

Our Mission

God calls us...And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages.*
- *Explore and express a growing faith.*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

PASTOR'S PEN



A word from my heart to yours...



Who do you break bread with?

Jesus was known for breaking bread with different people from all walks of life. We see him on several occasions break bread with His disciples, different people in the community, the outcasts, and strangers. He broke bread with small groups and groups as large as 5000+. Why did He do this so often? Well, the simple answer is, "a man's gotta eat." But that's not the real answer. Jesus broke bread with others to promote unity, to form a family bond, to erase the lines of division, and most importantly to open the doorway to our salvation. That is why the disciples were instructed to continue the tradition at the "Last Supper" and to remember Christ every time.

So, what does that mean for us? It means breaking bread goes beyond Sunday morning. It actually happens every day. Sometimes we break bread casually and in routine, other times at special occasions, and in acts of service. I was blessed in the past 4 weeks to break bread at a funeral dinner, with our "Grab & Go" guests, young adults, 4th of July with family and friends, and just this morning with the ladies of CWF. As I sat there this morning, I couldn't help but reflect on the laughter, the friendship, the intentional investment, and the presence of the Spirit in each setting. I felt as if not only had I been physically nourished each time but I was also spiritually nourished. I cannot encourage you enough to take on this practice of breaking bread outside of your normal opportunities. Whether you join a small group, attend a fellowship dinner, or invite some unexpected/familiar guests to a meal; don't miss out. We are called to model Christ and setting the table for love, laughter, and nourishment is a great way to do that. Remember He said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Blessed to Break Bread with You,

Gina

A Note from CWF—Anita Gosney, President



On Saturday, June 26th, the CWF hosted a “thank-you” breakfast for the men's Saturday morning work crew. Noel Dougherty, Property chair, Rick Reith, Lyman Hannah, Doug Woody, David Hakes, Larry Elliott, Al Gosney and Mark Goodman were present for the biscuits and sausage gravy plus other delicious items! Thanks to Chris Simon being the lead person in preparing the breakfast! Some of the work crew was unable to attend because of other commitments. CWF says THANK YOU for all the work you do, and most recently for the work on the basement kitchen!!!

CWF paid for two cabinets to use in the nursery area purchased by Toni Frandsen for \$392.

CWF has sent \$250 to the Festival of Sharing. It is a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond.

CWF voted to send \$50 to each of the six Warrensburg R-VI schools to help with needs of the students.

CWF voted to give \$50 to the church office to purchase four reams of colored paper. We use it for several of our activities.

CWF will provide the Tuesday evening meal for VBS on August 6, at 5:30 p.m. Several members volunteered to bring items and help with preparation.

The Rummage Sale preparation is making much progress. We can use more workers. We meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings starting at 8:00 in the church basement to sort and price items. If you haven't worked before, it is a good way to get to know members of the church. We have fun!!!

The August worship and program will be presented by Cathy Ramser and Pat Turner at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 12th. Following the program, Ellen Woody and Yvonne Slifer will have refreshments prior to the business meeting. Hope to see you there!

CWF Ladies,

Thank you for purchasing the two white cabinets for the nursery. They look wonderful and provide much needed storage. Thanks for your continued support.

-Toni



Church Family,

VBS will be August 2nd- 6th.

Here are some ways you can help:

- recruit kids, tell everyone about VBS
- pass out flyers & share them on Facebook
- collect clear 2 liter bottles
- collect clear 16 oz. bottles with lids
- help decorate for VBS (the week before the event)
- help serve food or oversee a lawn game on "Fun Friday"
- donate Capri Sun or Kool-Aid drink pouches
- donate money for purchasing supplies



Most importantly, pray for a fun event where our church can share God's love with the children in our community!

Thanks, The VBS Committee

Summer Sunday School is going strong! Check out these "Happy Campers." Come and join the fun - 10:00-11:00 on Sunday mornings.



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

- 3-Kathy Ramser
- 5-Megan Stuck
- 5-Blake Walsh
- 6-Mike Walsh
- 7-Brookelyn Cromer
- 9-Douglas Gelbach
- 10-Kegan Walsh
- 11-Judy Osborne
- 12-Mark Goodwin
- 12-Suzanne Holdren
- 12-Linda Hoover
- 17-Gillian Godfrey
- 17-Mary Jay Lang
- 18-Dianne McCloud
- 20-Bret Dooley
- 22-Shelly Burrows
- 23-Brooks Baldwin
- 25-Linda Culp
- 26-Jim Kimbley
- 30-Mary Howey
- 31-Jase Dunn
- 31-Cheryl Stuck

August Anniversaries

- 9-Nichelle & Kevin Hall
- 12-Brenda & Rick Dooley
- 12-Willie & Whitney Ogar
- 15-Steve & Vicki Granger
- 17-Bill & Vicki Goodwin
- 27-Gary & Anita Grigsby
- 28-Michael Caldwell & Pat Turner
- 30-Travis & Gina Johnson

Prayer List

Noel Dougherty

Leeann Rae Shaumeyer (daughter of Kristal & Cory)

Prayers for the victims, victim's families, first responders, and community of Surfside, Florida as they are still working tirelessly to recover those who are missing.

Prayers for the residence and the workers battling with the wildfires in California. A prayer for Debbie Haller's son-in-law (Tom) who was called out to help in fighting those fires.

Continued prayers for Clint G., Vrydel B., Claudeen H., Kevin R., Travis J., Donna H., George L., and Rick D.

Prayers for our homebound/care facility members.

Prayers for summer travels.

Praise and Prayers as the CWF ladies continue to work on preparing for the rummage sale.

How to submit prayer requests to the church

Col. 4:2, Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1. Submit the prayer request via the church webpage at fccwburg.com. Click on Connect, then Contact Us to leave a prayer request.
2. Call the church office phone at 660-747-6815 or send an email to the church office at cindychurchoffice@gmail.com to leave a prayer request.
3. Leave a voicemail on the Pastor's cell phone at 757-775-0074 or send an email to the pastor at docpastorgina@gmail.com.
4. Write your prayer request on a notecard that is in the pews and place in the offering plate.

Outreach Grab 'n Go Grocery List

1. Extra Large Burrito soft tortillas
2. water
3. Desserts (cookies, bars)
4. Shredded cheese

**Please help out if you can
and bring items to the
CLC kitchen to drop off.**

**Newsletter will be
published On**

August 10

**Please turn in
information on**

August 9, by 10 a.m.

Thank you note!

To the CWF,

Thank you so much for the basket of goodies you brought to me.

Donna Hays

Food Center Needs

The Food Center committee was discussing different ways to cover the needs and one main idea prevailed. Instead of volunteering for a full month, the need is now to have a team that works on Tuesday, Thursday afternoon, and Saturday morning every six weeks. This would be an easier time commitment and means not having to work a whole month at a time. The dedicated team would have at least 5 workers available. Three would work inside the Food Center, and two would be outside. We would be working with clients, and do not have to work the intake computer. If there are many teams of all the churches and other volunteers, then it may be only every 7-8 weeks of working.

Please think about this and let Pat Cook know if this would work for you. Contact her at 660-864-3863.

JULY BOOK REVIEW

Songs of America by Pulitzer Prize winning biographer Jon Meacham and Grammy Award winner Tim McGraw is a celebration of America and the music that shaped its history. Through all the years of strife and triumph, America has been shaped not just by our elected leaders and our formal politics but also by our music — by the lyrics, performers, and instrumentals that have helped to carry us through the dark days and to celebrate the bright ones.

Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw take readers on a moving and insightful journey through eras in American history and the songs and performers that inspired us. Meacham chronicles our history, exploring the stories behind the songs, and McGraw reflects on the songs as an artist and performer. Their perspectives combine to create a unique view of the role music has played in uniting and shaping a nation.



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Part Time Job Opportunity

The Warrensburg First Christian Church is seeking applicants for a nursery attendant. Those interested must be available Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and possibly for extra events. Qualifications include at least 18 years of age, experience in caring for children preferred; as well as satisfactory completion of background check. Contact the church for an employment application by calling 660-747-6815 or email cindychurchoffice@gmail.com.