

The Marshall Christian

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August 2019

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

August 4th

Elders:

Carol Schupp
Roberta Reed

Deacons:

Vince Buck
Linda Crews
Gary Dowell
Doug Harvey
Julie Hoffelmeyer

August 11th & 18th

Elders:

Dan Brandt
Jean Dowell

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt
Carolyn Buck
Gary Dowell
Chris Layton
Leroy Wise

August 25th & September 1st

Elders:

Lloyd Bentley
Gwen Clemens

Deacons:

Lin Alexander
Brenda Coffman
Tim Clemens
Bill Jackson
Nancy Jackson

Outside Communion:

August 11th

Dan Brandt
Jean Dowell

August 25th

Gwen Clemens
Wayne McReynolds

August Children's' Sermon:

4th- Loy Hoskins
11th- Kris Milliron
18th- Kay Wise
25th- Carol Schupp

“Report from General Assembly”

Kris Milliron and I represented our congregation as voting delegates at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada, held July 20-24 in Des Moines, Iowa. There are many details about the event that she and I will be happy to share in person, and I hope to include a more detailed report to the church board, but here is a quick overview.

More than 3,500 Disciples gathered for business, worship, education, fellowship, service, and more. I attended a two day, pre-assembly class offered by Phillips Theological Seminary on “A History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Social Justice”. During the assembly itself, there were five all-assembly worship services (such amazing singers, musicians, worship leaders, and preachers – including Rev. Mark Riley who will soon be serving as senior pastor at Broadway Christian Church in Columbia) plus several in the area offered on Sunday morning, and three all-assembly Bible studies. A total of 77 different workshops for education were offered during six 90-minute time slots in the afternoons, Sunday – Tuesday.

All-assembly business sessions totaled eight hours on three separate days. During these times, the various boards and agencies of the general church

gave reports as resolutions and business items were discussed and voted on. Formal fellowship events came in the form of 33 lunches or dinners hosted by the different colleges, seminaries, or agencies of the church and from 24 after worship sessions hosted by regions or agencies of the church. Several opportunities for service, mission, and even protest rallies were offered throughout the event.



A lot of information was available in the exhibit hall which was filled with representatives from colleges, seminaries, church agencies, church related businesses, church and/or clergy supplies, and so much more. A lot of these had ‘give-aways’ to entice people to step closer to speak with them. I didn’t have much time to spend in the exhibit hall but did manage to purchase a couple of nativities for Rhonda. A lot of running into old friends and spending time catching up also takes place in the exhibit hall.

This was my tenth general assembly to attend and they are always exhausting, always meaningful, always informative, and always soul renewing. The next one is set for July 31 – August 4, 2021 in Louisville, Kentucky. Consider now making plans to attend this event to experience your larger church family and meet thousands of your Disciple siblings.

In God’s Grip, Loy

August Anniversaries & Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

- 1– Lucy Fletcher
Joseph Hoffelmeyer
- 2– Cindy Brandt
- 3– Bruce Blalock
Colleen Brown
Margaret O’Dell
Michelle Scarff
- 5– Sarah Bentley
- 7– Dallas Coslet
Jerry Frerking
- 8– Jim Crawford
- 9– Phil LaGore
- 10– James Merchant
- 13– Diane Green
Bryce Payne
- 14– Wayne Shannon
- 15– Harrell Boedeker
Terry Cobb
- 17– Azlann Buck
- 19– Tom Bailey
- 21– Heather Jones
- 23– Lisa Ballance

- 23– Linda Crews
- 24– Jill Clemens
Christine Estill
- 24– Shirley Jackson
Justin Schroeder
- 26– Lee Pointer
- 28– Gary Dowell
Darrin Schupp
- 29– Ty Pointer
- 31– Nate Sullivan



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5– Brennan & Debbie Tucker
- 11– Doug & Kathy Swinger
- 20– Issam & Wilma Amary
Bill & Nancy Jackson
- 29– Greg & Shirley Schultz
- 30– Rennie & Lisa Balance

EXCITING NEWS!!

Starting August 25, we will have classes for (1) third through fifth graders – meeting in 203; (2) sixth grade through young adult – meeting in the youth lounge; and (3) a traditional Sunday School class for young and older adults – meeting in the chapel. These classes will begin at 9:30 and last until 10:15.



NEW START TIME FOR WORSHIP

Hoping to allow a “nice flow” from our new Sunday School classes into our worship service, the 10:45 service will begin at 10:30, with pre-service music starting at 10:15. This new time will begin on “Kick-Off Sunday”, August 25th.



August 25

On August 25 we will have our annual “Kickoff Sunday” to help kick-off the new start of another year of Sunday School, children’s and youth ministries, women’s ministries, choir practices, new committees, and much more. Everyone is encouraged to **wear jerseys, T-shirts, or other clothes supporting your favorite team** – high school, college, or pro. This year we are going big with a cook out, lawn games and a Bounce House, and even a drawing for Royals tickets!

Cook Out!!

Plan to join us for a cook-out following the late worship service on August 25. Weather permitting it will be held on our corner of the square. If rain drives us in, we’ll be in the fellowship hall. The Men’s Group will supply the drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and fixin’s, grills, and the work to cook them all up. Members are encouraged to bring simple side items (baked beans, potato salad, chips, etc.) or desserts.



2019 Youth Mission Team...

invites you to Stockholder's Dinner & Report Sunday, August 11th at 6:00pm Covenant Presbyterian Church.



"Sales, revenue and impatience are growing."

Join the 2019 Youth Mission Team for their Stockholder's Dinner & Report.

A full dinner will be served, followed by a mission trip report and testimony from each of the participants. Witness the many ways this team grew, learned, and ministered to the residents of St. Louis. Hope to see you there!



The Story of the Cracked Pot

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

For two years I have been able to

pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

This is not an original story from me, but it really made me stop to think about my worth. Remember, even broken, God has a purpose for us. From one "Cracked Pot" to another, embrace the fact that you have imperfections, and let God use you as He needs.

Learning and Leaning,
Hope

A framed picture of a newborn baby was found in a pile of donated books. If you donated books to our Library in June or July, please stop by the office to see if this photo is yours.



Margaret O'Dell has moved...

Her new address is :
The Arbors
908 S. Apache
room 14
Marshall, MO
65340



Thank you to the Church for the graduation celebration. Especially to Pastor Loy and Kris. The gifts and support you have given me during my Senior year at Marshall High School have been appreciated. I will always remember my year in Marshall with lots of good experiences.

Quinn Swinger

Upcoming Sermons

Aug. 4 **Loy on vacation** – Paul Koch to preach

Aug. 11 "How Do You Plead?"

Aug. 18 "How Has It Come To This?"

Aug. 25 "If the Church Was a Bar..." *(Kickoff Sunday)*

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Ephesians 4:1-16

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Music Director–Hope Richards

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Chris Layton

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Office Admin.– Hope Richards

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris