



**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1- Mason Rugen
- 2- Kevin Dehn
- 3- Tatum Asbury  
Clay Jackson
- 4- Steven Smith
- 5- Julie Ash  
Shannon Clemens
- 8- Carla Fricke  
Dianne Harvey  
Josh Hoffmeyer  
Seth Layton  
Conrad Thornton

- 12- Ken Bryant  
Drew Jackson
- 13- Christy Marshall  
Ava Shannon
- 14- Robert Phillips
- 16- Jay Yoder
- 18- John McGraw  
Joe Palen  
Avery Schroeder
- 20- Georganne DeMoss  
Tim Hessel  
Paul Scarff
- 21- Dennis Carter
- 23- Aiden Dryer

- 23- Alex Green  
Kay Wise
- 25- Dan Cox
- 26- Cooper Rugen
- 27- David Kueker
- 28- Katie Shannon
- 29- Braylee Coslet  
Mike Green  
Michelle Krog
- 30- Marilyn Wood

**ANIVERSARIES**

- 4- Ron & Carol Schupp
- 7- Jim & Linda Dryer
- 12- Sam & Michelle Krog
- 23- Gary & Jean Dowell  
Phil & Rebecca Perkins
- 24- Larry & Anita Wright
- 29- John & Ginger McGraw



To serve you better and create a more intimate, welcoming environment, our 10:30 AM worship service will move to the Church Chapel beginning June 7th and continue there through August.

**Tid-Bits...**

Join the Chat-N-Chew (formerly the Ladies Lunch Group) on June 4th at 11:00 a.m. at Break Of Dawn. Everyone is welcome!



It is our rotation to serve Meals-On-Wheels beginning Monday, June 1st. Please notify Ken Bryant, or the Church office, if you are able to help.

## “REACHING OUT”

a message from the Outreach Committee

**\$ONE FOR ALL:** Have you turned on your air conditioner yet? If so, you probably anticipate your electric bills climbing and continuing to climb through September. Ouch! That is a painful thought. *\$ONE FOR ALL* is a project for the month of June where we are asked to increase our giving by at least \$1. All the money raised will be split evenly between HEAT (an organization that helps people in need with their utility bills) and FCC to help offset the extra expense of air conditioning the church building. If you choose to participate, please indicate on your donation check or envelope what portion of your offering you want donated to *\$ONE FOR ALL*.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** “Blood is like a parachute. If it’s not there when you need it, chances are you’ll never need it again.” In our effort to heed Christ’s command to heal the sick, FCC is again partnering with St. Peter Catholic Church to host a Community Blood Center Blood Drive at the Knights of Columbus building on Monday, June 29 from 1:00-5:00. Our responsibilities include advertising, clearing the space of tables and chairs before the set-up crew arrives, offering drinks & snacks to the donors, and (of course) donating blood. Please see the flyers with the details of how to register, and let Ginger know if you can volunteer.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** FCC is asked to donate the following in June: June 7 – Peanut Butter & Jelly; June 14 – Canned Vegetables; June 21 – Canned Fruit; June 28 – Canned Meats

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you for the donations to the fund we use to buy groceries for our Little Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project. In addition to cash donations to the fund, please feel free to put any groceries and hygiene items directly into the pantry at the northwest corner of the church’s east parking lot.



**Marshall Missouri Community**  
 Sponsored by: **First Christian Church**  
 and **St. Peter Church**

**Monday, June 29th**  
**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Knights of Columbus Building  
 1267 S English Ave, Marshall MO



Sign up at [savealifenow.org/group](https://savealifenow.org/group) and use group code **EZ25**. For additional details, contact Nancy Davidson at (660) 631-5016 or [nanu123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nanu123@sbcglobal.net).

**Prepare to donate**

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

Visit [savealifenow.org/eligibility](https://savealifenow.org/eligibility) for complete donation guidelines.



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**CWF Good Deeds 2025-2026**

**September:** purchased supplies for nurses stations and kids hygiene items for area schools.

**October:** Donated \$500 to homeless shelter fund. Made kits for Festival of Sharing.

**November:/December:** Donated \$500 for our Church’s Annual Chili Supper. Purchased and delivered 15 poinsettias to shut-ins and nursing home patients. Brought in items for our mitten Tree.

**January:** donated \$300 to CASA and delivered mitten tree items to local schools.

**February:** \$300 for Baby Grace project, and provided three meals for the Bridge group at MVC.

**March:** donated \$200 to Baby Grace for diapers and provided supplies for the baby shower.

**April:** helped with Baby Grace shower.

**May:** donated \$300 to Boy Scouts for summer camp.

**CWF will take a break...**

CWF has closed its 2025-2026 circle meetings for the session, but will begin again in September.

Thank you to the Circle members who played hostess for each meeting in their homes

or at Church. The Circle was able to help and support many projects—listed to the side are some of the areas in Church and community that were helped physically and financially. A special “Thank You”

to Virginia Bryant, Kathryn Jones, Kay Wise and Karolyn Caldwell for your leadership and guidance this year.

If you are interested in being a part of the CWF, contact any member listed above, or Roberta Reed.



The General Board meeting will be June 10 at 6:00 PM. All are invited to attend.



## First Christian Newsletter

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### From the Pastor..

There is an old story where two individuals were placed in a winter wasteland by an authoritarian leader. Food, medicine, and other basic needs were brought to the small cabin once a year by helicopter. In order for these men to keep warm throughout the year they must fell and chop wood for their fireplace almost every day of the year.

One year the helicopter came six months earlier. It carried no supplies but had information and told that life at home was different now.

The news was that the leader who had put the men in their situation had died. The new leadership offered the two men their freedom. One of the men was overjoyed at the prospect of freedom and was immediately ready to leave.

The other man was afraid that it was a trick. The leader that had placed the men in their hellish situation was known for his tricks. He said that it would be very much like what the leader would do. The leader would offer freedom and then have the men killed as if they were trying to escape. The two men considered the possible cost of both possibilities.

After much thought and, discussion, one man stayed and the other left with the helicopter.

It turned out that indeed the lead-

ership was changed and the former prisoner was now a hero.

The man who stayed understood that he alone, would have to cut wood every day to make sure he could save himself from the cold.

The helicopter returned once with supplies at the regular time. It turns out that the man was then completely forgotten. This would be the last time that the helicopter would come.

The man died of starvation and loneliness.

There is a certain safe feeling in doing the same things we have always done. Change is scary. However, there are times that feeling safe may not really be safe. Sometimes new and often risky ways may be the way we need to proceed.

Maybe there are ministries or programs that are new or even old ones that didn't work then but, might work now. These may be the ways for us to help bring others to salvation and a loving church family to help them on their journey.

Consider what we, as the church, might do this year to help others as we move into the summer.

Yours,  
Rev. Randal