

July 1, 2011

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.



From the Minister's desk

Once again, we had a lively Vacation Bible School, the theme of which was "Shake It Up." Among other things students had the opportunity to receive a plastic bag with milk to which they added some vanilla and sugar and then seal the bag. That bag was placed in a larger plastic bag containing ice and salt and it was sealed. Then they shook it up and made their own ice cream. Lots of great music and fun for everyone! My thanks to Judy Gabbard for heading up Bible School once again and to each and every person who helped support VBS!

I want to pass along some general housekeeping items and reminders. Whenever you're in the building please remember to turn off any lights that you've turned on. While less often than before we still come in and find lights burning and no one around. Please, when you leave one of the buildings pull on the door and work the handle or thumb lever to make sure it's locked.

The last item is something that has changed in the top floor of the Education Building just in the last couple of years and something that is part of the new building: zoned heating and cooling and the use of heat pumps.

When we have worship or other events in the buildings, thermostats are in tune with each other. The thermostats can be re-programmed in advance each week for the entire week so that the parts of the building which will be in use will be comfortable when people arrive. This setup has enabled us effectively to control our energy use and costs.

During office hours and during the week when nothing is scheduled, we focus on heating and cooling the office area only. Other parts of our buildings have a less comfortable temperature range during non-use. The office area encompasses the KAM office, Margaret's office, my office, the classroom opposite Margaret's office and the hallway. We have a relatively small heat pump that heats and cools this area. If the doors are left open into fellowship hall when no activities are scheduled for the hall, then our poor little unit struggles to take care of the office area and fellowship hall.

This is all to explain that it's really important to make sure that internal doors are open when we have events, but closed when no events are scheduled. Your help is needed in making sure that our energy use is efficient.

At some point we want to install a heat pump to take care of the basement of the Education Building, but that probably won't happen until the AC units or the furnaces fail. While we have already installed a thermostat that can be programmed weekly for maximum efficiency, it is the last area in which we have a traditional style air conditioning unit and furnace. In the mean time,

we're doing our best to make sure that our energy use is efficient.
Ed

Please pray for ...

- Ernie Murray
- Vickie Simmons
- Steve Taulbee
- Laura Crawford
- Peggy Kelly
- Pat Hensley
- Ozella Gilbert
- Diana Berry
- Charles Hughes
- Wanda Moreland
- Dick Howser
- Linda Coyle
- Ronald Pennington

In recent weeks we have had members who have lost loved ones. Please remember these members and families in your thoughts and prayers:

- Lenore Murray in the death of her sister – Elaine Wisner.
- Christine Cope & Family in the death of her sister.

Note From the Treasurer

Please remember to note on your checks where you would like your offering to go (Building Fund, General Fund, Capital Campaign).

<u>Financial Note</u>	
Monthly loan payment:	\$6,632.72
General budget needs each month:	\$16,687.33
Please remember that our operational expenses have increased significantly with the opening of the new building. <i>Please remember that good stewardship is important.</i>	

DWSOS

The DWSOS will meet July 28th (Thurs.) for a night out.



August Birthdays

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| Ernest J. Murray | August 2 |
| Becky Grandgeorge | August 14 |
| Rufus West | August 17 |
| Christine Cope | August 17 |
| Rick Gordon | August 17 |
| Jack Duerson | August 18 |
| Roger VanWinkle | August 25 |
| Henrietta Pennington | August 26 |
| Eleanor Workman | August 28 |
| Lois Slone | August 30 |

Wednesday Family Night

Wednesday Family Night is taking a break for the summer. Family meals & time will resume in September.

Youth News

The Youth will be selling Lemonade on July 10th, 17th, 24th & 30th after each worship service. The lemonade stand will be set up between the 2 buildings. All proceeds go to the Salvation Army LemonAid Days program. Sign up sheets to work & provide supplies are in the Narthex of the church.

“Friend” Us

Our church now has a Facebook page. Look up First Christian Church Berea & “Friend” request us.

Meetings This Month

Monday, July 7th, 7:00 pm – *Nurture Team*
Wednesday, July 6th, 7:00 pm – *Discipleship Team*
Thursday, July 14th, 7:00 pm – *Quarterly Board Meeting*

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please contact the office. The cost of flowers has increased since we last provided this service. The cost now is \$40.00, you may bring money for flowers to the office or place it in the offering tray **CLEARLY** marked “FLOWERS”.

You Are Invited

In honor of Al Osborne’s 90th birthday, there will be a congregational reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:40 Worship Service on July 31st.

Thank You

Thanks go out to EVERYONE who helped in any way with this summer’s VBS.

Dear Friends,

Ernie & I want to thank you for the lovely flowers from the church and all the cards and good wishes from our friends. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and that you helped us celebrate our 50 years of marriage.

Lenore and Ernie Murray

Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

Please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:

Weekly Bulletin:

Wednesday by 12:00

Monthly Newsletter:

12:00 on the 20th of Each Month

It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office. Thank you for your help in these matters.