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June Worship Schedule



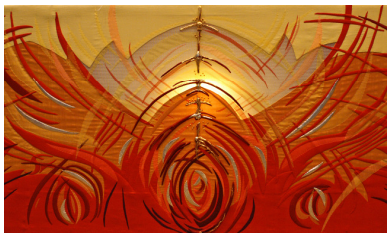
June 4: Pentecost Celebration & Potluck

June 11: XPLOR residents Cody Bailey & Lauren Frato preaching

June 18: God of Refuge Series: Welcome Sunday

June 25: God of Refuge Series: God Hears

June 4 - Pentecost Celebration & Potluck



Mark your calendars and get ready for the celebration. St. Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church and First Christian Church will celebrate Pentecost together on Sunday, June 4 in the First Christian sanctuary. We are grateful for our brothers and sisters at St. Michael's and look forward to sharing together in worship.

Following worship, we'll enjoy lunch together. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

June 11 – XPLOR Sunday & Recognition of Graduates



As the 2016-2017 XPLOR residency comes to a close, we are honored to have residents Cody Bailey, Lauren Frato, and Matt Sipos in worship on June 11. Cody, Lauren, and Matt will participate in the service and be available after worship as well. Please join us in blessing and saying good-bye to these amazing young adults who have resided with us these past months.

June Dinner Group



Mark Thornburgh and Lori Bryant will host the June dinner group on the 17th at 6:00pm. Meet someone new or learn something new about someone you have known. Please let them know that you plan to attend by phone, text, or sign up sheet at the greeter's stand in the Welcome Area on Sunday mornings.

Children/Youth & Family Activity



Let's go swimming! Our next family activity will be Sunday, June 25 at 3:30pm at the Gonzalez's home. Please bring your swimsuit, towel, and a little something (fruit, veggies, or dessert) to share.



Sunday Worship
10:30am

Church School
9:00am

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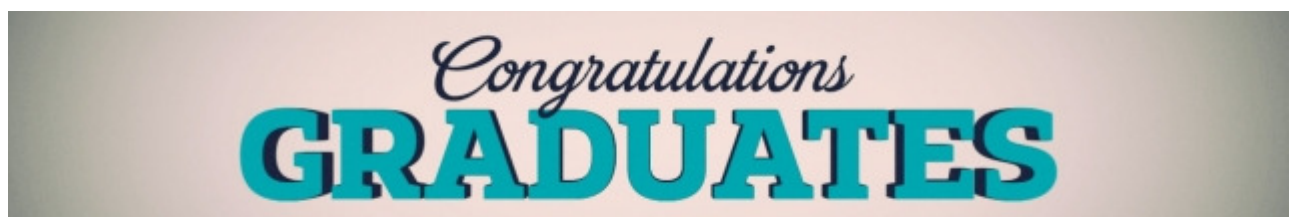
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Pastor's Note

For years, First Christian has proclaimed to be a community of radical hospitality and welcome. We strive for this, because of God's own radical hospitality and welcome offered to all whom God has created. We strive for this, because God's embrace brings us in just as we are and mends the broken pieces of our lives and world. Thanks to God's radical welcome and embrace extending to the farthest edges, we know God's love, experience the gift of God's spirit, and are empowered to love and live like Jesus.

As the summer season begins, I encourage your prayers for our congregation's continued journey of radical hospitality through:

- ◆ Our mental health ministry, Mind Wholeness Ministry, and Rev. Mary Alice Do as she continues leading the support groups. Please also pray for our community of faith while we continue learning and growing in ways to welcome and support individuals and families members affected by mental health challenges.
- ◆ Our participation in the Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition and the commitment to create not only safe spaces, but also a wider community of sanctuary in Tucson in which children do not live in fear of being separated from their mothers and fathers.
- ◆ The serving of meals at Primavera at 5 Points the first Friday of each month.
- ◆ Our hope for faithful living as we assess our building's needs and how our space fits with our congregation's call in this time. Please pray for the team working to get estimates to help us in this effort.
- ◆ Our weekly prayer time in the chapel each Tuesday at 11am and the weekly spiritual growth group in the parlor each Thursday at 11am. Both opportunities remain open to all in the congregation and wider community.
- ◆ Our weekly Sunday morning gathering for worship, where we come to seek God together, be renewed by God's presence among us, be strengthened for service, and offer intentional welcome to every person that comes.



Galen Page



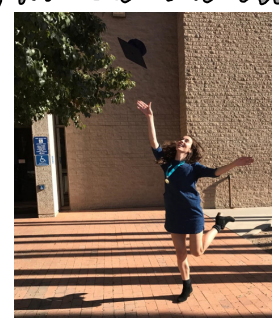
Galen graduated High School from Basis Tucson North with honors. He will attend Willamette University in Salem, Oregon this fall.

Riley Johnson



Riley graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health.

Amelia Marsh



Amelia graduated from the University of Arizona with honors and a double major. She has taken a position with Teach for America and will be teaching in rural Arkansas.

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XPLOR Farewell – June 11

With prayers of blessing we give thanks for residents Cody Bailey, Lauren Frato, and Matt Sipos in worship and in a fellowship time that follows.

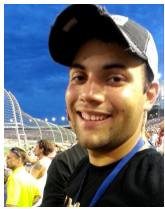
XPLOR Workday—June 24

In order to start getting ready for the new residents, we will have a workday to clean the living area on Saturday, June 24 at 8am-Noon. Your help for any portion of the time is greatly appreciated and needed.

New XPLOR Residents

We have heard the good news of the incoming XPLOR residents that will arrive in August. Following is a brief introduction of these young adults. One resident will worship and participate in ministry with us, and we will announce that once we know. Please begin praying for them as they prepare this for this new chapter in their lives.

Christopher Carter from Hiram, Ohio



My name is Chris Carter and I grew up in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Hiram-Mantua, OH area and attended Camp Christian. I was previously employed in the United States Navy where I served 3 years and while in Norfolk, VA, I attended Grace Bible Church. I am a very outgoing and loving person. I enjoy being and working with groups of people to make good things happen or just to have fun. I also love being outdoors doing activities such as fishing, camping, and hunting and I love sports and LeBron James.

Ingrid Cedeno from San Diego, California



My name is Ingrid and I am a full time and active member at my church Fe, Esperanza, y Amor-Faith, Hope and Love (Disciples of Christ) in San Diego CA. I am a former children's and youth ministry leader. Working with the children at my church encouraged me to pursue a career in working with children. I have been working for the YMCA as a PRYDE Assistant Supervisor at an elementary school. I love working with a variety of cultures and individuals and all coming together as one. I'm also the member of a non-profit organization called War On Hunger where we go out to the streets of LA and share love with the homeless. I plan on continuing to work to better my community and fighting for justice for the people in need.

Savanna Phillips from Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Savanna is a lifetime member of the Disciples denomination and a founding member of her home church New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, IA. She has worked with the youth in her congregation and assists with teaching during her church's Wednesday night kids program. She was an avid volleyball player in high school as well and is an extremely talented clarinet player. She enjoys cooking, writing, reading, and playing with her dogs. Savanna is reserved when you first meet her but quickly warms to new people and will be your most dedicated friend.

Angelica Santiago González from Lorton, Virginia



Angelica offers a unique blend of church experience as she describes herself as a "church hopper" from Roman Catholic, to Baptist, Pentecostal, and nondenominational congregations; she has experienced a little of all. In May, she will graduate from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA with a sociology degree. At LC she has served as an RA and VP of Student Government Association. A former military child, she has experienced a glimpse of the life of a nomad. She hopes to become a child advocate and eventually working with child abuse prevention policies. She loves writing, superheroes, and watching too much Netflix. She desires to someday be her own hero.

Ongoing Groups

Mind Wholeness Ministries – Spiritual Support Group

For people affected by mental health challenges

1st & 3rd Monday

May 1 and May 15

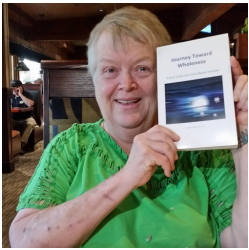
6:00 – 7:30 PM

2nd & 4th Wednesday

May 10 and May 24

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Introducing New Group: Beginning Wednesday, June 7, we will offer a support group specifically for family members of those living with mental health challenges. The group will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm in the parlor.



We celebrate with Mary Alice Do the publication of her book, *Journey Toward Wholeness*. Congratulations Mary Alice! Her book will be available at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) this summer in Indianapolis. You may also purchase it online from the Disciples Home Missions website.

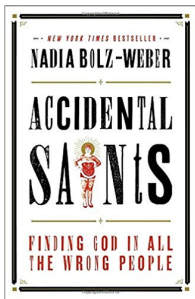
Tuesday Prayer in Chapel at 11am



The chapel continues to be open every Tuesday at 11:00am-Noon for members of the community and our congregation to pray. You are invited to come for 5 minutes, 20 minutes, or the whole hour. Enjoy a moment of silence in the midst of a busy world.

Thursday Small Group Bible Study at 11am

Living out our faith entails the study of scripture and prayer in community. It is one of the ways we learn to Love Like Jesus. Come. Connect with others. Seek God. Engage with the scriptures. Be filled by God's spirit. All are welcome.



Sunday Book Study Group at 4pm - May 21 & 28

The group began *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber on Sunday, May 28th. There is still time to join the conversation. If you are interested, please contact Ann Nichols or Susan Harris.

Wild Dogs Food Cart

Wild Dogs continues to make preparations on their new food cart. We look forward to their return once they are finished!

Pentecost Special Offering



Churches Change the World... Start More! is the theme for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 2017 Pentecost Offering, which **First Christian Church will celebrate Sunday, June 18.** To date, the Christian Church has started 980 new churches in the United States and Canada, sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision in 2000. According to McTyer our original goal was to start 1,000 new congregations by 2020, but we can't stop there. "We must continue our journey by setting our heights higher, planting even more churches and equipping more courageous leaders," he says.

Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to the local Christian Disciples Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.



June at a Glance

Elders Meeting—Thursday, June 1 at 6:00pm in the Parlor

Primavera Meal – Friday, June 2 at 6:00pm
(Contact Sharon Sorensen if you'd like to help!)

Mind Wholeness Spiritual Support Group—1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:00pm (6/5 & 6/19) and 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 3:00pm (6/14 & 6/28)

Youth Summer Camp—Monday, June 5 through Saturday, June 10 at Camp Pinerock in Prescott, AZ. **Alicia Marin will attend.**

Mind Wholeness Ministry Team Meeting—Thursday, June 8 at 6:00pm

June Dinner Group —Saturday, June 17 at 6:00pm, Mark Thornburgh & Lori Bryant will host

Desert Disciple Deadline—Monday, June 19

XPLOR Work Day—Saturday, June 24 from 8am to Noon

FCC Family Activity—Sunday, June 25, 3:30pm at the González home.

Prayer Time in the Chapel – Tuesdays at 11:00am

Small Group Bible Study – Thursdays at 11:00am

Book Study – Sundays at 4:00pm in the parlor



"News from the Pews"

- ♥ **Ruth Stokes welcomes prayers of healing**, as she recovers back at home after a couple weeks at a rehab center.
- ♥ **Prayers for Matt DeFer, the N.A. Groups that meet in our church, and others** struggling with addiction.
- ♥ **Prayers for The Mind Wholeness Ministry and the people & families** affected by mental health challenges.
- ♥ **Prayers for the campers** attending Summer Camp, including Alicia Marin from FCC.
- ♥ **Continued prayers for:** Peggy Brady, Lily Foster, Grace Judson, Bea Kimberlin, Ron & Patti Lemke, Jody Vanderkolk and Sally Van Slyke.





Sunday Schedule

9:00 am	Adult Education—Parlor*
9:00 am	Children/Youth Education—Room 107 & 110 *
9:00 am	St. Michael's ECC - Chapel
9:45 am	Children's Music *
10:30 am	Morning Worship - Sanctuary *
4:00 pm	Book Study *

Praying For Our Missionaries!



Please be in prayer for our missionaries serving through Global Ministries.

During the week of...

June 4: Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo

June 11: Maryjane Westra, Honduras

June 18: Bethany Waggoner, Chile

June 25: Lindley Kinerk, Sri Lanka

For more information regarding our missionaries, overseas partners, or how you can make a difference, visit: www.globalministries.org



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