

Down by the River

News from the River of Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor's Pen

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

Therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Summer is finally at our doorstep, with longer days and hotter weather to look forward to. In the liturgical rhythm of the church year, summer is usually considered a “slow” time, since no major Holy days occur during this time. For some churches, attendance drops in the summer with the influx of vacations, weekend traveling, etc. Here at ROLCC our “low” time is usually during the winter months when several people migrate to warmer areas. For ROLCC, the summer provides a wonderful opportunity for the church to take inventory of where we are and where we want to be as we enter into our next season.

Many of you have noticed the Bulletin Board with the question “How will you Love, Learn, Serve this week?” As I have learned from other pastor's who have successfully lead church revitalizations and as I have began researching the topic for myself, a church that can answer those three questions is well on it's way to creating engaged and active disciples. This summer I would like to ask all of us to consider the ways our church as a whole, and each person individually can Love more, Learn more, and Serve more. If we take these questions to heart there is no doubt that a vibrant church is in our future!

In Grace and Peace,
Pastor Paula

A note from Society of St. Andrew

Thank you, River of Life Christian Church, for making the Society of St. Andrew your partner in ending hunger, with your recent gift of \$127.79. Through this gift, you will share fresh, nutritious produce with those in our nation who simply don't have enough to eat.

Much of the food the Society of St. Andrew salvages by the tractor-trailer load or gleanings from fields would end up in landfills without our intervention. Instead of letting it go to waste, with your help, we can make sure it goes to feed hungry Americans.

Through Society of St. Andrew, every 3 cents you give puts one serving of healthy food on the tables of people in greatest need. Every 9 cents puts one pound of food on their tables.

Spring weather has finally arrived. Families in poverty truly need fresh fruits and vegetables for their children. Your continued support will help us feed these families with fresh nutritious produce!

Thank you for ALL the ways your congregation reaches out as the hands and feet of Christ, and thank you especially for your faithful concern for our hungry brothers and sisters.

JUNE 2018

BIBLE STUDY: Book of Daniel study Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. led by Cary Green.

COFFEE, CONVERSATION & COLORING: Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Rm. for conversation, coffee and the spiritual discipline of coloring.

BOARD MEETING: Monday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Please note change of location!

Annual Church picnic will be: June 24th - Noon to 3:00 p.m

Where: Huston Park, 1721 Smith St.

Bring covered dish, lawn chairs and yard games if you have any

Come for a wonderful time of fellowship

SUMMER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY, at River Bend Apartment Complex, to

Host a light lunch and activity one day per week during the summer. Please if interested in helping on 6/14, 6/21 and 6/28 please sign up in the Narthex

INSIDE GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALE: August 23rd, 8-1 and a cook-out from 11-1

Start cleaning out those closets, garage and join us for fun and fellowship. Everyone sells their own treasures with a 10% donation of your profits to the church.

Serving in June

Elder

Prayers at the Table

- 3 Jane & Dennis
Kollmar
- 10 Connie Kiesling
Bob Minnick
- 17 Julie Jones
Ken Uchida
- 24 Julie & Ted
Jones

Deacons

Offering & Communion

- John & Bonnie Minglin
- Mary Bell
- Jackson Neibert

Clean-up:
Mary Bell

Worship

Leaders

- 3 Chloe Iles
- 10 Connie Kiesling
- 17 Dennis Kollmar
- 24 Jim Brown

Offering Mediation

- 3 Mac Martin
- 10 Rev. Paula Neibert
- 17 Dennis Kollmar
- 24 Rev. Paula Neibert

Coffee Closet

- 3 Dennis Kollmar
- 10 Martha Brown
- 17 Yvette Sims
- 24 Mary Bell

Greeters

- 3 Marlene Moore
Ella Neibert
- 10 Mac & Lucy
Martin
- 17 Howard & Toni
Lhamon
- 24 Mary Bell
Connie Keisling

Security Check: Ted Jones

June Anniversaries

- 3 Mark & Donna Jameson
- 19 Sandy & Cindy Dalton
- 21 Brian & Ann Iles

June Birthdays

- 2 Kasie Rees
- 6 Brian Iles
- 14 Brock Hyman
- 18 Martha Brown
- 22 Ingrid Minnick
- 27 Jane Kollmar
John Iles
- 28 Marlene Moore

May Attendance

- May 6: 61
- May 13: 70
- May 20: 47
- May 27: 62