

September Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

03- Dexter Shannon
 04- Linda Alspach
 Micki Uhrig
 05- Sue Ann Crawford
 Leanne Dehn
 Ethan Schupp
 Trafton Shannon
 06- Jacob Kissner
 07- Donna Bailey
 Jo Nell Fizer
 Jamie Behrernds
 08- Brandon Blalock
 Nancy Jackson
 Bill Jackson
 Evan Stoll
 Martha Sweeten

09- Maria Breshears
 10- Dale Pontius
 16- Jean Dowell
 19- Karla Hannaford
 20- Emmy Dehn
 Ryan Smith
 22- Chad Barnes
 24- Jan Ravenhill
 25- McKenzie Thomason
 29- Jennifer Dehn
 Hope Richards
 30- Rosie Bentley
 Sharon Bentley

Anniversaries

07- Linda & Dennis Carter
 12- Diane & Steve Green
 14- Beth & Phil LaGore
 21- Kim & Jamie Behrends
 22- Sherry & Wayne Shannon

Sunday Fellowship Meal

Join us for a fried chicken dinner on September 13th right after the 10:30 worship service. Enjoy a great meal with side dishes, salads, and desserts.



Children's Church

Will resume on September 13th at our 10:30 service!

Join us beginning September 16 in the Church Parlor for fellowship and Bible Study at 9:30 am Each Wednesday.



Our updated Church By-Laws are now available for review on our website at fccmarshallmo.org. Please take a few moments to look them over and share any feedback you may have. To find them, simply visit the site, click on More > General Information, and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the "Bi-Laws" tab. Thank you for helping guide our church family forward!

CWF will meet on September 15 at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor to begin their 2026-2027 year. Contact Roberta Reed if you would like to join or have ques-



Reaching Out

a message from the Outreach Committee



Every year, the International Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) has special offerings on designated Sundays to fund specific projects. The annual Reconciliation Special Day Offerings for 2026 are scheduled for **Sunday, September 27, 2026**, and **Sunday, October 4, 2026** (World Communion Sunday). The Reconciliation offering supports the church's pro-reconciliation and anti-racism programs, leadership training, and systemic change efforts.



The Chat & Chew group meets for lunch on September 3 at 11:00 AM at KFC. Everyone is welcome to join us!



**Our September
General Board
meeting will be
On the 9th at
6:00 PM.**

September 6th will
be our last Drive-
Up service . Join us
indoors at 10:30
beginning
September 13th



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A Message from our Pastor...

How in the world does one stay “neutral” today? I have been pondering the idea of neutrality ever since I saw online a person declare to be “Absolutely Neutral” about the government, religion, life, and politics.

I ponder that idea, but just cannot get past that everything seems to connect to everything else. My thought is that while not everything that the government does effects us here in the Midwest, it does not take us too long to find a friend or relative that is effected. A cut in education effects the children as well as the entire school staff. A cut in pollution regulations can effect the health of thousands of individuals.

The market price for Soybeans effects all of us. If China gets mad and buys from Canada, then alternative markets found might not be able to absorb the entire crop. And again, If food assistance is cut, food normally used in this way might not be sold. That is harmful to the needy as well as the producer.

I do not think I have the paper to get into religion, life, or politics. I think rather, I need to change the subject.

The Bible has much that others agree and disagree about, but, when Jesus speaks, we listen.

The Bible quotes Jesus as saying

that the one that is not with Me is against Me. This

is said in different ways in different gospels but, all have the same message. There is no neutral when it comes to Christ. Indeed, it is not possible to be neutral when it comes to Jesus. One is either for Him or against Him.

When one claims neutrality about Jesus, they are deluding their own self. Either we love the Lord or we love the world. We are called to be in the world but not of the world. We know our real home is in heaven and we know how we get there. We are called to be Christians and that identity is not neutral. We are to be Christ’s body in the world, always helping others to hear and become Disciples of Christ. May we always be for Jesus in active ways.

Blessings, Rev. Randal



If you or someone you know would like to receive homebound communion or a pastoral visit, please let us know. Contact the church office at firstccofice@yahoo.com so we can care for those in need.