

## July Celebrations

### Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Lovett  
3<sup>rd</sup> Michelle Brown  
5<sup>th</sup> Jill Darling  
6<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Hutcheson  
9<sup>th</sup> Maynard Powell  
11<sup>th</sup> Russell Darling  
12<sup>th</sup> Linda Davenport  
12<sup>th</sup> Randy Keesling  
12<sup>th</sup> Jerri Peters  
15<sup>th</sup> Linda Soultz  
17<sup>th</sup> JR Griggs  
17<sup>th</sup> Adalynn Hutcheson  
27<sup>th</sup> Neveah Butterfield  
28<sup>th</sup> Mason Hutcheson  
30<sup>th</sup> Margaret Ann Zivnay

### Anniversaries:

4<sup>th</sup> Jay & Jennifer Huser  
9<sup>th</sup> Doug & Linda Davenport  
9<sup>th</sup> Jake & Susan Smith  
10<sup>th</sup> Mark & Debbie Garner  
10<sup>th</sup> Mason & Kimberly Hutcheson  
15<sup>th</sup> Jason & Stephanie Benson  
17<sup>th</sup> Terry & Margaret Ann Zivney  
27<sup>th</sup> Chad & Sabrina Toffolo

**Church Board Meeting**  
**July 14th**  
**After Coffee Fellowship**

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

### Serving in July:

#### **Minister:**

*Reverend Michelle Brown*

#### **Music Directors:**

*Susan Smith*

#### **Organist/Pianist:**

#### **Choir Director:**

*Susan Smith*

#### **Elders:**

*Cindy Hanson – Jon Dietrich*

#### **Worship Leaders:**

*7<sup>th</sup> – Jon Dietrich*  
*14<sup>th</sup> – Jake Smith*  
*21<sup>st</sup> – Michael Cooper*  
*28<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Tichenor*

#### **Diaconate:**

*Jim Kendall – Susan Kendall*  
*Buster Johnson – Rita Johnson*

#### **Communion Prep:**

*Teresa Dennis*

#### **Nursery:**

*Leah & Michael Cooper*

# The Sixth Street Messenger

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*A message from Reverend Michelle Brown is shown below.*

## Pastor Michelle's Office Hours

Pastor Michelle now has scheduled office hours. She will be available each Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Michelle will also do visitations on Sunday afternoons and evenings, or by appointment during the evening on weekdays. Contact Michelle at (317) 372-3926.

## Church Pianist/Organist Position

Sixth Street Christian Church is currently taking applications for a part-time pianist/organist position. For more information, contact Susan Smith at (765) 623-4414.

## Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m.

## Church Board Meeting

The July meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board has been rescheduled to **Sunday, July 14th**, following Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

## 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.



*“And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.” – Lee Greenwood*

Hello to you, my Sixth Street sisters and brothers!

## **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



*A message from Reverend Michelle Brown*

Some of you know that I had the opportunity to visit Finland in June, and it was quite an experience. I had done plenty of research on what it would be like, how to pronounce (some) Finnish words, and the differences I was likely to encounter. I was still unprepared. You can say, "Sure, I understand that there are 22 hours of daylight per day," but it's not like actually being there, when there's enough light for you to read a book in the forest at 2:00 a.m. I was unprepared for reindeer families walking down the middle of the road and the richness (and strength!) of Finnish coffee. One thing snuck up on me, and I got used to it without realizing what it was. Quiet. The most excited Finns I met at a midsummer festival clapped like they were watching a golf match. I drank it in. On Saturday – true Midsummer – most Finns go on holiday, leaving the towns to stay in small vacation cottages. I thought it was quiet on Friday, but it was nothing like Saturday. I went to the center of the market square and heard nothing but birdsong. At first, it was a little eerie, but after awhile I began to appreciate it. With the quiet came my own thoughts – the good, the bad, and the ugly – but God came as well. I felt like I could hear the still, small voice more clearly than I had in a long time.

When I returned to the U.S. and landed in Chicago, the first thing I noticed was the sheer volume of the place. There was sound everywhere. My mom used to tell me and my brother that we made so much noise that she couldn't hear herself think. I finally understand what she meant! I began to wonder if God can get a word in edgewise when we're surrounded by such loudness.

Two days later, I received a resounding "Yes!" in response to my wondering. June 26 was the last day of the Community VBS – also the last day for the kids to practice the two songs they were going to sing during the upcoming Sunday service. The leaders encouraged the children to sing LOUD, and the message was clear: sing so loud that the gospel reaches everyone, and boy did they!

The writer of Psalm 139 wrote these words to God:

"Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast." God is inescapable and can find us through silence and sound. Regardless of our circumstances, God is with us, leading us and holding us up. When we pay attention, open ourselves to the presence of God, and listen, we find God waiting for us. In God's care, we can be confident in taking our next steps, in the words of encouragement and comfort that we speak, and in our work that brings the good news to the world.

Many blessings and peace upon you, Michelle

**Sixth Street Christian Church: Sunday School — 9:15am Worship Service — 10:30am**

## JULY DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day (Church office closed)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Church Board Meeting (following Coffee Fellowship).**

