

First Christian Church SALT & LIGHT

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An Exciting Opportunity to Work with the Youth of Our Church This Summer!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved with the youth at our church, but don't have time during the school year? We are looking for volunteers to serve July 22-26. Positions are available for those who would like to help with preschoolers to first grade, those who would like to help with elementary school students, those who would like to help with music & movement, those who love arts & crafts, & those who would love to help with heritage & drama, & even some people to help with missions planning! Every effort will be made so that you can be a success & share your skills & love of God in whatever position calls to you, & if you cannot volunteer, make sure to pray for us!

Also if you would like to contribute but cannot volunteer, our craft supply needs list will be appearing in our next newsletter!

If any of these positions sound like something you'd like to learn more about. Please email sbodine@lansingdisciples.org

VBS is July 22-26 3:30-6 pm.

Sunday is Teacher Appreciation Sunday!

Dear Church friends,

It is hard to write the following sentence: It is sinking into brain that I will be leaving you as pastor in a little more than a month. Yikes! The clock ticks.

I still feel engaged as preacher, pastoral care giver, and as a day to day responder to the needs of our people. But my to-do list is getting fuller now with other tasks, too: Taking books off the shelves, sorting through papers, and making final notes about passing the torch.

I don't have a sense that my ministry with you will soon be "complete," for there will be loose ends, and your lives will continue at church quite well after I am gone. The work of the church is never "finished," just passed on to new servants. All that any of us can ever do is to do what we can in the situation at hand as time permits. So, on June 30, my to-do list will trail off, and you will stay in my heart, and I will always deeply care for you.

As a church, we are blessed with well-functioning committees that are energetically engaged now in making plans. It is a good time in the life of the church, and as a congregation, you have an exciting future ahead of you.

We have experienced a lot together and I have learned a lot from you. You will be an attractive partner to a good list of candidates. I am confident that you will have a chance to find someone whom you will really want to work with.

I'll have more to say as the final date draws near, but for now, let me just say this: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Thank you for everything!

Rick Boyd

Here is the worship schedule for the next few Sundays:

May 19: Teacher Appreciation

May 26: Memorial Day

June 2: Peter Morgan preaches

June 9: Pentecost

June 16: Father's Day

June 23: The official Send-Off Event

June 30: My last Sunday preaching and serving as your pastor.

We Have Been Blessed!

For the past 17 years our church has been blessed with having Rev. Dr. Richard Boyd as our pastor. He and Karen have decided to retire and take a much deserved rest from the daily care and concern that being a pastor requires. In order to show our sincere appreciation, we have set aside Sunday June 23, 2019 as “Pastor Boyd Special Appreciation Day”. It begins with an amazing worship celebration featuring our choir and praise band at 10:30 AM in our Sanctuary at First Christian Church in Lansing, Michigan. There may be other surprises as well. Immediately following, there will be a special tribute in the Great Room, culminating with a meal at 1:00PM.

We will be taking up a special collection to send Rick and Karen on their way with a special token of appreciation from a grateful congregation for the years of dedication and service. If you would like to contribute to this fund please contact, Dawn Epstein, Elaine Simon, or Mary Walrath. Checks or cash will be accepted. Please make checks out to the church with Honorarium for Pastor Rick in the memo line. Checks can also be dropped off or sent to the main office: First Christian Church, 1001 Chester Road, Lansing, MI 48912.

If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to send a letter to the above address or email: office@lansingdisciples.org to be read and included in a memory book.

Please RSVP to the church office (517)482-6063, via email: office@lansingdisciples.org, or visit our Facebook page.

Thank you for helping us give Rick and Karen a wonderful and deserving farewell.

Christian Ed Info

Are you interested in working on Caraway Street? If so, please save-the-date of June 2nd right after church for a short 30 minute meeting. This will be an informational meeting! There are opportunities available for anyone from 12 - 102 to help! Come find out how!

Prayer Requests:

For those facing challenges: Katie, Samantha & Mervyn Shepherd; Chris Strayer; the people of South Sudan & Syria; Carrie & Nate Chance & Zephaniah & Miranda; Alize Charles; Carolyn Haun; Jill Dimmitt; Cheri Bruce.

For Stew McAlvey: Now home & undergoing outpatient rehab.

From Tamara Nash: For my mother-in-law, Judy Scott. Lord, wrap Your loving arms around her as she is missing her son on Mother's Day.

From The McEvoy's: For our family friend, Isaac Jen, hospitalized after being hit by a car. He is alert & physically responsive & hoping to pass his breathing test soon!

From Rick: For Cheri Bruce, who is now recovering at home.

From Anita & Gerry: Praying for Rose & Jason to find a home that they will be happy in. For Jason's back to feel better & Rose's health also.

From Laura Reyner: Continued prayers that the situation at work keeps improving my call time. My health issues continue to improve. My car stops breaking down.

From Akhlas: Prayer for my country, Sudan. Thanks

From Donald & Yvonne: We pray for our children, grandchildren, & all children that they would know, feel, & show the love of Jesus. Lord let us be an example of Your love every day.

From Laura Reyner: Continued prayers for Missy & Jeff Miller. Also, Carly & Cameron! Prayers for the entire Miller family!!

From Rick: For the Morgan Family after the death of Ruth Brower, the mother of Marty's wife.

For Doug Miller whose sister Joyce has passed on to God.

From Tami Barker: Please pray that my surgeon at U of M gives me the correct diagnosis.

From Jazzy Kat: For my grandma Judy as this is her first Mother's Day without my Uncle Kevin.

For our secretary Carol, whose husband Jim has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! PLEASE

Do you have any photos taken during Pastor Rick's tenure (2002 ~Present) that could be used in a slide show presentation at his retirement party on June 23rd? If so please contact Nicole Martin at: nmartin@lansingdisciples.org or leave the pictures in her mailbox at the church office to scan & return. Make sure to label every photo with your name & return information, if you would like it back. Thank you for helping us make this a special day for our pastor.

May

Happy Birthday!

Audrey Jo Murphy	05/01	Holly Opsommer	05/17
Pam Morgan	05/06	Madeline Pieters	05/19
Cheri Bruce	05/08	Alison McCann	05/21
Jessica Ewing	05/10	Luisa Rae Schalter	05/25
Hillary Ascroft	05/11	Xander Fedewa	05/27
Michelle Strayer	05/14	Emma Boyd	05/30
Amin Nawai	05/15		

Happy Anniversary!

Greg & Holly Opsommer	05/04/2002
Zachary & Patricia Pope	05/07/2011
Brian & Sarah Reyner	05/12/2006



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PASTOR
 Rev. Dr. Richard H. Boyd

Sunday Schedule

Please join us for our
 “Everyone Worships” Service
 at 10:30 am
 Gather at 10:20 am



Parade of Homes

Volunteering to work at one of the homes in the Parade of Homes is a fundraiser for the church. The Home Builders Association pays FCC around \$500 for our participation in this. This year the home we will be working is 16917 Willowbrook Dr. in Haslett. We greet people as they enter; sell them a ticket if they need one; punch their ticket if they already have one; & keep a tally of the people who walk thru the home. Although the foot traffic can be very steady, you may take a book for the slow times. It is best to work in pairs, but one person can manage. There will be a realtor on site & all questions about the home should be directed to them. The Parade takes place May 30-June 2 & June 6-9. The hours when volunteers are needed will be posted on the sign-up sheet in the office. Thank you for volunteering, Penny Ascroft