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Tuesday, July 10

4:45pm Yoga in the parlor

Wednesday, July 11

9:30am Bible Study
5:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, July 12

9am Staff Mtg.

Sunday, July 15

8:30am Worship
9:30am Coffee time in small hall
10am Sunday School
11am Worship

Tuesday, July 17

4:45pm Yoga in the parlor
6:30pm Trustees Mtg.

Wednesday, July 18

9:30am Bible Study
2pm Rosewood Devotions-MJ
5:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, July 19

9am Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Men's Night Out-Pizza Ranch

SERVING SCHEDULE

July 15, 2018

8:30am Worship

Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Serve Communion: Richard Stanley, Blair Bruyn
Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. & Serve Out if Needed: Erik Galvin, Tracy Jackson, Marnie Herring

Offering: Chris Mowrer

Communion: Pastor MJ

Prayers: Neill Unger

Phone: Larry Thurman

Education Building Greeter: Janet Christiansen

Acolyte: Dinahsty Galvin

11:00 a.m. Worship

Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad St., *Acolyte, Serve Out if Needed:

*Chuck Boydston, Ruthann Smith

Greet at North St., Prayer Cards, Offering, Serve Communion: Bonnie Glass, Carmen De Voss

Elder Serving In: Chris Mowrer

Elder Serving Out: Chris Mowrer, Steve Spicher, Hope Nelson



July Coffee hosts:

Faithweavers Class

**3rd Sunday
of the Month
Congo Coffee**



The Crusader

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(Disciples of Christ)**

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Sunday, July 15

Message by Pastor Greg,

“Can you hear me Now? - A Word for Dreamers”

Acts 10

8:30am Worship

Quest Band plays

9:30am Coffee Time in Small Hall

10am Sunday School

11am – Worship

Special Music by Chris Mowrer , *“Wayfaring Stranger”*

**JULY 1st BEGAN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR
FOR THE CHURCH. PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE
YOUR NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES!**

**Offering
Envelopes**



Our Mission Statement: *Growing Spirit-filled, committed disciples of Christ.*



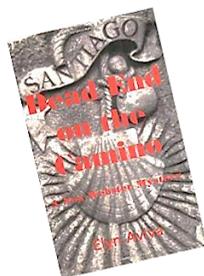
IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Jeff Wright** – Israel Missionary.
 ... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.
 ... New City Church in Mbandaka, Congo and those effected with the Eboli outbreak.
 ... **Rena Miller**, at a nursing home in Canton.
 ... **Kathy VanVelsor** will have knee surgery July 27th.

... **Margaret Coombs**, receiving rehab at Marigold, Room 128 Pathway.
 ... Prayers for **Scott VanVelsor's** continued treatments.
 ... **Rosemary Humphrey**, healing from recent surgery.
 ... **Cheryl John**, receiving chemotherapy.
 ... **Harriett Anderson**, now at Bounceback.
 ... **Missy McLaren**, surgery for brain tumor on July 9th.
 ... Thank you, God, for the rescue of the boys and their coach in Thailand.
 ... Prayers for **Jim Lambert** who is very ill.
 ... Praise God for **Aleta Anderson's** 5-year anniversary of being cancer free.
 ... A friend, **John**, starting treatment for M.S.
 ... **Missy McLaren**, who had surgery at St. Francis on July 9

50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Congratulations to **Pastor Ray McLaren** who will celebrate his 50-year anniversary of Ordination on **August 25th**.



DEAD END ON THE CAMINO by Elyn Aviva **BOOK CLUB SELECTION FOR AUG. 18, 10 A.M.**

The myths of the walk to El Camino Santiago is combined with this Noah Webster cozy mystery. This pilgrimage road provides the setting for this mystery as travelers head to the burial place of St. James.

As an added feature of this book club choice is a guest, Sheri Olsen, who hiked this walk with her husband several years ago. Even if you don't want to read the book, you will enjoy hearing of her journey as well as seeing her photographs.

*This book is NOT at the library, unfortunately. A Kindle edition can be purchased for \$2.99 at Amazon, however.



BE THE CHURCH SUNDAY

August 19 is "Be the Church Sunday". Outreach ministry is excited to offer an opportunity for the whole church to become involved as one body of Christ for one day to serve our community in a variety of ways. In addition to a wide variety of ministry opportunities within our church, God offers many examples of service beyond the local congregation. Of great importance is missionary activity that

takes the gospel message to those who have yet to hear ([Acts 13:1-5](#); [Matthew 28:18-20](#); [Acts 1:8](#)). Many forms of humanitarian service can offer tremendous help to others while opening opportunities to share faith. These can include the areas mentioned in [Matthew 25](#) in which Jesus calls people to serve the "least of these". Another example can be seen in the account of the Good Samaritan. The man who stopped to help was considered the one who was a neighbor to the man in need. Jesus said, "You go, and do likewise" ([Luke 10:37](#)). The application is that believers are to find those in need and make an effort to serve based on those needs. Many roles exist for Christians to serve beyond the church's internal ministries. Scripture offers numerous examples, yet God often places needs right in front of us where we can use our gifts, abilities, and resources to help those in need.

As we work with the Thrive book to be creative, out of the box thinkers, we will be participating in a variety of service ministries on **August 19**. There will be an opportunity for all ages and ability levels to serve. Related ministries for the day include 6 opportunities to participate in an area that you feel most comfortable. Our activities will include worshiping together at a **9AM** combined service, outreach opportunities from **10AM-12 PM** and a catered luncheon from **12PM-1PM**.

In the upcoming weeks you will see descriptions and sign up opportunities to "Be the Church" and show our community some First Christian church love! We look forward to serving with you on **Sunday, August 19th**.



"Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls for my recovery after hip surgery. Church family members are really great and appreciated." – **Kathy VanVelsor**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Steph Line** on her new beautiful granddaughter. **Grace Anne Kilgore** was born on 7/6/2018 to **Erin and Jeremy Kilgore** and brothers **Elias** and **Ben**. Blessings on the family!





CHRISTMAS IN JULY SPECIAL OFFERINGS – JULY 22 & 29

We invite you to give during the month of July as no Christmas Offering will be taken in December. This offering supports Regional Ministries <http://disciples.org/regional-ministries/>

In 32 regions across the U.S. and Canada, ministers are nurtured, and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister. Please give as you are able.

JULY is SAFE HARBOR MONTH at F.C.C.

The mission of Safe Harbor is to support and respond to the needs of victims (men and women) of domestic violence and their dependents in the effort to avoid further abuse. During the month of July, we are collecting the following items:

Shampoo (small travel sizes are acceptable):

- Conditioner
- Ladies razors
- Toilet paper
- Size 4, 5, & 6 diapers
- Baby wipes

Extra items needed:

- School supplies
- Paper towels
- Old cell phones and charges for 911 phones
- Gift cards for gas, food and Walmart

A bin is provided outside the office door, as well as in the hallway near the Pastor's offices, where you may place your articles all through the month of July. They will be taken to Safe Harbor for its use in caring for the well-being of the victims and their children who have been abused. If you have any questions, please call Earlene Crouse at 343-6445.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, July 8th, Earl Shelton joined the church and his wife, Therese, rededicated her life to Christ.

“Earl and I have been married for fifteen years. We each have three children from previous marriages, and now eight grandchildren. Five of our children live near Tucson, AZ. One is in Oregon and one in Louisiana.

Earl served with honors in the Army during Vietnam, and then returned to AZ and worked for Raytheon Missiles Systems. He retired in 2005. Therese worked (and still works for Dr. Hayden, Chiropractor) in the medical field and then for the State of AZ Corrections facility in Tucson, AZ. She then worked and retired from the Adult Detention Center, Pima County Sheriff's Department in 2005.

We are now both committed to The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). What a beautiful day this has been! We now have our Church Family to help guide us for the rest of our days.” May God Bless You All, Earl and Therese

Earl and Therese reside at 77 Columbus Blvd, Galesburg and their phone number is 343-0213. We welcome them to the F.C.C. family!



PHIL & PAM MORGAN IN CONCERT

“The Amen Tour”

AUGUST 18th at 7 P.M.

Here at First Christian Church

Incredible music, amazing testimony, a celebration of God's miracle working power! Their music and miraculous story have been featured on Oprah, Montel, the 700 Club, CBN, TBN, ABC and CBS. Now, experience it in person!

Free-will Offering

The Morgan's latest books and CD's will be available for purchase at the event.

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