

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jim King-leukemia; Neil Utterback; Ronnie Swearingen; Jim Overstreet; John Gentry (Jeff Gentry & Susan Ledbetter's brother); Marge Greening; Donna Smith; Guy East; Ben Hickman; Darrell Sanders; Beverly LaGrand; Steve Wilson; Susan Howe; Will Mozzalana; Art Cullifer; Jigger Robertson; Cross Evans; Tina Carpenter; Judy Perry; Jim Biekhind; John Quinley; Kobe Loyd; J.D. Foust and his family; Ava Wood; Ashley Wilson; Teresa Gentry; John Cordes; Blayne White; Paul Lehenbauer-tests; Barb Griffen-tests at Barnes.

*If you have a new prayer concern, please fill out the blue request form in the pew and place in the offering plate. Your request will be added to the prayer list. Please contact Mary Pollard at 221-5708 if you have a request to be placed on the Prayer Chain. Please Note: Due to privacy concerns, we will not place a request in the newsletter unless the box has been checked on the prayer slip.*

**The Prayer list will be cleared in the first newsletter of each month. Please fill out a new slip if you wish your request to be continued.**

**CARD SHOWER FOR MINNIE SMITH**



Disciples Women's Ministry (CWF) is sponsoring a card shower for Minnie Smith in recognition of her Ordination into Ministry on Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m. at Willow Street Christian Church, Hannibal. Blank cards and envelopes are available in the FCC Sanctuary and Parlor or you may mail your own card to Minnie Smith, in care of Willow Street Christian Church (DOC) P. O. Box 1148, Hannibal, MO 63401. Leave your card in the provided basket in the FCC Sanctuary/Parlor or bring it with you to the Service of Ordination March 7 where there will be a designated table for cards/gifts. Thank you.



**Volunteers are needed to accompany Geraldine Bradshaw to her doctor appointment Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to Riverside Dermatology. Please call Pleasant View Assisted Living at 406-1090 to make arrangements.**



The March/April issues of the Upper Room devotional booklets are now available inside the door of the parlor and in the back of the sanctuary. Join your church family in these short daily devotions. You can also connect online at upperroom.org.



**BARKER's BYTES**

I have mentioned my sabbatical which the church board approved in January for June and July this year and it is important for the church as a whole to understand the reason and purpose of sabbaticals for clergy.

By definition in Webster's Dictionary SABBATICAL means: "of or relating to the Sabbath; and being a recurring period of rest or renewal." As a church we offer clergy a sabbatical every ten years and in 2013 when I meant to take my sabbatical we were celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation. I postponed the sabbatical and was reminded by the church board last year not to forget to schedule my sabbatical in the near future. A sabbatical is a time of Learning, Reflection, Reading and Rest. In ministry the time is never just 8-5 each day. There are calls in the evening and the middle of the night for Pastor and answering that call is important. There is the sharing of people's lives in various ways such as defining church policy, emotional, spiritual and tragedies that befall us in life.

Our policy is that we outline our intended study and that is approved by the church board as well as the dates. There have been a lot of conversations about why people drop out of the church/worship and many books have been written on the subject. As a matter of fact the book I am currently reading is on this very subject.

Some people mistake sabbatical for vacation, it is not. I will be visiting six different congregations and asking 25 of their non-active members to take a survey answering questions about why they have stopped worshipping with their church family. Is it important to hear their answers and compile those answers in a manner that will help FCC of Hannibal find ways to reach out to those whom we have not seen or do not see on an average of two times per month.

Regardless of the reason people have stopped we need to identify ways we might correct what we are doing, if necessary, or learning ways to enrich the worship experience for all of us.

An example of this is special music which we all love. Our chancel choir has dropped off as we have noticed. Why? Is it lack of more modern music, Commitment, Interest, Time issues, Talent, sense of Appreciation, the answers are not easy to admit or understand at times. But, we must learn to understand! Church is never about us or in another phrase You or ME! In the case of the choir Jim Dewey stepped forward to direct doing a good job of trying to help us maintain our choir.

I will use the first six weeks visiting churches asking God to give me a heart to learn and listen to God's voice through others and the last two weeks compiling the results to share with our church and the six churches that I visit.

-Pastor Steve



**MARCH**

- 1.....Mackenzie Lane
- 2.....Charles Tewell, Susan Minor, Denise Hudson  
Philip Egbert, Andrew Lemons
- 3.....Carli Watson, John Gentry, Julie Sharp
- 4.....Susan Lane, Jeffrey Bush
- 5.....Jessica Felton
- 6.....Stewart Bush, James Millan
- 7.....Carol Davis, Mike Constable  
Matthew Livesay, Homer Craig, Abbie Pettitt

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- 6.....Dennis and Cynthia Keesey



Remember to send your student prayer partner a note reminding them you are praying for them. If you would be willing to pray for a student and send them a message once a month to let them know you are thinking of them let Mariah know. We always have new students in need of someone to let them know this church family cares for them.



**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**

Disciples Women's Ministry (CWF) is focusing on BLESSINGS in 2015. In March, April, and May we ask that you share your personal blessings by writing them on the paper provided at the blessings table located in FCC Sanctuary. You may also add "noisy offering" (change) to the jar when you add your blessings. Blessing money will support Disciples Women's Ministry projects. **Our blessings goal for March is 100 blessings.** Your blessings may remain anonymous or you may share your name. Blessings will be counted and shared in FCC newsletters. Thanks for naming and sharing your blessings.

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

*Greeters* .....Ralph and Cindy Fredd  
*Ushers*.....Linda Barker and Sherry Ingram  
*8:15 Elder*.....Lynn Kilpatrick  
*Lay Reader*.....Linda Barker  
*Offertory Elder*.....Jim King  
*Praying Elder*.....Letha King  
*Sound*.....Carl Watson  
*Video*.....Stacy Richards  
*Junior Worship*.....Tracy Woollen  
*Deacon Serving Team*.....Carl Watson-Captain  
Gay Saxbury, Jim Millan, Tracy Woollen, Sherry Lewellen, Stacy Richards, Lisa Gordley, Amy Erwin, Tori Wilson

*Communion Preparation & Clean Up*

Mike and Lynn Shulse

*Hospital Calls- March 10rd & 12th*.....Sue Kilpatrick  
*Van Drivers*.....Mel and Scharlyne Gordon  
*Van Transportation: call* Al Kennett 573-248-6947 or 573-985-2541

Lectionary Readings for March 8, 2015

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

**4th Annual Pretty In Pink Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 28th  
At the American Legion**



**Social 5:30-6 p.m.  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Silent Auction**



**Live Music from Rock-n-Roll Revival Band**

**Contact Sherry Ingram at 573-795-7876  
to donate silent auction items  
Contact Lou Yates at 573-406-2268 for  
dessert auction items**

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

**Sunday, March 1, 2015**

*Greeters* .....Lent Johnson & Ila Bunn  
*Ushers*.....Tracy Woollen & Janet Dunn  
*8:15 Elder*.....Henry Wasowicz  
*Lay Reader*.....Jenni Sanders  
*Offertory Elder*.....Bill Hams  
*Praying Elder*.....Sue Giroux  
*Sound*.....Steve Wilson  
*Video*.....Jim Dewey  
*Junior Worship*.....Tracy Woollen  
*Deacon Serving Team*.....Susan Lane-Captain  
Tim & Susan Ledbetter, Dick Motley, Darlene Oliva, Steve & Jenny Wilson, Chrisy Adkins, Mackenzie Lane, Bradyn Adkins

*Communion Preparation & Clean Up*

Courtney Sharkey & Kelly Sherman

*Hospital Calls- March 3rd & 5th*.....Betty Hams  
*Van Drivers*.....Al & Linda Kennett  
*Van Transportation: call* Al Kennett 573-248-6947 or 573-985-2541

Lectionary Readings for March 1, 2015

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 or 9:2-9

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)**

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**Steve Barker, Senior Minister  
Mariah Weyand, Youth Minister  
April Kephart, Secretary/Office Manager  
Anita Foster, WEeCare Director;  
Jason Lovelace, Custodian**

Service Times

**8:15 a.m. Worship in the Parlor  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**



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# MARCH



**Sunday Schedule**

8:15 Worship-Parlor

9:15 Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  <b>9:15 Pastor's Class</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30 Prayer Partners 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Adult Volleyball	<b>3</b> 5:30 Junior Disciple 6:30 Pinkie Pals	<b>4</b> 1:00 CWF Meeting 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Prayer Shawl 8:00 AI Anon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2:00 Service of Ordination for Minnie Smith @ Willow St. Christian Church Reception to Follow
<b>8</b>  <b>9:15 Pastor's Class</b> <b>10:00 Prayer Shawl Dedication</b>	<b>9</b> 1:30 Prayer Partners 5:00 WEeCareMeeting 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Adult Volleyball	<b>10</b> 5:30 Junior Disciple	<b>11</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 AI Anon	<b>12</b>  6:00 Baked Potato Bar (Making Easter Homebound items) @ Jeanie Powers Home	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  <b>9:15 Pastor's Class</b>	<b>16</b> 1:30 Prayer Partners 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Adult Volleyball	<b>17</b> 5:30 Junior Disciple 	<b>18</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 AI Anon	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>9:15 Pastor's Class</b>	<b>23</b> 1:30 Prayer Partners 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Adult Volleyball	<b>24</b> 5:30 Junior Disciple	<b>25</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 AI Anon	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>4th Annual Pretty in Pink Fundraiser</b> 
<b>29</b>  <b>9:15 Pastor's Class</b>	<b>30</b> 1:30 Prayer Partners 5:00 Loaves & Fishes 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Adult Volleyball	<b>31</b> 5:30 Junior Disciple				



## RESTROOM RENOVATION

The church budget/finance division approved a project to renovate the two bathrooms downstairs across from the kitchen. Girls Night Out started the seed monies to make the much needed updates to the restrooms and the budget/finance approved some funds that could be used and the congregation is being asked to help with the remainder of the funds needed to finish the project.

If you would like to contribute toward the needed \$7,000.00 (approximately) send your checks into the church and mark them in the memo for bathroom renovations.



