

June Celebrations:

Birthdays:

2 - Martha Minnick
4 - Reid Helman
4 - Cheryl Tichenor
15 - William Abbett
19 - Garrett Brown
19 - Mary Lou McCoy
20 - Kristy Abbett
22 - Jana Lovett
28 - Connie Brown
29 - Michael Cooper

Anniversaries:

1 - Larry & Susie Gilkison
10 - Danny & Cindy Hanson
11 - Jon & Linda Dietrich
16 - Bart & Wendy Butterfield
20 - Paul & Teresa Dennis
20 - Bill & Mary Kay Fredenburg
20 - JR & Robin Griggs
24 - Manford & Jackie Harris
25 - Dick & Carol Benfield

Board Meeting June 10 After Worship Service

*Pastor Michelle's
Bible Study Class
Meets each
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.*

Serving in June:

Minister:

Reverend Michelle Brown

Music Directors:

Susan Smith & John Doty

Organist/Pianist:

John Doty

Choir Director:

Susan Smith

Elders:

*3rd Cindy/Jon -- 10th Diana/Buster
17th Donnetta/Jerri -- 24th Jackie/Jana*

Worship Leaders:

*3rd - Cheryl Tichenor
10th - Jon Dietrich
17th - Jake Smith
24th - Donnetta Ratliff*

Diaconate:

*Manford & Jackie Harris
Jill Darling - Nancye Scott*

Communion Prep:

Nancye Scott

Nursery:

Leah & Michael Cooper

*"I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for
thou hast considered my troubles: thou hast
known my soul in adversities."
Psalm 31:7*

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A message from Reverend Michelle Brown is enclosed in this issue.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Larry & Susie Gilkison will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception at Sixth Street on June 3, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited!

Baptism Service

Honey Creek UMC and Middletown Community Church will have a joint Baptism Service at Sixth Street on Saturday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. If anyone from Sixth Street would like to be baptized on that day, please contact Pastor Michelle (317) 372-3926) or the church office (765) 354-2171) as soon as possible.

Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be *June 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.* Games, snacks, fun and fellowship for everyone.

CWF June Outing

CWF members are invited to a tea at Tina's Old Fashioned Tea Room in Carmel, on June 12. The ladies will carpool from the church at 10:15 a.m. For details, contact Jerri Peters at (765) 354-4171.

Church Board Meeting

The June meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board will be *Sunday, June 10*, about 20 minutes after the Worship Service. Please plan to attend.

"Dining to Donate" Returns! (For Sure!)

"Dining to Donate" at Applebee's in Anderson will return on *Wednesday, June 20*. A flier is included in your newsletter; present it to your server when paying your check. Again this year, proceeds will go to our fund for a new church organ.

Support the Middletown Food Pantry

Please help our church support the Middletown Food Pantry. Your donations of food, household products and money benefit our neighbors who are in need. Please give generously.

"The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without a teacher."

--Elbert Hubbard 1856 - 1915

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



June 2018 Newsletter – Minister’s Musings

Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

I’ve got a couple of different hats I have to wear in my life right now. I’ve got a minister hat, a wife hat, a mother-of-a-19-year-old hat, a Ball-State-employee hat, and very recently, a foster-mom hat. That last one has changed my hairstyle quite a bit ... for the whole family. Our recent placement is a sibling set of two boys: one is almost three years old, the other will turn two in November. My husband and I have learned more in the last month and a half than I honestly thought we’d ever need to know. Thank God we learn quickly because we had to become teachers immediately.

One thing we’ve had to teach is language. The boys came with relatively small vocabularies, but one thing they both said very clearly was, “I want!” Loud and clear. Mostly loud. Yet that was it as far as words went. “I want UGH!” was the best we got in the beginning, so we taught nouns and pronouns, and sometimes we had to get pretty specific. “I want cereal” is pretty good, but not so much if you end up offering the wrong variety. “I want Cheerios” is much better.

The language of faith needs to be specific too. Hearing the word of God, the good news of the gospel, in a language you can truly understand is when it becomes clearest and works best. We celebrated Pentecost in May, and the scripture I preached on was in Chapter 2 of Acts. The disciples are gathered in an upper room – possibly the same upper room where they ate the Passover with Jesus seven weeks earlier – and they hear a powerful wind. Then something like tongues of fire touched all who were there, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gave them a strange and wonderful gift. Each person there was given the ability to speak in the native language of someone outside the room – someone who had not yet heard the good news of Jesus’ life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and of salvation and redemption for all people. These gifted people began speaking the good news, and apparently it was loud enough to attract a crowd.

The folks gathered together had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Festival of Weeks – a harvest festival that came on the day after seven full weeks following the first harvest of grain. The people gathered in Jerusalem from all of places they’d been scattered throughout the centuries since Israel was a united kingdom. They probably all spoke a common language – Greek is likely, or Aramaic – but the language they learned as children and speak at home was unique to their different communities. Each of these people on that particular day heard that the Messiah had come and been resurrected, that all people were reconciled to God, and that the Realm of God had begun to be established in the world in which they lived in their own native languages. They heard and they were amazed, they heard and were curious, they heard and some of them scoffed. “They’re drunk!” Regardless, it was all the opportunity the Apostle Peter needed to introduce all of these “outsiders” to the truth of the situation and, oh yes, the Truth.

We too are called to speak the Truth to people who haven’t yet heard or understood the gospel. The language we choose to speak makes a big difference, and the Spirit gives us the ability to stretch beyond what we know and speak in new ways. Who are the ones in your circle or nearby who need to hear the good news in a way that is truly meaningful to them? Do you feel the touch of the Spirit? Is it teaching you new words to tell them of the grace of God, the joy of forgiveness, and a life of love and purpose?

My guess is yes.

With love,

Michelle

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 2nd Baptism Day @ Sixth Street – 4:00 p.m.*

- 10th Church Board Meeting – Sunday (Following Coffee Fellowship).*

- 12th CWF Outing to Tina's Tea Room, Carmel.*

- 14th Flag Day*

- 20th "Dining to Donate" @ Applebee's in Anderson.*

- 23rd Family Game Night @ Sixth Street, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*