

# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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## **Err on the Side of Love.**

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”; Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.; On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Mt. 22:36-40)

Have you ever had the experience of God putting an idea or thought into your mind, and no matter how much you try to ignore it, or argue about it, God just keeps on saying the same thing over and over until you, well in this case I, just submit and do as God has asked. I have been arguing with God about this newsletter article for a couple of weeks, well since last newsletter to be honest. Yeah, God won. So here goes.

June is LGBTQAI+ Pride month. Pride day/month was and continues to remember the Stonewall riots in New York’s Greenwich Village in June of 1969. It has continued through the years with focuses changing from “gay rights” to HIV/AIDS awareness to supporting LGBTQAI legislation.

I don’t know what your thoughts are on LGBTQAI issues; whatever you think or believe is right for you.

However, I caution you ... err on the side of love. Love God, love your neighbor. There are so many people out there who have been called abomination or freak, often in Jesus’ name, people who have been hurt by Christians believing they were doing the right thing, well meaning people who just want to help. The greatest help we can give is to be available, to listen and not speak judgment ... to err on the side of love.



The June Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m.

# ONGOING PRAYERS

Thank You!

- \*Pastor Doug Gilpin
- \*Terry Ringot
- \*Terry Gromowski
- \*Sharon Patton
- \*Nancy King
- \*Barbara Moss
- \*Scott Patton
- \*Tim Titsworth
- \*Una Humphreys
- \*Rodney Christmas
- \*Bob
- \*Gary Baumann
- \*Robert Barbosa
- \*Family of Cheryl Bilby
- \*Tricia Christmas
- \*Sam Titsworth
- \*Janice Ruoff
- \*Amanda Bratcher
- \*All Caregivers
- \*Lee Wandfluh
- \*Tony L.
- \*David H.
- \*Bobbie
- \*Jami B.
- \*Gary Howard
- \*Richard Dick
- \*Carol
- \*Ginger Ross
- \*Roberta S
- \*Sharon Oliver
- \*Family of Candy  
(Cheryl Bice's sister)
- \*Family of J.B. Phillippe
- \*Vickie Miller

THANK YOU to Arletta Walker, Beth Waggoner, and Donnie Blair for preparing the soil and planting flowers at the southwest corner of the church lot.

Since my mom, Carol P. has moved to Carriage Square (where she wanted to be), she has done a complete 180. She's only in bed for sleeping and she's doing therapy twice a day (without complaining). She has walked 10 ft, which I know doesn't seem like a lot, but after spending almost 2 months in bed, that's huge! She's even gained 2 pounds (which she also needed). I can not thank everyone enough for the prayers and words of encouragement.

*Cindy Spangler*

Your donation of 10# of food is greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry. *Andrew County Food Pantry*



- 1st Kathy Tripp
- 2nd Jace Baumann
- 7th Janice Christmas
- 14th Cutler Rolofson
- 15th Judy Young
- 16th John Steeby
- 20th **Doyle Farmer #91**
- 25th Cindy Holt
- 26th Eleanor Roth

Joan Moutray will offer Children's Moments the first Sunday of the month through the summer. Please bring your children for her messages.



The annual Outreach Garage Sale is August 4 & 5, 2023.



The Praise Team is taking a much-needed break through June. They will return on July 2.

Ramona Lewis' mother, Shirley Radley, has moved to Vintage Gardens (Room 102), 3302 N Woodbine Road, St Joseph, MO 64505.



**THANK YOU** to Steve Goben for constructing the God's Library Box (located in Duncan Hall). Feel free to share/borrow reading material with others who may enjoy it.





LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBORS



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**JULY 26-28, 2023 6:00-8:30**  
**SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN CHURCH 511 W MARKET ST. 816-324-3322**

**PRESCHOOLERS through 5th GRADERS**

We're asking for families to register only so we have a count and have sufficient supplies (and snacks!) for everyone! Please register by **Friday, July 21.**