The Vital Spark

May12, 2015

A message from our Senior Pastor, Jacob Thorne

Dear CCC Family,

For the past several Sundays, we have reflected on how one of the core missional beliefs of who we are, and what we are trying to accomplish, is that of building community. As I write this article our Stable crew is once again back at work after a very successful sale this past week. Our God's Kids Choir gave a spectacular performance two Sundays ago. And our children and youth leaders are busy planning for the upcoming church picnic following the second service this Sunday, May 17th.

In addition to all of this, I want to share with you an exciting announcement regarding our faith community this summer. The worship committee, along with the support of the board, has decided to have ONE worship service during the months of June and July. During June and July, Sunday School will be from 9:00-9:45 for all ages and worship will be from10:00-11:00.

We made this decision based on the recognition that: 1) During the summer, many individuals (understandably) travel and take vacations. The services are not as well attended on the whole; 2) Both the praise team and choir traditionally take breaks during the summer; 3) Summer is a time when visitors or "church shoppers" are more intentional about checking out churches; services need to be robust and full; and 4) One service can help build and strengthen relationships between individuals who otherwise may not worship with each other.

Darla and I will be meeting with the worship team later this week to reflect on the structure of the service and the ways in which we will celebrate the goodness of God in our lives. If you have any questions about this new service, please do not hesitate to contact me, Darla, or any member of the worship committee.

I think it is going to be a wonderful summer; and I look forward to worshiping with each of you!

Blessings,

Jacob

Attendance:	**April 26**	**May 3**	**May 10**
Sunday School			
Worship		75	66
8:30	110	94	120
10:45	53	64	71
	163	158	191

Publication Deadlines:

Article Deadline	**Publication Date**
May 21	May 26
June 18	June 23
July 23	July 28

(Note: Only one Vital Spark will be published in June and July)

Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Faith Learning
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday, May 17
Now or Later? Or Both?
1 John 5: 9-13
Rev. Jacob Thorne

Sunday, May 24
That's the Spirit
Acts 2: 1-13
Rev. Darla Goodrich

Sunday, May 31
Do You Hear What I Hear?
1 Samuel 3: 1-10
Rev. Jacob Thorne

Prayer List

Cleon Burt; Bill Tichacek; Cindy Herman; Christine Meier; Kathy Bumeter; Ruth Morrison; Bob Seymour; Faye Compton; Anita Gamble; Paul Shabel; Jo Anne Brown, mother of Steve Brown; Jerome Dupuis, father of Rich Dupuis; Zoe Donsky, family of Sandy Schleusner; Brandon Hamm, friend of Sandy Schleusner; John and Lee Smith, friends of Chris and Gary Meier; Chris and Hugh Berry, mother and father of Christine Meier; Sarah Wilson, daughter of Becky and Jim Dale; Dennis Derryberry, friend of Lea Ann Ravens, Jack Snyder, cousin of Kay Gauble; Monica and Peter Gunn and family, friends of Stephanie and Roger Boone; Cantor family, friends of Molly Finch.

Karen and Mike Grogan welcomed their 5th grandchild into the world on May 11th. Jeff and Jill Grogan had their baby boy, Lucas Michael, at 3:34 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and is 20 3/4 inches long. Congratulations to all!

Remember those of our congregation who cannot worship with us on a regular basis: Lucille Pressnell, Tom Van Horn, Janet Head, Betty Bremer, Ruby Garrison, Barbara Wood.

Calligraphy Classes Coming!

Are you interested in calligraphy or would just like to try something new? CCC member Cheryl Tefft, who is an established professional calligrapher and also creates some of the signs for our Stable Sale, will be teaching two calligraphy classes right here at church this summer. All are welcome, CCC member or not, with no experience necessary for the first class; invite an artistic friend! For adults (18 and up).

Beginning Calligraphy I -- Want to learn to create beautiful artistic lettering? Now is your chance. Good handwriting is NOT a prerequisite! Learn to write in uncial (Celtic), one of the easiest to learn among the classic lettering styles. You will also examine a wide variety of examples of lettering, both historical and contemporary, and there will be some lovely surprises along the way! No experience needed. 10 class sessions, 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 3 through August 5. $135 fee includes all specialized supplies; supply list provided for basics (pencil, ruler, etc.).

Beginning Calligraphy II -- Have you studied calligraphy before and want to continue learning? This class studies italic, one of the most popular and versatile lettering styles, and goes deeper into the fundamentals of creating beautiful lettering. Prerequisite: Beginning Calligraphy I or instructor approval. 10 class sessions, 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 3 through August 5 (one-hour overlap with Beginning Calligraphy I classes). $110 fee.

More advanced classes are coming in the fall, including "Mastering Dip Pens" and "Beginning Copperplate." All classes will be held in the choir room at the church (room 206-208, in Upper Packwood). For more information, to register for either class, or to be placed on an email notification list for future classes, please contact Cheryl at calligraphics@yahoo.com or 636-441-7225.

VBS registration is now open! July 13th -17th, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., ages pre-K through 5th grade can join us as we learn that God's love is unstoppable! We will experience how God wants us to Move, Act, Care, Follow, and Share! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors and register today for the early bird discounted price of just $10 per person! Visit www.disciplesforchrist.org for more information.

We are also looking for pathfinders and squad leaders to help our children navigate through the G-Force adventure park. Please see the bulletin insert or contact Amy or Lori Hoover or Paulette Thorne to find out how you can help - we'd love to have you join us for this energetic, uplifting week!

Finally, our VBS wish list of supplies will be posted in the Narthex soon. Thank you in advance for your generous support of VBS - we couldn't do it without you!

Blessings,

The VBS Director Team

Worship Leader Schedule

	May 17	May 24	May 31
Worship Leader	Darlene Goodrich	Doug Hoover	Molly Duncan
Narthex Greeter	**8:30** John and Kristina Houghton **10:45** Tracey Hammack	**8:30** Jess and Linda Newton **10:45** Bill and Sharon Turnbough	**8:30** Pennie Anderson **10:45** Jim and Wanda Morgenthaler
Children's Moment	**8:30** Rev. Goodrich **10:45** Rev. Goodrich	**8:30** Susan McGehee **10:45** Susan McGehee	**8:30** Rev. Thorne **10:45** Rev. Thorne
Elder	**8:30** Scott Douglass **10:45** Rob Brown	**8:30** Darlene Goodrich **10:45** Deb Shabel	**8:30** Mike Hartman **10:45** Linda Helm
Deacons 8:30	Kristina Houghton John Houghton Laurie Clifton Wanda Morgenthaler Alec Belue Ella Miget	Kristina Houghton John Houghton Laurie Clifton Wanda Morgenthaler Alec Belue Ella Miget	Kristina Houghton John Houghton Laurie Clifton Wanda Morgenthaler Alec Belue Ella Miget
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Mowing Team Section A Section B Section C	Flip Davis Jess Newton Mike Hartman (to be mowed by May 16)	Dick Hall Norm Pereira John Houghton (to be mowed by May 23)	Marlan Graham Carl Quicksall Bill Turnbough (to be mowed by May 30)

The Priscilla and Rebecca Circles are collecting items for first aid kits, such as band aides, ace bandages, antiseptic ointment, elastic bandages, small chemical ice packs. We are collecting these items for Southside Early Childhood Center. Donations from the entire congregation are welcomed and may be placed in the box labeled **First Aid** in the Narthex. Thanks to all for helping others.

CCC Blood Drive

The need for blood goes up significantly during the summer months. We hope you will consider a life-saving donation during our next blood drive on June 7th between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Contact Rich and Liz Dupuis with questions at 636-256-3686.

Book Discussion Group

Join us on May 18, 2015 to discuss The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri. We will meet at the home of Betty Quicksall, 405 Redwood Forest Drive in Manchester, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Brenda Richardson at 636-386-5279 with questions.

Stable Ministry Corner

Did you know that the Stable sales support the Disciple Women's Budget? In 2015 we budgeted $19,300 to outreach both near and far. That's 24% of our budget.

A Note of Thanks!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the love and support you have given me through cards, calls, expressions of concern, food and prayers. Your generosity of time, spirit and friendship is a blessing. CCC not only stands for Community Christian Church but also Christ-Centered Caring. Hugs to you all!!

Love,
Carol Cook

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Change in Venue for Disciples Women's June Potluck

Unforeseen schedule conflicts have made it necessary to change the location of the Disciples Women's End-of-Year Potluck. Consequently, please be aware that the potluck will be held in the narthex at CCC.

The date and time remain the same: Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. All women of CCC are welcome and invited to attend. For planning purposes, it would be very helpful if you would sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to indicate whether you plan to bring a main dish, salad or side dish, or a dessert.

After our meal we will have a very short business meeting followed by the installation ceremony for the 2015-2016 DW officers and Circle leaders.

We're looking forward to an enjoyable and Spirit-filled evening to celebrate our accomplishments this past program year and to share ideas for the upcoming year.

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Rev. Darla Goodrich, Associate Pastor

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The Vital Spark is a publication of Community Christian Church. Our purpose is to encourage fellowship among CCC members and visitors and to announce upcoming events and activities.

All articles are edited for continuity, content and space as needed. Please see submission deadlines on page one. Thank you.