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"A Family of Faith, Growing in Christ, Growing through Service."

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for the Newsette, you
can send an e-mail to:
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**see separate calendar for
dates and meetings**

MAY TEAM

If you are unable to serve on the dates assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER
David Walls

COMMUNION PREPARATION

7 – Donna Wicker
14 – Kim Brown & Sue Marion
21 – Dolores & Ed McCann
28 – Dolores & Ed McCann

USHERS - all month

Chloe Blair
Brian Gradwell
Johnny Grubb

WORSHIP LEADERS

7 – Ross Dorneman
16 – Linda Spencer
23 – Barbara Ozlin
30 – Dolores McCann

MAY TEAM (continued)

ELDERS

7 – Ross Dorneman & Linda Grubb
14 – Kevin Scholl & Linda Spencer
21 – Johnny Grubb & Barbara Ozlin
28 – Dolores McCann & Becky Murrell

Communion to Home Bound

primary: Kim Gangloff & Donna Wicker
secondary: DeLois & Jim Evans

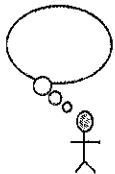
DEACONS - all month

Captain: Jo Anne Dorneman
Christopher Gangloff
Kristin Hawthorne
Danny Krantz
substitute: Geoff Gangloff

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

"To share the Good News of God's activity in our lives through witness and service to Westover Hills, Stratford Hills, and beyond, in order to encourage people to find their unique place in God's family."

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH



"Everything is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him." ~ C. S. Lewis

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." ~ C. S. Lewis

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

As April turns to May and warmer weather settles in, we enter into the busy time of the year called Spring. A time of the year where the flowers are blooming, the colors are beautiful, the weather is nice, it seems like the perfect setting for a time to relax. But that never seems to happen. Spring brings with it endless sports games, maybe some allergies, a busy schedule as school nears its end, and the quickly approaching summer "break," even though sometimes it doesn't feel much like a break...

And it only gets busier from here. I have to remind myself to take some time in my day to be silent, to listen for God speaking in my life, to watch for the ways God is bringing new life into the world. I find comfort in a prayer written by Richard J. Foster in his book *Prayers from the Heart*. He prays...

"I have, O God, a noisy heart. And entering outward silence doesn't stop the inner clamor. In fact, it seems only to make it worse. When I am full of activity, the internal noise is only a distant rumble; but when I get still, the rumble amplifies itself. And it is not like the majestic sound of a symphony rising to a grand crescendo; rather it is the deafening din of clashing pots and clanging pans. What a racket! Worst of all, I feel helpless to hush the interior pandemonium.

Dear Lord Jesus, once you spoke peace to the wind and the waves. Speak your shalom over my heart. I wait silently...patiently. I receive into the very core of my being your loving command, "Peace, be still." Amen."

My life is busy. Your life is busy. We are all busy. There are noises that distract us, and silence can sometimes be deafening. But it is in the silence that we hear God speak the loudest. I pray for times of silence, for times to lay aside worries, for times to listen to God speak. Blessings! Pastor Jackie

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on **Monday, May 1**. Please let Sue Marion know if you cannot attend the meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT

We will be recognizing our graduates in the Worship service on **Sunday, May 21**. Please provide the following information as soon as you can for anyone graduating high school, college, academy, etc.:

- full name
- name of school from which the person is graduating and when
- honors received
- plans after graduation

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Craig Springs Camp



The registration booklet for summer camps is available online at www.CraigSprings.com; there are also printed copies in the office behind the desk. The early registration due date is **May 15**; the church will pay for half of the early registration fee for church members to attend one regular camp.

L.I.F.E. Class

The sign-up sheet for the **L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday)** class is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. There are many Sundays open.

Sunday School Report

In each Sunday School folder is an attendance record to mark the number of teachers, members, and guests in each class. We appreciate you filling this out every week (the information goes on the annual report that we have to submit each year for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Yearbook).

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Stewardship report as of March 31, 2017 (25% of the year)

Offering income received year-to-date pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations; transient, Sunday School, and special offerings	\$38,119.40 (32% of annual budget)
Total operating expenses year-to-date	\$42,799.23 (23% of annual budget)

• Year-to-date, we have received \$4,287.10 in other income (interest, dividends, facility/custodian donations, and Easter Illy money). We also transferred \$10,000 from our Scottrade investment account into our checking account to help cover expenses. We accounted for \$8,332.51 gain in the value of our investments in our Perpetual Endowment fund.

Donation Envelopes

Our offering committees (the ones that count your donations and identify you as the ones who gave them) ask that you please use the current offering envelopes that you were assigned. If you need envelopes, let Donna know.

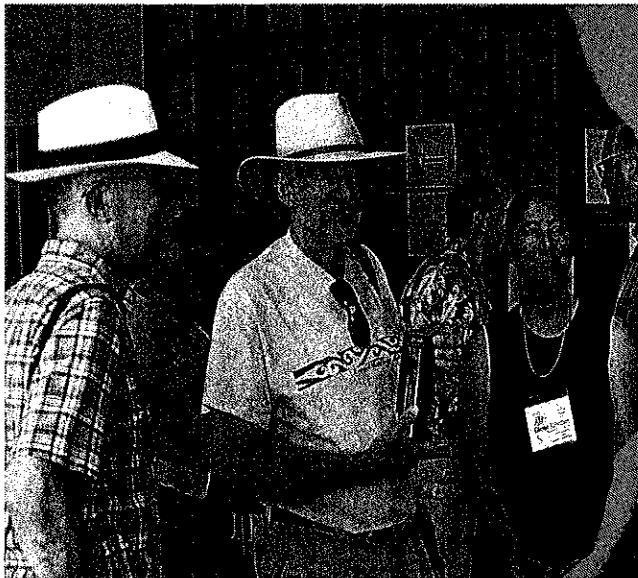
WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

Easter Season

What a wonderful Easter season we had at Bethany. Holy Week was very special, and a big "thank you" to everyone who had a part in it. Special thanks to those who offered security during the Prayer Vigil.

Youth Sunday

We look forward to Youth Sunday on Mother's Day, **May 14**. Our youth and children are working hard to make this a special day for them and the congregation.



Toole Box 🎵

The picture at left includes Dan Damon and his partner Eileen Johnson. On Easter Sunday, we sang Dan's hymn, "Woman Weeping in the Garden" one of five excellent hymns by him in our *Chalice Hymnal*.

As an outgrowth of his work as a pastor in an urban, multi-cultural setting, much of Damon's work focuses on social justice issues, with texts such as "Speak to a tattooed man," "When Jesus was a refugee," and "When human life is bought and sold." His musical voice is eclectic, incorporating a wide variety of styles from traditional four-part writing to jazz lead sheets. Damon states that his writing is part of his prayer life. His goal when writing congregational song is "to keep things simple and singable while exploring the edges of our spoken and sung faith."

Dan was honored by The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada (The HSUSC) at its annual conference in Redlands, California, July 17-21, 2016, by being named a Fellow of The Hymn Society. This award, the highest honor given by the organization, was conferred because of his work as a hymn-text writer, hymn-tune composer, editor, and teacher, as well as his significant contributions to The HSUSC.

Watch this space for more about congregational songs!

New Banners

Money given to our memorial fund in memory of Dr. Myron Kauffman was designated for banners for our Sanctuary. The first two of these banners are now hanging on either side of the baptismal pool. Thank you to the Worship Department for picking out these lovely banners reminding us that the spirit of the Lord is all around us.

Flower Containers

Coleman Brothers has asked that we "recycle" the containers in which our weekly Sanctuary flowers arrive. There is a box under the island in the kitchen for these containers. This is not mandatory and we aren't charged extra if we don't return the containers, but Coleman Brothers would like to be able to reuse them.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

DWF Circles



Disciples Women's Fellowship Circle #1 is continuing to collect school supplies until the end of this school year – there are so many children in need. We have already taken supplies to Bensley Elementary and Beulah Elementary Schools. Supplies that you put in the donation box in the Narthex will be taken to Bellwood Elementary School. Thank you for your continued support.



The next General Meeting will be the Mother/Daughter luncheon on **Saturday, May 6**, at noon. The theme will be "The Secret Garden." Tickets will be on sale Sunday, April 30, in the Narthex before and after Worship (or you can call the church). The cost of the tickets is: Adults – \$5.00, Children 3 to 12 – \$3.00, Children under 3 – free. We will be taking up a free-will offering for Church World Service's Seed Project.

ELDERS

Elders are all asked to read the book YOUR CALLING AS AN ELDER by Gary Straub by **Sunday, May 7**, the date of our next meeting. We will begin to discuss the book and its implications for us at the meeting. We have copies available if you do not have one – see Barbara Ozlin if you need a book.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your participation in the whole mission of the church through Blessing Box giving. Your Blessing Box offering also helps to empower each woman to find her voice and live out her call through Disciples Women's Ministries. Disciples Women are working to break the chains of modern day slavery and fear for immigrant families and are growing through leadership development and Woman-to-Woman Worldwide journeys. Your congregation is one of the top 25 donors to the Blessing Box offering, which makes a difference in the ministry and mission of the Church. Thanks to you, we continue to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

~ In gratitude, Pat Donakoo, Disciples of Christ Women's Ministries

Dear Friends, thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, meal (Barbara Ozlin!) and hospital visits while we were sick. God is good. Medication is taking care of the heart problem, and we are much better! God bless you all.

~ Mark and Carol Kimmel, Sarah Oatman

I would like to thank everyone who contributed food or participated in the reception given in honor of Debbie Jett following her funeral.

~ Dee Evans

We want to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, visits, meals, and offers of help during my recent hospitalizations and problems with "Paul's New Pacemaker." All seems well now, and it is working perfectly. I haven't had an episode since it was installed. We seem to have solved the problems of more than TEN YEARS of numerous visits to hospitals, doctors, specialists, and uncounted tests and procedures and IVs. I never gave up. I knew somebody had the answer and the thirty-day monitor was it. We really appreciate your concern and help.

~ Paul and Florence Banks

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your 2017 Directory to reflect these changes:

- Krantz, Margot mkrantz1982@gmail.com
- Banks, Paul and Florence pbanks3710@gmail.com
- Thayer, Sheila shellathayer2@gmail.com (update Circle #1 page)
- Reynolds, Harold (804) 928-5236 (add cell number for Harold)
- Lindsey, Charley and Bettie bettielindsey3@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARIES

May	6	David & Carole Moyer	22
	8	Geoff & Laura Terry	7
	15	Geoff & Kim Gangloff	24
	20	Brian & Penny Gradwell	39
	20	Darrell & Lori Blair	17
	21	Matt & Trish Carpenter	29
	22	John & Robin Lancaster	7
	23	Jim & Gladys Rountree	66
	27	Ross & Jo Anne Dorneman	50
	27	Kevin & Kim Brown	10
	31	Michael & Ashley Koch	20
	31	Gregg & Cindy Nivala	37

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

Donna will be on vacation near the end of May. Assistance to answer phones in the office from 9 to noon is needed for Tuesday, May 23 / Wednesday, May 24 / Thursday, May 25. Please let Jim Davis or Donna know if you are able to help.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please remember that we now share our church facility with the Elim Church. Elim comes in about 3:30 on Sunday afternoons and about 7:00 on Friday evenings. Please don't leave things out (especially in the kitchen) that you plan on taking care of the next time you are here or that you want someone else to have or to take care of.

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to:

Ellen Cottom and family on the death of her sister, Nancy Gann Baxley

Jim Jett, Joanna Jenkins,

Jessica Jett, and family on the death of Deborah "Debbie" Marshall Jett on March 29

Sarah McLillard and family..... on the death of her Aunt Kaye on April 12

PRAYER CONCERNS – Please notify the church office when this information changes.



Acute:

- Dick and Barbara Koch
- Jean McNeely
- Mike McNeely (back surgery)
- Brenda Musik and family (friend of several members—Brenda's stepfather passed away)
- Hilda Ozlin (Barbara Ozlin's mother-in-law)
- Paige Robertson
- Betty Stargardt

Ongoing:

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| Merrily Baber | Carol & Sonny Browder | Kitty & Mac Case |
| Diana Case-Foster | Ann Hasty | Hugh & Mary Penn Hawthorne |
| Hazel Heider | Sandy Lewis | Charley Lindsey |
| Earl & Elizabeth Little | Carolyn Moore | Ken Roland |
| Gladys Rountree | Charlotte West | |

members of our church family who may be struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or who might just need a "prayer hug"

Extended Church Family:

- Miriam Adams John Lancaster's grandmother
- Phil & Jean Anderson Merrily Baber's sister and brother-in-law
- Harry Arnold Kim Gangloff's father
- Mary Booth Mary Kline's friend
- Lisa Carlson, her son, & doctors Carolyn Moore's friend
- Heidi Yeatts Christian Carol Molinares' friend
- Roy Clark Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friend
- Pamela Cochran
- Micah Davis Jim Davis and Barbara Ozlin's grandson
- Marian "Frank" Dunn, Jr. Chloe Blair's friend's grandfather
- Nick Elam Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friend
- Ellis family Mary Kline's friends
- David Etheridge Donna Wicker's friend
- Garcia family Mark and Diana Case-Foster's friends
- "Jane" Carolyn Moore's friend
- Kahn family Johnny and Linda Grubb's friends
- Beverly Adams Parker John Lancaster's mother
- Geraldine Russell Penny Gradwell's mother
- Sue Sears Bob and June Sears' daughter-in-law
- Hannah & Leroy Stevens Sarah Oatman's friends
- Pat & Rick Thatcher friends of several members
- Nell Toole Duane Toole's mother
- Bobby & Bonnie Williamson
- Claudine Wood Carole Morris' mother

Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed, the minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me," he said. "No, who are you?" said the father.

The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair, and I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man, "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the minister shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head.

I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day four years ago, my best friend said to me, 'Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I will be with you always'. Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though; if my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon. "Did he die in peace?" he asked. Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek."

"When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2017</h1>						
	1 Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	2 AA-YC 7:00 pm	3 Choir 7:30 pm	4 AA-YC 7:00 pm	5 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	6 Mother-Daughter luncheon noon
7 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	8	9 AA-YC 7:00 pm	10 Choir 7:30 pm	11 AA-YC 7:00 pm	12 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	13
14 Mother's Day Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Youth Sunday ----- ELIM-FH 4:00 pm ----- June Newsette deadline	15	16 DWF Circle #1 luncheon at Crab Louie's 11:30 am ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	17 Choir 7:30 pm	18 "Theology on Tap" at O'Toole's 6:30 pm (nursery at church 6:15 pm) ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	19 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	20
21 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am recognize graduates ----- Board Mtg noon ----- ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	22	23 AA-YC 7:00 pm	24 Choir 7:30 pm	25 DWF Circle #4 at church 7:00 pm ----- AA-YC 7:00 pm	26 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	27
28 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am ----- ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	29 Office Closed	30 AA-YC 7:00 pm	31 Choir 7:30 pm			AA: Alcoholics Anon YC: Youth Center DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship ELIM: Elim Church FH: Fellowship Hall