The Church Bell

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Summer Begins!



By the time this hits your mailboxes and inboxes, I'll be in Houston for a few days to visit with Caleb, Madeleine and Grace. The hardest part of moving to Missouri to begin ministry here with you has been leaving behind the children that I love so much. I do miss them. Yet, change is inevitable and while difficult sometimes, change is never all that one fears the most, nor all what one hopes the most. It just about always falls somewhere in between. For my part, it's been great to see our children grow through a new level of independence and acquire the sense that they're doing very well without me!

After a few days with them, on Sunday, June 9, I report to Camp Gonzo, in Gonzales Texas. I'll be preparing eight keynotes in four days for a group of 50-75 high school students attending church camp. This particular week, the high school student leadership team who plans the week, chose the theme of "Faith With Open Arms." What would YOU do with that theme? Many of those students have attended camp since elementary school, which means the time at church camp grows into a special period of intentional and intense spiritual growth. Which is something I love to see and be a part of. Thanks be to God!

Camp concludes on Saturday, June 15, after which I'll spend a week in silent retreat mode. I'll take time to reflect on two years of ministry with you. There's always lots to reflect on. The time will also give me the opportunity to plan sermons for the remainder of the year. If you have a thought about that, please send me an email and share anything you'd like to suggest in terms of topics, themes, or texts of scripture. Our Fall collective experience will include a con-

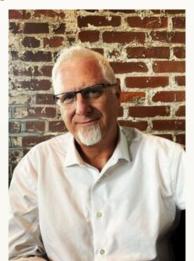
tentious (aren't they all) national election that portends uncertainty and perhaps a chaos unlike what we've ever seen before. When we come together for worship, what do you think is important for us to focus ourselves on that helps us navigate and draw together in unity amidst our diversity? I do hope you'll share your thoughts.

There's always lots to do preparing to be away for two and a half weeks. So, I better get to it. I covet your prayers during this time and ask that you pray for me. See you again on Sunday, June 23.

Peace,

Michael

Rev. Dr. Michael Dunn



MUSIC and WORSHIP NOTES

*LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHES-

TRA under the direction of Andrew Drennan will be with us once again on



Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to favorite patriotic pieces, the ensemble will share selections that include great movie marches, music from Lawrence of Arabia, The Lord of the Rings, and The Wizard of Oz. Once again, a few volunteers to help with programs, seating, and gathering the free will offering would be appreciated!

*SAM B. COOK MEMORIAL ORGAN CONCERT is slated for Sunday, Nov. 10, at 4:00 p.m. While that's a ways off, I'm very excited to share that this year's concert organist is Joshua Stafford, a 36-year-old organist who garnered many accolades from a young age from many of the country's best concert artists. His programs are varied, but most often include an organ transcription of a major orchestral work as well as an accompaniment to a silent film. This concert will be a real treat! (For those who might never attend an organ concert, check out his 2020 performance of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody on the world's largest pipe organ which boasts over 33,000 pipes!)

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO SIGN UP to provide special music for any given Sunday this summer! Both instrumental and vocal music is a possibility -- all ages are welcome!

While we are doing only one service, plan for a variety of music during that service! We will be using traditional, contemporary and mixing things up a bit. We are even planning a Hymn Sing Sunday on July 21st! Be sure to mark your calendars for that!



Adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet at 9:00 on Sunday mornings . FCC Kids and Youth Sunday School will not be meeting for the summer. Join us after worship for a fellowship time with coffee and treats. Nursery services will still be provided for worship and fellowship times.

Congratulations to our Graduates!



CONGRATULATIONS GABRIEL JACKSON

GABRIEL GRADUATED FROM CAPITAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL AND WILL BE PURSING AN APPRENTICESHIP IN WELDING.



CONGRATULATIONS

MARINA JANECZKO

MARINA WILL BE ATTENDING MSU IN THE FALL AND PLANS ON SEEKING A DEGREE IN GEOLOGY, WHERE SHE HOPES FOR A CAREER IN FIELD GEOLOGY/HYDROLOGY





CONGRATULATIONS

TAYLOR MANN

TAYLOR GRADUATED WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION** FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY. WILL BE TEACHING 3RD GRADE AT EAST ELEMENTARY.

Worship With Us

Please join us in worship. Beginning on June 16, we will have a 10:00 a.m. service that is also Livestreamed on FaceBook at facebook.com/fccjcmo for those who cannot worship with us in person.

The Missions Team received its report on the matching fundraising effort for Housing the Community Jefferson City (HCJC) at its meeting on May 19. To date 48 individuals/families have donated approximately \$18,300 to this cause. It will be matched from the Community Ministry fund when HCJC has identified a building to rehabilitate or a lot to buy. Until that time, the money will remain in a restricted account at our church. Missions decided to continue to match gifts from the congregation until such time as \$40,000 has been donated from the congregation or until we begin another matching campaign this fall for another of our nonprofit agencies.

We will keep the congregation apprised of progress in this area - both with respect to amount of money raised and the status of a permanent day shelter to be owned and operated by HCJC.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this important effort.

Blessings, John Blosser, Missions Chair





As many of you know, when Mom passed away in 2020, we used the memorial funds to start the Robert and Faye Enslen Adoption Fund through the Christian Church Foundation. It was created to help families going through the adoption process with the financial aspect of that journey. The fund makes an annual income distribution to our church to be gifted to a deserving family. Please contact me if you have a family you would like us to consider for the 2024 gift.

Thank you,

Bobbi Enslen

Message from our Associate Minister

Dear Beloved of God at FCC JCMO.

The summer season is one that often brings an increase in the amount that we travel. Even if we don't go far, we may find ourselves out and about more often when the weather is warm than we do during the frigid months of winter. Soon several of our church family will be embarking on various journeys to camps in different parts of the state, as well as on a mission trip to the Kansas City area. So, I thought that for this Bell article I would simply offer a prayer for safe travels and blessings on all the journeys that we will be taking this summer...whether they lead us overseas, across state lines, or just around the neighborhood!

Lord of All, as we turn our hearts to you in prayer we ask for your blessing and protection upon all those who will be traveling more than usual over the next few months. Grant alert minds and reflexes to those who will be operating vehicles. Grant patience and generous spirits to those who find themselves stuck in delays. May our journeys be smooth, with no accidents or injuries. Most of all, be with us as we go. Remind us that your presence is not tied to any one place or time; that you are the God of *all* places and *all times*. Allow us to carry your light with us, that wherever our travels take us, those we meet along the way may experience your love through us. Through Christ our Savior we ask these things. Amen.

May this summer offer you some space for reflection and time to enjoy your journey!

Grace & peace, Rev. Heather



MISSION TRIP 2024

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$350-COVERS 1 PERSON'S REGISTRATION \$25-COVERS 1 PERSON'S DINNER 1 NIGHT \$450-COVERS DINNER FOR THE WHOLE GROUP 1 NIGHT \$105 COVERS MILEAGE ONE WAY

DONATIONS ACCEPTED IN OFFERING PLATE OR LEFT IN OFFICE. DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE GIVEN ONLINE. JUST DESIGNATE IT FOR THE MISSION TRIP.

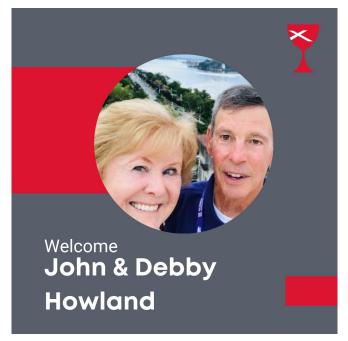




Priscilla was born in the country's most northeastern city, Eastport, Maine. She often served as a deckhand on her Dad's deep sea fishing and whale watching trips while growing up. She moved to Jefferson City in 1976 with her husband, John. He began a career of 37 years working as an aquatic biologist at DNR and Priscilla began her teaching career with the JCPS. She served as both a science teacher and was cofounder of the district's gifted program. She retired after 31 years but continued mentoring and tutoring as a volunteer. She feels blessed to have had a career that she loved and derives great joy from connecting with former students.

Priscilla and John love traveling, reading, hiking, bird watching and playing games. Spending time with family and friends of all ages is among the many blessings in Priscilla's life.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!



John and Debby Howland are native Kansans who moved to Jefferson City in 1973 to

start their post-college careers. They were married in 1971 and recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary in January.

They have two adult children (daughter Jill, and son Jeff) who live with their families in Kansas City. Jill and Jeff graduated from Jefferson City High School, but left Missouri to attend college. Three grand-daughters in KC are a highlight of their retired life, along with their border collie, Kya!

John enjoys running, bicycling, and kayaking when the weather cooperates, but in the winter months he occupies himself with reading, Sudoku, and jigsaw puzzles. He likes to sing and play the banjo and is the leader of the bluegrass/gospel group "Missing Pieces"

Debby enjoys reading, morning walks with Kya, kayaking, and collecting information to include on family trees via Ancestry.com.

Together the two enjoy camping in their travel trailer with Kya. They also like to float in their two-person kayak and Kya enjoys going along for the ride and swimming in the rivers.

They love to attend their granddaughters' various singing and acting performances, as well as their sporting events. Since both John and Debby have retired, traveling the world has been exciting and they are always looking forward to their next trip. Having gone to school at Kansas State University, they are big followers of K-State sports and enjoy attending bowl games with other alums – especially when the Wildcats win!

Debby and John look forward to continuing their faith journey with friends at FCC.

WE NEED YOU TO BECOME A

CONNECTOR

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS A CONTACT PERSON FOR OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS? BEING A CONNECTOR REQUIRES MONTHLY CONTACT WITH ABOUT 10 PEOPLE.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THIS
WORTHWHILE MINISTRY. CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE TO GET SET UP WITH THIS
PROGRAM.



June Anniversaries

John & Cindy Blosser 3

Beth & Steve Nolte 3

Claude & Roxie Hawkins 5

Chad & Sara Massman 6

Drew & Katherine Gonder 7

Carson & Erin Lepper 7

Corey & Shelley Dawson 9

Brenda & Stephen Foutes 10

Barry & Janice Gentile 10

Bill & Nancy Mormann 10

Miranda & Tyler Fishback 11

Carolyn & Larry Link 13

John & Linda Sigler 13

Ed & Jeanne Legge 14

Bob & Sally Robuck 14

Carol & Ron Jordan 15

Barb & Bill Marshall 18

Doris & Wade Park 18

Jamie & Travis Jackson 19

Rick & Stephanie Ramirez 20

Carol & Rick Andris 21

Geoff & Sondra Gonder 23

Amy & Dustin Kuebler 23

Larry & Peggy Veatch 26

Herb & Rebecca Kuhn 28

Matthew & Shelly Woodson 29

Don & Terri Lloyd 30



Green Team

One of the items of some interest in our Green survey was that the FCC Green Team work with other church's green teams. The good news is that this effort has been quietly taking form for some time - here's an update.

Since the fall of 2022, members of the FCC Green Team have been meeting with several other Jefferson City churches, coordinating efforts on environmental stewardship. It began as a very informal group that occasionally met to share concerns and ideas for action. Since then a steering committee has been formed, a name chosen - Interfaith Climate Action -, a Facebook created and ICA has coordinated participation in a few events such as the Earth Day event at Memorial Park.

Blair Johnson is the FCC Green Team delegate to the steering committee. If you have thoughts about coordinated action of the Jefferson City faith community, please see Blair or Georgia Griffith.

Please Pray for OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Beverly Anderson, close friend of Sharon Gonder

Sharon Gonder

Brooks Jarrett, brother of Annie Jarrett

Calise Lauf, friend of Sharon Gonder

Cindy Leveron

Kelly Leveron & Autumn

Greg Maire, fighting cancer

Dan Meade, brother of Mary Ann Weaver

Donald L. Miller, brother of Jon Miller, fighting cancer

PK Karrenbrock, granddaughter of a long time co-worker of

Bobbi Enslen's at Central Bank.

Wilma Collins

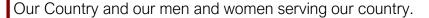
Kathy Brown

Wendell Hubbs

Kenny Holtgrewe-Marsha Posz's father

Joyce Meade-chemo

John Blosser



Please call the office at 573-636-5157 or email at fccjcmooffice@gmail.com if you would like continued prayers for an individual or if an individual can now be removed from the list. Thank you!

Did you also get The Bell in the mail? In an effort to keep our paper printing and mailing costs low, we encourage you to subscribe online. To receive only via email, send a message to fccjcmooffice@gmail.com! Your help is greatly appreciated!



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The Food Pantry needs your help!

The pantry is very low on some items and are expecting a greater need now that school is out for the summer. We serve about 75 families per week. We are especially low on macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles and 16-18 ounce peanut butter. If you can grab a few items, you can drop them in the grocery cart by the Church Office. You can also make a monetary donation and the pantry can purchase what they need. Any amount would be welcome!

We Need You!

For the last 7 years, a team of FCC Volunteers has helped to staff the front desk at Common Ground Community Building on Mondays. We need a few more people to join the team so we can cover all Mondays of the month. Scheduling is extremely flexible and volunteers also only work one Monday a month. Please consider this volunteer opportunity

If interested, call Robin Grumm at 573.291.2923



June Birthdays

Corbin Gibson	1./	Samantha Sheppar <mark>d 10</mark>	Sandy Bennett 20
Katie Imler	1	Nike Thompson 10	Milinda Dawson 21
Leon Veltrop	1	Carl Brandenburg 11	Ryan Vegiard 22
Karan West	1	Brian Kirk 11	Alexis Goodwin 24
Frances Benton	2	Catherine Vaughan 11	Callie Thompson 24
Donna Brown	2	Dorothy Clark 12	Linda Claycomb 25
Georgia Griffith	3	Alan Nelson 12	Lillian Mitchell 25
Gabee Fallert	5	Sela Reeves 12	Lee Quinn 25
Kevin Strobel	5	Alexis Gandyloyd 14	LeRoy Benton 26
Alexis Bennett	6	Diane Jones 14	Lou Lehmer 26
Geoff Gonder	6	Heidi Love 16	Christopher Lloyd 26
Robert Love	6	Cyndy Millard 16	Robin Grumm 27
Nicholas Ruff	7	Michael Dunn 17	Carol Jordan 27
Sue Snell	8	Grayson Gibson 17	Herb Kuhn 27
Steve Amick	9	Bill Marshall 17	Adeline Crisp 28
Amy Kuebler	9	Clint Barrett 18	Doug Hagenhoff 28
Jim Crago	10	David Saylor 18	Arden Claycomb 30
Linda Martin	10	Christopher Ve <mark>rslue</mark> s 18	
Harrison Sheppa	rd 10	Miles Beachboard 20	



FCC will be working this summer with the United Way Food for Kids program. This will be while the JC Schools are not in session. We have been assigned the week of July 29-August 2. We are needed from 10:15-11:30 each day. If you are able to volunteer, or would like more information, please contact Ann Littlefield or the Church Office.

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES: Please contact Rev. Michael Dunn at 713-447-5954.

For non-emergency church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Thursday, 8AM to 5PM, we have an answering machine. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message.

NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, OR SUN-DAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.

The next *Church Bell* will be sent June 19, 2024.
(Articles are due by noon the Friday before)





Zoom Meeting Room meeting ID is **2202286773.** If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (716) 427-1083 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp: tinamolenkamp @cgcb.org/573-522-4314), if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on their website at www.cgcb.org.



Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples,

a community of believers who follow Jesus by Worshiping God,

Growing in Faith, Serving our Community.

Bound to each other in Christ's love,

we discover our life together through *sharing* life with the world.

You may give online at firstchristianjcmo.org/donate

THANK YOU

First Christian Church supports and welcomes the wearing of masks at your own comfort level.

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