

THE SUNDAY EDITION

Welcome! We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God.



Disciple Women's Project August 2017 "Vacation"

It's "pay-back" time. We, the Service Committee, are giving you a whole month off to express our gratitude to all of you dedicated followers of God, for the wonderful response to our DW projects this year.

You have warmed our hearts with your generosity. God bless you all abundantly for the great love you have shown.

But! Look for us in September.

P.S. First Christian Church gave \$624.67 to Hannah's Promise Baby Bottle Project. AMAZING! So far, \$7,000 has been received from the surrounding area.

SUNBEAMS PRESCHOOL



Preschool enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is going on now. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 am – 11:30 pm. Children must be 3 years old before August 31, 2017 to enroll. There will be an open house on August 28th from 5 – 8 pm. Classes begin August 30th. For more information or to enroll please call or come by the church office during regular office hours.

We need at least one new board member for the Sunbeams Preschool. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Laurie or Jean Reeves. Board meets at noon on the first Monday of the month during school.



You're Invited!

Please join us for a 90th birthday celebration honoring Iona Shipp on Saturday, August 26th from 2 – 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, hosted by her family. Your presence is your gift!

Chancel Choir Thoughts

Suppos that somon didn't join th Chancl Choir bcaus thy fit thir voic wouldn't b ndd. That would b lik trying to figure out this mssag bcaus something as simpl as th ltr "e" has bn rplacd with nothing. That's how much w nd you. Plas don't b th missing voic that God nds to har. Join th choir as w rsum rharsals on Wdnesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:45 pm in th choir room. W will bgin singing in worship on Sunday, Sptmbr 10, 2017.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Equal Exchange is a worker-owned co-operative. The organic, specialty Arabica coffees come from co-ops in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Because their farmer partners are paid Fair Trade prices above the market value for their crops, they are able to make investments in community projects, educational programs and technical trainings. These strong co-operative organizations also help keep rural communities healthy and strong, and keep local cultures vibrant. We currently have many different varieties of coffee available in the Narthex for \$10 per bag.

Attendance & Offering Report

July 30, 2017 Attendance 69 Offering - \$1,160.00
2014 Budget: \$196,159.00
(monthly \$16,346.59; weekly \$3,772.29)

August 6, 2017



(Jesus) withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Matthew 14:13

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost **August 6, 2017 9:30 a.m.**

During worship, we offer a nursery for infants and toddlers, and extended session for pre-schoolers (ages 3, 4 & 5).

The nursery rooms are in the northeast hallway of the church.

*All hymns are from the Blue Hymnal
(Unless otherwise noted)*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Words of Welcome Rev. Laurie Lewis
Prelude: "How Great Thou Art" – Stuart K. Hine
organist: Carol Anne Smock

Bringing in the Light

Invocation:

*Praise Hymn:

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (vs.1) #560

Call to Worship Lori Ray

L O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know me completely.

L You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; lead me in the way everlasting.

(Congregation may be seated)

SHARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 54:9-10 OTp.649

Passing of the Peace

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Sharing of Names on our Hearts

Lift the name of someone who needs our prayers.

Prayer Hymn:

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"(vs.1) #575

Community Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21 NTp.15

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI #36

Anthem: "You Crown the Year" -Hillsong
pianist: Carol Anne Smock

Sermon:

"Wanting Me Time"

RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

*Invitation Hymn:

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"(vs.2,3) #560

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory:

"How Can I Keep from Singing" – Rev. R. Lowry

*DOXOLOGY #46

Prayer of Dedication: Dean Cramer

Communion Hymn:

"Eat This Bread" (sing 2 x) #414

Invitation to Share the Bread and Cup

Words of Institution

L: It was on that night in the Upper Room, Jesus took the bread and broke it saying,

P: This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

L: Then He took the cup after Supper saying,

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you gather in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Blessing

Marian Johnson

We believe that every person who confesses faith in Jesus Christ, whether he/she is a member of this congregation or not, is welcome to join us as we break bread at the Lord's Table.

Please take the bread and cup as they are passed, and use this time as an opportunity for prayer and reflection.

If you would like to join this church, either by making a confession of faith prior to baptism or by transferring your membership from another church, please come forward during the hymn and the minister will welcome you.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving:

"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines" #711

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.

GOING FORTH

*Benediction

Postlude: "Lean On Me" - Bill Withers

(*Indicates "please stand if able")

SERVING TODAY (August 6)



DEACONS: Marlene Wegner,
Sandy Womeldorff, Sharon Ryan
Dori Howerter
Sound Board: David Austin
Narthex Kids: Jared Hawks

SERVING NEXT WEEK (August 13)



ELDERS: Lori Ray, Steve Fincher
WORSHIP LEADER: Valerie McElroy
DEACONS: John Mulberry, Jean
Reeves, Peggy Cramer, Sharon Ryan
Sound Board: Jared Hawks
Narthex Kids: Barbara Robbins