

The Marshall Christian

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June 2017

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

June 4th & 11th

Elders:

Loretta Green
Dan Brandt

Deacons:

Ed Baker
Mona Baker
Tyler Clemens
Tiffany Thornton
Alisa Smith

June 18th & 25th

Elders:

Tim Clemens
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Dane Branson
Amanda McCord
Annette Miles
Shirley Schultz
Makenzie Thomason

Outside Communion:

June 11th

Donna Smith
Kathryn Jones

June 25th

Kay Wise
Loretta Green

Worship Leaders

June 4th– Paul Crews
June 11th– Dan Brandt
June 18th– Kris Milliron
June 25th– Julie Hoffelmeyer

“Graduations and Travels”

We just made it through another season of graduations. Back in the days when I was a youth pastor in Kansas and counselor at church camps, I received graduation announcements from seniors all over the state. One year I made it to seven high school graduations; some as far as two hours away. Another year I only attended five commencement ceremonies, but got to see 16 of our church camp kids graduate in those five. As the years went by, I also was invited to the college graduations of many of those same people.

My practice is to put the graduation announcements up where I can see them often. It reminds me to pray often for these graduates during their time of transitions. This year we experienced a first. One of the graduation announcements was from our grandson, Jonathan Hoskins. He is the oldest of our nine grandchildren, so we’re expecting more of these to come.

Our family has a tradition of giving luggage to high school graduates. In a way it seems strange, as if we’re saying, “There ya go. You’ve graduated, so pack up and move off.” The hope, however, is that life will provide the graduate with many great opportunities for travel and new experiences and growth, so the luggage will come in handy. So, we got Jon a set of luggage complete with a stocked shaving kit/toiletry bag.

As any of us prepare to travel this summer, we can keep the following traveler’s prayer by Jill Herringshaw on our lips: “God, you have given us feet to move, and a mind to imagine new things and places and

people. You have made us to travel and explore your wonderful world. Thank you for this gift. Still, this world over which we move is



wrought with dangers and threats. When we travel, we are vulnerable. Please protect our steps. Protect us on the road, and in the air. Send an angel of protection to accompany us. Shield us from evil and any who would use this opportunity to bring destruction. Bring us safely there and back home again. And while we’re gone, protect those we leave behind. Keep the peace and secure the boundaries of our home. Assign an angel of protection to stand guard over our property and our loved ones and our friends and family. Keep us healthy and guard us from sickness, injury, accident and violence. Give wisdom to those flying the airplane and driving the vehicles, and keep the machinery working properly. Moderate the weather on our travels. And even now, begin to prepare us and the places we will visit, so that we can meet you there. In fact, Lord, come with us. Join us on this journey and be our companion and guide and protector and provider. Amen”

In God’s Grip, Loy



June Anniversaries & Birthdays

1– Mason Rugen
 2– Kevin Dehn
 3– Clay Jackson
 5– Julie Ash
 Shannon Clemens
 8– Carla Fricke
 Coradean Naylor
 Josh Hoffelmeyer
 Jeremy Harlin
 Dianne Harvey
 Seth Layton
 12– Ken Bryant
 Drew Jackson
 14– Robert Phillips
 16– Jay Yoder
 18– Mae Belle McGraw
 Avery Schroeder
 20– Georganne DeMoss
 Tim Hessel
 Paul Scarff
 21– Dennis Carter
 23– Aiden Dryer

23– Alex Green
 Kay Wise
 25– Dan Cox
 26– Patsy Pace
 26– Cooper Rugen
 27– David Kueker
 28– Katie Shannon
 29– Mike Green
 Michelle Krog
 30– Virginia Algermisson
 Marilyn Wood

ANNIVERSARIES

3– Kris & Greg Milliron
 4– Ron & Carol Schupp
 7– Jim & Linda Dryer
 12– Sam & Michelle Krog
 19– Tyler & Jenely Merchant
 23– Gary & Jean Dowell
 Phil & Rebecca Perkins
 24– Larry & Anita Wright
 29– John & Ginger McGraw

Thank you...

To my Church family for the cards, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. Also, a big thank you for the women who took me to my appointments for three weeks.

Darlene Arnett



Single Ladies Luncheon

The Single and Widow Ladies Group will be meeting for a carry-in luncheon on Thursday, June 22 at noon. Please try to attend. If you have any questions please contact Roberta Reed.

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 look back:

Three years after the founding of Marshall in 1839, Thomas M. Allen of Columbia stated that he had held a meeting at Marshall and organized a church with 27 members. Some think that the exact date may have been September 27, 1842. They first met in the county courthouse. A frame building was erected at the cost of \$2,000 in 1851, and the church became a permanent religious force in the community up until the Civil War. Until the war, the church was prosperous with several preachers and pastors.

During the war years, 1861-1865, Marshall was in the midst of the devastation of war, and all the church records were destroyed. While the preachers went elsewhere to preach, some would return for a 'long, drawn out meeting' on occasion and other would stop over a Sunday or a weekday to greet and strengthen their fellow members. The pulpit was covered by almost all the pioneer preachers of those days.

The little frame church was occupied by Federal troops, and eventually as a stable for their horses, so that from being 'a house of prayer' it became a place of war. When the troops were moving into the church building, the black janitor ran out with the communion set and saved it by hiding it in a gunny sack.

When the troops finally moved out in 1865, all the window panes were gone, the shutters were off their hinges, and no paint was on the exterior. The outside looked like a stable. In 1867 a new church building was built. It was occupied until 1886. The first regular pastor after the war was W.H. Robinson, a brilliant speaker who served the congregation faithfully, both before and after he was stricken blind.

Youth News

As this year of youth group meetings winds to an end for the summer, I'd like to share a few of my favorite quotes from the past nine months:

"I've never told anyone this before, but you all are like family so..." -11 yr. Old

"This is my favorite part of the week!" -9 yr. Old

"I like the fact that everyone is different from each other. It would be boring if we were all the same. People judge each other because of their differences, but that's what makes us unique." -13 yr. Old

"I've never really had faith or a relationship with God before these last couple years." -17 yr. Old

"It doesn't matter which religion is right, maybe they're all 'right'. God created us to think after all, so everyone has their own 'truth' anyhow." -12 yr. Old

"Sometimes a loved one dying IS God's answer to prayer. Even though it hurts us, it's better for that person, because now they're with God and no longer suffering." -12 yr. Old

"The circus is in town tonight, and my parents wanted to take me, but I told him it was youth group night. DUH!" -12 yr. old

"Other religions aren't wrong, they're just different. Different isn't bad; it's what makes everything interesting. Maybe if we learned more about other religions, we might even learn something from them!" 13 yr. Old

"I've never experienced an environment of unconditional love and acceptance like this before...so this is what grace looks like!" -19 yr. old at C.R.Y.

"I don't believe in God, but you never know." -17 yr. old (who attends youth group regularly)

"Wait a minute...this is another one of your trick questions that has no right or wrong answer; it's whatever our 'truth' is. We're onto you, Kris!" -11 yr. old

"Can we please package up our leftovers and take them to the First Responders?" -16 yr. old after the youth luncheon

"I love me just the way I am. And I love others just the way they are. No one should have to change for anyone." -13 yr old

"You don't have to be big to do something bigger. I mean, you don't have to be a giant to take down a giant." - 9 yr. old

"I'm getting baptized this Sunday; I can't wait!!" -9 yr. old

(on comparing ones' faith to a swimming pool) "Sometimes I'm doing laps in the deep end, sometimes I'm drowning, sometimes I'm the life-guard, sometimes I'm dipping my toes in the water, and yet sometimes I'm outside the gate, scared to even go in. But I guess that's what faith, and grace, is all about." -15 yr. old

"I learned this year about TRUTH and faith. Everyone's truth is different, but everyone's truth is right. I found my own truth this year; I thought I had stuff figured out, but hearing others' thoughts and truths opened my mind to new ideas about God and my own faith." 12 yr. old

THANK YOU!! To my FCC family, to my second family at Covenant, to Pastor Loy and Pastor Dan, to Rachel, to the Youth Committee members and to the parents. But especially thank you to all the children and youth....for keeping me young, for challenging me, for your endless questions, for your inspiration, and for letting me journey alongside you. This truly is the best 'job' ever!!

Kris Milliron

Fri., June 2nd Return from Mission trip
 Fri.-Sat., June 9-10th CRY Cabinet meeting, St. Louis
 Tues., June 27th Christian Ed./Youth Committee, 7pm

Upcoming Sermons

June 4 Jim West of Sweet Springs to Preach
 June 11 "Healing Power"
 June 18 "A Father's Lessons on the Three 'R's" (*Father's Day*)
 June 25 "The Burning Call"

Pentecost Sunday
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
 Matthew 1:18-25
 Jeremiah 20:7-13

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