

This is a note from Cindy Brandt, the new Board Chairman. First, I want to thank you for putting your confidence in me for this important job. I would like to update you on a new process that we are putting in place for our monthly meetings. We would like to publish an agenda ahead of the meeting. If you have something you would like to add to the agenda for new business, please submit it to the office by the Wednesday prior to the meeting by email, at FirstCCoffice@yahoo.com and hannafords62@gmail.com. We will have a copy of the agenda on the table outside the sanctuary on the Sunday prior to the meeting. Board meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM in the parlor.

Also, last month we made a change to the by-laws to state that any active members of the church are welcome to attend board meetings and will have voting privileges. We are also looking for people to serve on our church committees. If you are not on a committee, please consider volunteering. They are listed in the church handbook along with present members. You may email the office or myself at dcabrandt@gmail.com to sign up for one of the committees

The monthly Marshall Christian Newsletter, and weekly bulletins, are available on our website (fccmarshallmo.org) for your convenience. This is updated weekly. If you would like to be added to our One Call system (you will receive calls/texts about the Sunday service or special announcements), send your phone number to FirstCCoffice@yahoo.com to be added to the list. Please specify if it is a landline or a cell phone.

I am looking forward to serving you the next year!

Cindy Brandt



Women's MINISTRY

CWF

Will meet at the home of Cathy Swinger on October 15 at 9:30 am. All women are invited to come and enjoy the morning with wonderful fellowship. Contact Roberta Reed for more information.

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

Church Staff

Minister— Rev. Randal DeMasters

Custodians— Ron & Carol Schupp

Financial Secretary— Ken Bryant

Office Admin.— Hope Richards

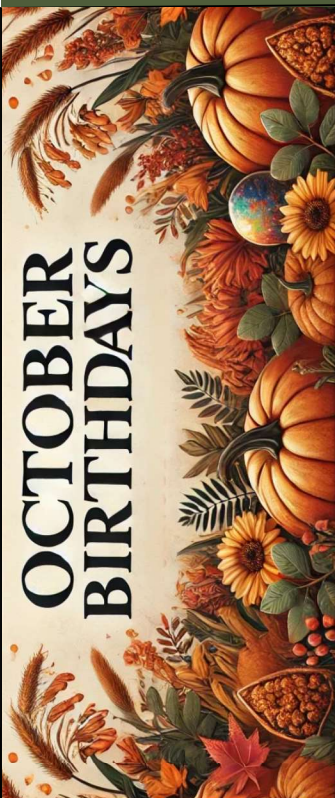
Music Director— Hope Richards

Pianists—Hope Richards

Kay Wise

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



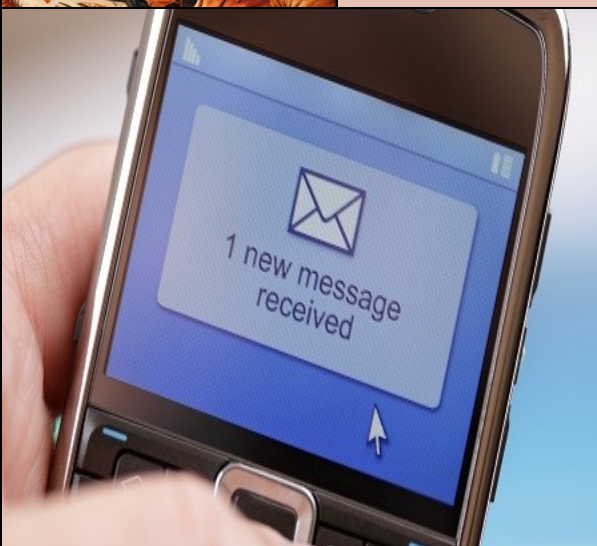
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- 4- Jane Coleman
Angela Mills
- 5- Anna Gass
- 6- Keri James
- 8- Rennie Ballance
Ryan Layton
Don Swigert
- 9- Torey Spitzig
Kim Behrends
- 10- Gaines Branson
Todd Marshall
- 11- Jeremi Jackson
- 12- Wilma Amary
Mindy Kissner
- 13- Dan Bishop

- 15- Ron Schupp
- 16- Jack Uhrig
- 17- Mike James
Rob Ravenhill
- 18- Ron Absher
Makenna Parker
- 19- Matt Green
- 20- Nic Ess
- 22- Lois Mencl
Elaine Edwards
- 23- Cathy Swinger
Natalie Hoffelmeyer
- 24- Jessica Green
- 25- Tyler Clemens
Brad Pistel
- 28-Rebecca Perkins
Donna Smith

- 29- Melinda Swigert



- 3- Justin & Heidi Joliff
- 13- Tim & Jennifer Marquess
- 28- Lloyd & Rosie Bentley



Beginning in October, we will begin sending Church reminders/cancellations/emergencies, which were normally received as a phone call, through texting. No cell phone? No worries! You will continue to receive a phone call, as you have in the past. If you are not receiving our messages and would like to be added to our calling system, or if you would like to add a cell phone so that you receive text messages instead of calls, contact Hope at the Church office, or send an email to firstccoffice@yahoo.com.



Our next Fellowship Dinner will be October 27th following the 10:00 worship service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Menu to be announced at a later date.

The Elders Cluster yearly meeting will be October 24th at Westlake Christian Church in Laurie, MO. The guest speaker will talk about the "Changing Landscape of Society".
RSVP to the Church office.

OUTREACH



COMMITTEE

The Sunday before the scheduled meeting of the Outreach Committee, the scripture lesson included this passage from the second chapter of James: *¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.* Perhaps because I was thinking ahead to the Outreach meeting, this verse jolted my awareness!

At the Outreach meeting, the committee made plans for the busy season ahead, and we want to keep you advised of dates and events and opportunities to help our community, to put our faith into action.

- * The Downtown Christmas Parade and festivities was moved to the first SATURDAY in December so that is when we will have our Chili & Soup Supper and Eats, Sweets, & Treats Sale. The date is Dec 7. Be watching for ways to get involved with this fundraiser that benefits organizations in our community that help people.
- * Tiffany Thornton will lead a team to make frozen meals to sell at our Eats, Sweets, & Treats Sale. The meal prep date is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 3. Donations of items on Tiffany's grocery list are much appreciated. The list will be sent by email and announced in church.
- * We hope to sponsor Holiday Photo Backdrops again this year. If you would like to put together a scene for family photos and selfies, please let Ginger or the office know. We would love to include you in this project! We hope to have them up by December 1.
- * FCC will provide three meals this school year for 'The Bridge', a MVC Christian organization. The Sunday evening meals are for this fellowship group when the cafeteria is closed. The dates are October 20, January 26, and April 27. If you would like to be a part of a team to provide a meal for about 25 students on one of these dates, please contact Ginger or the office.
- * On Sundays, September 29 and October 6, Disciples of Christ congregations all over the world will collect a special offering for Reconciliation Ministry. This is a pro-reconciliation / anti-racism ministry. If you would like to donate to this cause, there will be special offering envelopes available on the communion/bulletin tables as you enter the sanctuary, or you can note "Reconciliation" in the memo line of your check.
- * We are continuing to collect hygiene items for the kits that are given to students in area schools.
- * We are also collecting boxes of gelatin or pudding for the Holiday Project that provides food and gift items for people in our community around the holidays.
- * While there are no definite dates, we hope to provide ways to help people by donating blood at an FCC Community Blood Center blood drive and by offering a short class on how to use our church's AED equipment. Watch for more information in future newsletters and bulletins.
- * Community Food Pantry donations can be dropped off in the large box by the East Entrance, and please help fill the Little Food Pantry in the NW corner of our parking lot with food and hygiene supplies.

Thank you to our wonderful congregation for your help with all of these plans to Reach Out to our community.



A Message from our Pastor...

Our next General Board meeting will be at 6:00 on October 9th



I cannot remember the first time that I heard the saying, "It is either feast of famine." I must have heard that saying at least a thousand times growing up. I am sure that almost all of the time the saying was correct.

Especially when the saying was applied to weather, It was always appropriate and correct. Drought conditions for a good while and then the storms would come, and floods of some kind would follow. Usually, the changes are not epic like the seven good years and the seven years of famine in the Joseph story, or floods like Noah experienced.

Nevertheless, at some level we experience the "too much and the not enough" of things in our lives. As the Pastor, I look at the summer as kind of a drought. There are lots going on but not so much for the church. The rest, revitalization and the reset provided by the summer is necessary.

The point is that all of a sudden change occurs where calendars fill, and many possibilities assail our limited time and demand inclusion.

This also occurs to a lesser degree to the church. We kind of get slammed with everything happening at once or so it seems.

So, take it easy, don't get overwhelmed, make a plan, and priori-

tize the most important items you wish to be completed. Then, go to the next and the next on the list. With effort there will be time for the more important things in your life.

Put Jesus first and the rest will fall into line with no trouble.

Blessings,
Rev. Randal



We are hoping to bring back "The Pageant of the Holy Nativity" on Sunday, December 1. This is still in the tentative/planning stage as there are still challenges to consider. If you or anyone you know of in the community would be interested in being in the Pageant choir, please let Linda Clark know. Most of the other challenges have been met, and we will begin casting the roles as soon as we get the green light. If you or a family member would like to be in the Pageant, please let Lindsey Parton know. We are hoping to include a lot of the youth from kindergarten through high school! If you would like to help behind the scenes (lighting, costumes, advertising, directing, etc.), please let Ginger McGraw know.