

Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- ***Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages***
- ***Explore and express a growing faith***
- ***Equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God***

PASTOR'S PEN



A word from my heart to yours...

What a wonderful celebration we were able to have this past Sunday! It was so great to hear the amazing story about Buddy & Ida May and how their unconditional love not only changed the life of a college girl (Chris Norton); it also blessed our church in ways we could never have expected. It's clear that the Lord has great plans for FCC and now it's up to this congregation to listen to the Spirit discerning who you are and where you're being led. I am thankful for the opportunity to celebrate the different ministries that have been taking place in this church and our community. A special thanks to all the staff, volunteers, and congregation members who made these ministries possible. We are in a critical time. It is important to have gratitude for all that the Lord has done for us and through us. It is important that we keep hope and faith, however, we need to take action. Ask yourself how can I continue to support my church with my time, talents, treasure, and tithe in order to build God's Kingdom and fulfill the mission of the church? The Spirit will lead us, we have to be willing to follow. Again, I am so grateful for the celebration we had this past Sunday it's a reminder that we are capable of great things and there is still more to come if we put our faith into action.

A note about Sunday morning service:

Over the past few weeks, we have been asking people to reach out to Kathy, Steve, or Bill with their thoughts about whether or not we should maintain a combined worship service at 10. I am thankful for those of you that have responded. However, we have only received less than 20 responses. In order to make this decision, we would like to have more feedback. I urge you to call, text, email, or write a letter so we can make this decision well informed as a congregation. That being said, I have very much enjoyed worshipping together in one space. I, myself, like the contemporary setting however, it's felt better being together, especially in our times of transition and working through some difficult times. The communication is getting stronger and there's great comfort in seeing all of us in one place after the months that we had to spend online. After careful thought, I have decided that since I will only be here 4 more Sundays that we will continue to worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 as a combined service. This is not to offend anyone or discount the importance of two worship services. As we move forward and receive more feedback, the worship team will make a decision on how to proceed. Thank you for your understanding and continued presence in service.

Blessed to be Your Pastor,
Gina

Outreach News:

We need help! As of August 31st we will suspend the Grab 'n Go lunch until further notice. With the church finances as they are, it was determined to be irresponsible to continue. We are trying to find other churches/groups who may want to help a month at a time. If we are able to find different groups, they would be responsible for picking up donations, providing the menu and all extra food, as well as any containers or paper products. If you have a friend who attends another church, please ask them if their church would be interested in helping. Call Pat Turner 660-864-1444. Thank you!

Coffee Fellowship: The membership committee has been given the opportunity to resume the coffee fellowship after the combined service beginning July 31st. We are asking for volunteers to help us with this task due to us being a very small committee. It has been suggested that the edibles, at this point, due to covid on the rise a bit again, be prepackaged. Certainly, however you feel comfortable. Coffee and water will be available as well. If you can help with this, call me, Nancy Rogers, at 660-238-5219. It would be very much appreciated. Have a blessed day.

AUGUST BOOK REVIEW

The Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean M. Auel takes place in the dawn of modern humans during the Ice Age world.

After a natural disaster, a young girl named Ayla is left wandering alone in an unfamiliar and dangerous land until she is found by a woman of the Clan, people very different from her own kind. To them, blond, blue-eyed Ayla looks peculiar and ugly since she is from the Others. Iza, the medicine woman, grows to love Ayla as her own daughter.

Ayla learns Iza's way of healing and most in the Clan accepts her. However, Broud, a young man who is destined to become the next leader of the Clan, sees Ayla's differences as a threat to his authority. He develops a deep hatred for the strange girl of the Others and is determined to get his revenge.

A Note from CWF — Toni Frandsen and Vicki Granger, Co-Presidents

CWF met Thursday, August 11 for a devotional given by Sara Williams and a brief business meeting. We then divided into three groups to visit and bring cards to our members in nursing homes and our homebound members. We had so many delightful conversations with those that we visited! Afterwards, a small group met for lunch at El Monterey! We will have one more Visitation Day this year on November 10. Our next CWF meeting will be September 8 at 9:30. Our hostesses will be Yvonne Slifer and Karen Love, with a devotion given by Yvonne Slifer and our program presenter will be Linda Hoover. All women are welcome!

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God. Leo Buscaglia

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Prayers for George's recovery

Continued prayers for Gillian

Prayers for Rick D.

Prayers for Brenda B.

Continued prayers for Bill

Continued prayers for David

Prayers for the Stewardship and Search & Call committees during this important time.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in a senior/assisted living community and nursing homes.

August Birthdays

3-Kathy Ramser

5-Megan Stuck

7-Brookelyn Cromer

9-Doug Gelbach

11-Judy Osborne

12-Mark Goodwin

12-Suzanne Holdren

12-Linda Hoover

17-Gillian Godfrey

17-Mary Jay Lang

18-Dianne McCloud

20-Bret Dooley

22-Shelly Burrow

26-Jim Kimbley

30-Mary Howey

31-Jase Dunn

31-Cheryl Stuck

August Anniversaries

8-David & Janet Ritchhart

12-Rick & Brenda Dooley

15-Steve & Vicki Granger

17-Bill & Vicki Goodwin

27-Gary & Anita Grigsby

28-Michael Caldwell & Pat Turner

30-Travis & Gina Johnson

GIVING IS WORSHIP

Malachi 3:10-12, Thank you for your generosity! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of Hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of Hosts.

- Leave your offering in the plate at worship Sunday mornings, or anytime in the church mailbox outside the office.
- Mail your offering to the Church at 101 E. Gay St., Warrensburg MO 64093 or initiate payment to FCC at your bank.

Pre-K & Elementary Sunday School Break

Our pre-school and elementary classes will be taking a brief break for the month of August through Labor Day. We will return on Sunday, September 11th. See you then! 😊





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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday

11:30 to 12:30 Outreach Grab & Go Meal

Thursday

4:30-Happy Harmonayres Practice in CLC

Friday

OFFICE Is CLOSED on FRIDAYS

10:00 a.m.-Bell Choir Practice