



THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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If you can press a button... *you can run our PowerPoint.*

We're looking for volunteers to help our Guest Speakers, as well as the congregation, worship on Sunday mornings by substituting on the rare occasions our PowerPoint tech is on vacation or sick.

It truly is as simple as pressing a button, thanks to the behind the scenes work of our A/V Manager John Morrison and our Office Administrator Virginia Ripple. They work hard to make sure everything is set up and ready to go on Sunday morning.

Still nervous about stepping in? We've got you covered with a set of easy to follow written instructions and personalized training for anyone who wants it.

Find out more or volunteer for one of those "once in a blue moon" Sundays by calling the church office (660-314-2414) or emailing fccmaryvillemo@gmail.com



Calling All Creatives!

Do you draw, doodle, or paint? Write devotional essays or pen poems? We'd love to feature your work in The Christian Messenger!

Before you wave our invitation off, consider this: **"To practice any art, no matter how well or how badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. So do it."** – Kurt Vonnegut

Be it inspirational or thought provoking, elegant or simple, let us share your talents with our subscribers. We're interested in YOU, so let us hear from you.

The first deadline for Brushstrokes & Blessings is 3 pm July 2. Can't wait to see your creations!

Welcome Home



Sunday Mornings

9 a.m.
Sunday School Classes

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Attendance

May 31 30 June 14 41
June 7 27 June 21 39

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Keeping in touch with our church families

For Healing & Comfort...

Carolyn Dew
Karla Parman

Betty Praiswater
Fred Peters

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.

Is your info up-to-date?

Have you moved or changed your phone number in the last year?
Do you have a new favorite picture of yourself?

If you answered yes to any 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.



Our Staff

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Johnathan Morrison
Audio/Live Stream Lead

Anita Dew
Organist

Jay Ripple
Live Stream Intern

Peggy Dowis
Custodian

What am I supposed to do again?

As FCC transitions into a new phase, things can feel exciting, but also confusing. It helps to know who is responsible for what, as well as what you'd need to do if you want to volunteer. The following is a brief list of roles and responsibilities that you can keep on hand for just that purpose.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Unlocking Doors: Custodian Peggy Dowis

Greeter: The greeter is responsible for counting how many people are in the building during Sunday service and how many people are serving in volunteer roles. Attendance sheets are located in the drawer of the table holding the offering trays. Instructions on how to take attendance are on the attendance sheets.

Worship Leader: Read the Call to Worship & Invocation

Elder:

(During Service) Welcome and Announcements, Announcing Gathering Song, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Announcing Adoration Song, Communion Invitation, Announcing Communion Song, Prayers Over the Elements, Words of Institution, Offering Meditation, Offering Prayer, Introducing Guest Speaker, Announcing the Sending Forth Song, and Benediction.

Counting the offering after service with the 2nd Diaconate serving that Sunday.

Locking and turning off lights in the Narthex.

1st Diaconate:

Communion Preparation (*Please refer to the instruction sheets in the Chapel as preparation procedures sometimes change!*) and serving communion during service.

2nd Diaconate:

Serve communion during service and assist the Serving Elder in counting the offering.

Contacts for Rescheduling and Questions:

Greeters/Worship Leaders - Office Administrator

Elders - Guy Ebersole

Diaconate - Travis Johnson



ELDER ON CALL

The Elders will be in weekly rotation to facilitate emergency calls and pastoral visits to those desiring one. The rotation schedule will be available through the Elder Chair and Office Administrator. Requests for visits may be made through the office or directly to the Elder Chair and will be passed along to the Elder on Call.

PULPIT SUPPLY ROTATION

The Worship Chair will work with the Elders and Office Administrator to create a rotating schedule of guest speakers, which will include Elders and congregation members willing to speak and guests outside of the congregation. The Office Administrator will maintain this schedule, including contact information for past and potential speakers, and will alert the Worship Chair when a gap in the schedule is about to occur at least one month prior to allow time to contact a suitable speaker.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The following are ways that we will continue providing outreach and evangelism to the community. We will be seeking volunteers to help with these ministries.

Christmas in the Summer

This is the ministry in which we work with Community Services providing a new outfit to children in the community to start the new school year.

Contact Person: Guy Ebersole

Feeding the Carnival Workers

This is a once a year lunch for the carnival workers usually the day before the fair begins. This is held in our fellowship hall and congregation members provide dishes, desserts, salads, etc. for this event.

Contact Person: Sue Schenkel

The Ministry Center

This is the ministry in which individuals volunteer to assist clients with grocery selections at The Ministry Center. Our months are February and August.

Contact Person: Office Administrator



July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School	29	30	1	2	3 Independence Day (substitute)	4 Independence Day
5 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship	6 Office Closed for Independence Day 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Circle of Joy	7 Nodaway County Fair 6:30 – 7:30 PM Garden Club	8 Nodaway County Fair Office Closed, Administrator Vacation	9 Nodaway County Fair Office Closed, Administrator Vacation	10 Nodaway County Fair	11 Nodaway County Fair
12 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Elders' Circle	13 6:00 – 7:00 PM Team Planning & Board Meeting	14	15	16 6:30 – 8:30 PM Optimist Club & Board	17	18
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The Bulletin Board

Following the Progress of FCC's Leaders

The following is the June Board report. If you have any questions, please contact the FCC Leadership.

Finance Report: Finance Chair Coby Lamb reported contributions were down actual versus budgeted for May, but almost all other line items were within or below budgeted amounts. Insurance payment amounts are now settled at about \$1,400 per month going forward with all payments current. The pension plan appears higher than budgeted for May, but that is because the payment deadline for June is June 1st and needed to be paid early to make the deadline. Month-to-date loss was \$3,000 instead of the budgeted \$1,700, but year-to-date is looking better with contributions at \$58,700 versus \$54,300 and the year-to-date loss being \$20,400 versus \$33,000.

Coby further reported that we still have \$343,000 in equity.

Trustees Report: Trustee Chair Linda Baker reported a \$5,000 transfer from the General Fund Savings to General Fund Checking to cover operational costs shortfall for May, bringing the General Fund Savings balance down from \$84,000 to \$79,000 current balance. Signature cards for the Christian Church Fund permanent fund have been signed and the Trustees now have all up-to-date fund policies in the Trustee binder.

Team Reports:

- **Property Reports:** Property Team Member Marcia Jordan reported that The Giving Tree ministry has ended and the rooms have been cleared and cleaned. The April and May water bills have been higher than usual, but Property is assuming it is due to watering the new plants on the East side of the building. Property found no leaks, but will continue to monitor the situation. Property Team Member Mick Dougan sprayed for weeds. Property Team Member Allen Davison contacted Jason Brown to check the ceiling in the sanctuary by the bell tower because two to three foot piece of tape that is coming down from the ceiling. Office/Finance Administrator Virginia Ripple reported that Jason Brown did send someone to check it out and we have received a bill, so he did fix something.

Marcia continued her report, noting that the dumpster on the north side keeps moving and they are seeing to solutions for it. The playground equipment had a loose connection between the handrails and steps, which Allen repaired. Property is looking into putting up signs on the playground entrances stating First Christian Church is not responsible for injuries. Rain is still coming in the lower north doors on occasion if the wind is blowing. The Property Team reviewed the Pastor's Office with Pastor Gina and noted what would be taken and what would remain in the space.

- **Worship/Elders:** no report
- **Outreach/Evangelism:** no report
- **Christian Life:** Christian Life Chair Marsha Meyers reported signups for the potluck on June 14 have gone well.

New Business:

Pulpit Supply: Board Moderator Bob Ferguson handed out information from the Regional Ministry regarding a few people considered within close driving range who might be willing to be included in the pulpit supply for upcoming Sundays. Bob suggested we contact Bill Rose-Heim and Scott Killgore for their interest.

Closing:

Pastor Gina gave a closing statement of gratitude for being able to serve at First Christian Church and closed the meeting with a prayer.

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



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Did you know...

A cloud weighs around a million tonnes. A cloud typically has a volume of around 1km³ and a density of around 1.003kg per m³ – that's a density that's around 0.4 per cent lower than the air surrounding it (this is how they are able to float).

Looking Ahead...

- July 6:** Office closed for Independence Day
- July 6:** Circle of Joy, 11:30 am
- July 8-9:** Office closed, Office Administrator on vacation
- July 12:** Elders' Circle, 11:30 am



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