



Community of Christ
Bayne City Beacon
Newsletter

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**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

August 14-17, 5:30-7:30pm

VBS Picnic will be Friday, August 19, at 5:30pm Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Plan now to bring your kids!

TEMPLE SCHOOL CLASS

For all those interested in taking a Temple School Class!

It has been decided to offer "Introduction to Scripture" in October. Watch for more information. You can order a bound copy from the Herald House or download and print a PDF copy.

If you would like to order a bound copy, see Sandi and she can order them.

**CONGREGATION
BUSINESS MEETING**

August 28, 2016 -- 11:45am

The business to be taken care of is for approval of some projects through the building committee.

They are as follows:

Painting of Rooms, doors, etc

6 Windows resealed

Roof Repairs

Approximate Cost \$6000-\$8000.

**BABY BLESSINGS,
BAPTISMS &
CONFIRMATIONS**

Our congregation has been active this summer in having baby blessings, (Riley Ecker, Aria Lundy & Bradley Lundy); baptisms and confirmations (Sophie Eaton, Isaiah Uselman, Katie Carson). Alyson Sweet plans to be baptized August 14th.



Happy August Birthday!

August 9: Eleanor West
Faith West
24: Alicia Pearce

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your daily personal prayers, please remember those on this list.

All military and civilians serving in dangerous places

Our church members and friends around the world

Marlene Groh -- arthritis

Our enemies -- “. . . for they know not what they do.”

Michelle Archer -- peace, joy, strength & healing.

Sophia Eber -- Doing well

Ileen Newlin

Family of Chuck Fowler -- Chuck passed Friday, Aug. 12th

Allison Baker -- attacked by a pack of dogs. In the hospital in serious condition



GOD'S WORK CHILDREN'S CLOTHING PANTRY

Our next children's clothing pantry will be held August 20th, from 2-4pm. Anyone that can help with set up on Friday evening and during the pantry would be much appreciated.

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

Mondays, 5:00-6:30pm

Meet at the church

All youth are invited to come and be a part of this service project under the direction of Ruth Eaton.

They are making things for the community.

CONGREGATION MISSION STATEMENT

To Share the Redeeming Love of Jesus Christ with Boyne Area Communities, while encouraging the Sacraments, Reconciliation, Healing of the Spirit, and the Pursuit of Peace.

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WILD HOPE IN BEWILDERING TIMES

By Apostle Art Smith

What a devastatingly difficult time in the life of Community of Christ!

We just lived through a frightening year of budget reductions and staff layoffs. With such sadness barely behind us, how could this be happening AGAIN?!?!

Several days have gone by now, since the news began going out to the church. In a way, it hasn't gotten any easier. But the Holy Spirit is so very persistent.

Words from Doctrine and Covenants 164: 9a keep asserting themselves in my mind.

9 a. Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church.

Challenges abound! That's sure an understatement!

Poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church?!? What might that be? Is that message to us a mistake?

No!

What's really wild is that everywhere I go in the church I see opportunity as never before. At no time in my lifetime, have I had so much hope for the church I love.

Self-sustaining leaders of all ages are stepping up with renewed energy and determination to engage in Christ's mission, offering invitation, peace and refuge.

People are experimenting with exciting new ministries, creating entry points for people into the church, to be embraced by the Holy Spirit and to find a loving community. We've got Meetups on Meetup.com, Coffee and Conversation groups at local coffee houses, Community Place creatively using the internet to keep people connected, Congregation Revitalization at world church and in mission centres, the Leading Congregations in Mission Program, innovative ministries, campus ministries, volunteer teams leading mission centres, Developing Disciples to Serve Retreats and other similar leadership classes deepening our discipleship, community gardens, community meals, campgrounds, new congregations springing up and

heritage congregations rediscovering pride in a sacred identity worth sharing.

Thousands of people, Latter-day Seekers and others, every year, are checking out the Community of Christ. Many are finding it to be a good place of sanctuary, openness, authenticity and a spiritual home through which to engage in mission.

So much financial stress and strain and so much hope, all at the same time! I so hope we haven't really reached the limits of our generosity! I'm really hoping that we've not yet achieved our true capacity, so that we can ramp up our giving to be able to pursue all these opportunities.

Our heritage of faith is filled with stories of God choosing to work with the one who others might dismiss. (David, the shepherd boy, Mary, the unwed young mother, Saul, the hateful persecutor, Joseph, a poor boy seeking answers.)

We must not give up!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of what God has in store for us.

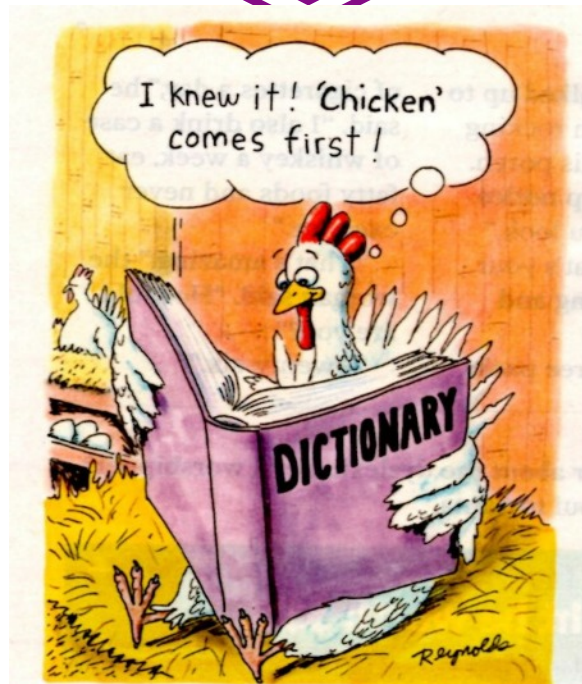
These are not just words. It is time to faithfully apply all the work we've done together over these last years, to discern God's call to us as a church for this day and age.

We must share our basic beliefs, our enduring principles, our mission initiatives and the wonderful spirit of the Restoration with others.

Pray the Mission Prayer every day, or multiple times every day. Share and invite as you feel led.

Prepare to be astonished at what is going to happen as we respond. Can you almost catch a glimpse of it (God's ultimate vision for the church)?

Friends, God's not done with us yet! This wonderful Community of Christ is about to burst with all the potential inside. Let's let it out!



August 2016

Date/Time	Worship Leader	Speaker	Assisting	Musician
August 7				
Practice Wise Stewardship				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	L. Ecker	E. West		A. Seamon
August 14				
Discipleship is Radical				
10:00am:	Baptism at the Park of the Pines			
11:00am:	S. Ecker	L. Landon		A. Seamon
August 21:				
Be Set Free				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	R. Fuller	D. Ellis		S. Ecker
Noon:	Potluck Dinner			
August 28:				
A Place at the Table				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	E. West	R. Fuller		A. Seamon
11:45am:	Congregation Business Meeting			

Evening Activities

Wed, Aug. 10 , 6:00pm: Fellowship at The Brook

Aug. 14-17, 5:30-7:30pm: Vacation Bible School

Wed, Aug. 24, 6:00pm: Congregational Planning Meeting

Wed, Aug. 31, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share with Priest Sandi Ecker Theme: *"Discipleship Comes First"*

Dates to Remember

Sat, Aug. 20, 2-4pm: Children's Clothing Pantry

Mon, Aug. 8; 22 & 29, 5:00-6:30pm: Youth Group Service Project

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Priesthood Mtg Speaker: E. West</p>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
		 Eleanor West Faith West	6:00 PM The Brook			
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Baptism Service Speaker: L. Landon</p>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
					5:30 PM VBS Picnic	2:00 PM -4:00 PM Clothing Pantry
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<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Speaker: D. Ellis</p>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
	5:00 PM Youth Group Project		6:00 PM Planning Mtg  Alicia Pearce			5:30 PM Sacrifice Potluck Supper & Candy Bar Bingo
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>11:45 AM Business Mtg Speaker: R. Fuller</p>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			
	5:00 PM Youth Group Project		6:00 PM Prayer & Share			


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