



Down by the River

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

Pastor's Pen

Greetings,

Beginning on Sunday September 9, we will begin using the Narrative Lectionary to guide and shape the Scripture and sermons for our Sunday morning worship together. What is the Narrative Lectionary?

The Narrative Lectionary is a four year lectionary, that leads to a proclamation of what God is doing. This lectionary also seems to help recount the grand scope of salvation history. The narrative lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church:

The Scripture texts are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement.

The texts also show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

Texts were selected that lead well to the proclamation of what God is doing. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life. Stories from the gospels differ each year, avoiding repetition and highlighting what is distinctive about each gospel's telling of the story of Jesus.

I am excited to try this new (to us) way of entering into the Bible and learning together as a congregation more about the stories that have shaped the faith lives of God's people for thousands of years. In a time when the Bible is often used to be exclusive and abusive, learning how these sacred stories connect to form the overarching theme of God's love and justice for humanity is a holy task we have been gifted with. Let us use the responsibility and gift wisely.

In Grace and Peace, Paula

September 2018

TUESDAYS

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. led by Cary Green

THURSDAYS

Coffee, Conversation & Coloring - 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, September 10th

Broad Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 15th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. You are invited to help celebrate Chuck and Barb Erickson's 50th anniversary at the Moose Lodge, 900 E. Main St. Logansport. Please no gifts

SUNDAY, September 23rd
Carry-In Dinner after service.
Come for an enjoyable time of fellowship.

Children of River of Life Church

Enjoying time with Pastor Paula after Pastor's class



River of Life Church Ladies Luncheon



Thank you to all who planned and attended the women's luncheon on August 22nd. A good was had by all as we shared in a devotion, fellowship and good food. We looked forward to doing this again soon.

Thank you to all who participated in the annual rummage sale and cook-out. It was a rainy day but a good time of fellowship was had by all.

You're Invited

WHAT - 50th Anniversary for Chuck and Barb Erickson

WHEN - Sept. 15 3-6 PM

WHERE - Moose Lodge
900 E. Main Logansport
* please no gifts

Our Daily Bread

The new Fall "Our Daily Bread" is available now at the church.

It talks about topics from "Strength for Your Journey" to "Asking God First". The Daily Bread is provided by the church and is available throughout the church.

Dear Church Family,

September 23rd we are have a Carry-In Dinner after service. Come for an enjoyable time of fellowship.



Ring-a-Ding-Ding

I know all of you have been anxiously waiting this announcement! Here it is - Start planning, we will resume bells on Sunday, October 14th @ 9:00 a.m. There is always room for more so those of you that have the desire, **COME JOIN US!**

Julie



Community Outreach

As a congregation, we have long been active in community outreach programs. Besides the Thanksgiving Dinner and the Summer Feeding Program for children, we also have members who routinely volunteer at the hospital assisting patients or working in the gift shop. River of Life

members volunteer on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Emmaus Food Pantry. In the past we have volunteered to help in a local elementary school. Last year we also provided funds and manpower to deliver the Emmaus Senior Christmas Baskets.

Donations to our "Blessing Basket" provide gas cards for needy people and also provide special treats at Halloween and Easter for children living at the homeless shelter. Our "Trunks of Treats" provides safe Halloween fun for children.

This year we will be helping to provide financial support for local Robotics Teams. As another new mission, we are providing each elementary school with a basket of new underwear to serve when accidents occur in school or to provide help for particular families in need. Again this year we will be helping with the Emmaus Senior Christmas Baskets. During each month that contains five Sundays, we collect cleaning supplies for the homeless shelter. This year we have also committed to providing bell ringers for the Salvation Army's Christmas drive.

Our thanks and grateful appreciation go out to all who help to finance these mission activities and to all who donate their time and energy to make them succeed.

Mission Meeting

On August 19 about 30 members of the congregation met for a discussion session led by Carolyn Casey Reed. After a light lunch we divided around five round tables and got down to answering questions about our core values. The three questions that led our discussions were:

- 1) identity: who do we think we are?
- 2) theology: how does our belief about ourselves fit with God's vision for us?
- 3) action: how do we put those values into action?

The consensus of the group was that four characteristics express our values: being a welcoming church; demonstrating compassion; reaching out to the community; and respecting our traditions. The discussion then turned to how we put these values into action. Many suggestions were given, but the one that most seemed to reflect our values and strengths was to increase the number of meals that we serve to the public. To that end a task force consisting of Cary Green, Lucy Martin,

Connie Kiesling, Jane Kollmar, Marsha Iles, and Melissa Closson was formed. The goal is to hold our first community supper during the middle week of October. Our hope is that we can all enjoy the fellowship that comes from providing and eating this communal supper and that we will be fulfilling a need in the community.

*Please join the Delphi United Methodist Women
for an evening of fellowship on Tuesday
September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*

Sara Coffman will present this year's program which promises to be very entertaining.

Sara's program will be:
"There is No Such Thing as a Comfortable Bra"
Tom Turpin will be entertaining and humorous.
Music this year will be provided by a group of 3 men from Logansport,
"Soldier's Again"

Refreshments following the program
Please respond by September 5th to:
Janie Smith: 765-564-3863
Church Office: 765-564-3791

Recipe s: Hawaiian Ham Sandwiches - Julie Jones

Use Hawaiian Hamburger Buns - use a 9/13 pan, fits 12 buns

Butter both sides of bun (makes it taste better 😊)

Layer 1 & 1/2# shaved, Honey glazed ham, slice of swiss cheese and more ham on top.

Put Sandwich in pan:

Mix together:

3/4 cup melted butter
1&1/2 T poppy seed
2 T onion flakes
1 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
2 T Ken's Honey Mustard Dressing

Pour over Sandwiches and bake- 350 degrees about 20 minutes - ENJOY

Serving in September

Elder

Prayers at the Table

2 Ted Jones
Melissa Closson

9 Melissa Closson
Betsy Logan

16 Jane & Dennis
Kollmar

23 Connie Kiesling
Bob Minnick

30 Ken Uchida
Ted Jones

Coffee Closet

2 Marsha Iles

9 Barb Erickson

16 Cindy Erickson

23 Ingrid Minnick

30 MaryAnn McIntire

Deacons

Offering & Communion

Howard & Toni Lhamon
Matt Popejoy
Jackson Neibert

Clean-up:
Marsha Iles

Greeters

2 Marsha Iles & Skip Perry

9 Chuck & Barb Erickson

16 Steve Erickson & Matt Popejoy

23 Ingrid Minnick & Jim Brown

30 MaryAnn McIntire & Beth Upton

Worship

Leaders

2 Dennis Kollmar

9 Roslyn Morgan

16 Connie Kiesling

23 Jason Crittedon

30 Isabelle Iles

Security Check:

Howard Lhamon

September Anniversaries

14 Chuck & Barb Erickson

September Birthdays

11 Bonnie Hyman
Roslyn Morgan

19 Chloe Iles

23 Gwen Frank

26 Matt Popejoy

30 Norma Harris

Matt Popejoy

August Attendance

August 5: 66

August 12: 62

August 19: 61

August 26: 52

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