

First Christian Communicator



From the Interim Minister

Hello Friends,

July is the month of transitions for us here at First Christian Church. At our upcoming annual meeting we will elect officers and adopt a new budget. It might appear to be nothing out of the ordinary, but the truth is that the church could not exist without our leaders volunteering for important ministries and for the congregation to offer its financial support. As we enter into a new church year, we all must reaffirm our commitment to our faith and to our congregation.

I am truly grateful for the many ways members of this congregation work together to make our church vital and faithful. Our annual meeting will take place on July 28th.

In other news, a memorial tree has been planted by our playground as a way of remembering members who have passed away recently. It will provide much needed shade for the children. We are grateful for the gifts that made this tree possible.

I will be away at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Sunday, July 21. The Assembly will take place in Des Moines, Iowa and I have been asked to preach at a church I served in Iowa back in the 1980s-90s.

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July holiday.



Pastor Jim

THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

First Christian Church Prayer Chain

Kay Nicholas 775-3801
 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
July 7	Marilyn Carlson, Gayle Maurer
July 14	Holly Arrington, Margaret Lakies
July 21	Steve Hobbins, Kathy Ball
July 28	Joyce Carlson, Dave Ashbay



	Communion
July 7	
July 14	Shirely Boyer
July 21	Joel Wiebenga
July 28	Shirley Boyer

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. July items needed are:

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

Happy Birthday!

July 3 Emma Goslyn
 July 11 Joel Wiebenga
 July 14 Mari Ashbay
 July 20 Kathy Ball
 July 21 Grace Goslyn



Happy Anniversary!

July 3 Gary & Darlene Christensen
 July 11 Bill & Gayle Mauer
 July 21 Marty & Lucie Moon
 July 23 Wes & Angela Simmons
 July 26 Bob & Judy Burns
 July 27 Tim & Jennifer Murtaugh

ANNUAL REPORTS: All Committee Chairpersons are asked to submit their Annual Report no later than **July 7, 2019**. These reports should highlight happenings throughout the previous year and provide a summary of achievements. All Financial reports are due by **July 14, 2019**.

ANNUAL MEETING: FCC Cadillac will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, **July 28h, 2019**, immediately following the worship service. All are invited to attend. Members are requested to vote on the budget, Officers, Deacons, and Elders. The meeting will be held during our Fellowship Coffee hour.



Pontius' Puddle



Remembering to forget

Remembering to forget. These may sound like strange words, for older adults seem to have a constant fear of forgetting. Many of us become irritated when we cannot remember names or dates, or where we put our glasses, or how much medicine we took today. Sometimes forgetfulness makes us feel as if we are losing our minds. So, what does “remembering to forget” mean?

Joseph had a lot of bitter memories: the hatred and jealousy of his brothers, their treacherous betrayal, and their murderous act of selling him into Egypt. But he had learned the grace of forgiveness. He even named one of his sons Manasseh, “God has made me forget.”

We need to remember to forget old wounds from the past. Old resentments and bitterness need to be discarded so that we can face life and death with a clear conscience. Sometimes people suffer from depression because they hold on to old resentments. This kind of depression may even be repressed anger.

We need to forgive ourselves. No doubt the brothers of Joseph had to learn that, for they did feel guilt over their cruelty to their brother. There is no sense in torturing ourselves with regrets over what might have been or with remorse over our sins. Rather, we need to turn these emotions over to God. For God alone can help us forget what we need to forget.

– No Wrinkles on the Soul – A Book of Readings for Older Adults by Richard L Morgan. © 1990. Upper Room Books, Nashville.

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



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

Confetti Launcher

You will need:

Paper Rolls

Duct Tape

Craft Tape

12" Balloons

Sparkly Stars Confetti

Scissors

1. Wrap a piece of duct tape around the paper roll. (This will help as a little reinforcement to prevent any bending or denting.)
2. Place the open end of a

balloon over one end of the paper roll then secure it with tape.

3. Decorate a paper roll with tape. You could also use paints, craft paper and/or stickers.

4. Fill the open end of the paper roll with stars confetti.

5. Head outside to celebrate.

6. Hold the upcycled confetti launcher in one hand, pull the balloon back with the other hand then let go and watch the sparkly stars fly!



Cooking with Kids

Patriotic Sugar Wafers

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED :

1 Package each of colored chocolate candy melts (found in the craft/cake decorating aisle)

1 Package Vanilla Sugar Wafers (I do NOT recommend using Great Value brand - they're too flaky)

Assorted Sprinkles

Melt about half of each package of candy melts according to package instructions. Lay out a sheet of parchment paper and dip each wafer into the chocolate. Place the dipped wafers on the parchment paper and immediately decorate with sprinkles. Allow to dry for a few minutes. Once dry, immediately place in an air tight container so that the wafers don't get stale. Enjoy!



Nursery Notes



by Angela Christie

Verse of the Month

LIVE IN
Freedom
 AND
Serve
 ONE ANOTHER IN
Love GALATIAN 5:13

Poems & Prayers

Firecrackers!

by Lenore Hetrick



For a way to show your feelings –
 And be very nicely heard!
 On the glorious Fourth, I think,
 That "firecrackers!" is the word.

Yes, big and noisy red ones that
 Explode with high and mighty bang,
 And if the neighbors glare, well, I
 Just simply do not give a dang!

And then the soaring rockets that
 Burst into stars against the sky.
 I think they're simply grand and when I
 See them flare I give a cry.

And oh, the lovely pinwheels that
 Are whirling rings of flame and fire,
 Some of them like roses that
 Can change to golden magic spire.

I could spend an hour just telling
 Of the various kinds there are.
 Snakes! And birds! And flying flags,
 And firecrackers brighter than any star.

But I'll finish up by saying
 What you, of course, have often heard.
 On the glorious Fourth I'm here to say
 That "firecrackers!" is the only word!

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Come join us for worship!



To:

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.
– Lucille Ball

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

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Study 8:45am	1	2	3 Intercessory Prayer Group 4:30pm	4 NO CWF Office Closed Happy 4th!	5	6 Fellowship Breakfast 8am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Elder's Meeting 11am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Annual Meeting 11am Coffee Fellowship	22	23	24	25 Ladies' Bunco 6pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			