



# The Messenger

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Join us in  
**God's Big Backyard**  
for some  
Vacation Bible Fun!  
July 12th, 13th, & 14th  
6:00-8:30 pm

Make plans now to join the fun for Vacation Bible School here, at First Christian Church, on the evenings of July 12-14 from 6:00-8:30 pm! Using parables and story, we'll explore how Jesus welcomes and leads ALL of us, as our shepherd and our guide. Then, to end the weekend of fun, we'll have a petting zoo and party! If you would like to find ways to be involved, would like more information, or want to RSVP/register your child, neighbor, or grandchild, please email Tammy Schelp at [tschelp@comcast.net](mailto:tschelp@comcast.net).

- Family & Friends of Allen Haskett
- Karen Cason, Ilene Blogin's daughter
- Darlene Logan
- Family & Friends of Marvin Preston
- Sharon Hansen, Shery Caples' mother
- Pat Roberts
- Ron George, brother of Louise Jones
- Jeff & Nancy Tennant
- Carl Neilson
- Jackie Stewart
- Jodelle Alexander
- Dana Rosson
- Sam Lane
- John Hodges
- Mildred Heins, Lois Kuhlman's mother
- Jack Lane
- Emilie, Chris Boswell's mother
- David Phillips
- Wade Ross
- Bud Mosby
- Agnes Forson
- Janice, mother of Steve Hicks
- Ruth Weathers
- Dottie Babb
- Tom Fisher
- Valerie Lipari
- Hannah Neilson
- Jim Holladay
- Emmrie Stewart

**Please notify the office for any updates or corrections regarding prayer requests.**

## note of Gratitude

Thank You!

**from Pat Roberts**

A great big thank you to my wonderful church family for all the get well cards, calls, and emails. I think they really helped— gave me a boost and made me smile. And thank you for the birthday cards and calls, as well. God bless our family at FCC-NKC!

## to the Congregation

Ministry & Announcements

### Did You Know? Prayer Concerns . . .



Do you have a prayer concern? A small group continues to meet every Tuesday at 12:30 pm to pray for the needs of our community, neighborhood, and world.

Everyone is invited to this prayer group and/or if you have a concern which you would like added to the list, you may send an email to [prayer@fccnkc.org](mailto:prayer@fccnkc.org), where they will be held confidentially (unless otherwise expressed) and prayed for by this group.

### From the Moderator



Greetings! First, thank you for your patience as I learn about being a moderator. It's a brave new world for me, but I will give you my best!

During the years that I've been attending this church and Board meetings, the design and makeup of the Board and the meetings have changed. Now with our smaller Board, we have been searching for our focus ... where and how do we want our church make a mark in the world.

At our Board meeting on the 18th, with the guidance from Rev Trish, those in attendance established three areas of focus....Our greatest unmet need in our worldly community is peace...our greatest unmet need in our neighborhood community is fellowship and relationship ...and our greatest unmet need in our church community is sharing the love of Christ outside our walls (evangelism or membership growth).

Now we have to decide what we, as individuals and as a church, are able and willing to do about these unmet needs. At Sunday's services, Rev Trish provided sticky notes and asked how we could be 'beacons of peace' in our corner of the world. I hope you shared your thoughts and stuck your sticky note to the window. If you didn't, wanting to consider how to answer, please know that it is never too late to contribute. You can talk to me, to Rev Trish, or to your congregational representative, Breanna Fragoso or Louise Jones.

Unmet needs in our world today are many and feel big ... but our God is bigger!! Let us pray that He guides us through this adventure. His will be done!

With prayers and thanksgiving ~ Twyla Smith

### Holy Hike



Make plans now to meet at Parkville Nature Sanctuary on Saturday, July 14th, at 8:00 am for our monthly Holy Hike. (Sorry! - no dogs allowed at the sanctuary . . . But we'll pick a dog friendly place in August!)

### "Stay Out of the Rough" Golf Tournament



Benefitting the Northland Assistance Center (NAC) at Paradise Point Golf Course, Saturday July 14, 2018 8:00 am Shotgun. \$200.00 Hole Sponsor, \$400.00 Four Person Team, \$500.00 Team and Hole Sponsor, Gifts, continental breakfast, beverages, and SLAPS

BBQ included. Entry forms are available at the church office. Call Rita at 816-591-0615 for more information.

### Cakes for Micah Ministries



Over 700 people are fed each Monday evening at Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Our church provides the desserts at one of these Monday

meals every quarter. Our next "cake" day is Monday, July 30th. We are looking for bakers to provide 50 cakes. The preferred cake size is 9x13 in aluminum pans. We will be in the lounge between services on Sunday, July 22nd with cake pans that can be reused. Please sign-up and take a pan and return your cake to the sacristy on Sunday, July 29th. We also need at least five persons to go that Monday afternoon on the 30th (meet at 2:00pm at our church) to cut the cakes. If you are interested in baking and/or helping cut cakes – please contact Jana Lane ([jana@lane.net](mailto:jana@lane.net) or 816-803-5262) or Dina Barbian (816-337-9757). Thank you for your continued help with this ministry!

### NAC School Supply Drive



Each year Northland Assistance Center provides back packs for those in need in the Northland. We ask that your congregation provide grade school age backpacks with appropriate back to school supplies (see examples below) and junior high/high school back packs with appropriate school supplies (see examples below).

We need the packs/supplies by August 3rd, as NAC will distribute these packs on August 7, 2018.

Please call Rita if you have any questions. 816-591-0615

#### Grade School:

#2 pencils  
glue sticks  
box of tissue  
pink eraser  
markers  
scissors  
zipper pencil case  
wide ruled spiral notebook  
pocket folders  
crayons  
ruler  
low fume dry erase markers  
graph paper

#### Jr/High School:

#2 pencils  
red/black/blue pens  
highlighter pens  
1" and 2" binders  
paper  
theme notebooks  
subject dividers  
calculator  
pocket folders  
markers  
dry erase markers  
geometry set  
notebook paper

### SAVE THE DATE—Tall Oaks Gala



November 9th is the date for the 2018 Tall Oaks Gala. It will be a Masquerade Gala: *Unveiling the Future*. This is our church camp's primary fundraising event. Please plan to support this vital ministry.

## to the Disciples Women

Ministry & Announcements

### Disciples Women's Ministry

*It's Good to End Well  
Live a life worthy of the Lord  
and please him in every  
way: bearing fruit in every  
good work, growing in the  
knowledge of God.*

*Colossians 1:10*

To leave a legacy for future generations, we must first serve our own generation.

- Liz Curtis Higgs, *It's Good to Be Queen*

We invite you to join us in Disciples Women's Ministry Monday, July 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. in the DCC room.

### Deborah Group



We will meet this month on July 12th (offsite location) and 26th (FCC Lounge) at 6 pm—bring your sack supper for a time of fellowship. Our study of women in the Bible will begin at 6:30 pm. Questions? Contact Vicki Kistler.

# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Debbie Painter
- 3 Agnes Forson  
Ricci Neilson  
Andy & Ricci Neilson
- 4 Hannah Neilson
- 5 Thurman & Tonna Lovejoy
- 7 Mark & Dee Dee Brewer
- 8 Ruth Weathers
- 10 Ryan Henderson
- 11 Andy Fazel  
Stuart & Robin Lane  
Austin Sander
- 12 Frances Ross  
Valerie Lipari
- 14 Lucy Brewer  
Bob & Shirley Magee
- 16 Vicki Cole  
Greg Lane  
Marty McWhorter
- 17 Steven Webb
- 18 Louise Jones
- 19 Anna Perryn  
Katie Quisenberry
- 21 Don Greenwood  
Abileen Phillippi  
Paul Youtsey
- 22 Finnley Cole
- 24 Vicki Kistler
- 25 Jan Jensen
- 26 Chris Fuller  
Michael Widebrook
- 27 Sarah Kennedy

## month of July PLEASE NOTE

Most of our church staff will be on vacation (for some portion) of July, so catching someone in the office may be spotty. If you have an emergency, you may call or text Rev. Trish at 816-785-4931 or email her at [revtrish@fccnkc.org](mailto:revtrish@fccnkc.org).

# nuts and bolts of Ministry

Who's Serving Where This Month?

### SERMONS MINISTRY

**July 1— Won't You Be My Neighbor: Fireworks, Anthems, and Understanding | Luke 17:11-19**

**July 8— Won't You Be My Neighbor: Love and Warm Fuzzy Hugs | 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

**July 15— Won't You Be My Neighbor: Samaritan or Otherwise | Luke 10:25-37**

**July 22— VBS Sunday**

**July 29— Guest Preacher....Rev. Sara Wilcox Patty**

### TEAM AND TABLE MINISTRY

#### Team 1A (8:30)

Elders  
Ron Kennedy  
Kay Lunsford

#### Deacons

Joann Blackburn  
Ilene Blogin—Greeter/Communion Prep  
Ellen Fisher  
Pat Hodges  
Karen Kennedy—Greeter/Communion Clean Up  
Jack Lane—Greeter  
Nancy Lee—Communion Prep

#### Team 1B (11:00)

Vicki Kistler  
Stacia Perdue

#### Care Calls for July—

#### Hospital Calls for July—

#### Coffee Service for July— Seekers Class

### LAY LEADER & ASSISTANT TELLER MINISTRY

Lay Leaders/Tellers for July are:

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Assistant Teller</u>
1	Bob Painter	Jeff Tennant	Toni Cracraft
8	Mark Brewer	Patty Webb	Debbie Matteson
15	Kay Lunsford	Vicki Kistler	Jennifer Finch
22	Rick Lunsford		Pat Hodges
29	Debbie Painter	Mary Hicks	Marty Burke

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR JUNE

Attendance	<u>5/27</u>	<u>6/3</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>6/17</u>	<u>6/24</u>
Worship	62	73	85	72	71
Sunday School	26	29	32	29	30
Tithing	2950	3680	6862	7279	

2018 Gentry Street  
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**Sunday Worship Times**  
8:30 am Traditional Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 Praise & Worship Service  
Office Hours: M-Th 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
E-mail: [office@fccnkc.org](mailto:office@fccnkc.org)  
Website: [www.loveourchurch.org](http://www.loveourchurch.org)

