

THE MESSENGER

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Off My Feet

*No, not off my **feed**; it takes quite a lot to ruin my appetite.*

Some of you are likely aware that I've had trouble with my knees for quite some time. My family has a tendency to both arthritis and overweight (which aggravates arthritis, I know), and it's caught up to me earlier than most.

Actually I was first told that my right knee would need replacing nine years ago. The orthopedist I saw at that time even sent me to a colleague to find out whether a partial replacement would solve the problem, and they said it would not, so total knee replacement has been in my future for some time. Over the last couple years, probably because of favoring the bad right one, my left knee has also deteriorated. I now have significant portions of both that are bone-on-bone. As any of you who've dealt with arthritis know, this is not an especially comfortable situation.

With both knees now stiff and painful most of the time, I decided something needed to be done. My nurse practitioner referred me to Dr. Carroll's office, and since I've had multiple scopes and injections already, we decided to schedule surgery to replace both of them. Dr. Carroll likes to do them three months apart, and my insurance situation (deductibles and annual maximum out-of-pocket amounts) means I am better off getting them done in the same calendar year. Thus, assuming my insurance company approves and covid allows, my first knee replacement is scheduled for September 13, with the second to follow in December.

Dr. Carroll's NP, Kim, said I should expect to be limited, if not out of commission altogether, for 6-10 weeks after each one. That seems excessive to me (although I may not think so after it's done), but I can study, and write, and make calls at home. Therefore, I'm planning to take three Sundays off after each surgery, and work at home during the week until I am mobile enough to get in the church building (using the elevator, no doubt). You'll be in good hands those Sundays thanks to an array of willing and competent substitute preachers. (Please don't take those Sundays off! God will be there no matter who's preaching.) I'll make sure colleagues are available to handle emergencies in my absence.

I'll be in the pulpit September 5 and 12, and then, God willing, I'll be back on October 10.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sharla'.



September 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group	2	3 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	4
5 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	6 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	7	8 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group	9	10 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group 11:00 a.m. Elders Meeting	13 <i>Sharla's Knee Surgery</i>	14	15 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group	16	17 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting	20	21	22 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group	23	24 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group Reconciliation Special Offering	27	28	29 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group	30		

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6 Labor Day/Office Closed
- 12 Elders Meeting
- 19 Board Meeting
- 26 Reconciliation Special Offering





Upcoming Sermons

September 5, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 (Trinity A)

Psalm: 8

Theme: A Community in the World

September 12, 2021

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 — 2:4a (RCL: Trinity Sunday, Year A)

Psalm: 104:1-13

Theme: Creation

Title: Order

What I was thinking: Battles over whether the Bible or science accurately explain the beginning of the world miss the much more important point in Genesis 1. What is that point, and why does it matter?

September 19 & 26, 2021

To be determined.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Sympathy to the families of Diana Ewing, Charlie Black, and Larry Winburn.

Current & Ongoing

- ◆ Deloris Baldwin, Lyndell Colburn, Bill Cumpston, Marilyn Eneff, Bob Foster, Misty Foster, Daryl Freeze, Lona Grosshart, Caleb Hoffard, Kenny Hunt, Roger Hunt, Sharon Jones, Tim Lemm, Alicia Lindsey, Dale McMorris, Boone Middleton, David Middleton, Alissa Miller, Kevin & Pam Miller, David Mills, Ron Oliphant, Jessica Paull, Dusty Warren.

At Home

- ◆ Bud Armstrong, Ruby Cummings, Julie Lewis

Currently Serving in the Military

- ◆ Jordan Olson, Ryan Strong, Josh Thompson, Matt Thompson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **No Congregational Singing**

We will not be singing due to the recent Covid surge. We will resume congregational singing as soon as it is possible.

- **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 all due to the delta variant.

- **Community Café postponed indefinitely**

- **Youth Group** will resume on Wednesday, September 1. Youth group will be held every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm for grades 3rd through 12th.

Sharla, the Choir, and the lunch crew -
Thank you all for loving my mom
and our entire family so thoughtfully
and considerately over the last couple of
weeks. What a great example of
caring for the body of Christ.
You are all in my prayers, too!

Love
Cindy + Tom Kennedy





First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2021



Board members present: Deacons- Alan Munday, Gary Coffman, 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, Lucille Munday, and Carol Ann Winburn.

Don Malan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:39 AM. He then opened with prayer.

After review, the agenda was adopted on motion of Phyllis McBrayer and second by Diana Rich.

The minutes of the 07-18-2021 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Justin Quick.

Financial Reports: The July financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets as of 07-31-2021 were reviewed, as well as all end-of-the-year numbers. Income in July \$8,215.35 Total Expenses in June \$9,297.16. The financial reports were approved as presented on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Alan Munday. 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. She noted that she might be having knee surgery in September and would be off work for a few weeks. She will serve on the Food Pantry Board as a representative of the Ministerial Alliance. She requested that everyone be careful as we are still dealing with the Covid Delta variant. Her full report is available in the church office

Old Business:

Property #1: As requested at the last board meeting Chuck Lewis reported that our insurance will not cover any repairs on the roof unless we can point to a specific storm that would have caused the damage. Since we can't do that, there is no insurance money available.

Property #2: Also, as requested at the last board meeting more bids were obtained to repair the roof on the north side of the sanctuary. Chuck has prepared a spread sheet comparing five bids to repair this. He also note several others that declined to give a bid. The five bids were attached in board packet. The bids were reviewed comparing:

1. Location of the business,
2. Removing the existing gutter,
3. Fabric to be used,
4. Spray (or not),
5. Warranty, and
6. Bid dollar amount.

Chuck discussed some of the reference checks he completed.

After much discussion, explanations, and questions/answers, the board voted to accept the bid from Mark Knoll of \$3,885.00 to tear out old guttering, install synthetic felt, TPO over felt and repair rotten sheeting. This motion was by Shawn Quick and second by Alan Munday. There were no objections noted.

Carol Roberts expressed much appreciation to Chuck Lewis for the spreadsheet and detailed information for the board to review. This appreciation was echoed by many others.

Board Meeting cont.

New Business: There was no new business brought to the board.

Department/Committee Reports:

Worship Department: Carol Ann Winburn reported that her department is working on a list of individuals to fill the pulpit during any absences when Rev. Hulseley is unavailable following her surgeries later this year. She invited other to contact her if they have names to add to this list.

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

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Justin Quick.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

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

Current donations: \$21,233

Goal: \$40,000





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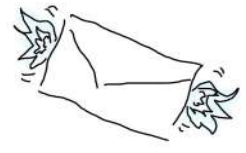
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*“Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray”*

—Proverbs 22:6

