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Future Story Forum To Follow Worship This Sunday

The three Future Story teams (Avenues, Cornerstone and Openings) continue to make progress with their work. Members of each team will be on hand at the **Future Story Forum following worship this Sunday, June 11**. There is great news to be shared including an update on the recent visit by the XPlor program director Rev. Bonnie Osei-Frimpong. We will also hear about an exciting concert that FCC will be sponsoring on July 20th.

Please *join us in the Chapel Gathering Space at 11:15 am this Sunday* for this opportunity to hear exciting updates, share your questions and ideas, and to celebrate the good beginnings the teams have accomplished. Your input and support as we plan for FCC's future is greatly appreciated.

Join FCC Friends Attending General Assembly in July

General Assembly is just around the corner, July 8-12 in Indianapolis. Now is the time to make plans to attend some or all of the Assembly. We especially encourage you to consider attending worship during the assembly, which takes place each evening and is free of charge.

Each worship service will have a specific focus around the theme of this year's assembly, "ONE." The theme was spired by the words of John 17:20-21a. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." We hope you will consider attending some or all of the General Assembly. Details of the worship services can be found on page ?? A complete listing of events can be found at www.disciples.org. (*more information on General Assembly on page 6*)

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PASTOR'S PEN Summer Project!

This summer, while many of our activities are on hiatus, we're going to be doing some intensive work on the ways we: 1) present ourselves "beyond our doorsteps," 2) communicate with each other, and 3) help deepen our connections with God, each other, the wider church, and the world. In other words, we will be doing some major work on our website!

As you are aware, websites are powerful communications tools, and church websites are no exception. A church website serves at least three critically important functions. First, it serves as the front door for people who are intentionally seeking out (perhaps even for the first time!) Christ-centered connections. Thus, we need to be "company ready" at all times. Second, it serves as a "hub" that helps us stay connected with church life beyond Sunday morning. Thus, we need to always be up to date and mobile friendly (i.e. so folks can easily access our info on their smart phones). Third, it serves as a 24/7 resource that helps people go "deeper" in their lives of faith. Thus, we need to offer trusted links to sources that can offer guidance, information, ideas, inspiration, and so much more.

Jennifer Fettchenhauer, our Administrator, will oversee this important project. She will be working with our communications team and our staff to make sure that our website (including its behind-the-scenes infrastructure) will serve us well into the future. Jennifer's work schedule and responsibilities will be adjusted to help us meet our ambitious goal of completing the project by summer's end. This means that we have changed our summer newsletter

production calendar. In other words, please expect to receive one newsletter in June (this one!) and one newsletter in July, to be mailed July 12. In August, as we gear up for our fall program ministries, we plan to return to an every other week newsletter schedule beginning August 16.

In the meantime, we will help you stay "caught up" on news by: 1) including updates in the weekly bulletin insert, and 2) emailing news items on a regular—hopefully weekly—basis, and 3) answering your phone inquiries.

Thanks for your flexibility this summer. I know that we will be pleased with the outcome of our summer project.

Pastor Helen

PS: This Sunday during worship, I will offer an overview of "Disciples Spirituality" and invite you to discover your own "Spiritual Type." Our guest musician will be Evan Main, one of the finest young jazz pianists in the country, who grew up in Bloomington and is a member of First Presbyterian Church. During the 11:15 Forum Hour, hear about the many updates related to the Future Story, including the unveiling of a new name for our Story that reflects the fact that it is no longer "Future!" The other option is to remain in the sanctuary and join the "Bridges and Blessings" group that will meet in the chancel.



Music in This Sacred Space By Jan Harrington

A CORNUCOPIA OF MUSIC FOR WORSHIP IN JUNE

So, with the choir on vacation for the summer and an interval of time waiting for our new organist to take over in August, June offers us an opportunity to experience an exciting variety of music supporting worship during our Sermon Series exploring the Disciples History and Identity.

Experiencing Spirituality

This coming Sunday June 11, as Pastor Helen examines the many ways in which spirituality is experienced, our music will follow suit in exploration of varieties of artistic expression that inspire and motivate us. We will begin worship by hearing a mystical organ setting of a Gregorian Chant set by French composer Maurice Duruflé and played by our own Patti Parkes. Our hymns will span the spectrum from a powerful organ-accompanied testament of the Disciples faith set to the 1835 British mission-inspired hymn tune LANCASHIRE. Later in the service, guest Jazz pianist Evan Main will accompany us in the singing of *Blessed Assurance* - one of the beloved Gospel songs of the 19th century by American hymn writer Fanny Crosby - and, during communion, the contemporary communion song from 1978 *One Bread, One Body*. The Offertory will let us experience the energy and commitment of the African-American spiritual as soprano Bridget Goodwin and Evan offer *Ain't a that Good News*. And finally, Evan will offer a meditative jazz improvisation during communion and an energetic jazz inspired postlude.

The Good Book –

On June 18, as we examine our authority found in Scripture, Bridget will return, this time to sing an aria from the Bach *St. John Passion*, thus reminding us of the unfailing and lasting inspiration that comes from the music of that “fifth evangelist” J.S. Bach. She will be joined by violinist Cyndi Chen and guest organist Hansol Kim.

Faithful Minds –

On June 25, our music intern Carter Adams will join with Bruce Ervin and Pastor Helen in leading the congregation in the a cappella singing of traditional hymns, reminding us that unaccompanied singing was historically a part of the Disciples worship tradition.

The Rest of the Summer –

The rest of the summer will offer a similar variety of musical offerings – including return visits of the barbershop chorus Sounds of Indiana, the possibility of another Sunday of Bluegrass music from Scott Cripe and his band, a jazz improvisation by saxophonist Tom Walsh, and an array of keyboard players and soloists from our church. July 20 will also bring a guest choir event – the Ripple Effect. And, in August, we will welcome our new organist Jihye Choi who will be arriving from Korea to begin organ studies at the Jacobs School of Music. More about Jihye later!



The Ripple Effect is Coming to FCC July 20!

It seems everywhere we look, people are taking sides and calling names. How can we learn to find common ground? On Thursday, **July 20**, First Christian Church will present "*If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me*," an evening of music and words with **The Ripple Effect Choir** of South Bend. The concert is designed to build unity and understanding. Uplifting songs will be interwoven with speakers from the community who will share personal stories of feeling misunderstood or outcast in our society today.

This community event is open to the public. A freewill offering to support the work of The Ripple Effect and FCC ministries will be collected.

If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me
The Ripple Effect Choir
July 20 at 7:00 pm
First Christian Church
205 E Kirkwood Ave.
www.fccbloomington.org

Bridges and Blessings

If you have 15-20 minutes to spare following worship, join us for Bridges and Blessings. We'll gather after worship at the chancel for an exploration of spiritual practices that can serve as a bridge to keep us connected to one another and our faith during the busy summer months. Upcoming sessions will include Tolerance (The Golden Rule), and Meditation (Make Quiet Time Bags). Bridges and Blessings is for all ages, and kids are welcome!

Do you need a ride to worship on Sunday morning?

We are looking into the feasibility of developing a ministry that could provide rides for homebound members to attend church on Sunday morning. Currently, we are surveying the FCC membership to identify those who would benefit from a ride and those who could give a ride. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the church office or Holly Biddle at hollybiddle@mwcbk.com.



Congratulations, Graduates!

High School Graduates

Dell Cripe graduated from Bloomington High School North, where he earned a varsity letter in football, played tuba in the symphonic band and participated in the theater program. This fall Dell plans to pursue a degree in mechanical and manufacturing engineering at the University of Southern Indiana, where he will also sing in the USI Chamber Choir. The son of Scott and Barb, and brother of Everett, Dell currently resides at 3930 Tapp Road in Bloomington (47403).

Sabrina Gasana graduated from Bloomington High School North, where she was active in many organizations, including the Civil Rights Club. Sabrina also represented FCC at the regional level as a member of the Indiana Youth Council. This summer, Sabrina begins studies at IU as a Groups Scholar. She lives with her parents, Regina and Victor, her grandmother, Berencilla, and her sisters, Josette and Giselle, at 4199 North Innisbrooke Drive, Bloomington, IN 47408.

Kate Myers attended Edgewood High School through her sophomore year. During her time at EHS, she was an honors student and played clarinet in the marching and concert bands. In the fall of 2016, Kate earned her high school equivalency. She is currently enrolled at Ivy Tech, pursuing a general studies course. Kate lives with her parents, Kip and Connie Myers, at 4813 N. Ashcroft Lane, Bloomington, IN 47404.

Charlie Wagner earned an academic honors diploma from Bloomington High School South, where he was named a member of the National Honor Society. The son of Marc and Shelly Wagner, Charlie plans to attend Indiana University this fall, where he will pursue a Bachelor's Degree in the Media School. Cards of congratulations may be sent to 2260 South Olde Mill Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401.

Emily Werner earned an academic honors diploma from Edgewood High School, where she participated in track and cheerleading, as well as youth global service days. She was also voted the EHS 2017 homecoming queen. This fall, Emily plans to study nursing at Indiana State University. She currently lives with her parents, Brian and Erin, and sister, Olivia, at 4950 White River Drive, Bloomington, IN 47404.

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Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Graduates

Ben Calvert-Rosenberger graduated from the Kelley School of Business with a degree in Technology Management and Entrepreneurship. After traveling the U.S. to visit our National Parks, Ben will start a job as a Technology Consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers next February. Cards may be sent to 309 Connell St., Springfield, TN 37172.

Tom Calvert-Rosenberger earned a graduate degree from the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs in December of 2016. He is employed as a consultant working in Washington, DC. Cards may be sent to 309 Connell St., Springfield, TN 37172.

Andrew Chybowski is completing a Doctor of Music in Wind Conducting. This fall, he will be an instructor in the Pittsburg State University Music Department in Pittsburg, Kansas. His wife, Michaela, will be teaching band right across the border in Liberal, Missouri. Their Bloomington address is 703 W. Gourley Pike, Apt. 36 (47404).

Bridget Goodwin earned a Master of Music in Voice from the Jacobs School of Music and plans to move to New York City this fall to pursue freelance work as a musician. Her address is 106 E.15th St., Bloomington, IN 47408.

Emma Walsh graduated from IU with a B.S. in Interior Design. She is now an Interior Designer at Four Point Design Partners in Indianapolis. Emma's address is 9489 Edgestone Dr., Apt. 321, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Meet the Nominee...

Disciples from across the country and the world will gather next month to elect a new General Minister and President. The General Board has nominated the Rev. Teresa Hord Owens. Hord Owens is currently dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, Illinois. She is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults.

www.disciples.org

Worship at General Assembly

Saturday, July 8 at 7:00 pm

"We Pray All Unity Will One Day Be Restored."

Sunday, July 9 at 7:00 pm

"We Will Walk Hand in Hand."

We join to elect a new General Minister and President

Monday, July 10 at 7:30 pm

"We will Guard Each One's Dignity and Save Each One's Pride."

Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 pm

"Together we will Spread the News that God is our Land."

Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30 pm

"They will know we are Christians by our Love."



Thank you to all who helped, prayed and participated in Downtown Vacation Bible School sponsored by FCC, First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church. Eleven children from FCC attended and had a wonderful week. They met new friends and saw old friends while learning stories and singing songs in four different languages! Two members of our Youth Group and two adults also volunteered their time to make this week successful and fun. A great time was had by all!



The Youth Group welcomed summer with a pool party at the home of Lauren Johann on June 4th. Great food and great fun were had by all! Thank you to the Johanns for hosting a great afternoon.

We will be headed to Indianapolis this weekend to deliver the CWS Hygiene kits that we packed up after Easter. It's always nice to see a project from "start to finish" and we look forward to delivering these much needed kits to CWS. We're also looking forward to ice cream that we'll enjoy before heading back to Bloomington! Thank you Connie!!

We are planning for a fun getaway in July to Holiday World. No summer would be complete without that! And we'll also be planning for some fun events at the All Church Retreat on August 26-27. We hope everyone will join us for that!

FCC receives two grants for new electric steam kettle

FCC has been named a grant recipient of the Monroe County's Sophia Travis Community Services Grant and Bloomington's Jack Hopkins Social Services fund. Funds totaling nearly \$7300 will provide for a much needed electric steam kettle for FCC's kitchen. The equipment replaces a steam kettle that was in disrepair. It will greatly improve the efficiency of our Sunday Breakfast ministry, allowing volunteers to prepare menu items in a fraction of the time.

June and Early July Birthdays

06/01	Max	Fettchenhauer	5537 E. State Rd. 46	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/02	Norda	Ratcliff	4800 S. Rockport Road	Bloomington	IN	47403
06/03	Darren	Klein	723 Olde Mill Circle	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/04	Marv Alice	Martin	4243 W. Lvnwest Drive	Bloomington	IN	47404
06/05	Sabrina	Gasana	4199 Innisbrooke Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47408
06/07	Allen	Griggs	9376 S. Harbour Pointe Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/13	Charlie	Wagner	2260 Olde Mill Drive	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/14	Josephine	Keaton	7853 S. Zikes Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/15	Rvan	Robinson	4694 Viola Drive	Bloomington	IN	47403
06/16	David	Jackson	3693 S. Sowder Square	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/17	Cliff	Travis	4682 E. Heritage Woods Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/18	Melissa	Jackson	3693 S. Sowder Square	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/18	Melanie	Breeden	3808 Woods Edge Bend	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/20	Flossie	Fox	709 Keystone Ct.	Bloomington	IN	47408
06/22	Nicci	Keaton	7853 S. Zikes Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/24	Arch	Dalton	2432 S. Woolery Mill Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47403
06/27	Jacob	Lee	3421 W. Tyler Lane	Bloomington	IN	47403
06/28	Rvan	Eller	4001 Rosewood Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47404
06/30	Maely	Robinson	4694 Viola Drive	Bloomington	IN	47403
06/30	Carrie	Biddle	5736 E. State Rd. 46	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/3	Terry	Daugherty	4412 Hillview Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
7/4	Jim	Allman	907 E. Vixen Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47408
7/7	Alexander	Trippel	1497 E. Commander Ct.	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/7	Giselle	Gasana	4199 Innisbrooke Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47408
7/8	Peggy	Somes	1105 Regency Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/8	Margaret	Hathaway	2455 Tamarack Trail, Apt. 208	Bloomington	IN	47408
7/8	Jim	Watson	1026 S. Mitchell St.	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/8	Jill	Cass	1214 W. Wintersweet Ct.	Bloomington	IN	47404
7/9	Bob	Boyle	3816 Pepperchase Ct.	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/10	Scott	Sprinkle	811 S. Fess Ave.	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/11	Lynn	Sinn	2559 S. Smith Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
7/12	Alexandra	Cass	1214 W. Wintersweet Ct.	Bloomington	IN	47404
7/16	Trent	Johnson	9150 Gore Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47403

Please, let us know if we have missed someone's birthday.

Thank You to all who planned, set-up, cooked, lead games, cleaned up, and participated in this year's All-Church Picnic! The weather was perfect, and the food was delicious! A good time was had by all who came. Thank you to everyone who made this fun event possible!



MCUM Challenge



**2017 Goal: 2,000 lbs.
Amount Donated: 1019 lbs.
Last Trip: 59 lbs.**

June Items Wanted:

canned tuna, chicken, canned fruit, canned soups, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, dish soap

Thank you for showing how much you care.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, June 11

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Future Story Forum
Bridges & Blessings

Tuesday, June 13

5:30 pm Paint & Play Water Colors

Friday, June 16

5:30 pm Listening to God medication

Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day)

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Sermon Series Forum
11:15 am Bridges & Blessings
Noon Board Meeting

June 19-24

CYF Camp

Tuesday, June 20

5:30 pm Paint & Play Water Colors

Friday, June 23

5:30 pm Listening to God medication

Sunday, June 25

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Sermon Series Forum
11:15 am Bridges & Blessings

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Join us on **July 20th** for a special night of music with The Ripple Effect Choir from South Bend. Their special concert titled “If You Knew Me, You’d Love Me,” is designed to build unity and understanding. FCC is sponsoring this free event that is open to the public. Look for more details to come .

**Scripture Readings
for Sunday Worship**

June 11

1 Corinthians 14:15-17, 26

June 18

2 Timothy 3:14-17

June 25

John 1:1-4; 14-18