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Pastoral Ponderings

Dr. Jim Hill

Interim Senior Minister

It was a special privilege for Bettie Jo and I to join the First Christian Church family for worship for the first time on Sunday. I appreciate the efforts of the congregation to wear your name tags as I seek to get acquainted and learn names. I look forward to serving with you during the coming months as you seek God's will concerning the calling of a new senior minister.

If you are like me, you enjoy a good story. The dictionary defines a "story" as a narrative, either true or fictitious, in prose or verse, designed to interest, amuse, or instruct the hearer or reader. Jesus was a master storyteller. People were captivated and challenged by his thought-provoking stories. We call the stories Jesus told "parables." When I was a boy, I learned that a parable was an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. The dictionary defines a parable as "a short allegorical story designed to illustrate or teach some truth, religious principle, or moral lesson." A parable may be "a statement or comment that conveys a meaning indirectly by the use of comparison or analogy." Most people enjoy sharing, hearing or reading a good story.

This past Sunday, I began a series of messages from the Gospel lectionary readings. I am calling this series of messages "**Extraordinary Stories of Jesus.**" The gospels are filled with wonderful stories of the life and ministry of Jesus. One of Jesus' favorite topics for the stories he shared was "the kingdom of God." Each of us has an understanding of what it means to be a part of the kingdom of God. These "understandings" shape not only our religious activities, but they also form the foundations for our daily lives and our life priorities. They help us answer some of the most important questions of life. What is the meaning and purpose of life? What is really important? What does it mean to be right with God? Jesus told stories that helped people think about their lives and their relationships with God in new ways. His "kingdom" parables challenged people to a new way of living. I hope you will plan to join us this Sunday as we explore "God's Kingdom."

Children's Sunday School Begins THIS Sunday

This summer, children's Sunday school will provide lessons in-person twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:30 AM. The two lessons within the same month will center around the same Bible story so that if you can only make it for one of the Sunday's, you'll still hear about the story for that month! *(continued)*

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Although the story will be the same, each lesson during the month will be different and will provide an opportunity for review. One lesson for the month will include a craft activity while the other will include a cooking activity.

PreK through 6th graders are invited to join us as we explore how to build our own relationship with God through scripture stories. Older kids will have an opportunity lead and role model for the younger kids. We ask that all Sunday School attendees wear masks during our time together as a way of caring for one another.

We're excited to see our kids this summer and have lots of fun while building our faith together!

Erin Lepper

Music Ministry

***June 13, 8:20** – Karen Kelley will share an arrangement of the American folksong, "How Can I Keep from Singing?," sometimes titled as "My Life Flows On in Endless Song". Karen is a graduate student at Arizona State University working on a master's degree in Opera Performance. I first had the privilege of accompanying this talented young lady when she was a student at Blair Oaks High School. At that time and when available through her college years, she often participated with our worship team, singing and playing guitar.

***June 13, 10:40** – Curtis Sudduth and our worship team will provide music as usual at our contemporary worship service. You can preview music for this service by clicking on the links below. This is a great way to not only become more familiar with the songs but to provide you a time of worship during the week!

[Your Words](#) [Less Like Me](#) [Thrive](#) [Broken Vessels](#) [Build Your Kingdom](#)

***June 20, 8:20 and 10:40** – Our worship team will be off on June 20, so both worship services will incorporate the same music. Jack DeArmey will lead our singing of traditional hymns as well as offer two contemporary worship anthems, "Shout to the Lord" and "Who Am I?" Jack is a former Westminster student with whom I had the privilege of working during his time there.

As always, I am working ahead to plan special music for summer worship. Currently, I have plans in place through July 4. If you have the willingness and skill to provide a vocal or instrumental solo or small ensemble, please contact me at gretchen@firstchristianjcmo.org. I'm happy to help choose music and to rehearse as much as needed. This invitation is open to all ages!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Our Condolences to Sharon Gonder and family on the loss of her sister, Janice Wood.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Richard Carroll, Doug Defreece, Nancy Dunwiddie, Rebecca Frye, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Norma Hasselman, Brooks Jarrett, Jeanette Hickman, Shirley Jarrett, Emily Lane, Vivian Murphy, Mae Oehring, Jackie Possinger, Shawn Sherraid, Kathy Speidel, Elaine West, Doris Yelton, Our Country

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please give Kathy a call at 573.636.5157 or email her Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org, if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

Members in Care Centers

BLUEGRASS TERRACE

Glenda Crow

HEISINGER

Richard Carroll

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

JC MANOR

Jackie Possinger

OAK TREE VILLA

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Georgiale Dallas

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Doris Yelton

SUMMIT VILLA

Shirley Jarrett

VILLA MARIE

Terry Fockler

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE	8	12	19	26
1 Katie Imler	Sue Snell	Dorothy Clark	Alyssa Angell	Chris Lloyd
Karen West	9 Steve Amick	Alan Nelson	<i>Travis & Jamie Jackson</i>	27 Robin Grumm
2 Donna Brown	Amy Kuebler	Sela Reeves	20 Miles Beachboard	Carol Jordan
3 Georgia Griffith	<i>Allysa Angell & Stacey Gregory-Angell</i>	<i>Larry & Carolyn Link</i>	21 Sandy Bennett	Herb Kuhn
Sierra Penn	<i>Corey & Shelley Dawson</i>	14 Diane Jones	Milinda Dawson	28 Doug Hagenhoff
<i>John & Cindy Blosser</i>	10 Glenda Crow	<i>Bob & Sally Robuck</i>	Emily Lane	<i>Herb & Becky Kuhn</i>
<i>Steve & Beth Nolte</i>	Harrison Sheppard	15 <i>Ron & Carol Jordan</i>	<i>Rick & Carol Andris</i>	29 <i>Matt & Shelly Woodson</i>
5 Gabee Fallert	Samantha Sheppard	16 Heidi Love	22 Ryan Vegiard	30 <i>Don & Terri Lloyd</i>
Jeff Snyder	Nike Thompson	Cyndy Millard	23 Austin King	
Kevin Strobel	<i>Stephen & Brenda Foutes</i>	17 Bill Marshall	<i>Geoff & Sondra Gonder</i>	
<i>Claude & Roxie Hawkins</i>	<i>Bill & Nancy Mormann</i>	18 Clint Barrett	<i>Dustin & Amy Kuebler</i>	
6 Geoff Gonder	11 Catherine Vaughan	Sue Cobble	24 Alexis Gann	
Robert Love	<i>Tyler & Miranda Fishback</i>	<i>Bill & Barb Marshall</i>	Callie Thompson	
7 Nicholas Ruff		<i>Wade & Doris Park</i>	25 Lillian Mitchell	
<i>Drew & Katherine Gonder</i>			Ken Osman	
<i>Carson & Erin Lepper</i>			Lee Quinn	

Youth Update

Celebrating the End of the School Year and Scheduling Time with Alexis

While my new role as your part-time Assistant Minister means new and different responsibilities, providing care and support for youth and their families remains a priority. If your 6th-12th grader/s would like to celebrate the end of the school year by meeting with me for frozen yogurt at YoYums, email me at alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org to schedule a time to meet.

I'm happy to meet with members of any age. One of my favorite parts of ministry is the opportunity to be part of members' lives - to celebrate joys, to be present with you during times of sorrow, and to simply chat and reflect upon whatever is on your mind together. I'm an email away and will be happy to schedule time to spend with you.

Bible Study Returns June 16th!

You are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays beginning June 16th. At noon we will gather in person in the Activities Room, and at 6:45 we will meet on Zoom in meeting room 220 228 6773. If you have questions about accessing Zoom, contact Rev. Sarah.

Each week, Rev. Sarah or Alexis will facilitate a discussion focusing on the scripture for the upcoming Sunday sermon. To learn more, contact either Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org or Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org.

Special Zoom Session with Hebrew Bible Scholar Dr. Lisa Davison

On Monday, June 14 from 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM, all FCC members are welcome to join Alexis and Dr. Lisa Davison to learn more about reading prayers in scripture, the Psalms, and the Hebrew Bible (also known as the First Testament or Old Testament). Participants in the Intergenerational Reading and Writing Prayers Lab have submitted thoughtful questions that Dr. Davison is looking forward to answering.

Please email Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org to RSVP for the event and to receive the Zoom link. You can also share any questions *you* might have related to these topics and/or to receive the material our group used by Friday, June 11. We'd love for you to join us.

Dr. Lisa Davison is the professor of the Hebrew Bible at Phillips Theological Seminary. Along with taking several of her classes and loving each one, Alexis served as her Teaching Assistant for several semesters and the Research Assistant for her latest book - she is excited to introduce you to Dr. Davison, who you can read more about here: <https://www.ptstulsa.edu/lisa-davison/>.

With You on the Journey,

Alexis

Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org

Food for Kids Summer Feeding Program

First Christian will once again be participating in the Food for Kids summer feeding program. The program will begin July 5th and deliver lunches to four locations Monday through Friday through August 20. The program will be basically the same as it was in prior years. Different churches will take a week to prepare the lunches and they will be delivered by different businesses to the sites.

First Christian has been assigned the week of July 19-23 to prepare the lunches. We need 4-6 volunteers to arrive at the First Presbyterian Church about 10:30 am each day that week. It usually only takes about an hour. ALL THOSE MAKING LUNCHES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.

If you are willing to make lunches one time or everyday that week, please let Ann Littlefield know which day you are available. Thank you for helping with this needed ministry.

Ann Littlefield

littlefieldann@icloud.com or 573-230-5194

End of the Year Fun at East Elementary: Field Day Ice Cream and Summer Care Packages



Thank you to Missy Mann for these pictures

Name Tags and Hospitality

Thanks to those who wore their nametags last Sunday (and to Sue Snell, Ann Littlefield, and Syndey Foutes who helped Alexis distribute them before each service). Let's keep it up with the goal of everyone wearing theirs regularly! Wearing our nametags helps Rev. Dr. Jim Hill learn our names while practicing hospitality with one another and our guests. Contact Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org if you do not have one.

Those curious to learn more about how wearing name tags can enhance the vitality of church life may appreciate this short article: <https://churchanswers.com/blog/10-reasons-everybody-at-church-should-wear-a-nametag/>.

Thank you!

The response to the notice of my 90th birthday in the "Bell" was very rewarding. I received many cards, calls, texts, personal visits, flowers and gifts from my church family. One member brought lunch and shared with me and Eden. I've been a member of this church and Sunday school since early 1967. I've experienced the love and support through the years, so thanks for remembering me again. It was great to hear and see several in person after this long hard year of separation. I'm looking forward to returning to church and Sunday school to thank each of you in person.

*Thanks to my FCC family,
Juanita Dietle*

Register for Summer Camp 2021

<https://bit.ly/3d9TV0S> or
<http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/summer>

Support our Camp Program!

Supplies needed to help us have a safe and healthy summer.

Mid-America Region Summer Camps are committed to doing everything they can to make sure our campers, counselors, and volunteers stay safe and healthy this summer. To help with this effort, we are collecting the following items. Drop off your items in the container by the front desk and we will get them to camp!

Hand Sanitizer
Clorox Wipes
Disposable Masks
Paper Towels
Spray Bottles
Alcohol (97%)
Medium and large rubber Gloves

SUMMER CAMP 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/3d9TV0S>
(Filter for NEOLA Camps)

Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence Mo

Try-It (PreK-1st, must be accompanied by adult family member) August 6-8.

Elem/Junior Camp (completed 2nd -5th) July 12-16

Chi Rho (completed 6th-7th) August 1-6

CYF (completed 9th-12th) June 6-11

Shannondale, Salem MO

Our Bodies, Our Faith (completed 8th & 9th) July 11-16

Canoe Camp (completed 7th-12th) July 11-15

<http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/summer>
for more information and covid precautions

FCC Jeff City will pay at least 50% of camp registration costs with scholarships available up to 100%. When you register, do not pay online. Contact Rev. Sarah to make payment arrangements.



Common Ground is hosting the Capital City's First EVER Lip-Sync Battle! This year, it's a virtual battle where dollars = votes.

YouTube link to videos must be submitted to lipsync@cgcb.org by July 30, 2021.

More information can be found at <https://www.cgcb.org/lip-sync>.

Congratulations to Scout Master Carl Mahoney!

This past Saturday night, June 5th, Carl was honored with the Silver Beaver Award. This award is given to scout leaders who have given above and beyond in every way through their lives. If you would like to know more about this award, Rich Green is the person to talk to.

OFFICE NOTES

Church office hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Kathy takes a lunch hour somewhere between 1:30PM and 3:00PM [usually 1:45PM to 2:45PM]. If you need to drop something off at church, or need to speak with Kathy, coming in before 1:30PM or after 3:00PM is the easiest way to know someone will be in the office.

Rev. Dr. Jim Hill is in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, besides being here on Sundays. You may always get in touch with him by email Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org or by calling the church office.

Rev. Sarah can be contacted by phone or email Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org. She has office hours on Mondays from 2 - 4PM and is off on Thursdays.

1ST SUNDAY JUNE 6	2ND SUNDAY JUNE 13	3RD SUNDAY JUNE 20	4TH SUNDAY JUNE 27	5TH SUNDAY AUG 29
8:20AM ELDER Ann Littlefield	8:20AM ELDER J.T. Yarnell	8:20AM ELDER Alan Nelson	8:20AM ELDER Cecile Landrum	8:20AM ELDER Alan Nelson
LITURGIST Sue Snell	LITURGIST Sally Robuck	LITURGIST Karen Shroyer	LITURGIST Karla Denny	LITURGIST Bob Priddy
USHERS Doug Hagenhoff Milinda Dawson	USHERS Joe Payne Nike Thompson	USHERS Greg & Sherry Fitzpatrick	USHERS Kathy Cavender Rick Vaughan	USHERS
10:40AM ELDER Patty Osman	10:40AM ELDER Barb Kuebler	10:40AM ELDER Melanie Highland	10:40AM ELDER Laura Avery	10:40AM ELDER Steve Waters
LITURGIST Susan Vaughn	LITURGIST Laura Avery	LITURGIST Cindy Leveron	LITURGIST Elaine West	LITURGIST Cecile Landrum
USHERS Jim & Russ Dunwiddie	USHERS Debi Wells Georgia Griffith	USHERS Morris Woodruff Stephen Foutes	USHERS Marsha & Allen Posz	USHERS Debi Wells Georgia Griffith

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
 Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message. **NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY (AFTER 5PM), SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

The next  *Church Bell* will be sent June 23, 2021.
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



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 AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS ON YOUR PHONE

-DOWNLOAD THE "GIVERS APP"
 (FROM CONTINUE TO GIVE)

Zoom Meeting Room meeting ID is **2202286773**.
 If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp tinamollenkamp@cgcb.org/573-522-4314), if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on our website at www.cgcb.org.



You may also give online at firstchristianjcmo.org/donate

Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at finance@firstchristianjcmo.org. We have contracted with CALD services, a local accounting firm specializing in religious non-profits, to provide these critical functions.

Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples, a community of believers who follow Jesus by *worshiping God, growing in faith, and serving all in need. Bound to each other in Christ's love, we discover our life together through sharing life with the world.*

WEBSITES YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED

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