

The Marshall Christian



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July 2018

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

July 1st & 8th

Elders:

Jean Dowell
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Gary Dowell
John McGraw
Ginger McGraw
Shirley Schultz
Makenzie Thomason

July 15th & 22nd

Elders:

Dan Brant
Paul Crews

Deacons:

Ed Baker
Mona Baker
Jacque Dryer
Kevin Dryer
Alisa Smith

July 29th & August 5th

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Roberta Reed

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck
Brenda Coffman
Georganne DeMoss
Nancy Jackson
Amber VanDyke

Outside Communion:

July 8th

TBA

July 22nd

TBA

July Worship Leaders:

July 1- Carol Schupp

July 8- TBA

July 15- TBA

July 22- Julie Hoffelmeyer

July 29-TBA

Children's Sermon

July 1- Kay Wise

July 8- Julie Hoffelmeyer

July 15- Hope Richards

July 22- Kay Wise

July 29- Donna Smith

“Questions from Church Camp” Wonder about what else they may still discover about God; and learn that discovery about God is a journey with no end.

By the time you receive this newsletter I will be at Covenant Point Camp and Retreat Center near Holts-Summit directing our region's Elementary Camp for campers who have just finished 2nd and 3rd grades. This will be my 80th church camp to be part of as an adult leader, but for many of the campers, it will be their first. All camps within the Mid-American Region this year will be using a curriculum developed by Rev. Lee Yates and other Disciple youth leaders across the nation. I first met Lee 12 years ago when he was the Youth Minister at Maryville, Missouri and he and I both served as adult sponsors on the Disciples' General Youth Counsel.

I've been planning our camp based on the theme, so I've spent a lot of time with it. I know that other regions are using this same curriculum. It's a great theme for the days at church camp for any age group. It is presented in question form with Scripture and theological studies for each day. As I share the daily themes with you, I ask that you ask these questions of yourselves and determine how you might answer them.

Day 1: What if we belong to God? Psalm 139. God created us to that God can love us and know us intimately. Campers will: learn that God already knows and loves them; be assured that God knows their hopes and fears; get to know each other as children of God; and experience welcome and hospitality.

Day 2: What if God is bigger than what we imagine? Luke 1:35-55. God chooses each of us to make God's love bigger and we celebrate the ways God's love can be made bigger. Campers will: explore the vastness of God's creation; discover amazing visions of God's people that have already come to pass;

Day 3: What if hope is real? Mark 2:1-5. Jesus affirms that trusting in and acting on hopeful instincts is a powerful way to embody faith. Campers will: learn that hope is needed in our lives; learn that hope can always be found and is a sign of God's presence; learn where our hopes align with God's hope and seek to align them further.

Day 4: What if there is more than enough? John 6:1-14. Jesus shows us that we already have more than enough. Campers will: learn that God provides us tools to be who we need to be; experience that the more we trust God in our lives, the more we find peace and abundance; find that combining their gifts with God and others is needed to accomplish our hopes; and learn that God will find a place where we can contribute.

Day 5: What if we speak up? Mark 7:24-30. If even Jesus can have his mind opened by fearlessness in the face of injustice, just imagine how big God's grace must be. Campers will: find the courage to use their gifts as God's voice in the world; reflect on where the world needs them most; and connect with God's vision for the world.

Day 6: What if we change the world? Matthew 5:13-16. Jesus encourages us to embrace the ways that God wants to use us to make the world a better place. Campers will: learn that responding to God's call can make a difference; imagine the world as God intends; believe in God's power to work through them, learn that God's Spirit is alive in us; and find the community's support in changing the world.

In God's Grip, Loy

July Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays

- 7– Jacque Dryer
- 8– Lucas Milliron
- 9– Cooper Halsey
- 11– Issam Amary
Wayne McReynolds
- 12– Abby Shroder
- 14– Richard Mencl
- 15– Dan Brandt
Helen Merchant
- 16– Harold Hemeyer
Susan Wright
- 17– Wayne Buck
Lindsay Sullivan
- 18– Sam Krog
- 19– Kelsea Payne
- 20– Ginger Reis
- 22– Norman Gibbins
- 28– Lynn Phillips
- 30– Bryanne Payne

Anniversaries

- 4– Kevin & Jacque Dryer
- 11– Leroy & Kay Wise
- 12– Jerry & Judy Frerking
- 14– Wayne & Carolyn Buck
- 18– Bert & Melissa Shannon
Wayne & Vickie Wise
- 19 Aaron & Sarah Wright
- 23– Vince & Jill Buck
- 26– John & Trish Fletcher
Spencer & Carla Fricke
- 27– Buddy & Karla Hannaford
- 30– Vic & Lin Hessel



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Dillon-Sullivan Wedding

Congratulations to Tanner Dillon and Lindsey Sullivan (daughter of Vince & Jill Buck; granddaughter of Wayne & Carolyn Buck; and niece, cousin, and more to many other members of our congregation) on their wedding which was held June 30 in the Arrow Rock Park.

Blessings on your marriage!



Vacation Bible School Time!

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held at First Christian Church from Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 3. Each day will begin with supper being served at 5:00. Please invite children from kindergarten through fifth grade to attend. A meeting will be held July 11 at 6:00 in the parlor to make final plans.



Lillie Bates Circle... met in June at the Church Parlor. A short business meeting was held, then Roberta lead the program with thoughts from a book by Aswald Chambers called, "Yes, I can...But", with scripture from Luke 9:61. Grace Miles was the host. Next meeting will be July 17th with Roberta as host

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped with the Youth Sunday Service, the pulled pork luncheon and cake auction. Whether you actively participated and assisted, bought a cake, attended the luncheon and Youth Sunday service, prayed for the youth, or supported the youth program in other ways, you are appreciated.

To all the youth who attended and participated during the service and fundraiser: FANTASTIC!!! You always put so much work into planning and creating a powerful and spiritual worship service. Thank you for inviting me into your lives, to lead and learn with you; you all truly are an inspiration.

A special thank you to the members and family of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Your continued support of the combined youth program is immeasurable. None of this could be possible without your unconditional love and acceptance of myself and of the youth.
Grateful, Kris Milliron

Single Ladies Group...

will be having lunch at Pizza Hut on July 5th at 11:30. We would love to have as many as possible come join the group.

In June the ladies drove over to the "Rolling Pin" in Glasgow for lunch. Everyone enjoyed a slice of pie, some even brought dessert home with them. Hope to see you there.

Roberta Reed reporting

Youth News

“...and a little child shall lead them.” Isaiah 11:6

On May 20th at 3:30am, 11 youth along with Rachel and I crammed our luggage and selves into a van for a week of mission and service. Although this was my fifth mission trip, this was my first where most of our youth were young, middle school aged children. Admittedly, I was apprehensive, expecting immaturity, silliness, long sleepless nights, homesickness, and lots of hormones. I mean c'mon, 12-14 year olds in the throes of pubescence is not my idea of a good time!

After 13+ hours on the road, we landed in Alamosa, a small town in the middle of the San Luis Valley in Colorado. We had a brief introduction to our week ahead by our volunteer coordinator, then settled in for a restless night full of anticipation and apprehension.

The next five days would be a reality check. For 10 of the 11 youth, this was their first mission trip, first time away from family, and first time experiencing poverty, home-

lessness, mental illness, desperation and victims of abuse; a daunting encounter for even the seasoned workers among us.

Yet once again, my predictions failed me. Any fear or trepidation in our team was concealed behind an outpouring of compassion, love, mercy and hard work. These young servants:

- Shared meals with, met and developed relationships and friendships with dozens of guests at the soup kitchen
- Hid their horror and sympathy behind joy and lightheartedness to spend afternoons with young children who have suffered physical, mental and/or sexual abuse, neglect and trauma.
- Dug out a driveway and foundation for one of hundreds of citizens living in the flats with no water, electricity or shelter.
- Weeded and planted in a community garden
- Cleared a fire prone area of dead trees, then split it into firewood.
- Prepped, cooked, served and ate meals at the soup kitchen.

- Spent time in devotion, prayer, poverty simulation, education, and learning.

Although we adults were prepared to encourage and teach proper work ethic, keep the youth busy and focused, resolve conflicts, wipe tears and ensure they didn't kill themselves or each other, we quickly adjusted our preconceived notions and learned, worked and served alongside our team. Instead of leading this remarkable group, we were led by them. We were led to love others, simply because they are human. We were led to feel compassion and empathy, without the desire to 'fix'. And we were led to embrace each other's beautiful, unique differences and recognize each other as cherished and beloved children of God. We weren't led because we led them first....no. We were led because at the very heart of Jesus we learned that “...a little child shall lead them.”

Grateful,

Kris Milliron

Upcoming Sermons

July 1 (Independence Day Celebration) **Loy at church camp**
 July 8 “The Sunrise After the Darkness”
 July 15 “The Steadfast Love and Peace of God”
 July 22 “Feeding the Hungry”
 July 29 “A Prayer for Our Church”

Jess Spurgin to preach
 Psalm 30
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Mark 6:30-44, 53-56
 Ephesians 3:14-21

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