

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 2nd 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 13th. 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 6th or at the Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 9th.

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 13th, following Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be on
Saturday, October 19th 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: 6th – Jon Dietrich
13th – Jake Smith
20th – Michael Cooper
27th – Cheryl Tichenor

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

Communion Prep: Jana Lovett

Coffee Fellowship: 6th – Fran Tedrow
13th – Virginia Rawlings
20th – Buster & Rita Johnson
27th – Linda Soultz

Nursery: Leah & Michael Cooper

*Happy
Birthday!*

4th – Carrie Darling
5th – Mark Garner

16th – Robin Griggs

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

15th – Courtney Wilkinson

17th – Wendy Butterfield
19th – 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

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

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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

