



September 2013

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

Welcome Mike and Sandy Dixon to Crossroads

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Our new interim pastor, Michael E. Dixon, has served as an ordained minister since 1967. He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa in 1942, and graduated from Albia (Iowa) High School in 1960. From there, he went to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, where he earned his bachelor's in religion and philosophy, then on to Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he graduated in 1967. In 1965, he married Sandy, and earlier this summer they celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary.

After seminary, the Dixons moved to Iowa, where they started in ministry and started a family. Over a twelve-year period, Pastor Mike served three Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) parishes in Iowa. In 1979, the Dixons moved to St. Louis, after Mike accepted a position on the curriculum editorial staff at Christian Board of Publication. In 1980, Sandy joined the staff as well, in telemarketing and customer service. As an editor, Mike helped develop youth Sunday school and youth fellowship resources, church camping curriculum, and adult small-group resources. Sandy has retired after over 23 years' service at the publishing house.

In 2001, Mike wanted to return to local church ministry, and he became interim associate pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Waterloo, Illinois. While there, he completed training as an intentional

interim minister from the Interim Ministry Network. Since then, he has served:

- St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia, Illinois
- The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fredericktown, Missouri
- Second Baptist Church, in Richmond Heights, Missouri,
- St. John's United Church of Christ in Moro, Illinois
- Delmar Baptist Church in Town and Country, Missouri
- Second Baptist Church a second time
- Fredericktown Christian Church a second time

Mike and Sandy have been active in area and regional committees on ministry for the Disciples, and Mike is actively involved in CIIMS, a study and support group for intentional interim ministers. In their time off, the Dixons enjoy nature and reading, and Mike enjoys walking.



The Dixons have three grown children, Jennie Dahlheimer of O'Fallon, Missouri, John Dixon, in Chicago, Illinois, and Heather Dixon of St. Louis. They have three grandsons, Wayne, 25, and Joe, 20, and Korey, 4.

Worship times:

Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Worship at 10:45 am.

A Modern Parable

The pencil maker told the pencil just before he put it in the box that there are 5 important lessons:

1. Everything you do will always leave a mark.
2. You can always correct the mistakes you make.
3. What is important is what is inside of you.
4. In life you will undergo painful sharpening which will only make you better.
5. To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you ARE a special person with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only YOU can fulfill the purpose to which you are born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed; and like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what is inside of you.

—Author unknown

Wisdom

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance.—Benjamin Franklin

Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you.—John Wooden

It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things.—Henry David Thoreau

Patience is the companion of wisdom.—St. Augustine

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.—Nelson Mandela

If I Really Knew Me

Save The Date!

SEGA Women's Retreat

September 13-14, 2013

First Christian Church

Kennett, MO

Dynamic Speaking from Indiana

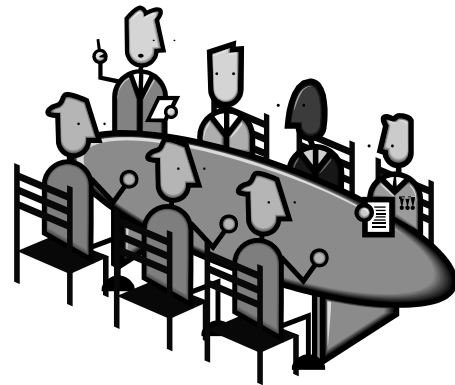
Leah Doughty

Thank You!

Thanks to your generosity, school supplies valued at more than \$350 were donated to Caseyville and Webster grade schools.

Chips from the Board

- Board approval of additional professional expenses for the interim pastor compensation package.
- Part of transferred dollars from Wells Fargo account to be returned to savings.
- Regional Assembly in Sedalia on October 12. Presently four people plan to attend.
- Light luncheon reception after Pastor Mike Dixon's first service on September 1.
- Crossroads 10th anniversary on October 6. There will be a reception following worship. Members are encouraged to give supply gifts needed for the church.
- Board asked to consider hosting BEACON relational ministry starting in 2014
- SEGA's Women's Retreat in Kennett, MO on September 13th and 14th
- Quilt donated to the MECCA Auction on November 9th.



Elder's Corner

I was the Elder at the table, and while waiting for the Deacons to serve the congregation, Carol and Patty were playing something beautiful, and it was like having my own private worship. I started to hum along. Imagine my horror when I realized that my microphone was live. Usually when I do some bone-headed thing like that, I am less than Elder-like (not to mention lady-like) in my response to my stupidity. I get it: it was not huge, but still I was embarrassed.

A verse from Psalm 139 came to mind: O Lord, you and have searched me and known me! You discern my thoughts from afar and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you know it already.

What that says is that the microphone to Him is always live and the switch is always on. It scares me silly from time to time to be known so well. Every thought, every passion, every moment of doubt and envy. Every motivation, the real motivation, known.

While I prefer privacy and like the freedom of saying one thing while thinking another (and getting away with it) seems like a good thing. That is not to say I am an awful person or anything like that, but it is saying I am human, although sometimes it is akin to a 'nice' white lie. The thought of God knowing me so well is scary, but still very comforting. He in his glory is generous with his grace even if I don't deserve it. And even knowing all, He forgives all. All is known...all is forgiven. How wonderful is that?

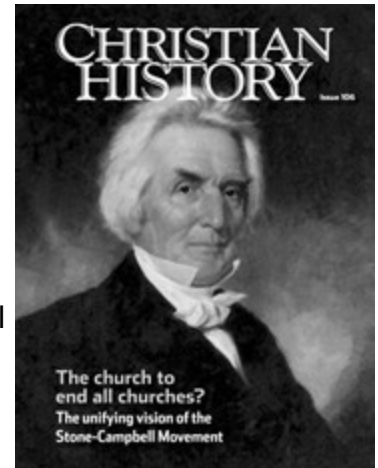
—Jan Evans

Prayers

- Alex (grandson of Dale H.) home from hospital
- Jennifer (friend of Pat P.) daughter Susan has medical problems
- Frawley family (friends of Pat P.) loss of wife and mother to breast cancer
- Bus crash in Indiana which killed 3 teenagers including the youth pastor and his pregnant wife
- Death of Mary Weygandt's brother
- Jodie Hoehn in hospital
- Marilyn (friend of Wayne & Marie) health concerns
- Tom Hull decision to change or continue chemo
- Dennis (friend of Ken & Shirley) brain tumor removed and chemo treatment
- Samantha (niece of Tom P.) surgery was non-cancerous
- Virginia (friend of Pat P.) in hospital for lengthy time and is frustrated
- David (cousin of Wayne & Marie) health concerns
- Death of Marie Dyar on Aug. 8
- Death of Col. William Brubaker on Aug. 9
- Mike & Carole Thompson celebrating 43rd wedding anniversary on Aug. 14
- Larry Webster (nephew of Mike & Carole) beginning studies at Asbury Theological Seminary
- Tessa Fawn from Ethiopia having personal difficulties
- Birth of Ethan James Marshall (great-grandson to Kay and grandson to Clay) on Aug. 10
- Tom Petrekovich medical tests
- Faye Pritz had pacemaker installed
- Emil (friend of Jan) recovering from surgery
- June (mother of Kim Hampton) health concerns
- Dorothy (sister to Mary Petrekovich) upcoming surgery
- Welcome to our new interim minister Rev. Michael E. Dixon and his wife Sandy

Disciples History

The next edition of the journal of the Christian History Institute is all about the Stone-Campbell movement - 48 pages of story and images.



The magazine will be available online at no charge in September. More information can be found at www.christianhistoryinstitute.org

If that makes you want to know more, check out the Stone-Campbell Movement from our own Chalice Press, available in print and e-book formats at www.chalicepress.com



Our Homebound

Pat Beyer
Ray Doctorman
Rollie & Jodie Hoehn
Vera Hudson
Mary Moss
Nelson Rodriguez-Arté



Lay Worship Leaders—September 2013

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Worship Leader	Mike Thompson	Lori Burgess	Jan Evans	David Kennedy Jr.	Pat McAllister
Elder	Jan Evans	Bob Green	Mona McAllister	Ken Holmes	Pat McAllister
Deacons Prepare	Patty Buckhannon Pat Killian	Carol Brookshier Shirley Holmes	Cathy Mielke Marie Reichling	Susan Johnasen-Smith Virginia Johnasen	Marie Reichling Mary Weygandt
Deacons Serve	Jim Buckhannon Patty Buckhannon Pat Hayes Meredith Moder	David Kennedy Jr. Cathy Mielke Carole Thompson Mike Thompson	Betty Allen Pat Hayes Curt Sutton Mary Weygandt	Jim Buckhannon Patty Buckhannon David Kennedy Jr. Cathy Mielke	Patty Peterman Marie Reichling Curt Sutton Mary Weygandt
Deacons Candles	Pat Hayes	N/A	Pat Hayes	N/A	Pat Hayes
Deacons Sanctuary	Patty Buckhannon	Shirley Holmes	Mary Weygandt	Susan Johnasen-Smith	Pat Killian
Greeter	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton	Marie Reichling	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton
Audio-Visual	David Kennedy Jr.	Kay Marshall	David Kennedy Jr.	Pat McAllister	Kay Marshall
Fellowship	Hospitality reception				



September 2013

SEGA Prayers for the Month

9/1-9/7 World Mission Christian Church, St. Louis, MO
 9/8-9/14 First Christian Church, Kennett, MO
 9/15-9/21 First Christian Church, Dexter, MO
 9/22-9/28 First Christian Church, Doniphan, MO
 9/29-10/5 First Christian Community Church, Centreville, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	2	3	4 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	9 9:00 Stewardship/ Finance	10	11 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	16	17 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Reifschieder's Grill & Grape, Freeburg	18 4:15 Elder's Meeting 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Board Meeting	23	24	25 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	30 9:00 Stewardship/ Finance					

Happy Anniversary!

1 Steve & Grace Barbee 24 Don & Carol Brookshier
 17 Aimee & James Dixon Jim & Vandora Elfrink
 19 Pat & Connie McAllister

Happy Birthday!

1 Nicholas Kraus 16 Allison Boggan 27 Ed Hayes
 5 Elizabeth Kurant 18 Betty McCoy Natalie Houk
 6 Jacob Hart 19 Amanda Moore Nathan Houk
 Meredith Moder 22 Pat Dueland 29 Jenny LeVoy
 13 Bill Brubaker 23 Jon Thompson

Regional Assembly October 12, 2013 Sedalia, MO

Christian Church of Mid-America (CCMA) Regional Assembly

“United in Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Saturday, October 12, 2013

First Christian Church, Sedalia, MO

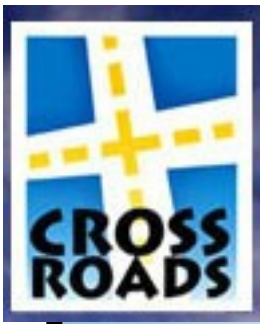
Registration Fee: \$25 per person (includes lunch, snacks, and child care)

Tentative Schedule

9:45 am	Arrive/check in/morning snacks
10:00 am	Singing
10:15 am	Worship (planned and led by new church pastors Rev. Dietra Wise of Liberation Christian Church in St. Louis; Rev. Michelle Scott-Huffman of Table of Grace in Jefferson City; and Rev. David Massey-Brown of Ozark Family Church in Ozark)
11:00 am	Break
11:15 am	CCMA Business Meeting
Noon	Lunch (“chat and chew”—opportunity to gather in interest groups)
1:00 pm	Area gatherings/business meetings
2:00 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Workshops (to be announced)
3:00 pm	Break
3:10 pm	Closing worship and communion (planned and led by youth ministry team)
3:30 pm	Dismiss

Registration forms for this event are located in the rear of the sanctuary. The registration deadline is October 1.





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Custodian - Richard Reichling

**We're Disciples: a movement for
wholeness in a fragmented world**

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, September 17, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Reifschieder's Grill & Grape, 700 North State St. in Freeburg at noon. Sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.

