

The Marshall Christian

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August



Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

July 30th & August 6th

Elders:

Wayne McReynolds
Mark Harvey

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck
Brenda Coffman
Georganne DeMoss
Roberta Reed
Amber VanDyke

August 13th & 20th

Elders:

Paul Crews
Carol Schupp

Deacons:

Zach Crews
Nancy Jackson
Ginger McGraw
John McGraw
Jeff Wise

August 27th & Sept. 3rd

Elders:

Kris Milliron
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Carla Fricke
Missie Kreisel
Ron Schupp
Katie Shannon
Leroy Wise

Outside Communion:

August 13th

Mark Harvey
Wayne Buck

August 27th

Kay Wise
Donna Smith

Worship Leaders

August 6– Mark Harvey
August 13– Carol Schupp
August 20– Paul Crews
August 27– Kris Milliron

“Report From General Assembly”

It was my honor to represent our congregation at the General Assembly held in Indianapolis, July 8-13. The registered attendance was 3,789. The theme for the assembly was “One” and was based on John 17:20-21. The first order of business was to elect Rev. Dr. Teresa Owens as our new General Minister and President for a six year term. She is the first African American woman to lead a mainline denomination.

There was a time for mission work where we as Disciples: assembled 120 backpacks for the homeless; created and made 90 hero capes for the Children’s Hospital; donated 68 pints of blood; sorted 22,000 pounds of potatoes; sorted hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food; knitted around 200 little hats; mulched areas at an urban elementary school in the rain; built wall panels for a 3 bedroom house inside the Convention Center; educated people on Bread for the World; and served 2 breakfast meals at the Ronald McDonald House. There were around hundreds of volunteers for these projects.

There was a time of educational learning as well. The class I took on Sunday afternoon was called “Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations”. This was followed by “Calling for Innovation: The Shifts and Trends in our 21st Century Context” and “Loving Your Congregation’s Neighbors” on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. There were several discussions with panels of experts and other church leaders sharing suggestions. They were very informative views of the church - what is and where the church is evolving these days.

Worship was always meaningful. On Sunday morning I traveled to Central Christian Church to hear Rev. Dr. William Barber preach. Rev. Jose Morales brought the message on Satur-

day night. Sunday night there were two meditations, one by Rev Dr. Jen Garbin called ‘Walking Hand in Hand in Two Nations’, and one by Rev Jae Rhee who brought us ‘Walking Hand in Hand with many Cultures’. Monday’s sermon was presented by Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, and it was based on social justice. Tuesday’s preacher was Rev. Virzola Law, a seminary classmate of mine. She was very inspirational and uplifting and included an altar call with the Regional Ministers at the altar. Wednesday’s message was shared by Rev. Dr. Teresa Owens, following her installation as the new President and General Minister.

The voting items included: continuing to plant churches, advocating for the rights of children under Israeli military, responsible investing, renewing reconciliation, call to support indigenous voices, becoming immigrant welcoming, recognizing Canada, clarity of the role of racial and ethnic minorities, change to the design to incorporate this, change of the boundaries for Southwest and Kansas regions, and the slate of new officers. There was an emergency resolution regarding refugees seeking safety in the US asking us to pray for individuals. Each item was adopted. Each of the various ministries of the church also gave their detailed reports.

I attended breakfast events for the Disciples Peace Fellowship and the Pension Fund; luncheons for Culver-Stockton College, Phillips Theological Seminary, and Disciples Men; banquets for GLAD Alliance, Higher Education & Leadership Ministries, Disciples Home Missions, and the All Assembly Dinner. **The next General Assembly will be July 20-24, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa.** Since this will be less than a four hour drive, it would be nice to have a good number of our church members attend.

In God’s Grip, Loy

August Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 1– Lucy Fletcher | 23– Lisa Balance |
| 2– Cindy Brandt | Linda Crews |
| 3– Bill Alley | 24– Jill Clemens |
| Bruce Blalock | Christine Estill |
| Colleen Brown | Shirley Jackson |
| Margaret O’Dell | Justin Schroeder |
| Michelle Scarff | 26– Lee Pointer |
| 5– Sarah Bentley | 28– Gary Dowell |
| 7– Dallas Coslet | Darrin Schupp |
| Jerry Frerking | 29– Ty Pointer |
| 8– Jim Crawford | 31– Nate Sullivan |
| 9– Phil LaGore | |
| 10– James Merchant | ANNIVERSARIES |
| 13– Diane Green | 5– Brennan & Debbie Tucker |
| Bryce Payne | 11– Doug & Kathy Swinger |
| 14– Wayne Shannon | 20– Bill & Nancy Jackson |
| 15– Terry Cobb | Issam & Wilma Amary |
| Harrell Boedeker | 21– Charles & Nellie Estill |
| 17– Azlann Buck | 29– Greg & Shirley Schultz |
| 21– Heather Jones | 30– Rennie & Lisa Ballance |

Lillie Bates Circle...

Has met several times this summer for lunch just to keep in touch through the busy summer. The group is looking forward to the events planned for this all.

Their first regular meeting will be on September 19th at 1:30 in the home of Roberta Reed.

Fund Raiser for First Presbyterian Church

During the August 19 town-wide celebration for the solar eclipse, the Ministerial Alliance will be selling pulled-pork lunches on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church to help them raise money to repair their ceiling and roof. The roof was damaged in last year’s hail storm and in August a portion of their beautiful molded-tin ceiling collapsed in the sanctuary. They are in litigation with their insurance company to pay for the damage. Meanwhile, the damage has been left on the floor of the sanctuary and the congregation is meeting in their fellowship hall. The alliance will be helping them raise the money to begin making repairs.

Looking Back at Our History

Homecoming Sunday on September 24 will celebrate the 175th anniversary of our congregation. Priscilla McReynolds of the Library Committee offers us this detailed look back at our history in the years 1897 - 1912:

Burton T. Wharton began his long and fruitful ministry June 1, 1897. He molded the congregation into a more perfect untied brotherly love, one to another. In 1904, the Bible School undertook to support Mr. C.E. Benelehr, who sailed that year to India as a missionary. The church continued to support him until he retired in 1940. In 1904 the church purchased its first parsonage at 527 N. Jefferson for \$2,650. The Frances A. Rea Sunday School class was organized in 1904. Mrs. Rea served as teacher for 25 years. The class continued until 1958. A Men’s Bible Class was formed in 1911. In 1906 the small organ was replaced by our first pipe organ.

In 1911, a large addition was begun to the church building. The cupola was removed and the front extended, making the auditorium look like a great cathedral. The basement was enlarged, the Dorcas classroom added, and the kitchen and dining room equipment was provided. An addition to the rear added a church parlor, Pastor’s study, and many class rooms. The organ and choir loft were placed in the balcony. The heating system was installed and completed in 1912.

A Young Ladies Circle Aid group was organized about 1912. Their chosen work was serving banquets. This group was very successful and not only furnished the kitchen with a gas stove, cooking equipment, dishes, silverware, etc. but also purchased two large chandeliers – one for the foyer and the other in the main auditorium. Marshall First Christian Church had a new and beautiful church building.

Tid Bits...

Kickoff Sunday – Aug 27

On August 27 we will have our annual “Kickoff Sunday” to help kick-off the new start of another year of children’s and youth ministries, women’s ministries, choir practices, new committees, and much more. Everyone is encouraged to **wear clothes supporting your favorite team** – high school, college, or pro. Put on your jerseys, t-shirts, warm-ups, sweats, etc., and come find a seat in the bleachers (pews) of the stadium (sanctuary) on game day (Sunday morning)! And come to the tailgate party (coffee and snacks) in the parlor between worship services.



Memories and Prayers

For our upcoming celebration of the anniversary of our congregation on September 24, the planning committee is seeking your input in two key areas. We plan to put together a memory book which will include peoples’ memories of the church in past years – ways the congregation has helped you, inspired you, caused you to smile or laugh, etc. We are also seeking your written prayers for the church. We plan to use them as part of the “Prayers of the People” on Sunday mornings. You may request that your name not be shared. Please add your memories and your prayers by bringing them to the church office.

From Kris Milliron...

This past month, I once again had the privilege to spend five days at the Christian Regional Youth (CRY) Festival at Drury University in Springfield. This year was my 9th consecutive year at CRY; yet once again, it was a momentous occasion. One that many of us CRY veterans claim to be historic in its sacredness, relational, and life-giving.

This year, although we hit the lowest attendance numbers in CRY’s 40-year history, we also had the most diverse group ever. Our CRY family consisted of participants diverse in age, race, sexual orientation, biblical interpretation, culture, ethnicity, political inclination, economic circumstance, religion, culture and faith. We had a true representation of society. Yet there was something... different. Something that was odd, unfamiliar, that stood out in our small CRY society. There was celebration. Not in spite of our diversity, but because of it. We didn’t pretend to ignore our differences, we embraced them and honored them.

Heard repeatedly, every year, is that CRY is the “Real World”. CRY is “Home”. In a very brief few days, we are sustained and fed an energy to get

us through the remained 360 days. This may seem cynical to many, but it is just the opposite. At CRY is found unconditional love, laughter, support, forgiveness, freedom and grace. At CRY is found what church seeks, strives to become, but fails. At CRY is found the Kingdom of God.

Grateful,

Kris Milliron

Single/Widows Luncheon

Eleven ladies met Thursday, July 20th, for a luncheon at Mazzio’s, with Loy joining us.

Everyone enjoyed catching up on what everyone had been doing. Some had enjoyed family time, travelling, gardening and just keeping cool.

The next meeting will be August 24th at 11:30 in the Church Fellowship hall with a carry-in potluck.

I encourage those who have not joined us to come by and enjoy the fellowship of fellow Christian ladies.

Roberta Reed

Upcoming Sermons

Aug. 6	Cheryl Sanders of Carrolton FCC to preach – Pastor Loy on vacation	
Aug. 13	“The Joy of God’s Grace”	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Aug. 20	“Lift Up Your Eyes and See” (Eclipse Sunday)	Isaiah 40:21-26
Aug. 27	“Moving the Battle Lines” (Kick-off Sunday)	Philippians 2:1-4

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