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Welcome New Deacons!

On Sunday, June 30, we will install our newest members of the diaconate, as well as our returning officers during worship service.

New deacons include: Ned Breschel, Carmen Eldridge, Dayna Seelig, Mike Seelig, Paul Semisch, and Phillip Swim.

Our deacons returning from sabbatical include: Al Baldwin, Deb Eastwood, Jim Gross, Julia Hawkins, Susan Thomas, and Kathryn Rogers.

Our returning officers include: President: Jami Hornbuckle; Vice-President: Sarah Chaney; Treasurer: Joe Barrett; Secretary: Fran Helphinstine.

Deacons on Sabbatical

With the installment of our newest deacons, we must thank our members of the diaconate who will be taking their sabbatical beginning in July. Those individuals include: Jennifer Anderson, Alta Blair, Jenny Duncan, Debbie Griffin, Guy Griffin, and Jami Hornbuckle.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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Well, it has been an eventful summer and I have to take a moment to thank all of you for your support and encouragement during this journey (and it has been a roller coaster of a journey for sure). I am so thrilled to have been hired at the high school as the choir director. I have really grown to love this church family and I am relieved to know that I can now settle in and get to work! In other news, we were approved in the church budget to offer two soloist positions within the choir as need-based stipends. We will also be having nursery workers available during our Wednesday rehearsals to accommodate anyone with children who might want to sing in the choir. As always, feel free to approach any of us in the choir or myself if you have any questions about choir. Everyone can and should sing!

—Diana Knoll, Choir Director

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Some things I've found that strength my relationship with God:

- The 'off' button. (Of the tv, the computer, the ipad, the phone). While striving for a balanced life, it is essential to remember that an intake of information must be secondary to time spent in silence, prayer, and meditation.
- The power of choice. Whether we like to admit it or not, we make more choices in a day than we realize: whose voice matters, what we read, what we waste time on.
- Being a critical thinker. Not everything that is labeled "Christian" is automatically good; smart marketers know that. Rather than spouting hackneyed phrases or routine answers, take responsibility for what you think and say and do as a follower of Jesus. And yes, I know that's hard and takes time. Big deal – most important things do.
- The blessing of each new day. With each sunrise comes new knowledge, new opportunities, new occasions for us to learn something about God. We cannot rest on our statement of faith from fifth grade. We are living creatures that follow a living Saviour.
- Slowing down. Smiling. Encouraging. Looking for the spark of God in everyone. Showing up. Listening for a still small voice.

What helps strengthen your relationship with God? With whom have you shared those helps?

Pastor Melly



This month the youth of FCC will celebrate the joys of summer by enjoying the great outdoors. The older youth (middle and high school) will meet on Saturday, July 27th from noon until 5:00 p.m., and the younger youth will meet on Sunday, July 28th from noon until 5:00 p.m. We will go to Cave Run Lake for some outdoor fun. Specific details will be provided in email and on the FCC website. Parents will need to sign permission slips for this field trip. The youth will need to be dropped off and picked up at FCC. If anyone is interested in helping chaperone this field trip, please contact me by phone (606)776-8430 or email. We will swim, play games, and cookout. There will be a rain plan in the event of inclement weather.

Ellie and I will be on vacation in Texas for the first two weeks of July. We will miss our FCC family, and we look forward to seeing everyone upon our return.

Mary Claire Williams
Youth Leader

Summer is here! It is time to start back our task tree—a board cut in the shape of a tree located on the ground floor. On this tree, you will see various pieces of “fruit” that contain tasks that the church needs to be completed. If you would like to complete a task, please take the colored fruit, write your name on the white fruit behind it (leave the white fruit on the board), and turn the colored fruit into the office when you have completed the task.

Meditation Group

Our bi-weekly meditation group will take off the month of July. If you have any questions about the group, please contact Paul Semisch at paul-jsemisch@hotmail.com or 356-4324. Please watch the ECHO, the bulletin, and the website for start back dates in August.

Living Memorial Fund
In memory of Milton Caudill
Jane Holbrook

In memory of Sarah Esther Allen
Lois Spurlock

July Birthdays

3– Rex Chaney
3– Liz Reffitt
5– Dayna Seelig
7– Eva Johnston
7– Alana Scott
8– Jenny Duncan
14– Donna Corley
19– Olivia Skaggs
21– Dewayne Carter
21– Soni Lytle
21– Gail Tingle
21– Mitch Wilson
23– Yvonne Baldwin
25– Logan Clark
25– Emma Lou Gross
25– Leon Smothers
25– Ruby Vencil
28– Abby Hammond
31– Paul Semisch



Looking to give someone a birthday or anniversary gift? Why not send a kid to camp in honor of that person or persons? Cards to send to the recipient are available in the church office and the donations are \$25 each.

BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2013 (fourth Monday)
Committees @ 6:00pm
Executive Board @ 6:30pm

Food Pantry

Until further notice, we will only be donating cereal to the food pantry.

For those who enjoy reading the sermon Bible passages for the month, they are as follows:

July 7: Luke 10: 25-37
July 14: John 14: 1-3
July 21: Isaiah 40: 26-31
July 28: Colossians 2: 16-19



During the month of June, our church received a check for \$308.06. **The cost of healthy food rises each month—PLEASE continues to reload and use your Kroger card to continue to fund this ministry.**

Treasurer's Report

Income for first four Sundays in June
\$8,579.00

*The average monthly income needed to pay the church expenses is **\$9,271.88***



The next One Pot Topic will be held on July 28 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room. Pastor Molly will facilitate a discussion on the family of Jesus.

Our First Sunday Lunch will take place on July 7, immediately following church. It will be a cookout prepared by the choir. The congregation is asked to bring appropriate “cookout side dishes.” The cost is free, but please consider making a donation to the church in the amount you would spend eating at a restaurant.

Feldenkrais classes will resume on Monday, September 9th at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with an exciting new series called "Come and Find Your Quiet Center." Classes involve gentle exploratory movement that anyone can do. If you have any questions, see Maggie Miles.

New Member Party

Members of the church who joined since January 20, 2013 are invited to a new member party to be hosted by Pastor Molly and Leon at their home. The gathering will be held at 2-5pm on Saturday, July 20.

Undie Sunday

Sunday, July 28 will begin our three-week "Undie Sunday" program at church. We need all sizes of girls and boys underwear, for ages 5-18. Sports bras for teenage girls and boxer shorts for teenage boys are especially needed. The underwear collected will go to the Rowan County Youth Service Center. Place new packs of underwear in the bins provided in the church Fellowship Hall.

Three new people will be joining Wayne Caldwell and David Perkins in the role of assistant treasurer. Thank you to Curt Hammond, Brent Rogers, and Adrian Swain for volunteering to serve in this capacity.

Communion Sign Up

We need individuals to sign up for communion preparation during the months of August, November, and December. The sign up sheet is located on the downstairs bulletin board.

Our new bumper stickers are available displaying a new theme, "It's not about you." This theme coincides with the message to be delivered on Sunday July, 7. You can get bumper stickers at both entrances to the sanctuary or in the church office.

Board Retreat

On Sunday, July 21, Pastor Molly and Leon will host a board retreat for officers and committee chairs from 5:00 until 7:00pm at Leonderosa. The purpose of this retreat will be to plan the goings-on at church for the coming new church business year.

July Deacons

Joe Barrett, Carmen Eldridge, Ned Breschel, Maggie Miles, Phillip Swim, and TB A.

Children's Church

During the month of July, we will be taking the month off from facilitating Children's Church. Children's bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Choir on Sabbatical

As is their tradition, the choir will take a sabbatical month during July. But don't worry! We will continue to have exception

We thank Mary Claire Williams for her service as co-chair of the deacons. She will resign from that position beginning with the new church year. She will, however, remain working with the youth and in her capacity as deacon.

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July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30 Bells	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 CSA	6
7 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service First Sunday Lunch	8	9 5:30 Yoga	10 5:30 Bells	11 5:30 Yoga	12	13
14 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	15	16 5:30 Yoga	17 5:30 Bells	18 5:30 Yoga	19 CSA	20 2-5 New member party @ Lenderosa
21 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5-7pm Board retreat @ Lenderosa	22 BOARD MEETINGS: 6:00 Commitees 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board	23 5:30 Yoga	24 5:30 Bells	25 5:30 Yoga	26	27
28 UNDIE SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5:00 One Pot Topic	29	30 5:30 Yoga	31 5:30 Bells			

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Diana Knoll, Choir
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Ryan Brown, Secretary
Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist
Michael Young, Pianist
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
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