

THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Tedium

Anyone who's ever worked at a job or lived in a house knows that there are a lot of aspects to just about any job that are flat tedious. I personally have a very low tolerance for tedium, and of all the things I have to do in my life, the most tedious task has to be folding laundry. I would rather scrub the toilet than fold laundry. That means I can usually find something else to do instead, so it piles up, which just makes it that much *more* unpleasant and tedious when I finally force myself to deal with it.

Some jobs are nothing but one tedious task after another. I think about the dishwashers at my dad's cafeteria when I was growing up. Hour after hour they stood in front of a huge sink with the cooking pots and the pans from the serving line, scraping and scrubbing and putting away. They occasionally got a break to put ice in the salad and dessert ends of the line. Then it was back to the endless piles of pots and pans.

What is the most tedious part of your days? Maybe it's cleaning and tidying. Maybe you find cooking to be tedious. A great many jobs involve paperwork and record-keeping. Every job has something.

Once upon a time a young monk named Brother Lawrence grew frustrated with the repetitive, menial work he was called on to do as part of the community. He had thought living in a monastery meant devoting his days to prayer and contemplation, reaching great spiritual heights, *not* sweeping, pulling weeds, and doing laundry. He resented those tedious little jobs that he thought kept him from the *real* work of a monk. But a community, which is what a monastery is, ceases to function if everybody is sitting in the chapel meditating 24/7 and nobody is cooking the meals, tending the garden, cleaning up, and filling the lamps. Those jobs have to be done, and the *Rule* under which most monastics live says that every person living in the community is to spend a portion of each day working. (I've heard that when everybody in a monastery worked just four to six hours a day, six days a week, including on items to sell to folks on the outside to help support the community, a monastery could end up quite wealthy—which led to another whole set of problems.)

It finally occurred to Brother Lawrence that, rather than keeping him from prayer, the tedious little everyday tasks he had to do could themselves become prayer. When he swept the floor, he offered his work to God as a prayer. When he pulled weeds, he thanked God for bringing forth food from the earth. In this way, Brother Lawrence was transformed, and late in his life he wrote about his experiences in a little book called *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Thanks to the miracle of the internet, you can download a copy of it for free. A quick search should bring it up.

We all have tedious tasks we have to do from day to day. What if we were to see them all as prayer, as offerings to God?

Sharla



August Serving Schedule

August 1

Elder: Shawn Quick

Deacon: Chuck & Carol Lewis

Greeter: Peggy Thomas

Scripture Reader: Chuck Lewis

August 8

Elder: Carol Roberts

Deacon: Judy Colburn, Dianna Silvers

Greeter: Judy Taylor

Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl

August 15

Elder: Diana Rich

Deacon: Dale Kinsman, Everett McBrayer

Greeter: Bob Thomas

Scripture Reader: Judy Daniel

August 22

Elder: Justin Quick

Deacon: Peggy Fuller, Gary Coffman

Greeter: Candi Agnew

Scripture Reader: Peggy Fuller

August 29

Elder: Don Malan

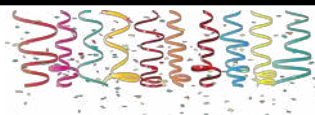
Deacon: Kathy Wood, Alan Munday

Greeter: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Don Malan

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Derek Lile
- 2 Norma Morgan
- 2 Summer Lewis
- 3 Junior Bennett
- 4 Dolly Studards
- 5 Jackie Morrison
- 7 Billie Bopp
- 7 Ryan Agnew
- 8 John Daniel
- 9 Judy Daniel
- 10 Patrick Wilson
- 14 Duane Hedrick
- 15 Don Malan
- 16 Jerry Wood
- 19 Sue Ann Steele
- 22 Airyka Carter
- 23 Dorothy Carter
- 26 Bud Armstrong
- 30 Serenity Lile
- 30 Jessica Burch

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Joe & Peggy Fuller
- 4 Dustin & Tabatha VanMeter
- 12 Lyndell & Judy Colburn
- 13 John & Judy Daniel
- 19 Ted & Kathy Bunch

ATTENDANCE

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Live Stream*	Life Group	Sunday School
6/27	22	11	9	2
7/4	38	8	8	3
7/11	34	9	11	2
7/18	34	8	0	0
7/25	29	7	12	0

**If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.*

BUDGET

JUNE Income
\$8,262.39

JUNE Expense
\$10,885.92

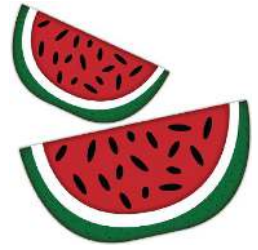
YTD Income
\$56,821.87

YTD Expense
\$55,375.98

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.



August 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:20 a.m. Prayer 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	2	3	4	5	6 SonShine Ladies 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	7
8 9:20 a.m. Prayer 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Elders Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 SonShine Ladies 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	14
15 9:20 a.m. Prayer 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Board Meeting	16	17 Community Café 5:30 p.m.	18	19	20 SonShine Ladies 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	21
22 9:20 a.m. Prayer 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	23	24	25	26	27 SonShine Ladies 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	28
29 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	30	31	 <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPORTANT DATES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Elders Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Board Meeting</p> </div>			



Upcoming Sermons

August 1, 2021

Scripture: John 13:31-35; 1 John 4:7-21

Theme: A Community of Love

RCL: Jn: Easter 5C; 1Jn: Easter 5B

Psalm: 148; 22:25-31



August 8, 2021

Scripture: John 21:1-19

Theme: A Community of Grace

RCL: Easter 3C

Psalm: 30

August 15, 2021

Scripture: Luke 13:6-17

Theme: A Community of Compassion and Healing

RCL: Lent 3C, Proper 16C

Psalm: 63:1-8; 71:1-6

August 22, 2021

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Theme: A Community of Kindness

RCL: Proper 14B

Psalm: 130



August 29, 2021

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37; John 13:1-20

Theme: A Community of Generosity and Service

RCL: Acts: Easter 2B; Jn: Maundy, all years

Psalm: 133; 116:1-2, 12-19



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Sympathy to the families of Doug Robey, Scott McMurphy, Herschel Ewing, and Eula Ghere

Current

Diana Ewing, Bob Foster, Roger Hunt, Alicia Lindsey, Boone Middleton, Alissa Miller, Ron Oliphant, Dusty Warren

Ongoing

Deloris Baldwin, Bill Cumpton, Marilyn Eneff, Lona Grosshart, Caleb Hoffard, Kenny Hunt, Sharon Jones, Kevin & Pam Miller, David Mills, Dawn Wix



At Home

Bud Armstrong, Ruby Cummings, Julie Lewis

Currently Serving in the Military

Jordan Olson, Ryan Strong, Josh Thompson, Matt Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS

On Sunday 07-18-21, the FCC board voted to cancel VBS this year. With the increase in the highly contagious COVID Delta variant, they would rather be safe than sorry. So, we will try again in 2022. Thanks to everyone that volunteered to help. If you have already brought food to be used that week, it will be in a container in the kitchen. Feel free to take it home with you, or you can leave it to be used by FCC for future VBS, Community Café, or Youth Group activities.

Thanks and God Bless, Carol Roberts -VBS Director

Volunteers Wanted

Needing 3-4 people to operate the camera for the Facebook Livestream. If interested contact Sharla or Carol Ann.

Masks

Masks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals. If you are fully vaccinated but feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!

The FCC Music Department needs a little help from the membership. We have a chance to add the popular Chalice Hymnal to our sanctuary book racks, to be used along with the Word hymnals we purchased nearly 35 years ago. The Chalice Hymnal has more songs and more resources chosen specifically to enhance the worship services of a Disciples church.

This project will NOT use any FCC general funds. The choir music fund will cover a good portion of the cost. We do invite church members and attendees to help us out. For each donation of \$20 you may choose a family or congregation member (past or present) to honor or remember. A special label will be affixed to the inside front cover of each songbook purchased indicating the donor and the honoree.

You may wish to honor or remember more than one saint of our church at \$20 each.

You may place your donation and instructions in the offering plate on Sunday or mail them to the church office.

With our gratitude, Carol Ann Winburn and the FCC Music Department

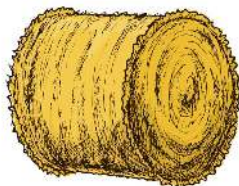
BUILDING FUND DRIVE

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

Current: \$20, 753

Goal: \$40,000



First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2021

Board members present: Deacons-Jennifer Schmehl, Alan Munday, Gary Coffman, Peggy Fuller, Chuck Lewis, Carol Lewis, Judy Colburn, and Everett McBrayer. Elders-Diana Rich, Carol Roberts, Don Malan, Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer and Shawn Quick. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulsey, and Carol Ann Winburn.

Don Malan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. He then opened with prayer.

After review, the agenda was adopted on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Shawn Quick.

The minutes of the 06-13-2021 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Alan Munday and second by Justin Quick.

Financial Reports: The June financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets as of 06-30-2021 were reviewed, as well as all end-of-the-year numbers. Income in June \$8,262.39 Total Expenses in June \$10,885.92. The financial reports were approved as presented on motion of Alan Munday and second by Diana Rich. Full reports are available in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulsey reviewed her attached report. She noted visits, meetings, conversations, and official activities she has been involved in. She continues to do the morning prayers every day on Facebook Live. Her full report is available in the church office.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

VBS: With the increase in the cases of COVID-Delta variant, Carol Roberts requested the board discuss and decide if FCC should have VBS that is currently scheduled for July 28-29-30. After discussion it was decided to cancel VBS this year on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Alan Munday.

Property: Chuck Lewis reported on two bids that have been returned to repair the problems with moisture on the north wall of the sanctuary due to leaking of the roof along that area. Both bids are attached in board packet along with pictures of area needing repair. In reviewing the bids, it was noted that the two bids are very different in dollar amounts.

Due to this huge variation in amounts, the board requested that more bids be obtained.

Chuck Lewis will work with Lyssa Lile to check with the insurance company to inquire if any funds can be recovered due to the damage.

Don Malan offered to check with Koehn Building to request another bid.

Department/Committee Reports:

2nd Quarter Endowment Fund report: The quarterly report was included in the board packet. There was some discussion, but no action required by the board.

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Board Meeting Cont.

Worship Department: Carol Ann Winburn reported on a recent meeting of this department where they discussed some future plans and how to make worship more meaningful. Possibility of initiating a program addressing making FCC “A community of Prayer”. No board action required. No objections noted.

They are getting bids to replace headsets. They will bring this back for actions when bids are available. Some new song books have been obtained with funding from the choir/music funds. They asked if they could offer these to the congregation to pay \$20 and have a “In Memory NAME” label put in one of these books. Since this is not a request to take money from the church treasury, no action was required from the board.

She reported they may have a guest to fill the pulpit later this year.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Hulseley closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM on motion of Alan Munday and second by Justin Quick.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary





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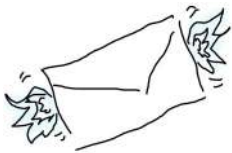
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"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us."

— Ephesians 1: 7