



June 2015

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

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A Moment with Pastor Mike

My mind goes back to Palm Sunday, just two months ago. Informally, Sandy and I had been a part of this church family for 19 months. The local congregation where we had kept our membership since moving here in 1979, Northside Christian Church, had stopped meeting as a congregation a few months before. Even before its closing, we had discussed and prayed about what we should do about moving our membership when that time came. Unlike settled pastors, interim pastors generally don't transfer their membership each time their setting of ministry changes, because that setting changes so frequently. But you had become a part of our lives, and we had become a part of yours, so we made the decision—Crossroads would be our new church home! All that led me to ask Ken Holmes to extend the invitation on Palm Sunday, so that Sandy and I could be received as the newest members of Crossroads Christian Church.



It felt right, and it still feels right. We're home here. I am still working for you on an interim basis, and the search committee is still working on completing its profile so it can consider future candidates as possible settled pastors. I won't be one of those candidates—that's not the nature of my calling as an intentional interim. But we will continue to be members of, and continue to support Crossroads when the time comes for a new pastor, until God shows us what the next step in our faith journey may be.

Having an invitation at the end of each sermon is sometimes a bit awkward, when we look around and know that everybody in the room has "been there and done that"—has confessed their faith, been baptized, and/or transferred their membership. But beyond the evangelistic invitation is the opportunity for each of us to recommit ourselves to our faith, to deepen our love of Jesus Christ, right there in the pews. Let's use that time to listen to what new ways God would call us to follow.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mike

Worship times:

Summer Hours

From Memorial Day through Labor Day

Worship 10am

50th Anniversary Celebration

1965

2015



TOGETHER THEY HAVE FOUND A FRIENDSHIP
RAISED A FAMILY
AND BUILT A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE

YOU ARE MOST WARMLY INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF



The Rev. Michael and Sandy Dixon



ON SUNDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

Morning Worship—10:00 AM

Fellowship and Appetizers—11:15 AM

Lunch—12:00 Noon

TO BE HELD AT

Crossroads Christian Church

2415 NORTH 89TH STREET (ROUTE 157 AND I-64)

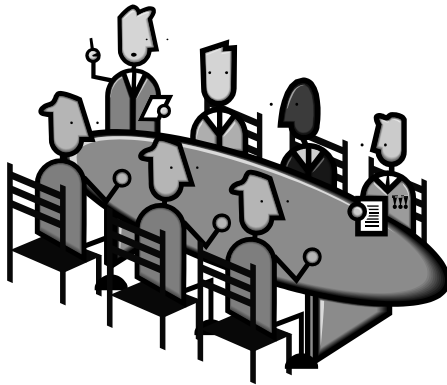
CASEYVILLE, IL 62232

RSVP by June 7, 2015 to Carol Brookshier, 667-4785



Chips from the Board

- The Property Committee is in the process of securing bids for parking lot and driveway repair
- The Pastoral Search Committee has completed a survey that will be introduced to the congregation in July along with a church picnic
- Crossroads agreed to participate as a Partner Church in the Convoy of Hope Metro East event by helping with prayers and finances (see article on page 7)



Musical Talent Wanted!

There is a need for volunteers to share their musical talent with us each Sunday during the summer months. If you are interested in signing up for a Sunday please see Carol Brookshier.

June Sunday Sermons

June 7, 2015 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
 The Message: A Misunderstood Messiah
 Scripture: I Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 and Mark 3:20-35
 Theme: It's sad when the people closest to you just don't get it.

June 14, 2015 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 The Message: Planting Seeds
 Scripture: I Samuel 15:34-16:5 and Mark 4:26-34
 Theme: Sow the seeds, trust the promise

June 21, 2015 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 The Message: Dear God, Protect Us
 Scripture: I Samuel 17:32-49 and Mark 4:35-41
 Theme: The voice of calm in the middle of the storm

June 28, 2015 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 The Message: Reaching Out, Touching You, Touching Me
 Scripture: Psalm 130, Mark 5:21-43
 Theme: The healing touch



Prayers

- Recent riots and violence in Baltimore
- Mary Moss recuperating at home
- Victims of the major earthquakes in Nepal
- Concerns over violence against Christians
- Memorial service for Tracy (husband of Eleanor Trigg and Maggie's step-father), in North Carolina
- Ken Holmes recuperating at home
- Ed Hayes continues to recuperate
- Devastating floods in Texas
- Pastor Mike recovering from recent surgery
- Fran (sister of Tom P.) prayers for upcoming surgery

Thank You!

Thank you to Tom & Mary Petrekovich for donating the beautiful flower arrangement in the narthex.

Thanks for the prayers, cards, notes and delicious food. All are deeply appreciated

—Ken Holmes



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Week of Compassion Update

In the last few weeks there have been over 150 tornadoes throughout the United States, a 50% increase from the previous year. The tornadoes have caused significant damage in many communities from Texas through South Dakota and Iowa, as well as in Colorado and Arkansas. In addition to tornadoes, severe storms have also hit many of these areas, especially in Oklahoma and Texas. Floods, hail, and heavy snow have impacted communities, and with heavy rain projected to stay, flooding will continue to be a threat in the next few weeks.

Week of Compassion has been in contact with local pastors and regional ministers and has responded to many of these communities with prayers and solidarity grants.

We have also been collaborating closely with Disciples Church Extension Fund's Disaster Response Service to assist congregations and regions with their facilities after a disaster. The Disaster Response Service helps congregations assess damage to their facilities after a disaster- which includes helping to assess how and who to call to start the cleanup process, reviews the congregation's insurance policies to ensure they are getting everything they are entitled to, and assembles a building committee that will oversee reconstruction. We are excited about this partnership with Disaster Response Service ministry and are grateful that we are able to respond to and work with affected congregations on behalf of the church.

Our
Homebound

Ray Doctorman
Rollie Hoehn
Vera Hudson



Lay Worship Leaders—June 2015

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Worship Leader	Jan Evans	Pat McAllister	Bob Green	Patty Buckhannon
Elder	Pat McAllister	Mona McAllister	Carole Thompson	Jan Evans
Deacons Prepare	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnasen-Smith	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnasen-Smith	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnasen-Smith	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnasen-Smith
Deacons Serve	Mike Thompson Kay Marshall	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnasen-Smith	Kay Marshall Marie Reichling	Susan Johnasen-Smith Mike Thompson
Deacons Candles	Pat Hayes		Pat Hayes	
Deacons Sanctuary	Susan Johnasen-Smith		Susan Johnasen-Smith	
Greeter	Marie Reichling	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton
Audio-Visual	Pat Hayes	Kay Marshall	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister



June 2015

SEGA Prayers for the Month

- 5/31-6/6 Celebration Church (Disciples of Christ), St. Peters, MO
- 6/7-6/13 Central Christian Church, Granite City, IL
- 6/14-6/20 Isaiah 58 Ministries (formerly Five Church Association)
- 6/21-6/27 Fredericktown Christian Church, Fredericktown, MO
- 6/28-7/4 Compton Heights Christian Church, St. Louis, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 Worship	8	9	10 <i>No Events Scheduled</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Anniversary Celebration	15	16 1:30 Lunch Bunch	17 3:30 Search Committee 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Board Meeting	22	23	24 4:15 Elders Meeting 5:30 Dinner/Video 5:30 Dinner/Video	25	26	27
28 10:00 Worship	29	30				

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Onnie & Joe Wargo
- 5 Lee & Carolyn McCoy
- 17 Brian & Amy Medley
- 19 Mike & Sandy Dixon

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Elvie Rogers
- 3 Kyle Daugherty
- Amy Medley
- 8 Jordan Goble
- Alex Weygandt
- 10 Dale Hodges
- Ava Moder
- 11 Kim Hampton
- 12 Staci Cripe
- 13 Mary Richter
- Lauren Rickert
- 16 James Roberson
- 17 Jessie Hull
- 19 Logan Rickert
- 22 Cathy Mielke

Convoy of Hope Metro East—Saturday, August 15, 2015

Convoy of Hope Metro East is a neighborhood partnership between area churches, social, educational, medical agencies and Convoy of Hope, Inc. We are coming together to bring “hope” to families, single moms, underprivileged, unemployed, underemployed and homeless within our community on **August 15, 2015**.

This partnership will activate approximately 750+ volunteers who will give our guests (estimated at 3,500+) a day of “hope” as they are welcomed into a loving, caring environment that will provide:

- Free on site meal
- Social service /educational helps
- Medical screenings
- Job fair
- Free entertainment for the entire family
- Free “Kid’s Carnival”
- Free Hair Cuts
- Free Family Portraits
- PRAYER
- FREE GROCERIES - Convoy of Hope will distribute between 35,000-40,000 lbs of goods to guests



The Metro East has consistently grown over the past couple decades, but in the middle of the progress and expansion are many who are experiencing struggles and hardship. We want to offer them a day of hope that could change the course of their lives.

Through its involvement with BEACON, Crossroads has agreed to participate as a Partner Church by helping with our prayers and finances. Our June 7th loose change offering will go to the Convoy of Hope Metro East event along with the monies from additional designated memorial accounts. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer on the day of the event, please contact the church office.

To learn more about Convoy of Hope and their mission, please visit www.convoyofhope.org





Christian Church

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Nursery - Connie McAllister

Custodian - Richard Reichling

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wholeness in a fragmented world**

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am, at the Restaurant at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 442 S. Demazenod Dr., Belleville, IL 62223. A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



***Invites you to the Open House and Blessing
of our new NBA office space!***

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Union Avenue Christian Church
733 Union Blvd., Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63108

5:00-6:30 pm - Reception & Tours

6:30-7:00 pm - Time of Blessing & Acknowledgements

7:00-8:00 pm - Keynote: "Ferguson, Clergy, and the Faith that Fuels their Lives" Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Associate Dean of Contextual Education, Eden Theological Seminary

**RSVP by June 1 at nbacares.org/openhouse
or (314) 993-9000**