



**FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*A Congregation of Disciples of Christ
Serving in Center Point since 1874*

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Worship at 10:15 a.m. [10 a.m. on 8/29]

Fellowship still follows each Sunday

September

1 Wednesday

7:30 CWF MEETING

2 Thursday **7 pm A.A.**

3 Friday

Freida Aldrich, Kaye Running

5 Sunday

BLESSING BANNER

6 Monday **Labor Day**

7 Tuesday **Craft group**

8 Wednesday

Kids' Club Bible Study 6-7:30

7:30 BOARD MEETING

Tanya Kramer Banse

9 Thursday **7 pm A.A.**

11 Saturday

T. J. Fangman, Tessa Kohl

12 Sunday

Harold & Pat Frasher

13 Monday

SHARED MINISTRY COUNCIL

7 pm at Center Point

7 Tuesday **Craft group**

14 Wednesday

Kids' Club Bible Study

Cecil & Cathy Lamphier

16 Thursday **7 pm A.A.**

Gary & Sharon Armstrong

Sandy Merritt, Elnora Ritze

19 Sunday

NOODLE-MAKING

20 Monday

Pat Frasher

21 Tuesday **Craft group**

22 Wednesday

Kids' Club Bible Study

23 Thursday **7 pm A.A.**

Isaac Kono

24 Friday

Dale & Lisa Retzlaff

25 Saturday

BEEF & NOODLE DINNER 4-7

28 Tuesday **Craft group**

Mike Liercke, Bill Merritt

29 Wednesday

Kids' Club Bible Study

Kent Willer

30 Thursday **7 pm A.A.**

Richard Palumbo IV, Helen Lamphier

Combined worship celebration at Center Point this Sunday

The first of our combined, fifth-Sunday worship gatherings with Urbana Christian Church folk will take place at the Center Point facility this Sunday, August 29th, at 10 a.m. After we unite in offering our praise to God, we will adjourn to the social hall to enjoy a pot-luck meal. On the next fifth Sunday, October 31, we will meet in Urbana. Now that we are sharing a pastor, these united services further celebrate our solidarity as Disciples Together.

Beef and Noodle Bunch get their act together

Get ready for noodle-making, slaw-chopping, pie-baking and all the rest! Our annual fall Beef and Noodle Dinner will soon be here. On Saturday, September 25th, *hundreds of hungry people* will come here to enjoy a fine meal served family-style. There's lots of work to do to get ready for company, so clear your calendar and plan to pitch in!

Are you going to the Regional Gathering at CCC near Newton?

A remarkable event is planned to replace our customary Regional Assembly in October. Disciples from all over the Upper Midwest will cruise on in to our camp and conference center for a day of delightful fun, food and fellowship. You can even see a video about the October 9th party at the Regional website. The address is --

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org>

If you have not yet visited our great Christian Conference Center, tours will be available that Saturday.

Kids' Club is coming back

One of the highlights of the year is our Kids' Club Bible Study, which takes place on Wednesday evenings, starting with a light meal at 6 p.m. and classroom time until 7:30. It's very popular. Last year we had as many as 60 or more present once or twice. The usual crowd is 50. Kids' Club resumes September 8.

One of the secrets of this ministry's success is the dedicated service of the men and women who value the preparation of children and youth for a life of Christian understanding and learning. If you have qualified to teach or work with kids in our congregation, you are invited to volunteer to help with preparation, serving and cleaning up for the meal, teaching or assisting in a classroom, or even just supporting the meals with a contribution.

Craft Group back in action

The ladies are at it again, assisted by a few good men. They have resumed meeting on Tuesday mornings to craft items for display and sale at the big show in November. Join 'em!

New CWF season September 1st

The first meeting of the new season is always an evening meeting, and this year is no exception. Ladies will gather at 7:30 on September 1st. New plans, new format, new ideas are coming.

Board will meet at 7:30 Sept. 8th

If you are a Board member, you have a mailbox on the wall of the old entry foyer. Please look there for agenda and business items so you can study them prior to the meeting and save us all some time. Thanks.

August Blessing Banner Report

Two blessing symbols were added to our Banner on August 1st, but one of them included a baker's dozen from kids who sailed on our Vacation Bible School.

Sandy Merritt brought a huge heap of thanks to the hard-working crew who provided the VBS, and she shared some of the "God Sightings" the kids had seen in their lives:

- An awesome sister
- Getting adopted
- Getting my dog
- Training my dog
- Cousins being part of my life
- My family
- Our friends
- Our families
- Surgery so I can walk
- People who will protect me
- Everyone at Bible School
- A new baby in my family
- A house that is almost done

Donna Sholes was particularly grateful that her and **Jon's** cycling vacation went without mishap, and son, **Alan**, rode RAGBRAI also accident-free. Even their dog ended up "blessed" under the care of **Aimee Frasher**.

Remember to recognize God's blessings in your life so you can share them on the 2010 Blessing Banner with your church family on September 5th. And don't forget:

"The blessings are always there for those who are AWARE!"

| WATCHING OUR FIGURES | JULY | 2010 to date | AVERAGE |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Worship Attendance | 180 | 1,617 | 54 |
| 2010 Budget | \$8,775 | \$61,425 | \$2,025 |
| Budgeted Receipts | \$8,398 | \$54,237 | \$1,808 |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$7,107 | \$53,588 | \$1,786 |
| Designated Gifts | \$301 | \$3,896 | \$130 |

Deacons Serving Schedule

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|------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9/5 | Gail Kester | Ann Mollenhauer | Tina Ashlock | Samantha Mackey |
| 9/12 | Garnet Mader | Bill Wilkins | Velma Roseberry | Sandra Ashlock |
| 9/19 | Janet Gross | Cathy Husmann | Vicki Syverson | Shirley Reints |
| 9/26 | Jeff Pottebaum | Cherryl Ferguson | Yvette Sawyer | Susan Edleman |
| 10/3 | Joanne Gray | Dana Wood | Aimee Frasher | Tami Roseberry |

ELDERS

Please greet the week before you prepare:
COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP

| | | | | |
|------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 9/5 | Barb Roseberry | Charlie Ferguson | Maders/Kessler | Butterfields |
| 9/12 | Marcia Smith | Tom Clark | Lamphiers | George Osterhaus |
| 9/19 | Harold Frasher | Barb Roseberry | Ashlocks | Roger Newton |
| 9/26 | Mary McCusker | Diana Lamphier | Velma Roseberry | Neva Zieser |
| 10/3 | Sandy Merritt | Rose Hines | Rose Dick | Mackeys |

_____ **100 %**
_ATTENDERS
 _____ **DURING**
 _____ **JULY**

Ruth Butterfield
 John Caughron
 Irma Dennis
 Charlie Ferguson
 Cherryl Ferguson
 Aimee Frasher

Harold Frasher
 Pat Frasher
 Alma Freeman
 Bill Gross
 Rose Hines
 Charles Mader

Garnet Mader
 Jalaa McNeal
 Shirley Reints
 Marcia Smith
 Isaac Syverson
 Scott Syverson