



June 2012

# Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

## Ordinary

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After the busyness of May—filled with graduations, the end of the school year, Mothers' Day—many look forward to the slower pace of the summer months. Even the church calendar looks less busy—no Sunday school, fewer meetings and activities, and an earlier worship service on Sunday mornings. And once the church season of Pentecost comes and goes, we enter into what's called Ordinary Time or Common Time until we reach Advent and Christmas in December.

The name of this season seems so... well...ordinary. After the excitement of Pentecost—filled with tongues of fire and the wind of the Spirit—this season appears very plain and common, hence the name of Ordinary Time. I used to think this was an odd name for a season in the church calendar, but I have begun to have a deeper appreciation for the name. This season reminds us that life is



filled with more than the big and flashy events of Easter and Christmas. Life is also filled with the everyday

times—and yes, even the boring times. It's during these ordinary times that we

can cherish the ancient holy practice of honoring the Sabbath—a time of rest. The slower pace helps us refocus our lives from the rush and busyness that often fills our lives. Taking time for reflection and a slower pace invites us to see parts of life that we may sometimes miss.

When I awake early in the morning, instead of turning on my computer to begin the day's work, I have found that going outside to pull weeds, water the flowers, hear the



birds sing, or walk the dogs reminds me of another dimension of life. I rediscover that God's vision goes beyond the busyness that clutters our spirits. Those things that we consider ordinary—weeds, birds, flowers—somehow renew my spirit and restore a sense of God's presence. What are those practices that renew your life?

This summer I invite you to remember the Sabbath in ways that restore your spirit.

Day

Summer Hours  
from Memorial  
Day through  
Labor Day

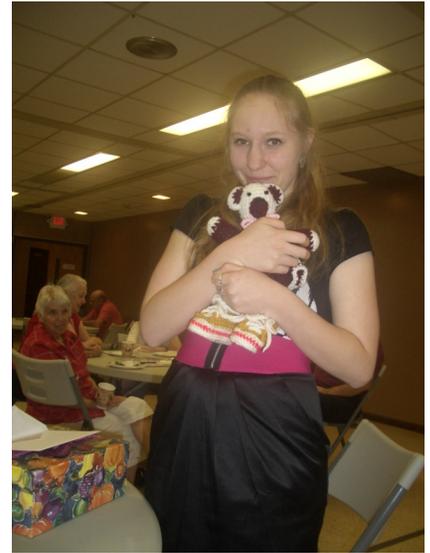
Worship 10:00 am

## Beacon Fund Raiser

**Breakfast at Applebee's  
Saturday, June 9th  
8am-9:45am  
Green Mount Crossing  
Shiloh  
Pancakes, Sausage, Milk,  
Juice, and Coffee Benefits  
Beacon  
Call Beacon at  
222-8942**

## Returning Home

Crossroads presented a Hug-a-Bear handmade by Connie McAllister to Vygantè on May 27 during her last time in worship. After spending 9 months living with Pastor Doug and Staci she returned home to Lithuania on June 1.



## Father's Day

The First Father's Day,

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day."



In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day.

Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

*"The omnipotent Creator could have made the world in three days just as easily as he made it in six, and this would have doubled the Sundays. Still it is not our place to criticize the wisdom of the Creator." – Mark Twain*

*Submitted by: Pat McAllister*

### **New address:**

Jacob & Tashia Hart  
214 N. Main  
Freeburg, IL 62243

## Chips from the Board

16 People were in attendance at the board meeting.

The following was reviewed:

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Set into record.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer/Office Manager: Monthly Financial report to be filed for audit.

Reports from the various Committees/Task Forces

Stewardship/Finance – Mike Thompson went over the various monthly reports. The next meeting will be held Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m.

Worship – Ken Holmes report stated the completed work. Also the work anticipated is to assist the elders with elder exchange forthcoming; work with hospitality at a proposed SEGA gathering in August.

Property – Jim Buckhannon thanked everyone that participated and helped with the church work day. He noted that there are some issues arising that will need to be reviewed by the board.

Hospitality – Carole Thompson stated that the hospitality committee was handling light lunch arrangement for Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in honor of Vyganté Mizgeryte's last church attendance with our congregation since she will be returning home.

Pastor's Report - Included with the agenda.

New Business: A few items discussed within the board meeting.

Next Board Meeting to be held on: Sunday, June 24, 2012.

## Meet the new Office Secretary

Hello Everyone,

My Name is Dawn Standridge and I am your new office assistant. My family and I moved to Caseyville 6 years ago from Farmington MO to be closer to my husband's work, Jet Aviation. Speaking of... I have been married to my wonderful husband Richie for almost 9 years. We have 3 + children between the 2 of us. My Son Kyle is 24 years old and has a beautiful wife Stephanie. He is in the Missouri Air National Guard and works full time at Whiteman AFB. They live in Warrensburg, Missouri. Next is Shelbi, our 16-year-old daughter. Shelbi will be a senior at Collinsville High School; she is an honor student who plans to go on to become an RN. Shelbi also drives a Pro-4 racecar at Belle Clair Speedway on Friday nights. Our youngest is Shawna; she just turned 13 and is every bit the teenager. Ugh! Shawna has overcome many health obstacles in her young life but is still a very active young lady who is becoming a better student each year. The plus part of our children includes Bryan, 19 & Jackie, 23, who we call our own even though they really aren't.

Now back to the racecar thing. My husband and father-in-law have a dirt late model that they race every weekend, so most of our free time is spent at local race tracks. That's my life work, children, racing. Oh, and my puppies.

But I am very committed to my job here, and if anyone ever needs me I am happy to help, you may call my cell anytime. 618-795-2771

Happy June everyone!

*Dawn*



## Prayers

- Charlotte W. hospice
- Julie Durkin-Pigg, husband Marvin passed away.
- 4 year old (relative of Susan's family recently diagnosed with stage 4 blood & bone marrow cancer.
- Shawna (Dawn's daughter) orthopedic surgery June 7
- John (Bill P. Uncle) tests and surgery at Barnes
- Sonny G. (Ron's brother) recovering from surgery
- 19 year old in car accident and they found brain tumor. (Susan)
- Steve B.
- Tom (Jessie's husband)
- Marie R., returned home
- Jude (8 year-old great-grandson of Betty M.), open heart surgery June 10
- Harold (Susan's father-in-law), recovering from hernia surgery
- Shirley (Susan's family), chemo, thanks for prayers
- Rose (Trish's family), heart
- Beth (Cathy's friend) father-in-law, broken pelvis
- Tashia, foot infection
- Jim (Pat H. brother) colon cancer
- Adrianna's uncle, cancer
- Laurie B. recovering from surgery
- Niece of Amy, brain tumor
- Wayne R Sr., medical test
- Wayne R. Jr., travel from Germany
- Kristie (friend of Jennifer), cancer
- Lisa (Bill and Pat's niece), health



- Tim & Katie (Pat P. friend), loss of pregnancy
- Babette (friend of Pat H.), shingles
- Rosellen H., hip surgery
- Mary A. (Disciple from Shrine), hospitalized
- Vera H. returned home
- Death of Dan Upton's cousin
- June (Kim H. mom)

## Graduation (additional names since last newsletter)

Jacob Mattes, Grandson of Marie Dyar graduated from Greenville High School

Rick Fagan, Grandson of Marie Dyar graduated with his Masters Degree from McKendree University.

Sarah Brookshire graduated with her Masters Degree from Georgetown University.

Paul Brookshire Graduated with his Bachelor's Degree from SIU Carbondale.

Allison Weygandt graduated from Columbia High School.

Corinne Goodall graduated from Belleville East High School.





## Lay Worship Leaders— June 2012

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Ken Holmes	Kay Marshall	Mike Thompson	Lori Burgess
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jennifer Lewis	Pastor Doug	Pat McAllister	Jennifer Lewis
<b>Elders—Bread Cup</b>	Mona McAllister Dale Hodges	Ron Goff Mona McAllister	Ron Goff Dale Hodges	Mona McAllister Dale Hodges
<b>Deacons Prepare</b>	Virginia Johnasen Susan Johnasen-Smith	Virginia Johnasen Susan Johnasen-Smith	Virginia Johnasen Susan Johnasen-Smith	Virginia Johnasen Susan Johnasen-Smith
<b>Deacons Serve</b>	Betty Allen Jan Evans Connie McAllister Patty Peterman	Betty Allen Jan Evans Connie McAllister Patty Peterman	Patty Peterman Marie Reichling Connie McAllister Jan Evans	Betty Allen Marie Reichling Connie McAllister Jan Evans
<b>Deacons Candles</b>	Marie Reichling	N/A	Connie McAllister	N/A
<b>Deacons Sanctuary</b>	Connie McAllister	Marie Reichling	Susan Johnasen-Smith	Virginia Johnasen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrea House	Adriana House	Eric Mielke	Andrea House
<b>Greeter</b>	Marie Dyer	Cathy Mielke	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	David Kennedy	David Kennedy	David Kennedy	David Kennedy
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalms 29	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 "Don't Lose Heart"	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 "Becoming Dad"	1 Samuel 17 "Facing Giants"



# June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10:00 Worship	4	5	6 5:30 Dinner/Bible Study	7	8	9
10 Elders meeting 9:15 10:00 Worship	11	12 Lunch Bunch 12:00	13 5:30 Dinner/Bible Study	14 Flag Day 	15	16
17 10:00 Worship Father's Day	18	19	20 5:30 Dinner/Bible Study	21	22	23
24 10:00 Worship Board Meeting	25	26	27 5:30 Dinner/Bible Study	28	29	30



### Happy Anniversary!

June 3 - Ornie & Joe Wargo  
 5 - Lee & Carolyn McCoy  
 17 - Brian & Amy Medley

### Happy Birthdays!

2 - Elvie Rogers  
 3 - Kyle Daugherty  
 3 - Amy Medley  
 3 - Dawn Standridge  
 8 - Jordan Goble  
 8 - Alex Weygandt  
 10 - Dale Hodges  
 10 - Ava Moder  
 11 - Kim Hampton  
 12 - Staci Cripe  
 13 - Rosellen Hoerr  
 13 - Mary Richter  
 13 - Lauren Rickert  
 17 - Jessie Hull  
 19 - Logan Rickert  
 22 - Cathy Melke  
 28 - Joe Tucker



## Joplin 1 year later

When Anderson Cooper leaves, there is still work to do.

Over the two and a half years I've served the church through Week of Compassion, these have been the



words I've said to myself after every major disaster we've faced. In a way, it is my own internal memo: a reminder that media coverage may stop but that the lives of those affected by disasters continue with all of the complications, grief, and uncertainty of a long road back to normalcy.

I go over this internal memo today, the anniversary of the 2011 Joplin tornado, as I think about the many partners we've worked with over the last year, including Church World

Service, Rebuild Joplin, Joplin's Long Term Recovery Committee, Mike Weinman and Jeni Brown in the Ozark Lakes Area office.

I find myself giving thanks for my colleague

at Disciples Volunteering, Josh Baird, whose pastoral presence bring comfort and hope that equals his technical expertise and experience. He, too, has enlisted an amazing group of Long Term Volunteers who will help staff the mission station-folks who will provide welcome, guidance, and leadership for groups who come to be part of the rebuilding.

I remember, above all, pulling into the parking lot of First Christian Church, Joplin, and meeting two incredible pastors, Jill Michel of South Joplin and Faye



Blevins of First Christian. Over the last year, they have shown leadership that is nothing short of inspiring, and the churches they pastor have shown grace, hospitality, and hope that is nothing short of Christ-like.

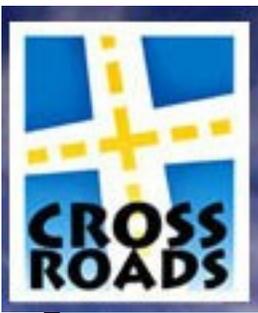
I go over all of this as I consider this memo to myself and I quickly draft another for all of those names I've counted and all of those whose names I'll never know-the folks who hung Christmas wreaths on FEMA trailer



doors, who stood in line at First Christian's distribution center, those who are volunteering on weeks I won't be able to visit, and those who still mourn the loss of a loved one.

We remember.  
We are still with you.  
You are part of us.

Amen.



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## Upcoming Events

### **SEGA Events**

SEGA intergenerational event for all ages July 24-28. The early-bird deadline (with discounted fee!) for the **SEGA Summer Happening for all ages** was Friday, May 18th, but it's not too late to sign up. Registration forms and schedule available at church or [www.segadisciples.org](http://www.segadisciples.org). Let Pastor Doug know if you are interested. Scholarship money is available from SEGA!



### **Children's Moment Workshop**

On Sunday, June 10, following the service at Crossroads there will be an informational session on how to do Children's Moments. This meeting will be less than 30 minutes. All those who are interested in learning how to conduct a Children's Moment or how to come up with ideas are encouraged to join. This meeting is for those interested in Children's Moments, but it is not a commitment to do Children's Moments.

Jennifer Lewis' new phone number is 618-855-3855.

Thanks! Jennifer