

# 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 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**

The Christian Women Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Virginia Rawlings will give the lesson. Pat Wisehart will serve refreshments. Jackie Harris will be the Kitchen Queen for October. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

CWF will be taking order for **WICK PIE'S** through October 13<sup>th</sup>. You can order Pumpkin, Sugar Cream and Pecan pies at \$6.00 each. Turn in orders to Rita Johnson, Linda Soultz, or the church office. Please make checks payable to: CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship). Orders must be paid when ordering. Pie pickup will be at the church on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> or at the Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Choir Practice**

Choir Practice will meet each Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

## **Church Board Meeting**

The October meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board will meet on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, following Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

## **Family Game Night**

Family Game Night will be on  
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## **Grace Group**

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

## **Pastor Michelle's Bible Study**

Bible Study meets each Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

## **Serving in October**

**Minister:** Reverend Michelle Brown  
**Music Director:** Susan Smith  
**Pianist:** Liz Felsted  
**Choir Director:** Susan Smith  
**Elders:** Jake Smith – Buster Johnson

**Worship Leaders:** 6<sup>th</sup> – Jon Dietrich  
13<sup>th</sup> – Jake Smith  
20<sup>th</sup> – Michael Cooper  
27<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Tichenor

**Diaconate:** Jill Darling – Ernestine Haynes  
Jana Lovett – Cheryl Tichenor

**Communion Prep:** Jana Lovett

**Coffee Fellowship:** 6<sup>th</sup> – Fran Tedrow  
13<sup>th</sup> – Virginia Rawlings  
20<sup>th</sup> – Buster & Rita Johnson  
27<sup>th</sup> – Linda Soultz

**Nursery:** Leah & Michael Cooper

*Happy  
Birthday!*

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4<sup>th</sup> – Carrie Darling  
5<sup>th</sup> – Mark Garner

16<sup>th</sup> – Robin Griggs

22<sup>nd</sup> – Liz Felsted  
28<sup>th</sup> – Teresa Dennis  
29<sup>th</sup> – Beth Solomon  
29<sup>th</sup> – Linda Dietrich  
29<sup>th</sup> – John Doty

15<sup>th</sup> – Courtney Wilkinson

17<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Butterfield  
19<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Upchurch

### 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



## October 2019 – Minister’s Message

Hello, my Sixth Street brothers and sisters! This Sunday the choir will be singing one of my favorite songs: *Sanctuary*. I learned it at church camp when I was a counselor about 15 years ago. Its beauty and simplicity were a couple of reasons why it’s stuck with me so long, but its message is another. The words of the refrain go like this:

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary.  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Sanctuaries are consecrated and holy. They are meant to be places of safety. What I would suggest to you is that they aren’t merely places where you, yourself, are safe. They are holy not just for you or even for God. Sanctuaries are life giving spaces for other people as well.

When you hold this understanding in mind, asking God to prepare you as a sanctuary takes on new meaning. “Lord prepare me to be safe place for others to encounter you. Make me a haven where people can find your truth.” These words aren’t just lyrics; they come together to make a prayer.

Church camp – which I first experienced as an adult – brought me boundless joy. It refreshed and strengthened my relationship with God and others. I saw children grow in faith; I joined them in singing *Sanctuary* at the close of evening worship as we walked through the woods to our cabins. It was a time of blessing and hope.

Not every child is formed in faith. Some grow into adults that mistrust the church or believe that they are unworthy of God’s love. Others know so little about following Jesus that it isn’t even an option for them. These are ones who need the sanctuaries the Lord prepares us to be.

Rather than waiting for people to cross the threshold of our church building, imagine living as a holy place outside the walls of the building. Each of us can be somewhere people who exist apart from faith can come and explore repentance and mercy without judgment. How much would the world change because you offered this even to just one other person? I believe this is one way we can help God establish our part of the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus sent his followers out to make disciples of all nations, and he calls us to do the same. Let each one of us accept this charge and take our sanctuaries into the world.

Many blessings,

Michelle

## OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> CWF "Wick Pies", Order now through Oct. 13.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CWF meeting - 1:00p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Italian Luncheon at church 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Middletown Historical Society presents Speaker:  
General Ulysses S. Grant at church 2:00 p.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Church Board Meeting (following Coffee Fellowship).
- 19<sup>th</sup> Family Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween - Trick or Treat

