

# THE MESSENGER

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*The Pastor's*

**TRAIN**



**OF THOUGHT**

## For Our Safety...

Just about every pastor can tell a story about someone having a “spell” of some kind during Sunday morning worship. The first time I remember being present when this happened was when I was a kid. Someone called an ambulance for the man who had, if I remember right, lost consciousness; as he was being taken away on a stretcher, our pastor stopped the service and called us all to prayer for the man. (I don’t remember what happened to him, whether he lived or died; I can’t have been more than 10 years old.)

It is pretty much inevitable that something like this will happen at least once in every church. We had a lady have to be helped out of the sanctuary in Sac City; it turned out she had just had a bad dizzy spell, and she was mortified to have had it happen in church. (Personally, I think it beat it happening when she was alone at home; we had nurses and retired nurses right there in the congregation, which she wouldn’t have had available if she’d been home.) It’s not a question of “if” but “when” we will face a similar situation here, so the Board made the decision at the July meeting to purchase an AED (defibrillator) unit for the church.

An AED can make it possible for someone who collapses with a heart-related incident to receive emergency care even before EMTs can get here. I’m told it’s very easy to use, but we do need to have some people trained on it and on CPR (the AED is used with, not in place of CPR). Lyssa and I met with Carol Roberts and Jennifer Schmehl recently to decide how to get folks trained. Jennifer did some checking and found out that the hospital can train us on CPR, and the training includes how to operate an AED. The church will cover the cost of the training for anyone who wants it; a person may also choose to pay an additional \$15 to receive a certification card.

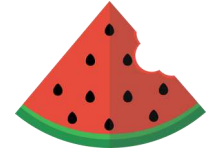
I will be taking the training, but we need several others to join me. The more we have, the better, to increase the chances that someone who knows how to use the AED will be here when it’s needed. If you are interested, you may sign up at the church on Sunday morning, or you can contact Lyssa at the church office or Jennifer at 660-424-3304


*Sharla*



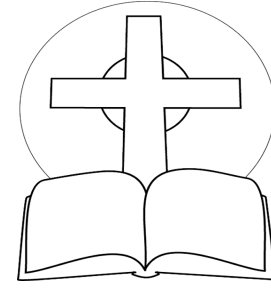


# AUGUST 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h2>School Supply Drive</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although VBS is cancelled this year, FCC is still having the annual School Supply Drive.</li> <li>Donation box is located in the Sanctuary.</li> </ul>						1	
2 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship <b>11:00 Elders Meeting</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship <b>11:00 Board Meeting</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship	24 <b>Lyssa will not be in the office</b>	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31					<h3><u>Important Dates</u></h3> <p>9 Elders Meeting 16 Board Meeting 21-25 Lyssa Vacation</p>	

## Upcoming Sermons



### **August 2 (Proper 13)**

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-16 (RCL: Advent 2, Year A)

Theme: God's mercy

Title: "The End Is Not the End"

What I was thinking: Destruction and punishment are part of the description of God's wrath in the OT, to be sure; but there's more to the story, as we learn from this text more commonly heard during the Advent season.

### **August 9 (Proper 14)**

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (RCL: Proper 18, Year C)

Theme: Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house

Title: "Plan B, C, D..."

What I was thinking: Isaiah's use of the image of potter and clay (Isaiah 45:9) is very different from Jeremiah's. What's the difference, and what does Jeremiah's usage tell us about God's relationship with us?

### **August 16 (Proper 15)**

Scripture: Isaiah 57:14-19

Theme: Grace

Title: "Preach This Every Sunday"

What I was thinking: There's no more important subject than God's grace. What is it, and why is it so important?

### **August 23 (Proper 16)**

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (RCL: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Lent 5, Year B; and Proper 24, Year C; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Maundy Thursday, all years)

Theme: New covenant

Title: "Same as It Ever Was"

What I was thinking: One of the most dangerous Christian beliefs is "supersessionism," the notion that God has made a covenant with us and cancelled the previous covenant with the Jewish people. What does the Bible actually say about this subject?

### **August 30 (Proper 17)**

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20; Philippians 2:5-11 (RCL: Matthew 5:17-20, Epiphany 5, Year A; Philippians 2:5-11, Proper 21, Year A, and Palm Sunday, all years)

Theme: Covenant and atonement

Title: "How Does He Do It?"

What I was thinking: Throughout Christian history, theologians have come up with a number of models for how the Atonement—Jesus' death taking away our sins—works. Some of them are very tied to particular times in history; others are wedded to specific cultures; at least one is downright bad theology. Does the notion of covenant offer us a new way to think about the Atonement?

## THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### ◆ **Current & Ongoing**

Bill & Darlene Adcock, Deloris Baldwin, Rachel Bittencourt, Aimee Daniel Breiner, Joe & Jean Christopher, Bill Cumpton, Judy Daniel, Darlene Greenwell, Lona Grosshart, Caleb Hoffard, Denny Hubbard, Sharon Jones, Sharon Miller Kellogg, JC McHargue, Frank Morris, Louise Nichols, Carl Shubert, Gary Studards, Dusty Warren



### ◆ **At Home**

Bud Armstrong, Ruby Cummings, Eula Ghere, Leota Hunt, Bob Johnson, Julie Lewis

### ◆ **Currently Serving in the Military**

Kenneth Austin, David Bittencourt, Chad Goforth, Adam Jennings, Patrick McLain, Jordan Olson, Kevin Pieratt, Ryan Strong



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Sunday Worship

- ◆ You may wear a mask or gloves or whatever other protective gear you wish.
- ◆ The service is being livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Therefore, we want to ensure that the privacy and wishes of all are respected. For this reason, we have an "OPT-OUT FORM" for those individuals who may prefer NOT to have photographs/videos of themselves used by the church. Also, we ask that all individuals with children in attendance complete and sign a "MINOR'S MEDIA CONSENT FORM". Forms are located in the lobby or contact the office.
- ◆ Enter and exit the building through the west (main) entrance or the elevator entrance only. North door will be locked.
- ◆ To maintain six-foot distance, every other pew is blocked off. Families and couples may sit together but maintain a six-foot distance between groupings within the pews.
- ◆ Sunday School classes and the Nursery will not be available during the month of August. Children of all ages are welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families. Activity bags are provided on the end of the pews. Please leave the activity bags on the seat following worship, to ensure we can identify and properly sanitize the contents.
- ◆ Offering may also be given via the church's website or the Givelify app. Instructions are pinned to the top of the church's Facebook page and the Donate tab on the church's website.

# First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2020

Board members present: Deacons- Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, Alan Munday, Peggy Fuller, Dale Kinsman, Chuck Lewis, and Dianna Silvers . Elders- Carol Roberts, John Daniel, Diana Rich, Don Malan, and Justin Quick. Treasurer Judy Colburn. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulsey, Shawn Quick, Everett McBrayer, and Phyllis McBrayer.

Don Malan called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. He then opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with no additions or corrections.

The minutes of the 06-28-20 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Alan Munday and second by Justin Quick.

**Financial Reports:** The June 2020 financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets as of 06-30-2020 were reviewed. John Daniel reviewed a few items noting year-to-date numbers. He pointed out the line item of the money received from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), noting that PDO employees have continued to be paid from this fund. The financial reports were approved as presented on motion of Carol Roberts & second by Diana Rich. Full reports are available in the church office.

**Ministers' Report:** Rev. Hulsey reviewed her attached report. Due to COVID-19, she is doing the morning prayers every day on Facebook Live. She completed her first D .Min. class. She offered to help set up prayer meetings on Zoom if anyone is interested. Her full report is available in the church office.

## Old Business:

**Water Damage to North Basement Wall, North Roof, sanctuary walls, and choir robe room ceiling Repair Update:** Everett McBrayer reported Robert Clardy has repaired the north roof; but is checking to confirm it is sealed. There are a few other areas he is checking. Everett reported the dirt has been hauled in and put on the north side of the basement area. He reported he is still seeking bids for the sanctuary walls, and choir robe room ceiling, but no call backs yet.

**PDO Restricted Fund:** After discussion, and motion of Diana Rich, second by Alan Munday, it was decided by the board to move the \$1500 from this "Long Term Liability" Restricted Fund PDO to the General Fund.

**Alkire Paint Pro Bid:** Alkire has started the power washing of the outside of the north side of the building; but had to stop due to the new dirt making it too muddy to work. Everett reported they will be back to complete this project in several areas.

**Quick Books:** This purchase and installation is completed, except for the bill being paid.

### **New Business:**

**AED 1<sup>st</sup> Response Defibrillator Promotion:** After discussion and further review of the 3 bids, Carol Roberts made a motion to accept the Phillips HeartStart OnSite Defibrillator (HS1). This was seconded by Alan Munday. Motion carried. Several questions still need to be answered concerning training needed.

### **Department/Committee Reports:**

**EDUCATION:** Carol Roberts reported that although VBS is cancelled for 2020, FCC will still collect school supplies as VBS has done for several years.

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Hulsey closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjournment:** With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM on motion of Alan Munday and second by Justin Quick.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, (acting) Secretary

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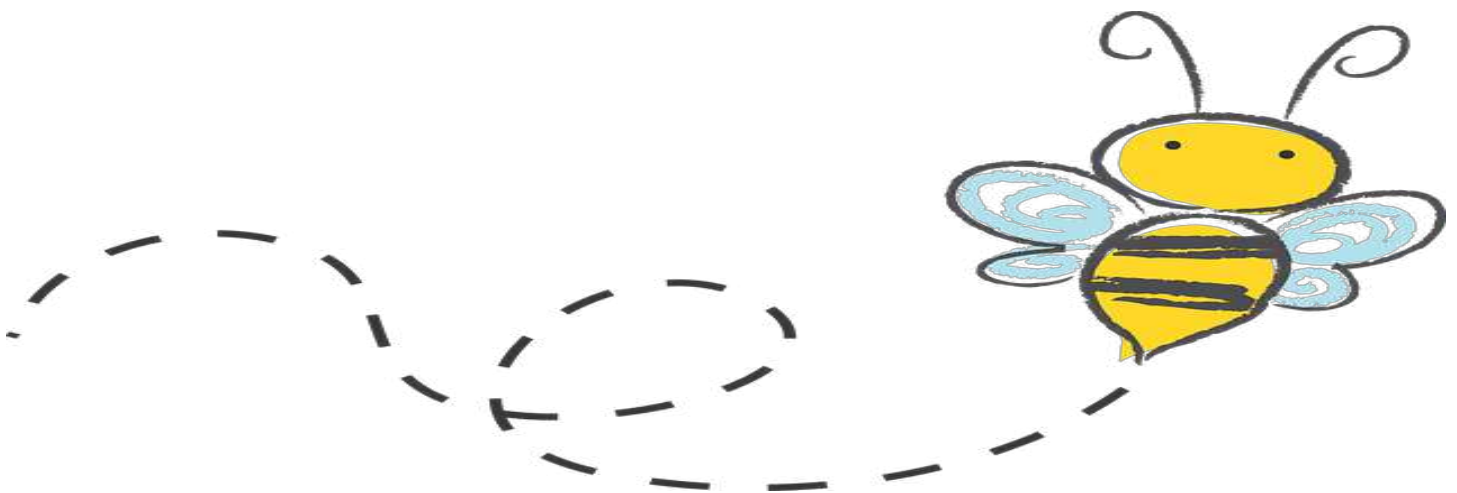
## **2020 Building Fund Drive**

The Stewardship Committee is having a building fund drive. There are many repairs that need to be made to our church. This year we are concentrating on the following repairs:

- Repair the north wall of the Fellowship Hall
- Repair the north wall of the Sanctuary
- Repair the ceiling in the Choir Robe Room
- Remove the wall in the Chapel to increase space and storage for PDO

***Current donations: \$8,043.00***

***Goal: \$40,000***





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