



Women's
Ministry

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Christian Women's Fellowship

Please come and join the fellowship of the ladies circle and help us grow, and work together for our Church and community.

We talk, laugh and lift each other up while working together. Come on Sept. 17 at 9:30 in the Church Parlor to join our first meeting of the year. See you there!

Ladies
LUNCHEON

September Ladies Lunch will be Thursday, September 12th. Lunch will be at Sherrie's restaurant in Brunswick. If you would like to carpool over, please be at the Church parking lot between 10:15-10:30 am. They will leave promptly at 10:30. Please contact Roberta Reed if you would like to attend, or if you would like more information.



Ezekiel 36:24

"I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing."

September Blessings

Happy New Month! God Bless You!

Church Staff

- Minister— Rev. Randal DeMasters**
- Custodians— Ron & Carol Schupp**
- Financial Secretary— Ken Bryant**
- Office Admin.— Hope Richards**
- Music Director— Hope Richards**
- Pianists—Hope Richards**

Kay Wise

FCC Praise Band— Kevin Dryer, Lori Layton, Joe Palen, Hope Richards and Kay Wise

Stop by our Website at

www.fccmarshallmo.org to check out upcoming events, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3- Dexter Shannon
- 4- Linda Alspach
Micki Uhrig
- 5- Natasha Arnett
Sue Ann Crawford
Leanne Dehn
Ethan Schupp
Trafton Shannon
- 6- Jacob Kissner
- 7- Donna Bailey
Jo Nell Fizer
Jamie Behrernds
- 8- Brandon Blalock
Nancy Jackson
Bill Jackson
Evan Stoll
Martha Sweeten

- 10- Fred Hartley
Dale Pontius
- 16- Jean Dowell
- 19- Karla Hannaford
- 20- Emmy Dehn
Ryan Smith
- 24- Jan Ravenhill
- 25- McKenzie
Thomason
- 29- Jennifer Dehn
Hope Richards
- 30- Rosie Bentley
Sharon Bentley



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- Lind & Dennis Carter
- 12- Diane & Steve Green
- 14- Beth & Phil LaGore
- 21- Kim & Jamie
Behrends
- 22- Sherry & Wayne
Shannon



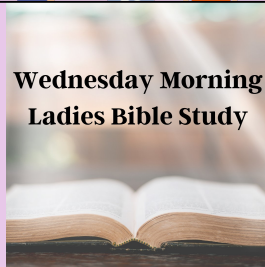
Our Fall Kickoff Fellowship Dinner will be September 15th. Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese and Rolls are on the menu! If attending, please bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be games for the kids immediately following dinner.

Starting back on September 8th!



The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 18 at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor. All are invited to join.

Wednesday Morning
Ladies Bible Study



We would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorials and the delicious meal served after the service honoring Shirley Kueker. Thank you Randal and Kay for a lovely service and music.

The Kueker Family

OUTREACH**COMMITTEE**

Whether you call it fall or autumn or harvest season, our calendars tell us that it's right around the corner. Our thermometers? Not so much. But as this next season approaches, we wanted to let you know of some upcoming events in our church's Outreach to our community.

Wednesday, September 11, 5:00 pm – Outreach Committee organizing and planning meeting: We welcome ANYONE to join our committee to try to meet the needs of people in our community. If you'd just like to come to see if this would be a good fit for you, please know that there is no commitment required by attending this meeting.

September "Ask" – So many "ASKS" occur in November and December with all of the holiday projects that we decided to spread some of the asks out over the year. (Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the hygiene kits. Please keep them coming.) In September, we are focusing on collecting boxes of gelatin and pudding for the Saline County Holiday Project. We need hundreds of boxes for the project that aims to ensure every family can enjoy a wonderful holiday meal. Please put these in the parlor and sunroom instead of the Food Pantry box.

Sundays, September 29 and October 6 – Reconciliation Offering –

For more than 40 years, Disciples of Christ's Reconciliation Offering celebrates our work toward wholeness and imagining a world where racism is dismantled and all of God's children can flourish. The special offering we collect on two Sundays will be combined with special offerings from around the world to do the good work of reconciling differences.

Saturday, December 7 – Annual Chili Supper and Eats, Sweets, & Treats Sale

Please note that this annual event is moving to the first SATURDAY in December in response to the Chamber of Commerce Downtown Christmas Parade that will occur then. We wanted to be sure you have that date reserved on your calendar for this fun and important FCC event.

Ongoing Outreach – FCC's efforts to help hungry people in our community includes donating food to the Food Pantry by placing food in the large box inside the East doors, filling the Little Food Pantry in our East parking lot with food and hygiene items, and helping deliver Meals on Wheels when it is our church's week. Your monetary donations can help people who present at FCC with a wide variety of needs, too.



A Message from our Pastor...

One Service beginning September 8th at 10:00 General Board meeting at 6:00 on September 11



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What a wonderful summer we are finishing. There were a few hot days. We had several nice days, and we had rain when we needed it (or at least close). After planting, things seemed to really slow down. The early service was in the parking lot and the ten o'clock service had enough attendance that it was embarrassing only once. [That Sunday intersected the time we had visitors so, maybe no embarrassment was felt by the congregation. It was likely I was the only one that was embarrassed.]

All was going as well as could reasonably expected. Several families got to take vacations or at least time away from the usual. Some people had to stay home but may have experienced some relief from those that did get to go on vacation being gone. (Attempt at humor.) Some monthly meetings were canceled during the summer. Overall, it seems that most everyone had a good summer and maybe even got a little rest from the regular activities that fill of the rest of the year.

Well, never mind, that is over now. We are closing out summer and getting on with everything that must be done. School is opening and all the school extracurricular all are getting into full swing. The teachers are getting back to their vocation. The students are trying to grow and learn.

But we also have hard ships like try-

ing to get to or from anywhere during certain hours of the day. All of a sudden things have somehow shifted into "high". Folks that were laid back and nice to each other all summer are now in a hurry. All of a sudden THEY absolutely "have" to be somewhere and it needs to be right now. People who were polite to others all summer are all of a sudden butting-in-line, raising their voices at others including family and generally being rude.

How it makes me wish for summer to begin again. I know it won't happen but, how nice it could be. I believe that instead of mourning the past, and what was, we ought to put our time and energy into making the present and even the future what we want it to be. Maybe we need to slow down a little. Maybe we can plan better. Mainly we need to take care of the truly important things for our lives.

In our lives and in the church we can share with others both the joy and the burden of what needs to be done. We can make things better for many, if we work with each other and always the help of God.

May God bless our endeavors and bless each one of us as we strive to be the body of Christ in the world.

Blessings, Rev. Randal