

FCC HARBINGER



July 2024

Happenings This Year

July 8-20th- Summer Camps

July 27th- Workshop *Intro to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* 2pm

August 6-11th- Fair Parking

August 17th- Healthy Boundaries Training (Northern Lights)

August 24th- Workshop *What is Theology?* 2pm

Aug 30- Sept 2nd- CRW 40th Anniversary Celebration



JULY EVENTS

Church Camps July 8-20th

During the above date, there are Summer Camps happening for Youth at Cane Ridge West. Pastor Mat is directing both weeks of camp this year with Diana Kostecki from FCC Hamilton. During the first week, FCC's Katee Kostecki will be on staff as a counselor. FCC Missoula has been a major supporter of camps for years and we are excited to continue the tradition of providing this opportunity for young people of faith.

Intro to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July 27, 2024

Starting at 2pm, we will be having workshop that teaches a brief introduction to our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). If you are interested in learning more about America's 1st Denomination (that didn't come from Europe) and how the unique structure, come on by for this Introductory Class. Contact Pastor Mat with Questions.

"As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me" Matthew 25:40

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH MORE # _____

We have started our "Imagine a world with More" series and throughout the month of July and into August, we will be looking at things like Community, Hope, Justice, Beauty, and Resurrection. Don't miss out on this series where we open our minds to God's limitless love.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS WANTED

This fall, we are seeking to start some Small Group Programming called "Life Groups." To get this program started, we are in need of people who are willing to be small group facilitators and those who are willing to be hosts. Job descriptions will be posted this month, but the facilitators help lead conversation and the host arranges space and food/drinks (weather at home or in a restaurant/coffee shop). If you are interested in helping with this programming, please contact Pastor Mat or sign up when it becomes available in the church building.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wayne DeMinck, Combs Family, Marie Hall, Charlotte Hanger, Linda Richards, Hayden Tucker, Karen Whipple, Tricia, Phillip, Jasper, Sandy, Shelia, Isobel (Trudy's Daughter), Hayley, and all who are suffering through natural disasters and war in this world

If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, please email newsletter@fccmissoula.org.

RECIPE SPOT

Oven Fried Eggplant

*From "A Loving Helping of Christian Hospitality" by the FCC Christian Womens Fellowship 1987
(Copies of this cookbook are available in the office)*

~Ingredients~

1 Medium Eggplant
¼ c Parmesan Cheese

½ c Cracker Crumbs

½ c Mayonaise

Mix crumbs and cheese. Peel eggplant and cut into ¼ inch slices. Lightly spread one side with mayonnaise. Dredge in mixture of crumbs and cheese. Repeat on other side. Put in butter, shallow pan in single layer. Bake at 400 degrees for 5 min or until brown. Repeat; turn over and cook for another 5 min.



Submitted by Jean Goldsby

REFLECTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

For those who participated in the Congregational Survey this Spring, do not fret, your surveys have been read and the feedback we received is going into our Fall 2024 Planning. Based on results, you will see opportunity to learn and grow in your faith on subjects/issues you listed. We look forward to continuing to grow in our life and faith in Jesus.

COFFEE HOUR

Below is our wonderful people helping with Fellowship time.



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| <i>July 7</i> | <i>Tricia W.</i> |
| <i>July 14</i> | <i>Carma G.</i> |
| <i>July 21</i> | <i>Jean G.</i> |
| <i>July 28</i> | <i>Donna D.</i> |

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



Churchy Word of the Month

Compassion

This word is commonly said to be 'pity.'
But that is a big mistake to say that.
Compassion is meant to be the idea of empathy in action, or 'suffering with' another.

A big part of compassion is making sure that a conversation is happening. Historically the Church has provided what the Church thinks people need instead of having a conversation with people to find out what they need. A big passage of compassion is in Matthew 25, where a food is provided to those who are hungry, water to those who are thirsty. It is through communication that this compassion happens.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Venture Scouts: 630p | 2 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p | 3 FVCC: 6p | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> Girl Scouts: 6-730p | 5 Al Anon: 12-130p | 6 Al Anon: 9:30a Rummage Sale AA: 7p |
| 7 Worship: 1045 Coffee: Tricia W. FVCC: 3p | 8 Venture Scouts: 630p | 9 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p | 10 LTS Ed.: 430p FVCC: 6p | 11 Girl Scouts: 6-730p Mineral Society: 7p | 12 Al Anon: 12-130p | 13 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p |
| 14 Worship: 1045 Coffee: Carma G. FVCC: 3p | 15 Venture Scouts: 630p | 16 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p | 17 FVCC: 6p | 18 Girl Scouts: 6-730p | 19 Al Anon: 12-130p | 20 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p |
| 21 Board Meeting Worship: 1045 Coffee: Jean G. FVCC: 3p | 22 Venture Scouts: 630p | 23 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p | 24 FVCC: 6p | 25 Girl Scouts: 6-730p Mineral Society: 5:30p | 26 Al Anon: 12-130p | 27 Al Anon: 9:30a Workshop: 2pm AA: 7p |
| 28 Worship: 1045 Coffee: Donna D. FVCC: 3p | 29 Venture Scouts: 630p | 30 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p | 31 FVCC: 6p | | | |

| Elders | Worship Leader | Birthdays |
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| 7-Debbie B. 14-Tricia W. 21- Jim S. 28- Fred L. | Doreen B. | 7- Julia M. 12- Karen W. |



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MINISTER REFLECTION

We are now half way through 2024, can you believe it. It seems like we were just celebrating Jesus birth and now we are back in 'ordinary' time for summer.

A few things have hit me as I am reflecting on the year thus far. FCC Missoula has been BUSY. We have had a social event almost every month, we have supported various mission projects from General Church Mission work to our Matthew 25 Project, which includes our community breakfast and Fill the Lunchbox Campaign. We have been exploring scripture and we have more exciting things on the way.

This Fall I hope to get some small groups going, this is similar to the '8 is Enough' activity we have previously done and the book studies we started during 2020. I think this has the opportunity to be great for all of us as we keep growing in our faith.

Remember, we are all growing in faith, we should never come to a point where we say 'I've learned it all' we must keep growing so that God can continue to work through us and help us to grow into who God calls us to be. Let us keep going, let us keep growing.

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