



THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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Brushstrokes & Blessings

Journey of Joy

by Jacie Craine

As I go on a walk, I stop and look up, at a light that has always blinded me. I wonder why the light is so bright, so I sit and stare until I realized something that wasn't there, I don't know what to name it, is it hope is it joy? Or maybe, it's something bigger than all of that, all of us, maybe if I just trust in the path that I am taking somehow, somehow I will get to my destination.

Next deadline: July 31

The Bulletin Board

Following the Progress of FCC's Leaders

The following is a brief report of July 13th's Board meeting. A copy of the complete minutes are available upon request.

Finance Report: Finance Chair Coby Lamb reported that everything appears to be in line with the budget. June's budgeted deficit was projected to be minus \$4,200 but came in at minus \$2,300. Year-to-date contributions were \$70,900 versus the budgeted \$65,300.

Coby also reported that building insurance payment issues are being cleared up. Contributions are expected to remain roughly the same as they have been with no major increase expected from members returning.

Trustees Report: Trustee Chair Linda Baker reported that a refrigerator in the kitchen needed to be replaced and Karen Brown agreed to the use of Ed Brown's Memorial for the purchase. Funds to repair the sanctuary ceiling are to come from Doyle Watkins' Memorial, as it is undesignated.

Property Report: Property Team Member Marcia Jordan reported that the steps and railings will most likely need to be repainted soon.

Worship/Elders: Worship/Elder Chair Guy Ebersole reported that everyone seems to be ok with the pulpit supply rotation. Moderator Bob Ferguson said that the

rotation will likely continue for the foreseeable future and that he will have a presentation on it either in August or September. A plan of contact is in place to gauge interest in and schedule past speakers for dates in October, November, and December.

Christian Life: Christian Life Chair Marsha Meyers reported the Carnival Workers' Lunch went well.

Diaconate: The Board agreed that the new way of stacking the communion cups, with a cup with bread on the bottom and a cup with the juice within that, was a good idea and should be continued.

AED location, use, and training questions: Property Team Member Allen Davison brought to the Board's attention that very few people know where the defibrillator is located or how to use it. The suggestion was made to bring attention to its location during a Sunday service. No further decisions were made.

FCC Leadership

Board Moderator: Bob Ferguson
Stewardship/Finance: Coby Lamb
Worship/Elders: Guy Ebersole
Christian Life: Marsha Meyers
Treasurer: Donna Rickman
Trustee Chair: Linda Baker



Keeping in touch with our church families

For Healing & Comfort...

Jason Ripple

Louise Davis

Prayer List Guidelines...

Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks unless we receive an update requesting to be left on. Please let us know what your request is and if we can share it with others. Contact the church office at 660-214-3414 or officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com with prayer requests.

Sunday Mornings

9 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

10:30 a.m.

Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Attendance

June 28	21	July 12	38
July 5	25	July 19	35

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If you answered yes to either of these, it's probably time to update your information in our directory. It's easy and only takes a few minutes. You can call or email to update your information or you can update it in the member app or on the member website.

Need some help figuring it out? Contact Virginia in the office at 660-214-3414.



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August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship	3 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Circle of Joy	4 Primary Election 6:30 – 7:30 PM Garden Club	5	6	7	8 ← 3:00 PM Troop 2942 Lock-in (Bad weather only)
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23 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School	24	25 5:00 – 6:15 PM Nodaway Chorale Board of Trustees	26	27	28	29
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*Christmas
in the
Summer*
**Gifts due by
July 31**



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Looking Ahead...

July 31: Christmas in Summer gifts
due back

Aug 3: Circle of Joy, 11:30 am

Aug. 10: Board meeting, 6 pm

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