

The Marshall Christian

LIX

No. IV

April 2017

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

April 2nd

Elders:

Mark Harvey
Tim Clemens

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
Linda Crews
Josh Hoffelmeyer
Annette Miles
Makenzie Thomason

April 9th & 16th

Elders:

Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt
Vince Buck
Gwen Clemens
Zach Crews
Amanda McCord

April 23rd & 30th

Elders:

Greg Schultz
Wayne McReynolds

Deacons:

Butch Ash
Tyler Clemens
Missie Kriesel
Shirley Schultz

Outside Communion:

April 9th

Kay Wise
Donna Smith

April 23rd

Paul Crews
Buddy Hannaford

Worship Leaders

April 2- Paul Crews
April 9- Virginia Bryant
April 16- Ken Bryant
April 23- Dan Brandt
April 30- Wayne Buck

“Repair and Restore”

Last week I was watching outside my window as the roofers put on the new shingles. The pitch on the roof is very steep and as I watched them scurrying about up there on narrow support boards, near the edge with a 70 foot drop to the ground below, I was thankful that they were willing to do that work so that none of us would have to. The hail storm last May did more than \$100,000 of damage to the roof, but luckily the insurance covered all but our \$1,000 deductible.

Prior to the hail storm we had already been having problems with leaks damaging the ceiling tiles in the sunroom and at times pouring into the sanctuary. As the roofers took off the old shingles, they discovered a few areas that were causing the leaks.

Over the decades since the roof had been put on, the elements had slowly caused these problem areas. The repairs should not only repair the damage caused by the hail storm, but also take care of the leaks we have been dealing with for quite a while.

It caused me to think about how the normal wear and tear of our daily lives often eats at us and causes cracks in our faith, leading to leaks allowing the negatives of the world and doubt to seep into our souls. Luckily we have insurance, or rather assurance, in Jesus Christ. When we call upon Christ, he is willing to work with us to do the difficult task of repairing those problem areas and covering our spirits with his protection once again. In addition to that, he has

paid our deductible. He paid all that needs to be paid once and for all, on the cross.

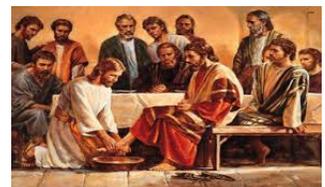
The remaining days of the season of Lent is a wonderful time for us to call on Christ to help us repair all that may be causing problems in our relationships with God and restore our faith in God. Then we can enter into the joyous season of Easter with our spirits patched and renewed and ready to more faithfully be God's people in the world today. In Jeremiah 24:7 God speaks to us saying, “I will give them a heart to know me, for I am the Lord; and they will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with their whole heart.”

In God's Grip, Loy



Maundy Thursday Service on April 13

Join us for a meaningful Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be led by the extended chancel choir and will lead us through the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples and to the story of his arrest. The service will help prepare us for the weekend of Christ's passion with the sharing of communion. If you saw this reenactment last year, bring someone to share it with you this year.



April Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 1- Alisa Smith | 17- Brody Kueker |
| 3- Buddy Hannaford | 18- Tiffany Thornton |
| 6- Calista Schupp | 20- Kaitlyn Seigeid |
| 7- Brennan Sullivan | 24- George Fletcher |
| Marty Yoder | 24- Phillip Perkins |
| 8- Angela Igo | 27- Joel Schultz |
| 9- Justin Joliff | 28- Annette Miles |
| 10- Andrew Pointer | Shirley Meuschke |
| 12- Jaxon Clemens | 29- Megan Halsey |
| Kris Milliron | 30- Gary Malan |
| 14- Amanda Thomason | |
| Cheyenne Lawson | |
| 15- Joan Marsh | |
| 16- Virginia Heymeyer | |
| Loyd Pannell | |
| 17 - Spencer Fricke | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5- David & Janice Kueker
 8- Tim & Gwen Clemens
 18- Chris & Debbie Arnett
 22- Jeff & Kim Dryer
 26- Tyler & Shannon Clemens

Looking Back at Our History

Homecoming Sunday on September 24 will celebrate the 175th anniversary of our congregation. Here is a look back at what was happening in the nation near the time our church was founded:

1840: The census of the United States was 17, 063,353, up 33% from the previous decade. While four eastern states then exceeded one million in population, the center of the nation's population continues to move slowly west. William Henry Harrison, a member of the Whig party, defeats incumbent Martin Van Buren to become President.

1841: President William Henry Harrison dies of pneumonia on April 4, only one month after being sworn in as president. He is succeeded by Vice President John Tyler. On May 1 the first wagon train with 69 adults and several children leaves for California from Independence, Missouri. The journey would take until November 4.

1842: Four years before the start of the Mexican War, Mexican troops invade Texas and briefly occupy San Antonio. The second organized wagon train on the Oregon Trail leaves from Elm Grove, Missouri with more than 100 pioneers. The border between the United States and Canada is set east of the Rocky Mountains by the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty. The University of Notre Dame is founded by Father Edward Sorin.

1843: The first major wagon train headed for the northwest by way of the Oregon Trail begins with 1,000 people from Elm Grove, Missouri. Edgar Allen Poe published his story "The Gold Bug" in the Dollar Newspaper and wins a grand prize of \$100. The Kingdom of Hawaii is officially recognized by European nations as an independent nation.

1844: Samuel Morse sends the first message over the first telegraph line, with the words, "What God hath wrought." Charles Good-year receives a patent for vulcanization, the process for strengthening rubber. The first treaty is signed between the United States and China. Democrat James Polk defeats Henry Clay for president.

(S.O.S.) Sunday

We're a few weeks away from April 30, the day we will take part in a special Sunday service. It will begin with a combined, short worship service in the sanctuary at 8:30 for everyone, then we will go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we'll meet back at the church for a fellowship meal. Volunteers are asked to contact the church office or to sign up on the chart in the parlor. We also are seeking help to identify those whom we can help or offer assistance.

Easter Sunrise Service and Fellowship Breakfast

A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 16 in the Sun Room. The worship will begin at 6:45. Come join us as we welcome the sun and the resurrected Son on Easter.

We would like to thank our Church family for all of the kind words, thoughts and prayers extended to us at the time of Corky's death, and to Rev. Log for the comforting words at the funeral service. We are also grateful to those who helped and brought food for the lunch served after the service. All of the prayers, cards and kind words will always be remembered. We are blessed to have such a wonderful Church family.

~ The Soendker Family~

Holy Week Community Service

The Community Holy Week Worship Service will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on April 11 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Clifford Cato bringing the message.

Easter Offering

On April 9 and 16 we will receive the annual Easter Offering which supports the General Ministries of the church. General Ministries serve across the U.S. and Canada and around the world. General Ministries are partners in ministry serving through far-reaching and unique organizations to help bring life, love and learning where they are needed.

Youth News

This past month, I had the privilege to attend two youth ministry conferences in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

First was the DYMN/DHM Youth Ministry Summit at Christmount Conference Center. Disciples Youth Ministry Network (DYMN) and Disciples Home Missions (DHM) partnered to host this event, where youth workers from across North America joined together to re-envision the future of D.O.C. youth ministry. As it had been over 20 years since the last youth ministry definitions were presented before the General Church, the group was able to come together to redefine priorities for the future of Youth Ministry. In addition to this work, we also had time to meet fellow youth leaders, network, share resources, renew, worship and enjoy Sabbath time.

Following the DYMN/DHM Summit, I drove just down the road to Montreat Conference Center and attended the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference. Over 250 persons in youth ministry from around the world (Australia was represented!) converged to network and share inspiration, resources, curriculum, ideas, and much, much more. In addition, there were three renowned keynote speakers, two worship services, and three sessions of over 20 seminars to choose from. The knowledge gained from so many experts and educators was invaluable in and of itself. I return renewed, rejuvenated and re-ignited to share all of this with the congregation and with the youth I serve.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to First Christian Church, and to the Mid-America Leadership Development Team that awarded me a grant to offset conference registration fees. I am grateful for the support and love FCC has shown me during my last six years as the Youth Director, and for the continued support as I strive to expand my knowledge and spiritual education.

Blessed,
Kris Milliron

Our annual **Youth Sunday** worship service will be on April 23, 2017. The children and youth have been working hard in prayer and preparation, and are excited to share their message with the congregation. As always, this will be a special service filled with worshipful music, prayer, and love; we look forward to seeing all of you there!! Following the 10:00am service, the youth will be hosting their BBQ luncheon and cake auction. Pulled pork, beans, salad, dessert and a drink will be served, for free will donations. While enjoying your meal, please bid on a variety of cakes homemade by the children and youth. All proceeds from this event will directly assist the youth in attending summer church camp and ministries. Thank you for your support!!

Information now is available for the 2017 Youth Summer Ministries, including church camps and the C.R.Y. Festival. Registration may be completed online; contact Kris

Milliron for more information. There are camps available for all ages and interests; all youth and children are encouraged to attend and experience these wonderful opportunities. Financial assistance is available.

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- Sat-Sun, 4/1-2 Silver Dollar City
Young Christian's Weekend
Sun, 4/2 NO YOUTH GROUP
Wed 4/5 Elem. Youth 5-6:30pm
Jr. high 7-8:30pm
@ Covenant
Sun, 4/9 Sr. high youth 7-8:30pm
Fri-Sat 4/7-8 C.R.Y. Cabinet meeting
Marshall FCC
(7pm Fri – 12:00pm Sat.)
Wed 4/12 Elem Youth 5:00-6:30pm
Jr. high youth 7:00-8:30pm
@ Covenant
Sun 4/16 HAPPY EASTER
Sr. high youth 7-8:30pm
Wed 4/19 Elem Youth 5-6:30pm
@ Covenant
Jr. high youth 7-8:30pm
@ Covenant
Sun 4/23 **Youth Sunday @ 10am,
followed by luncheon & cake auc-
tion**
Sr. high youth 7-8:30pm
Tue 4/25 Youth Committee, 6:00pm
Wed 4/26 Elem Youth 5-6:30pm
@ Covenant
Jr. high youth 7-8:30pm
@ Covenant
Sun 4/30 Sr. high youth 7-8:30pm

Elders and Deacons

Current Elders and Deacons are reminded that there is a sign-up sheet in the office for you to choose dates to serve. If you are not currently an Elder or Deacon and would like to serve the Church, please notify Ken Bryant . The term begins July 1.

Upcoming Sermons

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| April 2 | "Waiting in the Depths" (<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>) | Psalm 130 |
| April 9 | "The Passion of Palm Sunday" (<i>Palm Sunday</i>) | Psalm 31:9-16 |
| April 16 | Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 in the Sunroom | |
| | "A Day to Question?" @ 8:00 service | John 20:1-18 |
| | Easter Message Through Music @ 10:00 | |
| April 23 | Youth Sunday service @ 10:00 & Sing-a-long Service at 8:00 | |
| April 30 | "You Are the Message" <i>S.O.S. Sunday service at 8:30 only</i> | 1 John 3:18 |

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Drive Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. will begin May 7 and last through September 17. We need volunteers to sign up to greet and serve each Sunday. A sign up sheet is available near the east entrance.



Visit our Church Website!

Stop by our new and improved church website at www.fccmarshallmo.org to check out upcoming events and activities, serving schedules, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.

Church Staff

Senior Minister– Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins

Music Director–Hope Richards

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Secretary– Hope Richards

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris

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