

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 2018

Elders:

2nd Eileen Zimmerman and Bob van Goethem
9th Eileen Zimmerman and Bob van Goethem
16th Eileen Zimmerman and Bob van Goethem
23rd Eileen Zimmerman and Bob van Goethem
30th Eileen Zimmerman and Bob van Goethem

Stand-by Elder and Outside Greeter

Linda Schultz

Visiting Elders

Bob van Goethem and Glenn Schore

Deacons: **Jr. Deacon*

Andrew Crawford*	Grace Schore*
Cadin DeVille*	Jean Schore
Peggy Dixon	Ted Schore
Steve Dixon	
Lindsay Griffin	

Worship Leaders:

2nd Ron Sutton
9th Andrew Crawford
16th Lindsay Griffin
23rd Ann Linvill
30th Susan Kemp

Greeters:

2nd Maxie Hotz
9th Shelly Zahn
16th Rick and Mary Harris
23rd June Schwed
30th Marty Ragland and Linda Schultz

Acolytes:

2nd Varanda Versprill and Aaron Burgess
9th Jayden Harris and Nate Stevens
16th Zackary Harris and Gabriel Harris
23rd Trinity Turrentine and Rett Stevens
30th Kaitlyn Alvord and Varanda Versprill

(Schedule subject to change)



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Wednesdays at the Well

It's time to begin a new season of Wednesday at the Well at First Christian Church. Every Wednesday evening we gather as the body of Christ to eat, fellowship, grow, and play. There are activities for all ages.

5:30 PM - Supper

6:00 PM - Bible Study for Adults - This fall studying the Gospel of Mark

6:00 - 7:15 PM - "Jesus and Me" Club - for Children in K-5th grade

6:00 - 7:15 PM - Youth Group for Youth in Grades 6-12.

7:30 PM - Choir Practice

8:30 PM - Handbell Practice

Pastor Terry Harps...

In Romans 5:3-5 Paul encourages us to "boast in our suffering knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope."

This is a passage that came to my heart during my most recent hike in northern Pennsylvania. I think that I enjoy my hiking each year because of the single minded focus hiking allows me to have. All the cares of the world are pushed aside for a while and all I have to worry about is hiking a trail. Worries are reduced to some of the basics of life. Where will I find water? What will I eat? How will I make it past the next obstacle on the trail? How will I protect myself from the elements of rain, lightning, cold or heat?

This passage came to my heart because northern Pennsylvania has some well noted challenges within hiking circles. To hikers, this section of Pennsylvania is known as Rock-sylvania. There are a lot of rocks in northern Pennsylvania. I was more than just a little concerned as I prepared for this year's hike. Would I be up to the challenge?

Pennsylvania lived up to its reputation in many ways. There were many sections of boulders to climb over and on (see photo). There were also miles and miles of rocky Tread-way (see photo). Each day I hiked included sections of these obstacles which slowed me down in order to avoid serious or life threatening injury. I'm not trying to be mellow dramatic; hiking is always a risky pastime. However, driving the car to the grocery store is a risky activity. Hiking just has some particular challenges.

Caution on these obstacles would cause the hours and the miles to stretch out. By the end of each day I was exhausted mentally and physically. However, I've noticed in hiking that exhaustion is in proportion to attitude and spirit. On the days that I get discouraged or frustrated by the trail, I finish the day more exhausted, but on days that I keep my attitude in check and stay positive and intentional about enjoying the moments along the way, the day ends with a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment.

Then Romans 5:3-5 kicks in. For every boulder I climb, every pointy rock I step on, every unstable or slippery rock I step on confidence is gained. There are scrapes, bug bites, sore muscles, smelly clothes and uncomfortable shelter decks to sleep on. When I allow the difficulties and suffering of hiking to be a challenge rather than an inconvenience, everything about hiking becomes a joy with a feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day. For all of the exhaustion along the way, I return refreshed and invigorated in my call to the difficulties of Ministry. I am able to boast and rejoice in my suffering just as Paul says.

I hope there is a lesson here for all of us. When being Church gets difficult and even painful, I pray we won't get discouraged. May we approach all the difficulties of being Church as a challenge knowing that there is joy in reaching the mountain top.

Blessings, Pastor Terry



Boulders to Climb



Rocky Tread-way

In Need of Prayers

Among our people: Diana Baril, Suzy Robertson-Blomberg, Ramona Burgess, Dolly Dixon, Claire Gauthier, David Gilberts, Renn Hinton, Ty Hinton, Esther Hinz, Jay Hoffer, Barbara Hunter, Bill Kerns, Basil Komars, Dick Marr, Jeannie Marr, Lois Philbrick, Ann Raines, Rob and Phyllis Robinson, Donna Rucker, Fay Schrepferman, Chris Stevens, Rob Windischmann, Andrea Wright

In retirement/rehab residences and homebound: Marian Cope (Ocala Health), Claude Cray (Haven House), Marie D'Orsi (Hampton Manor), Charles Durfee (MA), Marene Guare (The Plaza), Richard Lane (Timberidge), Donna Lee (The Lodge), Grace McDaniel (Oakhurst), Bob Quackenbush (Brentwood)

Among our friends: Christy Bertera (Betsy Goehrig's daughter), Hannah Craig (friend of Randy Alvord), Bill Duncan and Pitts Duncan (Lola Duncan's sons), Virginia Edling (Donna Lee's sister), Gary Gauthier (Claire Gauthier's son), Sandy Goehrig (Kevin Goehrig's sister-in-law), Kitty Hamm (Ruby Moore's sister), Edward Hazelton (Kaye Sullivan's son), Delanna Hess (Mary Kay Kerns' sister), Mark Hotz (Maxie Hotz's son), Jimmy Hubbard (Sue Wright's stepfather), Doug Hyde (Maxie Hotz's grandson-in-law), Bob and Patsy Keith (Chuck Keith's brother and sister-in-law), Marilyn Kiger (friend of the Agostas), Jason Lanahan (friend of Ron Sutton's), Howard Lee (friend of Mary Beth and Terry Harper), Wayne Riggs (Ruby Moore's brother), Josh Soard (Mary Beth Harper's nephew), Ros Springer, Ruth Tyler (Maxie Hotz's sister), Carl Williamson (friend of Sarah Harper), our military who are serving and those in harms way

(Please call the church office if someone needs to be placed on or removed from this list.)

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like something printed in the next newsletter please email or drop off your information to the church office by Tuesday, September 25th.



Sundays at First Christian Church

Meditation Time
8:30-9:00 AM

Elders' Prayers in the Library
8:45 AM

Fellowship Time
9:00 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM – (Nursery available)

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Closed for lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Church Leadership and Staff

Minister Rev. Terry Harper
Moderator Nancy Hutchinson
Visitation Minister Kathy Yates
Administrative Assistant Lorraine Daniels
Director of Music Rev. Lori Lynn Wachter
Church Musician Cindy Warringer
Sunday Staff Jim Burgess
Nursery Sue Wright

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Disciple Women's Fellowship News...



CIRCLE MEETINGS

- **Lydia Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 10th, in the Oden Building.
- **Galatians Circle** will meet at 10:30 AM on Monday, September 10th, in Fellowship Hall. They meet the second Monday of every month in Fellowship Hall. The Circle welcomes men also.
- **Phoebe Circle** will meet on Monday, October 1st, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Miriam Circle** meets on Thursday September 13th, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEETING

The DWF Board will meet on Monday, September 24th, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

SERVICE PROJECTS

One of our dear members, Marene Guare, works on cleaning up and repairing stuffed animals and dolls for distribution to the Police Department. The following is her report for what has been distributed since June:

- 3 dolls that she dressed, 5 pairs of Baby socks, and 18 stuffed toys sent to Spouse Abuse via Kathy Yates
- 20 stuffed toys to the Police Department via Kathy Yates
- 3 bags of Prayer Squares were sent with the toiletries for the Marion County Homeless Children

Thank you to everyone who supports our Service Projects.

Ann Linvill, President

DWF READING PROGRAM

It is time again for the "DWF Reading Program" for 2018-2019. You can find a description of the requirements in your DWF Directory on pages 9-11. I will give a copy of the requirements and log sheet to the circle leaders for your October meetings. You will be honored at our final meeting in June of 2019. So lets

READ, READ, READ!

God bless you, Linda Schultz



Stewardship Meeting

The Stewardship Ministry Team will meet on Monday, September 10th, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

Cabinet Meeting

The next Cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9th, following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bag lunch.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18th, in Fellowship Hall at 7:15 PM. A carry-in dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Board Reports

Board Reports are due on Tuesday, September 11th. Please email your report to Leanna Dixon.

School Address

Allan Burgess has returned to school at The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB). His address is listed below if you would like to send him a card or note:

FSDB (Cary White Hall)
Attn: Allan Burgess Pod 232
207 N San Marco Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084-2799

Interfaith Serving Schedule

September 27th Youth
October 25th DMF
November 22nd Christian Action
December 27th DWF Board

Church Women United Meeting

The Marion County Church Women United hosts the Church Women United Area 2 meeting on Friday, October 5th, at Penney Farms. Let's have a great turnout from our group! The fee for the meeting is \$11.00 and it covers lunch and materials. Lunch includes your choice of chicken, meat (TBA later), or fish, side dishes, bread and dessert. Please get your lunch choice and check to your church's CWU representative by September 9th.

Florida Disciples Men 2018 Fall Regional Retreat

September 28-30, 2018 at The
Retreat at Silver Springs

Registration forms are available at the
back of the sanctuary and in the church
office.



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Shelly Zahn
Jessica Crawford
- 5 Gene Diamond
Barbara Hunter
Cynthia Lewis
- 6 Crosby Roberts
- 8 Glenn Schore
- 9 Karen Carpenter
Aiden Richey
- 10 Kaitlyn Alvord
- 12 Susan Phillips
David Linvill
- 16 Dolly Dixon
Linda Schultz
- 17 Richard Harris
Claudia Silengo
Mary Jo Shelton
- 19 Ben Hayes
- 20 Allison Phillips
- 21 Peggy Dixon
- 22 Mary Ann Harris
- 23 Trisha Alvord
- 26 Todd Hannah
Gus Agosta
Grace Schore
- 27 Hannah Morningstar
- 28 Susan Olsen
Bob Doyle
- 29 Vera Agosta

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Rob and Phyllis Robinson
- 11 Kelly and Carolyn Roberts
- 21 Bob and Marge van Goethem
- 23 Rob and Bonnie Quackenbush

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 4 Bob Ringgold
- 6 Jackie Roy
- 7 Jo Wilkerson
- 10 Loa Knapp
Brenda Turrentine
Vicky Smith
Suzi Robertson-Blomberg
- 11 Lola Duncan
- 14 Ruby Moore
- 16 Charles Durfee
Lois Kutun
- 17 Judi Stygar
- 18 Meredith Sipple
- 21 Donna Vermillion
- 22 Grace McDaniel
- 23 Marian Cope
Sue Marr
- 25 Jayden Harris
- 27 Chuck Keith
- 31 Carolyn Largin
Pat Largin

OCTOBER Anniversaries

- 10 James and Andrea Wright
- 20 Bob and Anne Doyle

SEPTEMBER Calendar

- 1 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 3 Office closed for Labor Day holiday
- 4 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (FH)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
- 5 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:00 PM Building Planning Com Mtg
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (FH)
- 7-9 FDWM Cabinet Mtg at The Retreat
- 8 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 9 11:45 AM Cabinet (FH)
- 10 9:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
10:30 AM Galatians Circle (FH)
12:00 PM Evangelism/Membership (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 11 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (FH)
N/A Board Reports due!
- 12 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 13 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (Lib)
10:00 AM Miriam Circle (FH)
- 15 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 17 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
- 18 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (FH)
6:30 PM Board Dinner (FH)
7:15 PM Board Meeting (FH)
- 19 10:00 AM Retired Teachers (FH)
11:30 AM Red Hats
5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 20 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (FH)

- 22 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 24 9:00 AM DWF Board Mtg (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 25 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (FH)
N/A Newsletter deadline!
- 26 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 27 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (FH)
5:00 PM Galatians Circle serves at Interfaith
6:00 PM Order of Arrow (FH)
- 28-30 FL Mens Retreat (The Retreat)
- 29 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 30 Reconciliation Special Offering collected

OCTOBER 1-7 Calendar

- 1 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 2 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (FH)
- 3 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 4 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (FH)
- 4-7 Regional Assembly in Daytona Beach
- 6 8:00 AM Girl Scout Leadership Mtg (M)
9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 7 World Communion Sunday
Reconciliation Special Offering collected

Please check your Sunday bulletin and E-Life as calendar is subject to change.