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Food Pantry Report

Philippians 4:4-7

More thanks are called for and it's wonderful. Mt. Olivet, Kiwanian Club, Paradise United Methodist are faithful givers, and there are many others.

We must be good stewards of our donations and supplies, to be able to serve our community.

Volunteers are always welcome in any number. Rick is needing to work on Thursdays when possible.

Love Rick

1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

P.S. Plastic grocery bags, please.

Notes of Thanks

Dear First Christian Church of Smithville Family,

Thank you for being a great congregation to grow up in. You are all a kind of church not often found. I believe that we are a family. We accept all new members with welcome and encouraging arms, and create a wonderful atmosphere to connect with God. Also, thank you for the graduation breakfast, as it was quite yummy. The Bible has already been used for me to lead small groups at CYF camps.

Billy Drake

To My Brothers and Sisters at First Christian Church

Your love, thoughts and prayers have been such a blessing for me and my family.

Your Brother in Christ
Larry Driver

Church Family Photo Directory

August 8-11 we will be taking photos for a new church family photo directory. Be on the lookout in the newsletter and bulletin for ways to sign up for a date and time. We don't want to miss anyone.

May Care Connection Report

During the month of May there were 8 cards sent, 23 phone calls made, 1 meal prepared, 1 home visit and 1 care facility visit made, along with 2 prayer squares delivered by the Threads of Faith ministry headed by Cheryl Merideth. Thank you to the 8 people that made connections with our church family this month. That made of total of 36 connections.

VBS Volunteer Sign up and Registration:

VBS is fast approaching and we are gearing up for a fun filled Every Where Fun Fair Day Camp on Sat, August 3 from 9-3 with a family carnival to follow. We will be having volunteer sign ups and earlier bird registration on Sunday, June 23 after church in the fellowship hall.

If you have any questions or want to make sure you get first chance at volunteering, please contact Shelly Frala at [816-517-1505](tel:816-517-1505) or shellyfrala@yahoo.com

Send Mail to Our Campers

Tall Oaks Conference Center
P.O. Box 116, Linwood, KS 66052

Kathy French and Charley Lincoln will be at Grandparents I Camp from June 23-25

Kayla Lincoln will be at Equestrian Camp II from June 30-July 3.

Billy Drake and Devin Stripling will be at CYF 2 from June 30 - July 5.

Search Committee Report

The Search Committee met on May 30th. Rev. Kathryn Graham attended to guide us in the initial process of going through profiles of potential candidates. We were told to make this process a prayerful, deliberate process and to take our time. We will be reviewing approximately 25 profiles and individually separate them into yes, maybe and no. When we meet again, we will compare our results and come up with a short list. At that point, we will begin to arrange initial interviews with that group of candidates. We will meet again on June 27th.

Imagine with me, for a minute, what our church with two professional full-time ordained ministers could be capable of. Now, remember: as with any exercise of the imagination, what we dream up is not necessarily what ends up happening, but it can encourage use to “dream big” so that we might lay good groundwork to make big things happen!

So, just imagine, new possibilities for Sunday mornings:

- Sunday mornings could more fully and richly meet the needs of many in our congregation. By having two ministers in worship, we each get to spend significant time developing our prayers, our liturgies, and our sermons. Worship is what we are all about, giving praise to God, and we can do that in new ways when you’ve got two folks working together to plan it each week.
- Both ministers get to spend time greeting and sharing with the guests and members of our church about their lives. By having two of us, we can talk to more people and make sure that more of their needs are met.
- Two ministers can simultaneously “relieve” each other during worship, meaning that one of us does not carry the bulk of a service alone. We can work to offer new and innovative preaching series, each offering a unique and different voice.
- On Sundays, the possibility exists that one minister might be able to lead worship alone one morning while the other goes upstairs to lead worship for our children in their Children Worship and Wonder center.

Just imagine, new possibilities for Christian education:

- As our worship becomes more full, we look for opportunities to sustain our congregation through vital and relevant Christian Education. This could mean that I and another minister lead a Sunday School hour for young families and their children, respectively. It could mean that we work together to develop new opportunities for intergenerational Sunday School that brings together all of our people to share in their perspectives together.
- What about better using Wednesday nights? We already have choir rehearsal and youth group on Wednesday evenings. What if we began to offer a meal in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings that was followed by Youth Group, Choir practice, Childcare possibilities, and new opportunities for Adult Continued Learning?
- The possibility exists for Ryan to flex his spiritual gift of writing more, and offering the congregation with “take-home” study resources for the weekly

GRIP readings about the Bible.

Just imagine, new possibilities for Pastoral Care:

- What if we were able to offer a visit to each one of our members who is homebound or in a nursing care facility not twice a month (like we are right now), but once a week?
- With two pastors on staff, each minister can take different “days off,” meaning that there is a minister always available on any given day for pastoral counseling, guidance, and spiritual direction.
- When a family finds itself in crisis, they can receive the pastoral care and support of not just one minister, but two. One minister can be a pastoral presence to the family, while the other coordinates the compassionate response of our congregation.

Just imagine the new possibilities for Mission and Outreach:

- Each summer our Youth and our Adults playfully rival each other as they prepare to go on weeklong mission trips to different parts of the country and possibly even the world. We grow and develop lasting relationships with people in other parts of the country and world so that our congregation might grow from our bonds of Christian love with these folks.
- We can expand the outreach work we do with the community because now two ministers can share the responsibility of being present to the many different active parts of Smithville.
- Another minister can hold the work I’ve started to revive the Smithville Community Clergy connections accountable, and we can find a renewed push in working with our faithful sisters and brothers from other churches.

These are just a few possibilities. Can you imagine more? I encourage you to send them along to me via email or a note on my desk about what you dream a new minister can help us to do.

In two weeks, we’ll continue this series about the new possibilities and challenges of our new minister by turning to the impact that this new minister will have on our stewardship.

With excitement and big dreams,

Ryan

...for the victims of continued storms in Oklahoma and now in St. Louis, and especially for the people of Moore, OK and its surrounding areas who are picking up the pieces after a devastating EF-5 tornado two weeks ago.

...for Lindsey Aldredge, granddaughter of Jackie and Harley Morlock, who has a brain tumor that has begun to grow again.

...for Jack Carlock, son-in-law of Don Harris and friend of Ken Lippincott, who is deeply ill and at a crossroads in his treatment. Jack is in need of cancer surgery, but there is substantial difficulty performing this surgery due to scar tissue. Doctors will meet this week to assess the possibilities of treatment.

...for Fred Snyder, father of Susan French, who had a heart valve replacement last week and a pacemaker installed this week. He has returned home and is doing very, very well!

...for Darlene Mattke, mother of Marcia Hayes, who is in long-term care in WaKeeney, KS, continuing to receive treatment for a MRSA infection.

...for Wallace Jones, uncle of Rev. Ryan Motter, who is in the hospital in Wichita, KS, with heart issues.

...for Kacey Ellwein who will begin chemotherapy treatments again this week on June 18.

...for the 291st Military Police Division of the United States Army which will be deployed to Afghanistan starting November 1 of this year. Sarah Anderson is a member of this unit.

...for Cheri Thomas who is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer.

...for Laura Jo Peiffer Byrnes, cousin of Joel Hartman, who has stage-four metastatic breast cancer. She began radiation treatments on Monday of this week. She has ten more days of treatment.

...for the family of Ray Kimsey who passed away the first week of June.

...for the family of Mary Justice who died last Sunday at the age of 96.

...for our congregation as we work together to find and call a minister, that we might be of "one spirit and one mind," encouraging each other and staying informed about the

process.

...for the people who will serve on our Search Committee, that they may be wise, diligent, patient, and that the spirit of this team will be one of encouragement and excitement. Our Search Committee is made up of Bob Arnold (Chair), Jacinda Manka, Mike Gordon, Billy Drake and Rachel Drake, with Rev. Ryan, Barbara McFadden and Susie Clower serving ex-officio.

...for Ryan as he prepares for this process and prepares himself to welcome a colleague and partner in ministry at our congregation.

...for the woman or man whom God is calling, even now, to serve our church.

...for Trevor and Ashley Burgman as they are now expecting! They will also be moving to Ft. Collins in Colorado in January.

...for Terri Burgman who has moved to Saxton Riverside Care Center in St. Joseph and is doing very well.

...for Susie Clower who officially celebrated her last day with the Smithville School District on Monday, June 17!

...for Kathy and Greg Atkins who celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary last week.

...for Lou and Colonel Kindred who celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary last week.



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a look ahead

Children's Worship and Wonder

June 23: Storyteller: Cindy Mayberry
Greeter: Kathy Hamilton
June 30: Storyteller: Jacinda Manka
Greeter: John Manka

Interested in volunteering for Children's
Worship & Wonder? Contact Jacinda Manka
at mankaj@wpsd.net or 816-225-1973.

This Sunday, June 23, 2013

GREETERS, EAST DOOR: Dale and Susan French
GREETERS, WEST DOOR: Susan Clower
LAY READER: Mike Gordon
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Jonica Lincoln
CANDLE LIGHTERS: Alexander Drake and Emma Drake
ELDERS: Bill Drake and Jonica Lincoln
DIACONATE: Rachel Drake, Josh Milne, Natalie Milne,
Cheryl Meredith, Billy Drake, Aleigh Porter
PREPARE COMMUNION: Natalie Milne
CLEAN UP COMMUNION: Cheryl Meredith
PICK UP SANCTUARY: Aleigh Porter
CASH COUNT: Judy Clough

Next Sunday, June 30, 2013

GREETERS, EAST DOOR: Bob and Barbara Arnold
GREETERS, WEST DOOR: Barbara McFadden
LAY READER: Kathy Atkins
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Cara Massie
CANDLE LIGHTERS: Kayla Lincoln and Charley Lincoln
ELDERS: Ken Lippincott and Larry Priddle
DIACONATE: Peggy Miller, Rick George, Bruce
Hathaway, Jacob Manka, Jessica Arnold, Judy Clough
PREPARE COMMUNION: Peggy Miller
CLEAN UP COMMUNION: Donna Priddle
PICK UP SANCTUARY: Jacinda Manka
CASH COUNT: Gary Jones

upcoming birthdays

JUNE 18: Jessica Arnold, Shirley Curtis-Klein; JUNE 19: Margaret Otto, Jim Riddle, Jane Woods;
JUNE 20: Brian Mitchell, Kay Paul; JUNE 22: Michele Arnold, Don French, Shirley Owen; JUNE
25: Joy Bailey; JUNE 26: Sam Miller; JUNE 27: Mindi French; JUNE 28: John Manka, Tiffany
Winkler; JUNE 29: Sophia Danuser; JUNE 30: Susan French, Alice Spengler; JULY 4: Les Neer;
JULY 5: Mary Jane Duff, Daniel Weinert; JULY 6: Emma Becker