

# The Marshall Christian

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## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### August 2 & 9

Elders:

Fred Hartley  
Marshall Krause

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck  
Amanda McCord  
Wayne Wise  
Phoebe Jones  
Jessica Parker

### August 16 & 23

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford  
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Kevin Dryer  
Chris Layton  
Brenda Coffman  
Darlene Arnett

### Outside Communion:

#### August 9

Julie Hoffelmeyer  
Tim Clemens

#### August 23

TBA

## “Are You Tired?”

My friend, Courtney Richards, is the senior minister at Harvard Avenue Christian Church in Tulsa, OK. Last month she posted the following on facebook: I am so tired. I am so tired of my non-white friends thinking - believing, deep in their souls, “because it's what white people have shown them” - that no one cares if they, their children, their communities, their churches, live, die, get shot, get shot up, or burn to the ground. I am so tired of my non-Christian friends thinking - believing, deep in their souls, “because it's what Christians have shown them” - that they are reviled and feared and detested because their path to God is not our path to God.

I am so tired of girls and women thinking - believing, deep in their souls, “because it's what men AND other women have shown them” - that they have to act dumb, not speak up, always go second, take whatever's left, look/weigh/move a certain way, and be okay with it, because it's all they're worth and all they deserve. I am so tired of men thinking - believing, deep in their souls, “because it's what women AND other men have shown them” - that they have to only ever be tough, take it as their right to ask questions but never their right to feel emotions, always go first, take the lead every single time, have/act/move a certain way, and be okay with it, because it's all they're worth and all they deserve.

I am so tired of my gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender friends thinking - believing, deep in their souls, “because it's what straight people have shown

them” - that their desire to be married is some kind of ‘threat’ to the ‘sanctity’ of an ‘institution’ that has gotten less and less sacred just fine all on its own; or that it would be better for them if they were DEAD, rather than deal with the way they're told it's not okay to feel.



I'm tired of behaving as if being inclusive means being less than honest, means holding back. Of being accused of being indifferent to hate - or worse, indifferent to God - because I'm open to difference. Of being reluctant to have hard conversations, because I've been dismissed for trying to ground them in compassion and love. I'm tired of acting like it doesn't bother me when we insist one radical person of one radical group represents everything there is to that group ... but will immediately self-defend that one radical person of OUR group could never ever represent ‘the rest of us’.

I'm tired of being afraid to say enough is enough. Because it is. ENOUGH. IS. ENOUGH. It is enough ... but at the same time? There IS enough. Enough for all of us. Enough for the world. There is more than enough for us to quit living lives of terror and hatred, cowering in fear of scarcity. There is more than enough for us to live in the glory of our abundance, the wide-open, un-limited, hands-extended, heart-enfolding, life-embracing mercy and wonder and grace of the One who created us ALL. Enough is enough. We're better than this. I want to start acting like it. Maybe then I won't be so tired.

In God's Grip, Loy

## August Anniversaries & Birthdays

1– Lucy Fletcher  
 2– Cindy Brandt  
 3– Bill Alley  
 Bruce Blalock  
 Colleen Brown  
 Margaret O'Dell  
 Michelle Scarff  
 5– Sarah Bentley  
 7– Dallas Coslet  
 8– Jim Crawford  
 9– Phil LaGore  
 10– James Merchant  
 13– Diane Green  
 Bryce Payne  
 14– Wayne Shannon  
 Lawrence Soendker

15– Terry Cobb  
 Harrell Boedeker  
 19– Payton Ehrhardt  
 20– Azlynn Buck  
 21– Heather McReynolds  
 23– Lisa Balance  
 Linda Crews  
 24– Jill Clemens  
 Christine Estill  
 Shirley Jackson  
 Justin Schroeder  
 26– Lee Pointer  
 28– Darrin Schupp  
 29– Ty Pointer  
 31– Nate Sullivan

### ANNIVERSARIES

5– Brennan & Debbie Tucker  
 11– Doug & Kathy Swinger  
 15– George & Loretta Green  
 20– Issam & Wilma Amary  
 Bill & Nancy Jackson  
 21– Charles & Nellie Estill  
 29– Greg & Shirley Schultz  
 Rennie & Lisa Ballance



### Add Yourself to Our Call List

Since we are using less than our allotted 200 phone numbers on the automated call list, we have a few openings to add additional numbers. If you are not receiving the weekly phone calls with information about Sunday's worship service or wish to add an additional cell phone number to what we have, contact the office.



### Kickoff Sunday – Aug 23rd

On August 23 we will have a "Kickoff Sunday" to help kick-off the new start of another year of children's and youth ministries, men's and women's groups, choir practices, new ministries, and much more. To enhance the 'kickoff' theme, everyone is encouraged to **wear clothes supporting your favorite football 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.



### Flag Etiquette

Our recent national holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day have brought about some discussion on the correct placement of the American and Christian flags in our sanctuary. After checking with some experts in the field and several web sites, we have decided to follow these guidelines from the United States Flag Code:

"When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium on or off a podium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he or she faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker (to the right of the audience). In some occasions the flags are displayed off the platform and in front of the speaker (making them a part of the audience). In such situations, the position of the U. S. Colors has occasionally been reversed with the National Flag placed to the audience's right. This practice has fallen to general disuse, and such reversal of placement was a matter of custom not specified in the Flag Code. To avoid confusion however, we normally recommend the practice of always placing the flag to the speaker's right."

### Welcoming Freshmen to Missouri Valley College

Friday, August 21 will be Welcome Day for the freshmen at Missouri Valley College this year. Once again our church will have a table to hand out information about our church services and ministries. We need volunteers to make several dozen cookies (this works well to draw the freshmen to our table). We also need volunteers to be at the table to hand out the cookies and information and to talk to the students from 9:00 in the morning until 3:00 that afternoon. If you are able to give your time or cooking talent, please contact the church office.

**Until next time...**



With little space this month left in the newsletter, I found myself lacking in room for my monthly “story”. But, there was room for a few of my favorite quotes— hope you enjoy!

- ~*Be Somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody.*~
- ~*Treat everybody like it's their birthday.*~
- ~*If you can't think of anything nice to say, you're not thinking hard enough!*~

**Report from  
General Assembly**

The 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada was held July 18-22 in Columbus, Ohio. This gathering of the church happens every other year, and it is the denomination coming together at the general level rather than the regional, area, or local levels. In many ways the gathering of the general church mirrors what is done at the local level. In five days we worship, do business, break bread, study, fellowship, serve, and more.

Six worship services in the five days gave us a chance to hear inspiring preachers such as Dr. Amy Butler, senior minister of

Riverside Church in New York City; Rev. Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ; and Adam Hamilton, senior minister of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas and author of 24 books. Sunday night’s worship was a service of Praise and Prayer and had several great musicians share their gifts. The more than two dozen Sunday morning worship opportunities to hear Disciple preachers included a service at the convention center led by the teens of the General Youth Council. It was similar to a Youth Sunday service, and I attended it with about 500 others.

Each worship service included an offering for one of our denomination’s special offerings (Week of Compassion, new church starts, Disciple colleges and seminaries, etc.). Each service had a children’s sermon, communion, and a wonderful variety of music, liturgical dancing, and much more. There was also a service that was very similar to our own All Saints Day worship in which the names of the Disciple ministers that had passed since the last assembly were projected on the screens. In addition, a remembrance was allowed attendees to add names or pictures of any Disciple member who had died in the past two years.

Three business sessions of four hours each were held. During these days the church did our business on the general level. This in-

cluded accepting the reports of 20 divisions (such as Disciple Home Missions, Christian Church Foundation, Week of Compassion, etc.); voting on 21 business items; approving the slate of officers and the budget for the next two years; and more. If you are interested in seeing the reports or reading the resolutions and seeing the outcome of the votes, you can go to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) website, then to the General Assembly page, and finally click on ‘business’.

The formal opportunities to break bread together were no less than 46 meals offered as breakfast, lunch, or dinner meals by groups; formal banquet;, and very informal after session gatherings by groups. I attended luncheons for Culver-Stockton College, Phillips Theological Seminary, and the Disciple Men. I also attended the All Assembly Dinner and the Christian Church Foundation Banquet.

There were 70 workshops covering many topics and issues and many different service opportunities offered. There was an exhibit hall with a great many Disciple colleges, organizations, divisions, and components along with vendors. There’s much more to report and a lot more details to include, but not enough room to tell it all. If you have any questions, please feel free to come talk to me about this great experience and the opportunity for you to go to the next one in Indianapolis in 2017 as a voting delegate from our congregation. ~Pastor Loy~

**Upcoming Sermons**

- July 26 “How We Measure Up” Amos 7:7-15
- Aug. 2 “Eat and be Filled” John 6:24-35
- Aug. 9 *Guest Preacher, Kirby Gould, Vice President of Christian Church Foundation (Pastor Loy on vacation)*
- Aug. 16 “A Taste of God” Psalm 34:1-8
- Aug. 23 “Serving on God’s Team” (Kickoff Sunday) Joshua 24:1, 14-18
- Aug. 30 “Bite Your Tongue & Bless Your Heart” James 3:2-12

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*Just a thought...*

Us humans are capable of war & sadness & other terrible stuff, but also cupCakes– you can't be sad when you're holding a cupCake!

### **Visit the New Church Website!**

Stop by our new and improved church website at [www.fccmarshallmo.org](http://www.fccmarshallmo.org) to check out upcoming events and activities, serving schedules, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.

*We're on the Web!*  
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### **Church Staff**

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**Music Director–Hope Richards (Miller)**  
**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**  
**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,**  
**Larry Smith**  
**Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant**  
**Secretary– Hope Miller**  
**Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,**  
**Judy Morris**