

The Marshall Christian

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No. 10

October 2015

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

Sept. 27 & Oct. 4

Elders:

Tim Clemens
John Anson

Deacons:

Gwen Clemens
Jean Dowell
Roberta Reed
Katie Shannon
Jeff Wise

October 11 & 18

Elders:

Julie Hoffelmeyer
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Annette Bishop
Shane Bishop
Jill Buck
Hope Richards
Amber VanDyke

Oct. 25 & Nov. 1

Elders:

Julie Hoffelmeyer
Kris Milliron

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
Georganne DeMoss
Jean Dowell
Kevin Dryer
Katie Shannon

Outside Communion:

October 11

Vickie Wise
Kay Wise

October 25

Greg Schuktz
Roy Hinton

Worship Leaders

Oct. 4 Vickie Wise
Oct. 11 Ken Bryant
Oct. 18 Wayne McReynolds
Oct. 25 Tim Clemens
Nov. 1 John Anson

“A Season of Celebration”

Throughout this newsletter you will find articles informing you of many activities to celebrate various aspects of church life. Between now and mid-January, each Sunday - other than one - will have a special emphasis. From our recent Homecoming Sunday to celebrate the anniversary of First Christian Church of Marshall through the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas we have much to celebrate as a church.

October and November bring us the opportunities to commemorate World Communion Sunday, Week of the Ministry, All Saints' Day, Veterans' Day, and the beginning of Advent as well as the celebrations of the Fall Festival, Laughter Sunday, and Thanksgiving. These will be followed by the season of Advent leading us to the weeks of Christmas. Then the season of Epiphany will take us right up to Lent and the season to prepare for Easter next March.

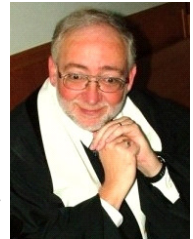
Compared to the recent months of June – September in which we had few holidays and even fewer special church events, this long-term season of celebrations and commemorations brings us an overflow of back-to-back-to-back weeks of special emphasis. If the recent months have been a drought of any exceptional or particularly noticeable days, then we are now entering the monsoon sea-

son of specific days and events to celebrate.

All this leads to a conclusion that this is a great time of the year to be involved in the life of the church. Each of us will have opportunities to hear the youth report on their summer mission trip (October 4); to run a carnival booth at the Fall Festival on October 18; donate to the silent auction or help with the chili supper on December 4; attend either the Area Assembly (October 3) or the Regional Assembly (October 24) in Columbia; enjoy food and fellowship at the upcoming fellowship dinners; find a seat in a pew on Sunday mornings to laugh with God, remember loved ones, be thankful, prepare once again for the coming of the Christ Child, and otherwise praise and honor God in so many ways.

Hebrews 10:25 in the Message Version tells us, “Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on.” I look forward to enjoying this extended season of celebration and the opportunities to be a family of faith with you in the months to come.

In God’s Grip, Loy



October Anniversaries & Birthdays

1– Lloyd Bentley
 2– Priscilla McReynolds
 3– Correy Jackson
 4– Angela Gaba
 5– Anna Gass
 8– Rennie Balance
 Ryan Layton
 Pete Moles
 9– Torey Miller
 10– Gaines Branson
 Darrell Kueker
 11– Kevin Halsey
 12– Wilma Amary
 Mindy Kissner
 13– Dan Bishop
 15– Ron Schupp
 16– Louise Buck
 Jack Uhrig
 17– JW Clemens

17– Rhonda Hoskins
 Matt Kueker
 Rob Ravenhill
 18– Ronnie Absher
 Makenna Parker
 19– Paul Crews
 Matthew Green
 20– Nic Ess
 22– Bob Blalock
 Lois Mencl
 23– Shane Bishop
 Beth Hanes
 Cole Perkins
 Cathy Swinger
 24– Jessica Green
 25– Tyler Clemens
 Brad Pistel
 28– Stephanie Green

28– Rebecca Perkins
 Collin Porter
 Donna Smith
 30– Gwen Merchant



ANNIVERSARIES

3– Justin & Heidi Joliff
 Brad & Stephanie Pistel
 4– Harold & Virginia Hemeyer
 13– Tim & Jennifer Marquess
 24– Kevin & Megan Halsey
 25– Roger & Bryanne Payne
 28– Lloyd & Rosie Bentley

FCC Youth Group Information

On Saturday, Oct. 3rd, the Elementary youth group will be going to the Deanna Rose Farmstead in Overland Park, KS. Leave time will be 10:00am from FCC and we will return by approximately 6:00pm.

Sunday, Oct. 4th, the youth will be presenting testimonies from their 2015 Mission Trip to St. Louis at the 10:00am worship service. Please join us for worship and share in their incredible experiences and moving stories.

During the month of October, all three youth groups will be participating in a couple of fundraisers. First, they will be selling Sonic Drive-In Value Cards. These coupon cards have over \$15 in valuable savings, and sell for only \$5! Proceeds from sales will go towards youth activities in Marshall and area communities. Also, please join the youth in the REFRESH, REFILL, RESTORE fundraiser. Please help yourself to a specially marked Powerade bottle, located in the church parlor. In the summer of 2016, the youth will be going to New Orleans, Louisiana for their Mission Trip. There, we will spend a full week completing environmental, human care, grassroots and construction work, as well as growing closer to each other and to God. None of this can be possible without your generous financial and prayerful support. Please take a Powerade bottle and enjoy the **REFRESHING** beverage. Then rinse and **REFILL** the bottle with pocket change and bills, returning it to FCC once full. Your support will make a difference in helping us **RESTORE** New Orleans!!

On Sunday, Oct. 25th, Covenant Presbyterian Church will host their annual Pumpkin Carving night at 5:00pm. All youth and adults are welcome to attend. Simply bring a hollowed out pumpkin and your carving tools and join us in fellowship, food and fun. Soup will be served, please bring sandwiches to share.

Upcoming Youth Activities

- Sat., Oct. 3 Elementary youth to Deanna Rose Farmstead in KC, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Sun., Oct. 4 Mission Trip testimonies during 10:00 am worship at FCC
REFRESH, REFILL, RESTORE fundraiser begins
Senior High Leadership Team applications due
Senior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm
- Wed., Oct. 7 Elementary youth group, 5-6:30 pm
Junior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm
- Fri-Sat, Oct. 9-10 CRY Cabinet meeting, Columbia, MO
- Sun., Oct. 11 Senior high Leadership Team interviews, 5-7 pm
Mission trip registration deadline
Senior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm
- Wed., Oct. 14 Mission trip registration deadline
Junior high retreat registration deadline
Elementary youth group, 5-6:30 pm
Junior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm
- Sat., Oct. 17 Festival of Sharing, Sedalia, MO. Leave FCC at 6:00 am
- Sun., Oct. 18 FCC Fall Festival, 5-8 pm. ALL youth welcome to attend
Senior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm. Will be trick or treating for Food Pantry
- Wed., Oct. 21 Elementary youth group, 5-6:30 pm. Will be trick or treating for Food Pantry
Junior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm. Will be trick or treating for Food Pantry.
- Fri-Sat, Oct. 23-24 Junior high retreat in Holt's Summit
- Sun., Oct. 25 Pumpkin Carving at Covenant Presbyterian, 5-7pm
Senior high youth group, 7-8:30 pm. Will meet at Covenant Presbyterian
- Tue., Oct. 27 Christian Ed./Youth Committee meeting, 6:00 pm



Church Assemblies in October

The Mid America Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will soon be changing from an area-led style of governance to a regional-led one. The final Northeast Area Assembly and Celebration will be held at Broadway Christian Church in Columbia on Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Area Assembly theme will be “Back to the Future” with a registration fee of \$15 (includes lunch). The Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 24, also at Broadway Christian Church in Columbia, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with the theme, “Celebrate the Change!” Your \$25 registration will cover the cost of your lunch. Contact Pastor Loy if you are interested in attending. Our congregation is allowed five voting delegates to each of these assemblies. Contact the church office if you wish to register.

Yard Signs Available

In the sunroom you can find yard signs available free to the first 15 people who are willing to take one and place it in their yard to show support for the church. These have been made available by an anonymous donor who hopes to see more of the signs around town.

All Saints Day Recognition

On Sunday, November 1 we will celebrate All Saints Day in our worship services. During the worship we will be recognizing loved ones that have passed away since this time last year. As individual names are called, the families will be invited to stand, a candle will be lit, and the bells will toll in honor of them. We will be remembering all members of the church and immediate family of church members that have notified us.

Sale of the Rickman Center

Regional Moderator Guy Adams reports that the sale of the Rickman Center property closed on September 22. The property was sold to Jefferson City based, The Farmers Companies. The Farmers are a very highly regarded business in Jefferson City, who operate the quarry across the highway from Rickman (among other enterprises), and who are well known locally for their community-mindedness. As we understand it, the Farmers plan to use the fifty acres closest to the highway for some aspect of their business operation, but will be donating the remaining 150 acres (including the main campus with all the buildings) to an international non-profit organization: Halo Worldwide, which has programs in Jefferson City.

Our understanding is that Halo plans to use the Rickman lodge as transitional housing for homeless and at risk teens. They are continuing all existing leases, which means that our own Disciples' congregation, Table of Grace, will continue operating on site. Halo will likely be hosting camps during the Summer, potentially including some of ours. It appears there will be many opportunities for synergy to develop between Mid-America Disciples and Halo.

The Farmers made a full price (as professionally appraised) offer of \$1.1 million, which was accepted. Because there were initial direct conversations with the Farmers, we did not have to list the property with a commercial real estate agent (saving about \$75,000)

Many of you will remember that Sara Reiter, Second Vice Moderator, led a Property Task Force which studied the possible options for Rickman in 2013-2014. They recommended that CCMA sell the property, which was approved in 2014 first by the CCMA Executive Committee, then by the Council of Areas, and finally by the CCMA Regional Assembly in St. Louis. In early 2015, a Sale Task Force began to work on the process of selling Rickman, which led to the result described above.

Given our difficult decision to sell the Rickman property, this is a very positive outcome. One million dollars will be transferred to the Christian Church Foundation to an unrestricted account, the Rickman Legacy Fund, which will be invested as if it were an endowment (meaning the principal will remain untouched and grow), with 75% of the annual distribution flowing to Mid-America youth and outdoor ministries, and 25% to Mid-America leadership development. After deducting the costs of the sale, the remaining \$100,000 will be transferred to the CCMA operating reserve (what we used to call the "historical fund"). Our regional operating reserve (a bit like a household's "rainy day" fund) had diminished to a level that was much less than optimal. This will restore the region to a sound fiscal position. The distribution of funds just described was approved by the CCMA Executive Committee and the Council of Areas this Summer and our Regional Assembly in October will be asked to affirm these decisions.

We celebrate the many years of wonderful ministry that occurred at the Rickman Center and we all look forward to continuing and renewing these ministries in new ways, and to creating and nurturing many new ones.



Fall Festival

Join us for the **Fall Festival in the fellowship hall, on October 18, 5:00 – 7:00 pm for food, folks, and fun!** There will be plenty of carnival style games to be played, prizes to be awarded, chili, hotdogs, pies, and other foods. Wear your costume or just come as you are, but come! Take a flyer home with you to share as you invite your friends. We're asking each committee and fellowship group to oversee a game or food booth. Contact the church office with your choices. If you need to order any items from Oriental Trading (prizes or carnival type games), turn your order in to the office by October 5th so that we can place one order.

Fellowship Dinner

On October 25th, Fellowship will be hosting a dinner after the 10:00 a.m. worship service of soup and sandwiches.

Please bring a dessert to share if you are attending.



Fire Extinguisher on Hand...

So another birthday rolled around. This one required access to a stand-by fire extinguisher— in case the flames got out of control! Usually I am all about the pomp and circumstance of a birthday. I talk about it, hint at gifts, send out reminders and even hire a plane to sky-write my upcoming birthday. Ok, maybe not ALL of that, but I do give gentle reminders! This year, however, was different.

The day approached so quickly that I didn't really remind anyone. I didn't think about it, didn't make a list of gifts, didn't get giddy with anticipation and didn't count the days down. It was, for the first time, just going to be an ordinary day that meant I was a year older. And that was going to be ok with me.

I woke up, earlier than usual, and started getting ready for the day. My husband bounced out of bed, returned with a card and gift, and wished me a happy birthday. The gift, a beautiful pair of diamond earrings, were more than I could have hoped for. But the card, oh the card, made me tear up. It was my first card from him that said "wife". The thought that this was my first birthday married, and married to such an amazing

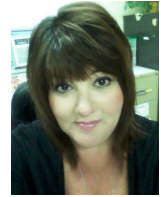
man, made me realize how lucky I was. I Wished we could have spent my birthday together, but I knew he had to work later that day. Flowers arrived shortly after I got to the office— another gift from my husband. And then he stopped by to tell me goodbye as he left for his job. After work, my daughter Torey, and my Mom invited me to lunch. I met them at Las Tres, and we sat underneath an umbrella, enjoying the wonderful weather. A few moments later my husband, Brad, showed up. He had called in so he could spend the day with me! I am sure he has no clue how that made me feel. It was truly one of the best surprises I have ever had. All three of them laughed at my reaction— they had been planning it for a few weeks. My daughter and mother gave me gifts, but nothing compared to them surprising me the way they did. As I sat at the table with them, I realized how complete my life finally felt. And perhaps maybe that was the reason this birthday didn't mean as much as the rest. After all, when you are treated like every day is your birthday, you don't need that one special day.

After our dinner I went to

my dance studio. Somewhere in the middle of all the chaos there, decorations were hung and fifty or sixty kids rushed onto one of the dance floors to "hide" from me. I had no idea what was behind the door until I entered. Black balloons came gushing forward, kids sang happy birthday, black streamers hung from the ceilings, and black cupcakes were served to all, giving everyone big black smiles...teeth and all! There was a pile of presents that the girls insisted I open. They were so excited to give "Mrs. Hope" a present. They may never understand that the best gift they gave me had no wrappings. I realized how lucky I was to be loved by so many! Who gets that??

God has given me gifts that surpass monetary value. And that, my friends, makes me one of the richest people I know. Yes, I got diamonds, gift cards, flowers, and other trinkets. But the best gift of the day? A homemade card from a six year old that said, "I love you Miss Hope. Thank you for making me smile like a gumdrop!" Dittos, Summer Franklin...dittos.

Learning and Leaning, Hope



Upcoming Sermons

Oct. 4	"Communion's Place in Worship" (<i>World Communion Sunday</i>)	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Oct. 11	"Ministry in Our Time and Place" (<i>Week of the Ministry</i>)	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10
Oct. 18	"Expect a Miracle" (<i>Stewardship Emphasis</i>)	2 Kings 4:42-44
Oct. 25	"When Our Differences Make God Laugh" (<i>Laughter Sunday</i>)	Genesis 11:1-9
Nov. 1	"Raised Gates and Opened Doors" (<i>All Saints' Day</i>)	Psalm 24

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Judy Morris