

Community of Christ

Forest Hills Happenings

JULY/AUGUST

2009

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 8, 9:30 am – 2 pm – Vacation Bible School at Forest Hills

Sunday, August 9 - 11:00 am - Guest ministry, The Colmus Family

Friday, Oct 9 – Sunday, Oct 11 – Forest Hills Congregation Retreat at Glenn Wood Hills

Upcoming Mission Center Events

July 5th – 10th – Junior / Junior High Camp

July 12-17 – Community Youth Camp 2 at Glenn Wood Hills

*July 21-August 1 – International Youth Forum/Spectacular
(Independence/Lamoni)*

August 7-9 – Mission Center trip to Kirtland Temple

September 4th – 7th – Reunion 2

Daily Prayer for the Congregation

*Please pray daily as we seek to discover what God is calling us to
at this point in our journey as a community of Christ.*



FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Every morning in schools across the country, children stand, put their right hand on their heart, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The preschool where I teach is no exception. From the age of 4, children are taught to memorize the words that become a part of our national memory. But do they have any idea what they are saying...the power of the words and the responsibility they are pledging as a result of saying those words? Rather, in memorizing the words without an understanding of what they mean, it becomes a rote practice that will likely have very little meaning throughout their lives.



I took some time in the Summer Camp class for Kindergartners and First graders that I am teaching this summer to talk about the words of the Pledge of Allegiance and try to put it in language they would understand. When taken word by word, the concepts are very powerful. I make a promise to be faithful to the ideals of a country, united yet diverse, that upholds the worth and rights of all persons.

As Christians, as we celebrate our freedoms during the Independence Day holiday, and as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance in various venues throughout the year, we have an obligation to consider our status as citizens not just of the United States, but also of the kingdom of God. Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God is at hand. He describes his own mission in Luke 4, by reciting from the prophet, Isaiah, that he has been anointed to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that those who would inherit the kingdom are those who feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned. In other words, “**Liberty and justice** for all.”

As citizens of the United States and the kingdom of God, we must also recognize our responsibility as citizens of the world. Recent counsel to the church proclaims, “God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God’s will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare.” Liberty and justice **for all**.

Our daughter, Katie, is spending the summer in India with the World Service Corp. She has also had the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua and Guatemala with Outreach International. In her travels, she has found herself conflicted in how she views her own culture. Excerpts from a couple recent emails I received from India reflect her struggle:

“It has been really interesting talking to people about their view of Western society. Some people love us because we brought them development and Jesus... and other people hate us... because we brought them development and Jesus. It’s really strange...There is also TRASH EVERYWHERE... way worse than what I saw in Central America. It makes sense... globalization, industrialization, development... destroying cultures and causing them to adopt lifestyles that are unsustainable and cannot be supported. They have no system for trash like we do, so it goes all along the sides of the road. Then the goats and chickens eat the trash... and we eat them...”

“Really its crazy... but I realize more and more as I leave the U.S. how much fear we constantly live under... such an illusion of power and security in almost every aspect of American life. Being in places like this gives me complex feelings about home... a missing it deeply and a hating it intensely. It’s weird, but beautifully challenging at the same time. There are lots of things to continually process through.”

As we celebrate our freedoms, let us consider, individually and as a congregation, how we are being called by God to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, sick and imprisoned, provide relief to the oppressed. Visit the Community of Christ website, <http://www.cofchrist.org/>, for links to the Daily Prayer for Peace, Outreach International, Peace and Justice Ministries, etc., to learn more about how the church is seeking to help us be engaged as citizens of the kingdom of God. Participate in ministries of the congregation as we continue our missional journey and our progress on Family Connections, support for families in crisis staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Pray, and pursue “liberty and justice for all.”

In Christ, Barb Harmon



Shaped by the Spirit

***How the Kirtland Era Influenced
the Direction of the Church
Then and Now***

***Kentucky-Indiana USA Mission Center
Pilgrimage to the Kirtland Temple***

August 7 - 9, 2009

The Kirtland Era had a profound affect on the development of the Restoration Movement and particularly the Community of Christ. Come join brothers and sisters from the Kentucky Indiana USA Mission Center as we share together and with Bruce Crockett, Spiritual Formation Center Director. We will explore the historical significance of the Kirtland Era as we study the history and tour the Temple. We will explore the power of discernment in the lives of the early Saints and how it works in our life today.

Travel, lodging, and meals will be on your own for the weekend. We would ask that you arrive in the area on Friday night and encourage you to travel and lodge with others.

Our activities will include sessions in the Kirtland Visitors Center, including a video presentation on the Kirtland Temple and time to tour the bookstore and exhibit area. We will also tour the Temple and grounds.

There are no additional costs for the event beyond your meals and lodging. A free will offering will be taken during worship in support of the Kirtland Temple and Spiritual Formation Center.

Don Maymon is coordinating the event.

Kirtland Trip Tentative Event Schedule

Friday

Travel to Kirtland Area, lodging and meals on your own.

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions in the Chapel (inside the Visitors Center)
- 9:15 a.m. Discernment: The Practice of Listening, The Stewardship of Responding
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Class – Group Spiritual Direction
- 10:50 a.m. Group Spiritual Direction: Question for Discernment: Where are you on your spiritual journey?
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Temple Tour
- 3:00 p.m. Museum Tour
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Class: Spiritual Formation: Purpose and calling
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Temple – Worship (Dwelling in the Word, Prayer, Testimony)

Sunday

- 10a.m. Worship in the Temple

The Word of The Lord

This summer I was planning on having a light reunion schedule of only two reunions and Spec. As events unfolded, I was asked to provide guest ministry at two other reunions due to scheduling conflicts for those originally asked to provide ministry. Thankfully, both additional reunions were in our field so the travel was not going to be that difficult.

One of the reunions I was invited to share in was in an area I had never visited for ministry; Mid-South Mission Center. This mission center takes in part of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. In fact, the Tri-City congregation, which is home to Christian Dunaway and his family, is part of that mission center. Christian's brother Jordan was at reunion and offered a prayer from his journal which helps him express his love for God, but also his frustrations and pain.

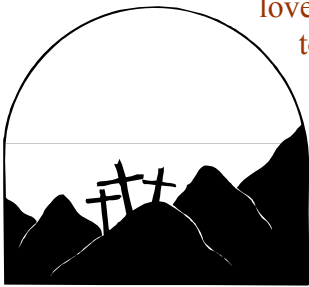
The reunion experience included sharing of the need for prayers for Christian and his family. As I write this article, I am aware that Christian's family and friends are preparing for his funeral so the journey of life has come to an end for Christian but his family will need to experience the continued embrace of a loving community of faith. We were also impacted by the sudden death of President Veazey's brother Randy who was an active member of the mission center and Paris, TN congregation.

Prayers, tears, joy, questions, singing, testimony, baptisms were all part of the few days. It was also several days of oppressive heat and humidity where the only cool place on the campgrounds was in the church building which has an active congregation of about 20 members. Another unique part of this campground is the cemetery next door to the church and worship space for reunion. It was not uncommon for people to walk through the cemetery before worship, which presents some interesting images and questions.

On Sunday morning, the reunion planners scheduled a prayer service combined with communion. During the prayer service, a young girl, Kinsley, stood to bear her testimony. She spoke with a soft voice but the message had great power. She attends the congregation at the campground with her Great Grandmother. There are times when her family makes her attend another church in town but she prefers the country congregation of the Community of Christ. She said, "I came here to do crafts, games, and have fun but, this is about God and the love of Jesus. People come with broken hearts, depressed, not sure if God loves them. People with broken hearts stay away from God and it gets harder to pull it back together. What I want to share is that God is generous with love for us and God can pull your heart back together." That testimony became the Word of the Lord.

Many times, I think I'm asked to provide ministry but more often, ordinary, faithful disciples on a journey with God provide ministry to me. That's the joy of transformation when we hear God's call and respond with simple words of hope. Kinsley's testimony was the only message we needed that day and it occurred in a chapel next to a cemetery where people wonder if God will show up. God did in the testimony of Kinsley and we left that service for a service of baptism full of joy! --

Larry McGuire



Crosses on Hill

Bible School Day

Forest Hills will be hosting an end of summer, back to school Bible School Day at the church Saturday, August 8th from 9:30 - 2:00. The morning will involve classes and at noon we will have a lunch of hotdogs, chips and drinks with sun and water fun (we hope for sun or at least no rain that day) until approximately 2:00. Come with a bathing suit to change into, sun screen and smiles! Invite your friends and neighbors. We would appreciate an RSVP in order to plan on food and supplies. Anyone willing to help in any way, please call Kathleen Yager-Rosenbarger at 267-6808 or email me at Musichawk@inightbb.com. I will be calling! -- Kathleen Yager-Rosenbarger

OUTREACH HAPPENINGS

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” -- I Timothy 17-18

Support a Mission Trip

Dear Family and Friends,

Kenna and I are very excited about our upcoming Medical Mission Trip to La Romana, Dominican Republic in October 2009. She and I will be joining a team from Northeast Christian Church. This team will be working in a two-fold manner: providing daily surgical, dental and medical care to the people of La Romana, and preparing for worship services in the evenings. Kenna will be working with the children preoperatively as they await their surgeries and have IV lines placed. I will be working as a surgical scrub nurse with the general surgeon.

The cost of this trip is 1400.00 for each, for a total commitment of 2800.00. Our deadline to raise this money is August 20, 2009. This includes travel expenses and expenses while in the field. Airfare will be purchased by August 9, 2009. We are asking you to consider supporting this trip in one or more ways:

- Make a donation towards our travel expenses
- Consider the fundraising purchase of the following items
 - o 3 woven thread bracelets for \$3.00
 - o Beaded bracelet for \$10.00
 - o Beaded earrings for \$10.00
 - o Pendant \$20.00
 - o Canned Bread and Butter Pickles \$5.00
 - o Amish Friendship Bread \$5.00 per loaf
- Order by calling 502-592-0004
- channin_mike@yahoo.com
- All orders will be mailed or delivered to you.
- Supplies
 - o Over the counter medication
 - o Wound care supplies
 - o Any day to day medical supplies
- Prayerful remembrance of the team as we travel

We realize this is a lot of money to raise. That is why Kenna and I are asking for your partnership with us. Any amount you are able to give will be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to Northeast Christian, or to Channin Daugherty (money above the cost of homemade items will be turned into the church for travel expenses). All donations are non-refundable. If Kenna or I were unable to travel at the time of the trip the money would be used to support the costs of the mission trip and medical care in La Romana. It is our hope that Kenna and I can make a difference one person at a time...bring hope, laughter, love and peace to our soon to be friends of La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely, Kenna and Channin Daugherty

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FOOD BANK

July – Canned Tomatoes & Kleenex

August – Canned Potatoes, Tuna & Deodorant

Any Non-Perishable Food Or Toiletry Item Is Appreciated

Christian Dunaway Benefit Fund



I received the sad news on Friday, July 3, that Christian Dunaway passed away. The congregation has been supporting Christian and his family with visits and prayers since January as he and his family traveled from Mayfield, KY to receive treatment at Kosair Children's Hospital and stayed at the Ronald McDonald House. Our relationship with Christian has been the inspiration for the ministry the congregation is engaged in with Ronald McDonald House, Family Connections, to provide a presence of support to families who are away from home with a child with serious illness or injury.

Christian's mom, Tina, has not been able to work since January as she has cared for Christian and made countless trips back and forth to Louisville for treatment. She is a single mom with three other children, Corey, Jordan, and Joshua. Her lack of work has seriously stressed the families' financial situation. Expressions of support can be made to:

Christian Dunaway Benefit Fund
FNB
202 E Broadway, PO Box 369
Mayfield, KY 42066

MISSION STATEMENT

We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace.

Fun Tidbits & Other Happenings

"Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder." -- Philippians 4:4-5

Who Am I?

May's "Who Am I" was Larry Hoagland.

"Who Am I" is put together by Ashley and Marty Sherrard.

Reunion

Thursday was our annual talent show with a great deal of talent showed by many. Forest Hills of course has lots of talent. Our participants were Thomas Mercer, Mikaela Mercer, Michael Daugherty, Kameron Heil, Kayla Rosenberger, Daniel Harmon Cameron Mosgrove, Ashley Sherrard, Konner Heil, Kenna Daugherty, and Zach Oxley who also was a co-host.

Lindsay Harmon and Nate Daugherty had a bet on. Ask them who won.

Kathleen did another excellent job of leading the choir and her choices of music fit so well into the services. It is always a joy to be a part of the music at reunion. As usual Daniel and Zach also added to music during the week. Thomas also assisted with a prelude.

As many already know when the need of \$14,500 for the expenses for the week was announced we all kind of gasped. Our sacrificial offering was taken on Wednesday evening and with so many giving the amount was raised plus a little. This tradition is always a true symbol of our trust in the Lord's people to contribute. Alleluia and alleluia!!! -- Marty Sherrard

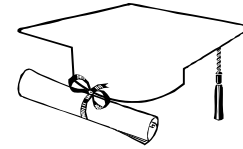
Youth Camp Kill Joy

One summer while in grad school I went to visit my brother in Lamoni for a few days. As I arrived, he was about to head to Chetek, Wisconsin to help at a couple of church youth camps. At this point I had never been to a youth camp as a camper or as a staff member. When I was young, my folks considered youth camps frivolous and lumped them in the same category as trick or treating, dancing around the May pole, and Guy Fawkes day. After talking it over with my brother, we decided that I would go with him to the camps and when we got there, see if they could use me.

The highlight of the senior high camp every year was the banquet toward the end of the week. This had been a tradition for many years and an important part of the banquet tradition was every one's favorite – the homemade root beer. Well, I probably should have kept my big mouth shut, but once I took a sip of the root beer I knew why the banquet and root beer were such a hit with the young people. During the banquet I took the camp leaders aside and gave them a quick chemistry lesson which can be summed up in the following equation:

Flavoring + water + sugar + yeast = root beer + carbon dioxide + ethyl alcohol

They were aghast! A look began to come over their faces, as they now understood the popularity of the banquet each year. Not wanting to be arrested in the future, they quit serving their homemade root beer to minors and I'm sure the yearly banquet became a lot more boring. Ignorance is bliss and knowledge is a terrible thing sometimes. -- David Blair



Our Graduates – Congrats!

Forest Hills had numerous graduations and promotions this June.

We are proud of all of them and know they will continue their fine work into the future.

Kayla Rosenberger graduated from kindergarten.

Max Rogers and Mikaela Mercer graduated from fifth grade and are going on to middle school.

Kameron Heil graduated from eighth grade and is continuing on at Charlestown High School.

Matthew Sherrard graduated from Floyd Central High School and will go to Indiana University Southeast.

Kellie Sampson graduated from Waggener High School and will go to Midway or Morehead.

David Shanks graduated from Henryville High School and has gone to basic training with the National Guard.

Nathan Daugherty graduated from Bullitt East High School and will go to Graceland University.

Daniel Harmon graduated from Charlestown High School and will go to Graceland University.

Chris Sherrard has graduated with a degree in mechanical drafting from Louisville Tech.

Jonathon Ryan Sherrard graduated with a degree in business from Indiana University.

Katie Harmon graduated from Graceland University and is continuing on at the Community of Christ Seminary.

Troy Bowles graduated **Suma Cum Laude** from McKendree University in June with a 3.98 overall GPA! He received a degree in Business Management and is applying for jobs in several prisons where he can use his degree and still work in the criminal industry (in which he is well suited and loves). Yeah Troy! – Terri Bowles

Brag on Your Kids

GOD'S CHILDREN

As I write we are winding down our week at Boy Scout camp. Max has been learning how to tie knots, build a fire, and how to have a good time without a television or a computer. Soon, he is off to Glenn Wood Hills for another week of camp.



I have been with him this week, and it has brought back a flood of memories from 25 years ago when I last attended scout camp. Watching him encounter challenges, hang back initially in trepidation, then step out and take risks makes me realize that he won't be defined forever as my son, at some point he'll be defined by whatever he makes himself in to.

In the same sense, we are not defined solely as God's children, we are what we make of ourselves. He walks with us as we are children in a spiritual sense, but like me, He takes a step back as we take a step out, sometimes in great fear.

I'm at the same time sad and proud as I watch my son grow up. These experiences for our kids are making them become wonderful people. – Jay Rogers

THE GREATEST GIFT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

When Bobby and I had Robin we were so happy. She gave us joy and laughter and love that we did not imagine could be. She became, as she grew older, my best friend. I looked forward each morning getting up and playing with her and laughing. As she grew up, she wanted me to go places with her instead of asking a friend to go. Even in high school when most girls would go to a football game with girlfriends, she invited me to go with them. So me and a few of the mothers would tag along, of course we would sit by ourselves. The first day of elementary school she started this tradition of talking for fifteen minutes every day after school. She would ask me to sit down and we would talk over the whole day!!!!!!

Today after 20 yrs of her marriage and 2 kids later, she still calls each day on her way home from work and we talk about the day. Of course our conversation now is different, we talk mostly about Sean and Christina.

When Sean was born we were there for his birth and we were so proud!!!! He was and still is a very happy child. The first time I held him he opened his eyes and looked at me like I am going to really send you on a merry go round old lady!!!! And he has done that many times in his 14 yrs. We used to play truck in the floor and not having a boy that was really something for me!!!! I played many games of ball!!!!

Now he is going into high school and I do not buy toys anymore, and do not see him as often as I did when he was little, but he still calls and now I send him money which he sure loves!!!!

We saw Christina for the first time when she was 3 days old and she was very cute, she had black hair and a round face and big eyes!!! And she loved to laugh and still does. She will get on the phone with me and just laugh and laugh!!!! She is very smart and at the top of her class she has never made anything less than an A in 5 yrs of school.

We are very proud of our children, they love life and love church. They are very active in the Decatur Alabama congregation. Robin told us once that when she had children she was going to follow our model and raise her children the same way we did her. So far that is what she has done, she has let them live life and has taught them not to leave God out that He is very important and that if they remember to depend on Him He will be their Guide. That is what we taught her. I hope they will always remember what they were taught and carry this on to their families one day. -- Evelyn Ayre



EDITOR'S NOTE

The next Happenings will be for September & October. Theme will be Fall & Labor Day.
Plan ahead to get me some great articles!!

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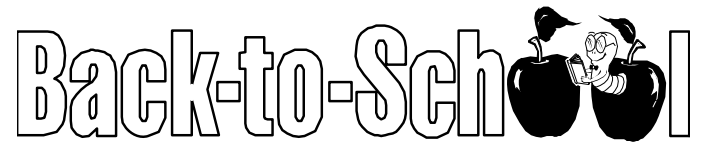


July 2009

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August



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						1 Int'l Youth Forum & Spectacular
2	3	4	5	6	7 Mission Center Kirtland Trip	8 9:30 am-2 pm Bible School Mission Center Kirtland Trip
9 Colmus Family Ministry Mission Center Kirtland Trip	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Congregational Potluck	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Come Worship With Us

Sunday Schedule 9:30 am Congregational Breakfast & fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00 am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary



Fully Staffed Nursery Provided Every Sunday for Morning Worship

Church Building is All One Level and Mostly Handicap Accessible



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