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July Sermon Series

THE INTERVIEW SESSIONS: VOCATIONS

7/7 - Luke 3:10-11

- **Social Work - Sally Vigezzi**

7/14 - Psalm 32:8

- **Teachers - David Behymer, Martha Behymer, Dean Rockwell**

7/21 - Guest Preacher - Sue Adams

7/28 - Jeremiah 30:17

- **Nurses - Sue Cooper, Kim Cunningham, Kathy Fischer, Betty Sherwood**

Sunday Service @ 10:30 am




JULY SERMON SERIES

LESSONS FROM THE MOVIES

7/7 - Luke 19:1-4 - Change Your Stars
Movie Focus: A Knight's Tale

7/14 - Luke 10:33 - Love and Understanding
Movie Focus: The Hate You Give

7/21 - Guest Preacher - John Huxtable

7/28 - Psalm 146:3-6 - Hope Impossible
Movie Focus: Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Sundays @ 6:30 pm





Kelly's Korner

“A Christianity that constantly talks about all the enemies it has that need to be conquered rather than all the neighbors it has that deserve to be loved is a Christianity that is following fear rather than Jesus.”— Rev. Benjamin Cremer

Consider these questions: Who are your enemies? Who are your neighbors? Are these people ever the same?

Oftentimes, the people on our enemy list are those who disagree with our ideologies and theologies. These people don't tend to see the world with the same eyes/lenses as us. These folks don't likely vote like us. Maybe such folks don't look like us. Most of the times, these are the ones WE call THEY.

Cremer is right to help us re-center, re-focus. When all we see are enemies instead of neighbors, we are not seeing the world through the eyes of Jesus. Jesus says love your enemies. Jesus chastises his followers for drawing a sword. Jesus reminds us who will inherit the kingdom/reign of God. Jesus instructs us to visit the sick and prisoners, to give food and water to those in need.

Re-focusing on Jesus always brings us to love. Love is the center of the Christian faith.

Consider these questions: How can we show all people that we love them? Even in an election year? Everyday even? Will I allow my love to be greater than my fear?

The hymn says, They will know we are Christians by our love.

Hope to see you soon!

Peace,



JULY CALENDAR

July 3

6:00 pm Movie Night - *A Knight's Tale*

July 10

6:00 pm Movie Night - *The Hate You Give*

July 4

Independence Day

July 18

12:15 pm Meditation - *Parlor*
7:00 pm Third Thursday Men's Group @ *BWW*

July 6

8:00 am Disciples Men @ *Old Dairy*

July 23

11:30 am Ladies Luncheon @ *Old Dairy*

July 7

10:30 am Emergency Cupboard Collection

July 24

6:00 pm Movie Night - *Salmon*

1:00 pm

Youth Group - Golf - *Ball Fore*

Fishing In The Yemen

July 8

6:00 pm Second Monday Women's

July 31

6:00 pm Youth Group - *Kick Ball*



Please Join Us For **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

Immediately following morning worship
in the Fellowship Hall

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY
DISCIPLES WOMEN**



CHRISTIAN ACTION & OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell, Chair

Samaritan Well has a new logo and new look on the inside. Both houses have refurbished bedrooms using a McDonough Power Coop Operation Round-Up grant of \$3,900.

Welcome Kim Cunningham as a New Volunteer for stocking the Emergency Cupboard! With the generous donations, not much large shopping was needed for supplies to fill the Cupboard. By July we will be back to shopping again. If this is a ministry you'd like to help with, leave your name with the office or Jan Rockwell.

The Bottle Wagon Ministry that started this summer during the Wednesdays Brown Bag Concerts is off & Rolling! Labels get put on the generous number of water bottles donated by our members. The chilled water is carted to Chandler Park and grateful, thirsty concert goers see the message "Quench your thirst - Compliments of FCC, Our Mission: to Receive & Share God's love". It's a simple outreach yet a concrete statement of our mission. It takes about 20 minutes to distribute around 4 dozen bottles and the big smiles are genuine. Sign up is in the Parlor. There are still a few slots available.

Community National Night Out will again be hosted by Sally Vigezzi & the Macomb Police Dept. Tuesday, Aug 6, 5:00 – 7:00. FCC will set up a Lemonade Stand with games and other activities and hand-outs. It's a great street party with activities hosted by many local services and great hands-on experiences for all! Mark your calendars!

The new "Be Kind to All" Mural is gracing W. Washington Street. Watch for other Kindness Promotions this Fall that will be coming. It's an exciting time to live in Macomb!



Quench your thirst!

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Our mission:
*To Receive and
Share God's Love*

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon, Co-Chairs

What are Microplastics? Microplastics are defined as any type of plastic less than 5mm in length. Where do microplastics come from? They come from larger plastic products that have partially broken down, from abrasion and wind, and even the friction of your car tires rubbing against the road when you drive. Some are even manufactured to be added to some cosmetics and cleaners. Plastic products like single-use plastic bottles have a lifespan of 450 years. Now imagine the countless other plastic products that also pollute the environment

There are many sources of these microplastics in our water supply, but most come from littering, storm water runoff, and poor wastewater management. Do you realize that you ingest these microplastic particles when you drink water? Each year the average American ingests more than 700,000 microplastics in their drinking water supply. If you think you are safe because you drink bottled water, you are not. Microplastics have been found in 90% of all bottled water sold to consumers everywhere. A recent study found microplastics in human blood. The possible health risks are frightening.

Again, we ask you to do whatever you can to reduce your use of plastic, and to responsibly discard it when no longer useful. We must all be better stewards of the environment. Remember, together we can make a difference!

The sources for this information are EARTHDAY.ORG, [bite toothpaste bits.com](http://bite.toothpaste.bits.com), and [the guardian.com](http://the.guardian.com).

GREEN CHALICE COMMITTEE

Kathy Fischer, Anne Ingersoll, and Jack McKinnon

We are pleased with our progress in forming a Faith Based Creation Care committee comprised of representatives from churches and other faith based groups in Macomb. Thus far, we have about 8 active members. Our mission statement is: To collaboratively examine, educate, and implement faith-based creation care in our respective faith communities.

We were excited about planning and implementing our first outreach activity on June 12th — conducting an environmental awareness-raising activity for children enrolled in a local day camp. The activity was to make reusable grocery bags out of old t-shirts.* Avery Le'Jeune from Campus Students for Christ was in charge of the activity. Jack McKinnon also presented an activity, making "seed bombs" with flower seeds in a Pringles can. Approximately 60 kids participated.

*Thank you to all of you who donated t-shirts for this project!

ELDERS
Jack McKinnon

The Elders met on June 24, 2024. We have been involved in a card writing campaign where we have been signing cards on Sunday morning and sending them out to individuals we believe need a little extra attention from us and the church.

Looking ahead at how the Elders will be in service

Serving at the Communion Table in July and August are:

July 7 - Jack McKinnon

July 14 - David Behymer

July 21 - Tim Adams

July 28 - Raj Paul

August 4 - John Carden

August 11 - Anne Ingersoll

August 18 - Nancy Reed

August 25 - Martha Behymer

Serving Shut-in Communion and providing Vespers at the Everly House in July and August are:

July 7 - Shut-in Communion - Anne Ingersoll

July 14 - Vespers - David and Martha Behymer

August 4 - Shut-in Communion - Jack McKinnon



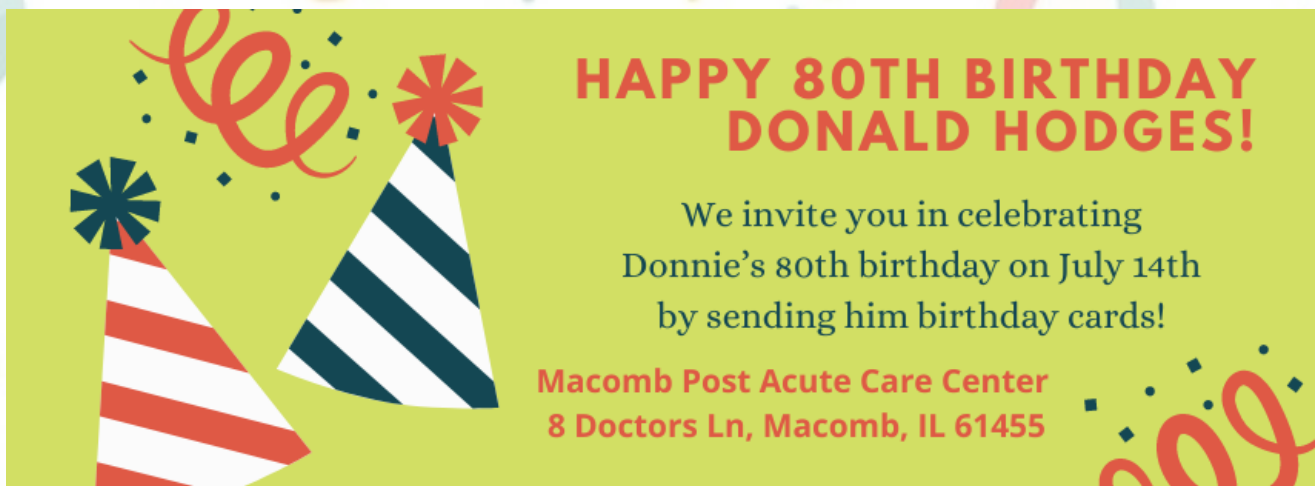
EVANGELISM
Anne Ingersoll, Chair

In Luke 6:35 Jesus calls us to be kind to others while expecting nothing in return. Kindness is fairly easy to practice and I believe it is also a way to show others we encounter on a daily basis the mission of our church – **To Receive and Share God’s Love**. Kindness is sharing love with others, don’t you agree?

I came across a social media post recently recommending a book called *The Power of Kindness* by Piero Ferrucci. I haven’t read the book myself (yet) but within the post, it shared nine lessons that are covered in the book. (Who says social media is all bad? I disagree!)

1. The Intentional Choice of Kindness
2. Kindness Creates a Ripple Effect
3. More Than Just Giving
4. The Science of Kindness
5. Setting Healthy Boundaries
6. The Healing Power of Forgiveness Towards Ourselves and Others
7. Connecting with Kindness Through Service
8. The Authenticity of Kindness
9. Starting Simple and Building Momentum

These nine lessons sure sound like lessons that Jesus could have taught. I want to encourage you to think about #2 on this list. If sharing kindness does indeed create a ripple effect (I believe it does!), then just think of what we can do as a church. By sharing God’s love and kindness, our local community (and even our world) will experience the ripple effect of it. It is my hope that others will take notice and have a curiosity to learn more, and visit our church.





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Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - David Greathouse &
Kim Cunningham (a)
3 - Grant Reed
4 - Larry Loop
6 - Barbara Houck
6 - Shannon Reed

9 - Don & Lorraine
Crawford (a)
10 - Kathy Fischer
11 - John Trone
14 - Donald Hodges
26 - Betty Sherwood
29 - Janet Hocker