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Greetings from the Pastor,

A number of years ago, a good friend of ours, Dr. Jan Linn, wrote a wonderful book based on Reinhold Niebuhr's prayer, traditionally called "The Serenity Prayer". In Jan's book, Living Inside Out, he points out that most of us actually live the opposite of what the prayer asks. He says we live as if we try to accept the things we can change, want courage to change the things we can't, and want the power to bring about the difference.

It's difficult to deal with situations in which we don't or can't get the outcome we wish; it's difficult to be the agent of change in situations we don't like; and often wisdom feels like not getting our own way. But Reverend Niebuhr's prayer is a powerful one; I pray it daily. I enclose it here, in its entirety. Read it carefully.

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.
Amen.*

My schedule for the next few weeks looks like this: I will be in Owensboro Saturday through Wednesday the 7th - 11th, Saturday and Sunday the 14th and 15th, and Thursday through Tuesday the 19th - 24th.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Molly

Inspirational
WORSHIP
that connects us &
sends us forth.

Intellectual
ENGAGEMENT
that enriches our faith journey
through theological exploration.

Compassionate
OUTREACH
that is extended to
meet critical needs.

Faith-filled
FELLOWSHIP
that binds us together
for spiritual enrichment.

Authentic
HOSPITALITY
that nurtures and
celebrates diversity.

You may listen to our worship service by dialing 1-214-699-5100 using a speakerphone. The access code is 6939237#

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News and Notes

Pentecost

Be sure and wear **Red** to church on Sunday, May 15, as we celebrate Pentecost!

Thank you

Church Family,

How can we express our thanks adequately? Your love, prayers & support have meant so much. Thank you for the family meal, cards, visits & flowers. The best church family ever. Cheryl, you are the best. Wonderful job.

The Browns

Thank you for all the prayers, gifts, cards, and thoughts during my recent hospitalization.

Dan Burg

First Christian Church,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and food following the death of Martha Mattingly.

Ann Boone and family

To my Church family

Bonnie Hite wishes to express appreciation for visits, cards and flowers during my hospitalization the past few weeks.

May DWM

May DWM meetings continue on our study of women of the New Testament. This month the night DWM group will meet on Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 pm at Luckett's, 7050 Highway 231, Utica for their Bible study and meeting. All church women are invited to attend either group.

Disciples Women's Mission groups will focus on the needs of the Heartford House (Hospice) in the May meetings. Members are asked to bring family magazines, crosswords, soduko books, coloring books and crayons for the children visitors, and/ or money for the comfort bears for the children.

CHOIR NEWS!

Last Sunday we made some changes in our worship order. One of those changes was to place the choir anthem before the sermon. We are continually trying to grow our choir. With these changes we are offering the choir the opportunity to leave the loft after their song. This means choir members can now 1) sit with their friends and families, 2) be able to sit in front of the pastor during the sermon and 3) sit where the sermon can be more easily heard. If any of these things have been keeping you from participating perhaps you'll consider or reconsider serving with the choir in the weeks ahead.

Faithful Knitters News



Nan pictured with her children.

Nan, one of our Faithful Knitters, passed her citizenship test! The Faithful Knitters celebrated Nan's accomplishment with a gathering at the home of Ginger Norris.



This spring the raised beds in the Carol Mark Community Garden received much-needed repairs. The wooden sides to the beds have been replaced.

Members of the Corporate Challenge team from Comcast Spectacor at the Convention Center joined our church volunteers, Hervey Howell, Janet Luckett, David Lashbrook, Wendell Thompson, and Nancy Connor in repairing the boxes.

We are very thankful for the Corporate Challenge team's help in maintaining the garden that is used by our refugee friends.



Serving Schedules

May 8, 2016 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ 9:15 a.m.

Liturgist: **Ginger Norris**
 Serving Elders: **Mark Luckett and Anne Carlisle**
 Acolyte: **Annalee Yager**
 Elder of the Month: **Kaye Farmer**
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Joy Emerson, Becky Gordon, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende Lott, Sue Ann Morris**
 Worship & Wonder: Storyteller – **Brian Belcher**
 Circle Shepherd – **Nancy Connor** Feast/Wondering – **Janet Luckett**
 Scripture: Acts 1:1-11
 Prelude: *Lord of Hosts*
 Message in Music: *You Gave Me Love* Mike Tichenor, solo
 Offertory: *Interlude*
 Communion Meditation: *Meditation*

Hymns: *Surely the Presence of the Lord; Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee; Spirit; Here Is Bread; O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Marbrey Hedges and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Paul, and sons, Jeff & Mark.

May 15, 2016 ~ Pentecost ~ 9:15 a.m.

Liturgist: **Steve Divine**
 Serving Elders: **Malcolm Bryant and Jason Roberts**
 Acolyte: **Will Sterett**
 Elder of the Month: **Kaye Farmer**
 Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Shannon Divine, Sale Gordon, Andy Goodaker, Sally Ham, Teresa McKinley, Cathy Midkiff, Forrest Roberts, Sandra Roberts, Janet Tichenor**
 Worship & Wonder Storyteller – **Mallory Roberts**
 Circle Shepherd- **Emily Baur** Feast/Wondering– **Alpha Jo Luallen**
 Scripture: Acts 2:1-12
 Prelude: *Joyful Hymn of Praise*
 Choir Message: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*
 Offertory: *Holy is the Lord*
 Communion Meditation: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Hymns: *Surely the Presence of the Lord; Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow; Spirit; Here Is Bread; Holy Spirit, Truth Divine; O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*

Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Dan Burg and Ed Burg and families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ida Jo Burg O'Bryan.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, May 8

9:00 am Light Breakfast
 9:15 am Worship Service
 10:30 am Sunday School
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter

TUESDAY, May 10

5:15 pm Ministry Table Mtg. room 120
 6:00 pm Cinco de Mayo Meal

WEDNESDAY, May 11

6:30 am MBS Panera
 9:00 am Knitting Group
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 12

1:30 pm Bible Study in room 120

SUNDAY, May 15

Pentecost

9:00 am Light Breakfast
 9:15 am Worship Service
 10:30 am Sunday School

TUESDAY, May 17

6:00 pm Worship Team Mtg Room 120

WEDNESDAY, May 18

6:30 am MBS Panera
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 19

1:30 pm Bible Study in room 120
 2:30 pm Food Pantry
 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting - Game Room

SUNDAY, May 22

Graduate Recognition

9:00 am Light Breakfast
 9:15 am Worship Service
 10:30 am Sunday School

Pitino Shelter Volunteers for May 8

Eric & Laura Farmer Kaye Farmer Carroll Laswell Marjorie Flowers

Memorial Flowers

There are openings for memorial flowers in the chancel on May 22, June 5, 12. If you are interested in providing flowers on any of these dates, please contact the church by calling 270-684-8879.

Ministry Table Meeting ~Tuesday, May 10, at 5:15 p.m. in room 120. All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Elders' Meeting – Thursday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Game Room. All Elders are encouraged to attend.



Pentecost Special Offering to Support New Church Movement

Please consider supporting new church movement. More information and a Pentecost offering envelope will be inserted in the bulletin on May 15. For proper recording of your donation, please note the amount of the donation in the memo section of your check, or write a separate check for the donation.

This offering will be taken on May 15.



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Cinco de Mayo Meal

May 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Join us for a Mexican fiesta fellowship dinner prepared by Señor Ron and his amigos! There will be fun games for the kids: make maracas, pin the tail on the burro, fiesta tattoos, Mexican bingo and photo booth.

This meal is a fundraiser to support our CYF and adult sponsors as they travel to Guatemala this summer on a mission trip.

Calling all Campers!

On Sunday, June 5, during worship, we will commission all our Kum-Ba-Ya summer campers. We ask that all children and youth who plan to attend camp this summer be in worship on June 5 for this special commissioning.

Vacation Bible School

July 18 - 21

Make plans to
"Journey to India"
this summer during our
Vacation Bible School.

Honoring our Graduates

The end of the school year is approaching and we're preparing to celebrate this year's graduates. Please contact the church office at 270-684-8879 with the names of high school, college and post-graduates, so that we may recognize them during worship on Sunday, May 22.