

Pilgrim's Progress

June 2019

"The purpose of this church shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ, for the object of sharing in the worship of God and in making His will dominant in the lives of men and women, especially as that will is set forth in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."


Pentecost with Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."


Sunday, June 9th, is Pentecost Sunday, the great day of the Holy Spirit. It commemorates the events recorded in the second chapter of Acts, and serves as a reminder that the Christian life can only be led by the influence and power of the Holy Spirit. Human intent is not enough. The verb translated as "led" in this verse could be translated "are continually being led". It is an ongoing, daily process, and the context indicates that it has to do with the ongoing battle between what we often feel like doing and what we know we ought to do.

Perhaps one response to this is the be aware that we often know what is the right response to life, but following through is the issue. We then determine, as often as we can, that we are going to pursue what we know to be the right course of action, aware that we may not want to do so or feel like doing so. Finally, we do not trust our own willpower, but pray as often as we can (the Bible says to do so continually-1 Thessalonians 5:16). In that way we are well placed to be led by the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Holy Spirit leads us more often than we realize, often without us realizing it. He is the agent of unlimited influence in our lives, and we could not hope to be true disciples of Jesus without Him.

Pastor Dan

Sermons for June

	<i>Sermons</i>	2	Ephesians 1:15-23	The Fullness of Christ
		9	John 14:25-27	An Inner Peace
		16	John 16:12-15	Some Thoughts on the Trinity
		23	The Marshalltown Men's Chorus leads the service	
		30	1 Corinthians 9:9	Getting More from Your Bible

 Diaconate reports that the Marshalltown Men's Chorus will be providing the service on June 23rd. Also, we welcome Jonathan Howell into church membership on June 9th. Pastor Dan will be attending the annual NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference in Cleveland, Ohio leaving June 19th and returning on June 27th. Rev. Harlan Nuss will be on call during that time. If you are in need of assistance from the church just call the office number; after hours calls will be forwarded to Mary's cell and she will contact the appropriate person.



Eric & Amy Gummert	June 12, 2004
Chris & Megan Greenwood	June 12, 2010
Don & Romaine Mackaman	June 13, 1953
Dave & Lynn Hall	June 14, 1974
Gary & Vicki McKibbin	June 17, 1967
Joel & Sharon Greer	June 19, 1982
Bob & Jane Bauer	June 20, 1964
Ron & Debi Estabrook	June 21, 1970
Wayne & Jonna Wagar	June 22, 1968
Charles & Joan Fry	June 25, 1983
Stan & Georgia Thomas	June 27, 1987



June 4	Pat Preece	June 19	Jan More
June 7	Amy Dammen	June 22	Shannon Wolcott
June 9	Joel Angle, Grace Greenwood, Arlene Selby	June 23	Matt Schryver
	David Gruver	June 25	Lynn Hall, Tara Juhl
June 10	Deb Mettlin	June 26	Don Benbow
June 15	Natasha Banks, Jane Bauer	June 27	Willis Fiscus
June 16	Maxie Shultz	June 28	Tim Cunningham
June 18	Luke Schryver	June 30	Layla Wimberly



Please keep our Members in Care Facilities in your thoughts & prayers:

Bickford Cottage: Joanie Smith-Legg #108; Marilyn Rhodes # 123

Grandview: Pattye Morrison #107, Ken Niehouse #413

IVH: JoAnne Ainley **Southridge:** Betty Runner #212

Glenwood Place: Loretta Stubbe #150, Jan More #112, Mary Vellinga #117, Mildred Lathrop #145, Bob Becker #175, Bonnie Pappas # 177, Lenora Brown #147, Esther Hougham #149

Northridge Village-Ames: Willis Fiscus #211 **Suites of Ankeny:** Don & Romaine Mackaman

The Willows: Lee & Valois Brintnall #317, Sanny Thompson #205

Marshalltown Christian School Update:



The end of the school year arrived with lively entertainment! Students performed in their very own MCS Talent Show, by selecting the talent they wanted to act – singing, dancing, piano performances, all with their personal gifted flair and inventiveness.

Thank you to volunteer Deborah Nuss, who added her own talent by serving as the master of ceremonies for the event.

An all-school field trip to the beautiful and rustic Maquoketa Caves State Park was a highlight for the students and parents and grandparents who joined the fun.



The ceremony titled, "Awards Night and 8th Grade Graduation" was held, with Micah Blevins (granddaughter of Lynn & Bill Maas), Brianna Hargrave, Chloe Macbeth, and Lori Rivas honored as the 2019 MCS graduates. A dinner celebration and prayer were given, sending the graduates forth with God's identity for them, *"You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world."* - Matthew 5

Lori Rivas, Micah Blevins, Brianna Hargrave, Chloe Macbeth

Mark your calendar! Summer activities include the 3rd Annual MCS Garage Sale, to be held at the school on June 21 & 22. If you would like to donate items for the sale, the drop-off date is Friday, June 14 from 10 am – 6 pm. Then in July, stop by the Marshalltown Art Festival children's activity area, and greet the MCS volunteers as they serve to operate the fun-filled games. Christian education positively impacts student's academics, faith, and social life!



Youth Director: Shelly Speas
Contact # 641-751-9868

Summer is here, so there are no more regular Wednesday Youth Activities or Power Hour. Below are listings of special activities planned! Mark your calendars!



Sunday, June 2nd at 9am: Popcorn, Movie, and a Message in the Loft (preschool-12th grade)



Wednesday, June 5th at 5:30-7pm: Park and a Picnic in Conrad, IA at Dreamland Park (preschool-5th grade)



Friday, June 14th beginning at 6:30pm: Girls Night/Boys Night (6-12th grade)
Girls will sleep over at the Vellinga home and Boys will sleep over at the church. Having dinner/snacks/games throughout the night including both groups meeting up for Cosmic bowling at 9pm. Will end Saturday, June 15th after breakfast.



YABS will be Sunday, June 9th at 7pm in the Loft. Studying "Me and My Big Mouth" by Andy Stanley.



Nooma Bible Study will be Sunday, June 2nd at 6pm at the church. Including a meal and child care. Studying "Before Amen" by Max Lucado.

Get cleaning out your closets because the FCC Church Youth are having a



at First Congregational Church on Saturday, June 8th from 8am-2pm!!
If you have things you would like to donate for the sale, contact Shelly Speas.
641-751-9868



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We want to thank everyone for all their support for our Drive Through Dinner fundraiser and the Plant Sale for the NAPF/HOPE Youth Mission Conference! We were truly blessed! We will be leaving for the conference on June 21st and are looking forward to the beautiful scenery of Butler Ohio, the fellowship with the other NA churches, and the encounter with God during the conference!
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Thank you to the Sisters in Christ group and Glenwood place residents for the wonderful May Day baskets for the youth of our church!



We had an amazing End of the Year pool party with our wonderful Wednesday night youth groups!! What an incredible year at FCC!! Thank you to everyone who helps and supports this wonderful youth ministry!!



Congratulations to our high school graduates! What an amazing celebration we had on Graduation Sunday!



Sisters in Christ will meet Monday, June 10th at 6pm in the fellowship hall at church. We will be gathering to do some spring-cleaning projects around the church so bring any of your favorite cleaning supplies. If you have any questions you can contact Shelly Speas.

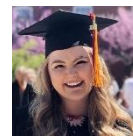
There are three graduates that didn't get their info to us last month, so we are highlighting them in this newsletter issue.



Amber Lawthers is the daughter of Dean and Michelle Lawthers. She is graduating from Marshalltown High School. Amber played the flute and piccolo in band and performed in 3 spring plays and soar. She plans to work in Marshalltown this summer and attend MCC in the fall. She plans to go on to the University of Iowa in the future and major in political science.



Beth Lawthers is the daughter of Dean and Michelle Lawthers. She is graduating from Marshalltown High School. Beth was in choir and show choir and performed in the fall musical. She was also a member of French club, soar, and art club. She plans to work this summer and attend MCC in the fall. She plans to attend University of Northern Iowa in the future and major in art.



Liz Russell is the daughter of Dick and Jewl Russell. She graduated from Simpson College with a Bachelors in Music. She plans to attend the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for the next two years seeking her Masters of Music in Vocal Performance. This summer she will be interning with Des Moines Metro Opera.



TO "MARS AND BEYOND" VBS JULY 29-AUG 2, 5:00-8:30pm Dinner is included Bring your friends!

Photo 1: Tinyhead Robot found on Speas windshield.

Photo 2: Lydia tells Robot about VBS.

Photo 3: Tinyhead Robot is hanging out on the tape dispenser, and can't wait for VBS to start!

Where will he appear next?!



WE ARE GETTING OUR CREWS READY! LET SHELLY OR JEANNE KNOW WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT! To register for VBS, go to: <http://cokeburyvbs.com/Firstcong>



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FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS!



Sunday Worship Services: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:30am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Monday-Friday
9am-noon
641-752-4239

color code: youth events Church mtgs Special events Comm. Events Color copy on bulletin boards	<u>Youth Night Times</u> 4:30-5:30pm- DOGS preschool- 5 th grade 6-7pm Jr PY 6 th -8 th grades 7:30-8:30pm PY 9 th -12 th grades					1 4-7pm David Dickey's graduation reception.
2 Communion 9am all grades movie & a message /LOFT 6:00pm NOOMA/LOFT	3	4 W.W.	5 Youth Night: Picnic @ Dreamland Park/Conrad 5:30- 7pm pre-school-5th W.W.	6 7pm Vision Mtg.	7	8 8am-2pm Youth Yard Sale
9 Membership for Jonathan Howell 7pm Young Adult Bible Study/LOFT	10 6pm Sisters in Christ:Spring Cleaning	11 8:45am BMC W.W.	12 Youth Night W.W.	13 6:30 Trustees Meet	14 10-noon FCC Stamp Club meets  6-12th grades Starts @ 6:30pm	15  Ends after breakfast
16 Father's Day 11:45 BCE meets	17	18 W.W.	19 Youth Night: Pastor Dan leaves for NACCC meeting in Ohio ▶----- W.W.	20 -----	21 -----	22 11am MOW FCC Vol: -----
23 Men's Chorus ----- 30	24 -----	25 ----- W.W.	26 Youth Night ----- W.W.	27 ----- ◀	28 Pastor Dan returns from NACCC 10-noon FCC Stamp Club meets	29 Page 5



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Worship Services: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. All ages in the LOFT
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