too wet. Start adding more cornstarch in slowly and mixing as you go. You'll end up with close to a 2 part cornstarch to 1 part conditioner ratio, but that depends on your brand of conditioner and cornstarch. Once it isn't quite coming together with the spatula, use your hands and start squishing it together. If it's too wet, add more cornstarch. If it feels too dry, add more conditioner. When you're happy with the feel of your cloud dough, roll it up into a big ball! If you want to add color, just grab some gel food colors. Separate your cloud dough into balls for how many different colors you want, and use your knuckle to make an indent in the ball. Add one drop of color to each ball.

Cooking with Kids

Ham and Cheese Pinwheels

Ingredients

2 large tortillas, look for "burrito size"

4 leaves lettuce, we used Romaine

10-12 slices deli ham, 1 small package

8 slices cheese

4 tbsp cream cheese

Instructions

Lay the tortillas flat and spread about 2 tablespoons of cream cheese on each.

Next, layer the ham onto the tortillas.

On top of the ham, add lettuce.

Nursery Notes



by Angela Christie

Verse of the Month



— PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Poems & Prayers



Summer Must Go

by Lenore Hetrick

Summer has lingered a little too long,
The grass and the trees wear a rusty look,
The calendar cries the last day of August,
And so say the leaves that float down the brook.

The mists hang low in the morning hours,
And the smell of harvest grows more strong.
The calendar cries the last day of August –
And summer has lingered a little too long.

The last ingredient, add on the 4 slices of cheese to each tortilla.

Roll the tortillas tightly and slice into 2-inch sections.

Use a toothpick or reusable food picks to secure each wheel.

Serve these immediately or store in the refrigerator.



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Come join us for worship!



To:

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.
– Mark Twain

Every Sunday Morning: 10:00am—Sunday Morning Worship Service
Every 3rd Sunday: 11:00am—Coffee Fellowship

August 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 CWF 10am	2	3 Fellowship Breakfast 8am
4 Bible Study 8:45am	5	6	7 Intercessory Prayer Group 4pm	8	9	10
11 Board Meeting 11am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Ladies' Bunco 6pm	30	31