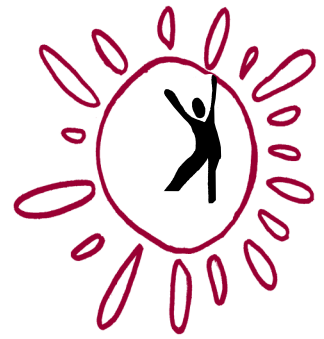


First Christian Church SALT & LIGHT

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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 their 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 “Honorary 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.

VBS is July 22-26 3:30-6 pm & is 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! If any of these positions sound like something you'd like to learn more about. Please email sbodine@lansingdisciples.org. Also if you would like to contribute but cannot volunteer, our craft supply needs are listed below!

Old CD's

Yarn

White paper plates

Old magazines (to be cut up)

Colored card stock

White card stock

Red tinted plastic sheets

Tape

Aluminum foil

Bendable straws

Rubber cement glue

Masking tape

Felt

Fabric glue

Water color paint

Stickers

Pipe cleaners

Double sided tape

2 foam-backed trifold boards

Plastic zip ties

Brads

Colorful duct tape

Decorative paper (scrapbook paper, old stationary, etc.)



Rev. Peter Morgan will be preaching this Sunday, June 2nd.



Parade of Homes

Volunteering to work at one of the homes in the Parade of Homes is a fundraiser for our church. The Home Builders Association pays FCC around \$500 for our participation in the Parade of Homes. 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 following time slots are still in need of volunteers:

Thursday, June 6 - 6:00-9:00 pm

Friday, June 7 - 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, June 8 - 1:00-3:00 pm

Saturday, June 8 - 3:00-6:00 pm

There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard on the office counter. Please consider helping by taking one (or more) time slots for this event. If you have any questions, please call Penny Ascroft at 281-7232. Thank you for volunteering!

Celebrating our Thursday night Kid's Club

Our midweek Christian formation activity for elementary age children has finished another season, and we can all applaud a job well done. Kids Club in its present form now has a long history in our church. Since we've switched to Thursday nights, there have been 190 such events, 94 of them led by its director Shawna Owen Bodine.

There were many changes this year:

As our children grow up, we split them into two classes: age 3-7 and age 8 and up. Each age cohort enjoyed the chance to enjoy Bible lessons and craft projects in their own way.

During class time, Shawna helped our children explore the Bible stories that introduce the different names of God.

Each week, our children talk about the people, young and old, who are facing challenges, and then they pray for them.

Our children wrote letters to our sponsor children through Christian World Services. They also participated in different mission projects.

Nicole Martin and Mary Walrath introduced a Children's choir, including a ukulele ensemble.

Our youngest children rush in the nursery each week to spend time with Vanda VanValkenburg.

Wow! A lot goes on at our church on Thursday nights. We are grateful to Shawna as well as our volunteers: Dawn Epstein, Danielle Murphy, Akhlas Kago, Penny Ascroft, and Rick Boyd.

What kind of a year has it been? "Each week has its own challenges," Shawna said. "As our children grow, their questions change, it's challenging to adapt and keep things fresh, especially the crafts, which have to be designed to be both feasible and fun."

Our children are looking forward to Vacation Bible School during the week of July 22-26. "We will welcome any other volunteers who wish to pitch in," said Shawna. "Anyone of us contributes something unique. When new people help out it stretches our children in a good way."

Thank you, everyone who helps to make our children's program a great success!

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.

Disciple Women's Info

Interracial Fellowship is June 10 at 12 pm at the home of Joan Smith at 2835 Willoughby Rd. in Mason. There will be a program, fellowship & potluck. Please bring a dish to pass. For more information contact Jan Ewing at 694-7555.

Christian Ed Info

Are you interested in working on Caraway Street? If so, please stay on 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!

A Thank You Note from Sandi Potter & Family

Thank you so much for the wonderful service you gave for my Mom, Lois Cutler. Also, thank you to the kitchen staff for a great meal.

Prayer Requests:

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

For Stew McAlvey: Now home & undergoing outpatient rehab.

From Akhlas: Prayer for my country, Sudan. Thanks

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

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

From Tami Barker: I love you, First Christian congregation. Prayers for my upcoming back surgery for collapsed discs.

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

From Carolyn Haun: Last week, my daughter Katie & her husband Andy lost two dear family members: her grandmother Estelle Haun & his father Bob Brent. Please pray for them in their loss.

New Congregational Directory

Within the next 2 weeks we will be printing & assembling our June 2019 Congregational Directory!!

There will be notification sent out from the office when they are ready for pick up. We will have the normal half page size & a full page size for anyone needing larger print.

Thank you for your help getting everything updated so we can publish the most up-to-date directory!!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Will Schneider	06/04	Hayden Fedewa	06/17
Miles Petersen	06/04	Paul Ewing	06/20
Susan Selby	06/07	Emma Dawn Morgan	06/20
Zach Dimmitt	06/08	James Shepard	06/21
Ramon Abdelrhman	06/10	Bianca Ortiz	06/22
Melissa Miller	06/12	Wendy Fox Martin	06/24
Carmen Quinn	06/14	T.J. Longdo	06/25
Jessica Burton	06/15	Daniel McAlvey	06/29
Lucille Burton	06/15		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kris & Shari Singh	06/05/1987
Mike & Pat Lipsey	06/15/1968
Jiafan Bian & Yi Jiang	06/18/2011
Al & Sharon Doering	06/21/1963
Tom & Penny Ascroft	06/25/1983
Harold & Bev Hefke	06/28/1958

CONGRATULATIONS!!



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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



Plan to Come to the FCC Monthly Work Day!!
Saturday, June 1st, 8:30 am to 12 noon

**All able-bodied church attendees
 (& friends) are invited!**

**We are planning on plumbing,
 sanding scraping, painting,
 varnishing. And more...**

Bring your work gloves!!

