

August Celebrations



3rd – Claire Cooper
11th – Gloria Kirkpatrick
20th – Jay Huser
21st – Pat Wisehart
26th – Bill Fredenburg
26th – Miriam Russell
27th – Almeda Smith
30th – Cordell Carnes
30th – Peach Vandergrift



12th – Brandon & Melissa Lovett
17th – Kyle & Linda Soutz
26th – Michael & Leah Cooper

Church Board Meeting
August 11th
After Coffee Fellowship

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

Serving in August:

Minister:

Reverend Michelle Brown

Music Directors:

Susan Smith

Pianist:

Liz Felstad

Choir Director:

Susan Smith

Elders:

4th – *Cindy Hanson & Jon Dietrich*
11th – *Jackie Harris & Teresa Dennis*
18th – *Jackie Harris & Jana Lovett*
25th – *Jake & Susan Smith*

Worship Leaders:

4th – *Jake Smith*
11th – *Jon Dietrich*
18th – *Michael Cooper*
25th – *Cheryl Tichenor*

Diaconate:

Manford Harris – Jill Darling
Nancye Scott - Jana Lovett

Communion Prep:

Teresa Dennis

Nursery:

Leah & Michael Cooper

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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 visitations on Sunday afternoons and evenings, or by appointment during the evening on weekdays. Contact Michelle at (317) 372-3926.

Christian Women's Fellowship News

CWF Meeting for August

The Christian Women Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, August 7th at 1:00 p.m. We have many topics to discuss including the Fall Bazaar in November. Jana Lovett will give the Lesson and serve refreshments. Jill Darling will be the Kitchen Queen for August. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

Kitchen cleaning

There will be a kitchen cleaning work session on Wednesday morning August 7th at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us!

New Pianist

Please welcome our new pianist Liz Felstad. Liz is a Doctoral student from Ball State University, with a Major in Clarinet and a Minor in Piano.

WELCOME LIZ !!!!!!!

Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be on Saturday, August 17th from 6 – 8 p.m.

Grace Group

Grace Group meets each Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Church Board Meeting

The August meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board will meet on *Sunday, August 11th*, 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.

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. –James 4: 14-15

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



August 2019 – Minister’s Message

Hello, My Sixth Street Christian Friends!

I was blessed by our congregation when it sent me as its representative to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The General Assembly meets every two years to make decisions about how the denomination meets the needs of people today and prepares to meet them in the future. The GA puts on workshops, coordinates mission work during the week, and provides many opportunities for Disciples across the U.S. and Canada to reconnect and renew their relationships. The most powerful experiences I had were during the worship services. Imagine 500-some people singing *How Great Thou Art* and *Abide In Me*. It was wonderful, and it fed my soul.

The scripture that guided the General Assembly was from the Gospel of John 15:1-5. In this passage, Jesus tells his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” To abide means to “continue, remain, survive, last, persist, stay, and live on.” It means to hold on. When we abide in Jesus, we are connected to God, and God works on us until we are able to bear good fruit. We must hold on to that truth as faithful Christians and faithful congregations. It seems like a very basic idea; of *course* we need hang on to Jesus – cling to him and grow from him – in order to be what God is calling us to be. It isn’t always easy to keep this truth before us. When the situation around us changes, when people start to ask different questions, when their needs become something we don’t understand, we may forget that abiding in Jesus, as branches of the vine, means more than just hanging on for dear life. Being a branch on the vine of Jesus means we are willing to put our trust in the vine grower who prunes us and makes us into believers and a church who bears the right fruit for the people today and in our future. To abide, to remain, to last as bearers of fruit, we must be willing to become nourishing to the ones who don’t yet know what it means to be filled.

My prayer is for all of us to continue growing as parts of the vine, embracing our God who will trim us and form us into a harvest that will feed all people. Many blessings for you this month and always.

Love,

Michelle

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

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 7th CWF Kitchen Cleaning Work Day - 9:00 a.m.**
- 7th CWF meeting at 1:00 p.m.**
- 9th Town Wide Rummage Sale at the Community Building**
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- 11th Church Board Meeting (following Coffee Fellowship).**
- 17th Family Game Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

