

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Rev. Janet Fowler - Kathy Cage, secretary

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 AM-Coffee Fellowship

9:30 AM-Sunday School

10:45 AM-Worship

JULY 1, 2009

Address Correction Requested

The Christian Visitor

Moments with Janet ...

Refrigerator Soup

Sometimes my mother would serve the most unusual but sumptuous concoction. We could never quite figure out what was in it. When asked, Mama would reply, "It was time to clean out the refrigerator, so I made Refrigerator Soup." I have several ideas to share with you this month. It's sort of my written version of Refrigerator Soup.

First off – Family Bible Camp, formerly known as Vacation Bible School. For the whole family. And a new twist this year. The format has changed from ancient Galilee to ancient Rome where Paul is under house arrest. **July 6 -9, 6:30 to 8:30.** If you can't make all nights, come when you can. This is always a great time in our church. I'm continuing my sermon series on the Acts of the Apostle and moving into more about Paul. So I'm really looking forward to FBC this year. If you can help out, call **Tina Roberts**.

Opening New Doors Project – We're all waiting with baited breath for dirt to start flying. It will be soon. After fixing some procedural glitches, we're on schedule. And when that's finished, we'll have a huge celebration. Stay tuned.

CROP Hunger Walk – Plans underway for the first ever **CROP Hunger Walk** in Festus! Sponsored by the Twin City Ministerial Alliance, the walk will be on **Saturday, September 26** in West City Park. **Registration, 1 p.m. Step-off, 2 pm.** Walk 1 mile or 3 miles, or just watch and cheer! Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to help fight world hunger. A portion will be kept here to be divided among three local food pantries. Recruitment for sponsorships and walkers will begin soon. If you want to help out, please let me know. We need not only feet to walk but hands to help get this ready.

Christianity and Islam – On June 14, we began a study of Christianity and Islam during the Sunday school hour, 9:30 to 10:30, in Fellowship Hall. Christianity and Islam are the world's two largest and most evangelistic religions and with modern advances in technology, we are more and more aware of one another. However, Christians and Muslims have historically been largely uninformed about one another and our understanding has often been biased by popular mythology and media headlines. The more we understand one another, the more likely we are to find ways to cooperate, or, at least, coexist in the world. This study shows the primary similarities and differences between us in the hope that a greater understanding will foster greater tolerance and love at a time when our secular world seems to be continually pushing us toward more violence and hostility. Copies of each lesson are available for pre-study. You can join in at any time.

Organ Donation – Our church has been made very aware of the importance of organ donations recently. Another example was experienced on Sunday, June 14, when **Colin Osterberg** was presented the **Spirit of the Eagle award** posthumously by the Boy Scouts. The ceremony was made even more special because the woman who received **Colin's** heart was present, with her husband and young daughter. I know it's a cliché, but words really can't explain the emotions in that room. Not only does Colin's spirit live on in our hearts, but his heart has given life and hope to another family. If you haven't made arrangements for organ donations, I encourage you to do so now. You have no idea the impact you will have.

That doesn't quite clean out my refrigerator. But I hope the soup is tasty and you've enjoyed it.

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Janet

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Stewardship

A Time to Plan

The summer is fully upon us with the kids out of school, backyard cookouts, picnics, sunning at the pool, and vacations to our favorite places (*or totally new ones*). We have planned all of these, or at least most of them, before the weather even began to get warm. Even if the plans were only memories of past summers with hopes of repeating the great fun, we planned them out in our minds and began marking the calendar.

Summer brings with it another planning activity. No, not the “*oh my, we have to get ready for back to school for the kids*”, but a monetary issue none the less. That planning activity I am speaking of is the church’s operating “*budget*” for next year. Next year! It is only July! I know it hardly seems possible, but July is when we have to start the ball rolling for our annual **Stewardship Campaign**. It is the time when the committees begin to assemble their membership and begin to formulate their “*estimate of needs*”.

All of this does not happen over night; in fact, it takes a few months, culminating with the presentation of the estimate to the congregation in the fall after the congregation has provided the Stewardship Committee with their pledges of giving for the next year. I bring this to you now, so you can expect to start hearing more on this issue in the coming weeks and months. And, it is an early reminder for you begin to review your needs for the coming year, including your plans for giving in support of our church programs.

One final thought: The economy is still in a state of turmoil, both on the national and personal levels, and that fact can make money decisions very difficult beyond our immediate personal living expenses. We have presented seminars at the church on those subjects (*and plan to do so again*), and there are resources available in the church to assist you with those issues. All that is required is that you ask for assistance.

Just remember, never be afraid to ask for help and guidance (*we always do in our prayers, but we have to take some action ourselves for God to put the right things in our path*), and, as we have said many times before, a part of Stewardship is giving back to God a portion of what God has given us. If we give faithfully and with joyfulness, God will reward us beyond our expectations.

Steve Riggle, chairperson

Membership

Another month and summer is upon us. We’ve had several meals at the church, with very good participation from the members. Yet, at the last committee meeting we all voiced concerns that the **Membership Committee** is getting locked into being a one trick pony -- We organize meals.

How could we serve member fellowship in other ways?

Brainstorming, we suggested that we could help members get together in small groups, each meeting several or many times, and each centered on their own activity. We have had in the past small, rotating group dinners (***Dinners for Eight***) that met in a member’s home. We could revive these groups, but why limit it to dinners? Why not have small groups that might read and discuss a book, pray, eat, take excursions, sew banners, play baseball, fish, or any other spiritual activity? After all, where two or three gather.... The **Membership Committee** will be sending out an opinion survey, so talk to friends (**members and non-members!**) and we’ll help you organize.

Tom Schmidt, chairperson

Diaconate

The schedules for July, Aug and Sept are complete; if you haven't received your copy by now please see me.

Everyone is doing a great job at picking up after church (paper, trash and attendance sheets from the pews) Please make sure the attendance sheets make it to **Kathy's** desk and any of the paper to the recycle box in the office.

Oyster crackers are working well. If anyone is hearing otherwise please let me know.

Chris Brewer, chief Diaconate



CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)

CMF will meet on **Saturday, July 11, 2009** at **9:00 AM**-Delicious breakfast is always provided. All men of the church are welcome. You are all members. **Note Time Change.**

Warren Reilmann, president

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Worship

Do you remember the movie *Chariots of Fire*? In that movie, a young man named **Eric Liddell** had become something of a celebrity in England because he was a gifted long-distance runner. He also ran afoul of the British Olympic Committee because he refused to race on the Sabbath. **Eric Liddell** was a man of great faith and strong convictions. He saw his talent as a gift from God. As he said in the movie, "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure."

Eric recognized, as we should, that God is most pleased with us when we use our gifts. This applies to our worship as well. If we are worshipping to our fullest potential, we will feel God's pleasure. So please remember that worship is an act of participation. We are not spectators in the race but runners in it. As **Liddell** also said, "You came to see a race today.... But I want you to do more than just watch a race. I want you to take part in it." There are opportunities for all of us to share our talents and truly participate in worship. We need volunteers to sing special music this summer while the choir is on hiatus. We need people to help with the audio system and with recording services to share with shut-ins and others. Your talent in sewing and crafts could be used to help create banners to bring color and art into the sanctuary. You can join in the congregational singing and prayers with your whole heart. And you can prayerfully ask God what you could do to make our worship a pleasure for all of us.

Remember, worship is not a spectator sport. And you can't win if you don't run.



Choir

The choir has taken a break for the summer. We are still in need of people to share their talents. Soloists and ensembles, step up and provide special music for our summer worship. All you have to do is sign up for a Sunday on the calendar in the hallway, near the office or call the church office-(636-937-3416). I know some of you have musical talent that you've been keeping a secret. Time to let that secret out.

Keith Osterberg, chairperson

Parish Nurse

This month I would like to discuss with you the important topic of cultural diversity/conflict and the church. Recent events have prompted attention to this issue and challenged the church to look at our culture, ourselves, and who we are as a faith community. Since the time of *Genesis 11*, people have struggled with the differences in culture and languages. As Christians we can be affirmed by the knowledge that the message of Jesus healing love draws his entire children together. See *Acts 2* for the accounts of Pentecost. Culture influences what we consider to be important, lifestyles and health practices, and how we communicate and relate to others, family and parenting practices, and spirituality and ethics. Please contact me with your ideas of how we can share Jesus with all God's people. In the healing Christ.

Letetia Fanger, Parish Nurse

Worship & Sermon Focus

July 5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Psalm 48
Sermon Reading Acts 16:25-34
Worship Focus The Jail House Rocks

July 12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Psalm 24
Sermon Reading Acts 17: 22-28
Worship Focus A Marketplace of Ideas and Idols

July 19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Acts 20:17-24
Sermon Reading Acts 20:25-35
Worship Focus Paul's Farewell Speech

July 26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Psalm 14
Sermon Reading Acts 25: 1-12
Worship Focus Uneasy Relationship between Church and State

July 29-August 2 General Assembly, Indianapolis

August 2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Dennis Heck as Guest Preacher

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ELDERS SCHEDULE

July 1 Wed. Lesson Margaret Means

July 5

Invocation Steve Cornish
Scripture Barb Buxton
Homebound Margaret Means
Wed. Lesson No Elders Mtg July 8

July 12

Invocation Barbara Buxton
Scripture Margaret Means
Homebound Warren Reilmann
Wed. Lesson Letetia Fanger July 15

July 19

Invocation Doyle Taylor
Scripture Letetia Fanger
Homebound Lisa Reilmann
Wed. Lesson Margaret Means July 22

July 26

Invocation Janet Taylor
Scripture Warren Reilmann
Homebound Doyle Taylor
Wed. Lesson Janet Taylor July 29

July Birthdays

7/03 Shea Baynes/Lauren Cornish/Cathy Hankins
7/05 Phil Manns/Wanda Manns
7/06 Jocelyn Baynes/Patricia Wolfe
7/10 Joe Combs
7/16 Mandy Gosik/Kristy Hoffman
7/17 Violet Hochthurn/Travis Cresswell
7/21 Doug Sickbert/Emma Gosik
7/23 Brian Stoll
7/24 John Stoll/Howard Willson
7/28 Kasey Klinginsmith

DIACONATE SCHEDULE

July 5

Prep Karen Stoll
Homebound Breanne Taylor
Greeter & Server Brenda & Jocelyn Baynes

July 12

Prep Amber Brewer
Homebound Chris Brewer
Greeter & Server Dan & Tammi Casey

July 19

Prep Keith Osterberg
Homebound Joe Combs
Greeter & Server Betty Aders & Lauren Cornish

July 26

Prep Carole Jackson
Homebound Mary Ann Lodholz
Greeter & Server Dave & Londa Crump

July Anniversary

7/15 Mike & Cathy Hankins
7/15 Glenn & Anne-Marie Woodruff

Independence Day, Saturday



OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, July 3, 2009
Kathy will also be on vacation
Monday, July 6, 2009

BUILDER'S LUNCHEON MTG.-JULY 19, 2009-NOON
GENERAL BOARD MEETING-July 16, 2009-7:00 PM-NOTE DATE CHANGE
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE-July 20, 2009-9:00 AM

Once again we'll be sponsoring a
Trivia Night
Saturday, October 17, 2009
6:30 PM



Prayer Concerns

Building Campaign-Opening New Doors for the Future

Members

Dan Aders John Baynes Buna & Les Dreiman Letetia Fanger Lee & Carma Howard
 Elise Humble Carole Jackson Scott Kimberlin Mary Ann Lodholz Brian Stoll
 Charles & Alice Staley Dorothy Moore

Family & Friends

Jerry Cornish Hertha Taylor Orchard Crest Camp
 Kim Avery-(daughter of Dan Avery) Liam Osterberg-(grandson of Keith & Carolyn Osterberg)
 Brian Kennedy in Iraq Shannon Hall-(friend of Jack-e Merseal)
 Velva Hazel-(sister in law of Wanda Manns) Adelaide Blocher-(mother of John Blocher)
 Maxwell Eimer-(great grand son of Margaret Means) Erin Pruneau-(friend of LeAnna Obermeyer)
 Louie Drinnen-(from Dale & Kathy Edwards)



Our deepest sympathy to Clarine Clayton's family & friends on the passing of her sister Dorothy Carter on June 14, 2009.



Congratulation to Ben & Patti Eimer on the birth of their new son, Maxwell Eimer born on June 5, 2009. Maxwell is the grandson of Mary & Dennis Eimer & the great grandson of Margaret Means.



Baby Dedication...

Sunday, June 14, 2009, Gabriella Violet Gosik was dedicated during church. Gabriella is the daughter of Jerry & Rev. Amanda Gosik.

Thank you...

Dear Rev. Fowler:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$40 to the *American Liver Foundation* in memory of **Randy Faries**.

Your thoughtful gift will help in our mission to prevent, treat and cure hepatitis and other liver diseases through research, education and advocacy. Your encouragement renews our commitment to reach out to those in need of hope, assuring them that the young and gifted scientists we support will be able to pursue their vital work without interruption. Your dollars pay for their time to search for answers...and time is precious when you have a disease with no effective treatment or cure.

On behalf of the 1 in10 people who are affected by some form of liver or biliary disease, thank you for your gift of hope.

Sincerely,

Katherine Auble, Vice President Mid-America Division

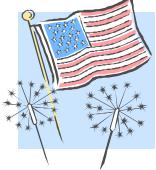





From the Office

Please **recycle your paper**. The bin is on the south parking lot. Also please **DO NOT** put **phonebooks** or **cardboard** in the recycling bin. The church is also still collecting used **cell-phones** and **ink cartridges**, proceeds go to the *Opening New Doors*. Just drop them off at the church.

CWF is still collecting panties & socks for the school nurses. Place them on the table in Wiles Fellowship Hall. Also remember to use your Schnucks cards to help the CWF. If you need one please contact the office or a member of CWF.

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JULY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CROP WALK September 26, 2009 Registration 1:00 PM Step Off 2:00 PM West City Park-Festus			1 6:15 PM Elders	2	3 9:00 AM Office Closed	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 
5 9:00 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Christianity & Islam Class 10:45 AM Worship	6 6:30-8:30 PM <i>Family Bible Camp Begins</i> <i>Kathy Vacation</i> 	7 6:30-8:30 PM <i>Family Bible Camp</i> 	8 6:30-8:30 PM <i>Family Bible Camp</i> NO ELDERS 	9 6:30-8:30 PM <i>Family Bible Camp Ends</i> 	10	11 9:00 AM CMF Mtg- breakfast provided 
12 9:00 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Christianity & Islam Class 10:45 AM Worship	13	14	15 6:15 PM Elders	16 7:00 PM General Board Mtg	17	18
19 9:00 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Christianity & Islam Class 10:45 AM Worship Noon Builder's Class Mtg/Luncheon	20 9:00 AM Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 6:15 PM Elders	23 1:30 PM JOY Class Mtg	24	25
26 9:00 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Christianity & Islam Class 10:45 AM Worship	27	28	29 6:15 PM Elders 2009 General Assembly Indianapolis	30 2009 General Assembly Indianapolis	31 2009 General Assembly Indianapolis	Aug 1 & 2 2009 General Assembly Indianapolis

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Family fun, Family learning, Family time together
Family Bible Camp (FBC/VBS) Time is Here
July 6-9, 2009-6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Family-oriented, Bible-focused learning experience is happening here at First Christian Church (DoC).

This year we are visiting the Apostle Paul where he is held in prison, & guarded by a Roman soldier. We'll hear his stories of God's love for all of us and meet the leaders of an Underground Church, where they meet in secret.

See a potter using a wheel to shape the clay and then learn to "throw" clay yourself!

Use an abacus to solve math problems; make a laurel wreath for your very own crown! Play games, sing & dance, just have fun as part of a Roman family!

Come Learn and Play and Grow in your love for God and His Son Jesus. Please register now to help us with our planning. Registration forms are in the church foyer.



FBC Supplies: **Needed by July 1st**

- Paper grocery bags; many, many are needed.
- Newspapers (we'll recycle the paper later)-box in office to place newspaper.
- Old Silk plants/Garlands with leaves 2-3 in. wide & 4-5 in. long. Leaves will be cut off for craft.
- Silk Plants, Garlands, etc. for decorating; these can be returned if marked.
- Grapevine to make a wreath, that will be kept here at the church.
- Scrap material that can be torn into long strips to be used for braiding, (cotton blends, etc).
- Finger-food snacks donations appreciated.

Call the church office: 937-3416 or Tina Roberts: 931-0437

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Friends in Christ

Margie Pride-SEGA Board Members

I serve as Chair of the SEGA Nominating Committee. Sharon Keith of Fredericktown Christian Church and Gilda Rzchowski of Webster Groves Christian Church are serving on the Committee. Penny Ross Corona is an ex officio member on the Committee. We have made appeals to individuals who served only 1 term on the Board and churches that have not recently been represented on the Area Board. To date we have 7 of the 9 Officers and Division Chairs. We are still looking for a 2nd Vice Moderator who needs to come from the church where the next Area Assembly is located since their job is to help organize the Assembly. We are also looking for a Financial Coordinator who helps oversee the finances of the Area. Currently we have 7 people who agreed to serve on the Area Board. The Board consists of 24 representatives from the Area. The 24 Board Members plus the 9 officers and division chairs make a total of 33.

I am writing you to invite you to suggest some names to us. You can email me with names. Please give us contact information: name, address, email address, and telephone number(s). If you would like to serve, let us know.

A term on the Board is 2 years. Representatives can be asked to serve an additional term, 2 years. Meetings happen 3 times a year, usually January, April and August on Saturdays. Unless the Board meets at your church, the meetings can consume all day with the travel required.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Gilda or Sharon! If I do not hear from you, I or members of the Nominating Committee will be contacting you or members of your church. We are putting together a slate for Area Assembly, September 19th at Union Avenue Christian Church. Thanks for your help!

ANYONE wishing to suggesting someone to the SEGA Board, please contact:

Margie Pride, Church: 314-367-6817 or memblvdcc@sbcglobal.net

Sharon Keith, 573-783-2428 or SDKCDK@aol.com

Gilda Rzchowski, 314-961-5280 or Gerchowski@cs.com

For your information here are the current stats for those who've agreed to serve:

STATS:

15 Have Agreed to Serve: (We need 24, excluding the Officers and Division Chairs)

Clergy-8

Lay-7

Men-7

Women-8

Afro American-4

Euro American-11

Under 50-5 (estimated) Over 50-10 (estimated)

St Louis-10

Illinois-3

Southern Area-2

We could use more representatives south of St Louis, more people under 50 and it would be good to have a few more people of color. We need to maintain a mix to men & women, clergy & lay.

2009 General Assembly

July 29-August 2, 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana

At the Indiana Convention Center

General Assembly Resolution & Business items. The church office has 2 copies if anyone would like to read them just stop by the office.

AREA ASSEMBLY OF SEGA

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis

Radical Hospitality-the theme

Keynote speaker-Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson,



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TO: CWF-REPRESENTATIVES OR CONTACT PERSON
FROM: Kennett First Christian Church Women's Retreat Committee
Date: 6-18-09

As you know the Orchard Crest Camp was badly damaged this spring in a storm, thus generating a lot of discussion this year. Many things have had to be addressed that we have taken for granted in the past when we were able to use the camp site. This is what we know and what we need from you.

DATES:

Friday, October 9, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., & Saturday, October 10, 8:30 to no later than 3:00 p.m.

SITE—CAPE GIRARDEAU:

Abbey Road Christian Church has graciously consented to allow us the use of their facility on Friday night and Saturday. We have contacted several hotels/motels. Costs vary and most provide a continental breakfast. Rates will be reasonable if you share a room (1-4 people). **You will need to make your own reservations.**

FOOD:

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and we ask that you eat your evening meal prior to the meeting. As is the usual custom, we will provide a light snack following the meeting. Saturday breakfast you will be on your own (continental breakfast?). We will provide a mid-morning snack. Lunch will be a box lunch from a local restaurant which will be included in your registration fee.

SPEAKER:

Patrice Rosner will be back *"by popular demand"!*

PRE-Pre-Registration by August 1:

Due to the circumstances, **pre-pre-registration** is necessary so that we can get a head count and determine if there is a general interest. No money is necessary at this time. Registration fee will include lodging & travel costs for the speaker and your lunch. We don't know the exact cost at this time; however, it will be reduced some and will be dependent on the number of people who attend.

If we can have a commitment from you, then we can give you more definite information regarding costs. We can also provide you some lodging options when we get closer to the Retreat. We encourage you to consider attending. Things are different this year. Circumstances have changed. The setting, the lodging, the meeting site are altered, however, the purpose is the same, the arrangements of the program will follow past meetings. It will be up to each one of us, individually, to decide if this is going to be a great retreat. You are welcome!

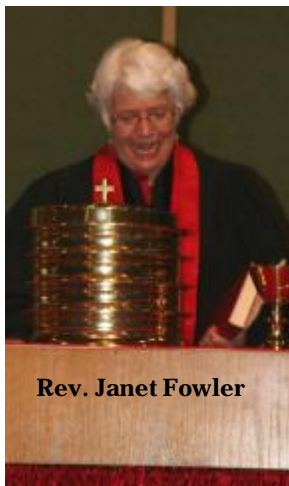
WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU BY AUGUST 1:

Are you interested in attending? Yes _____ No _____

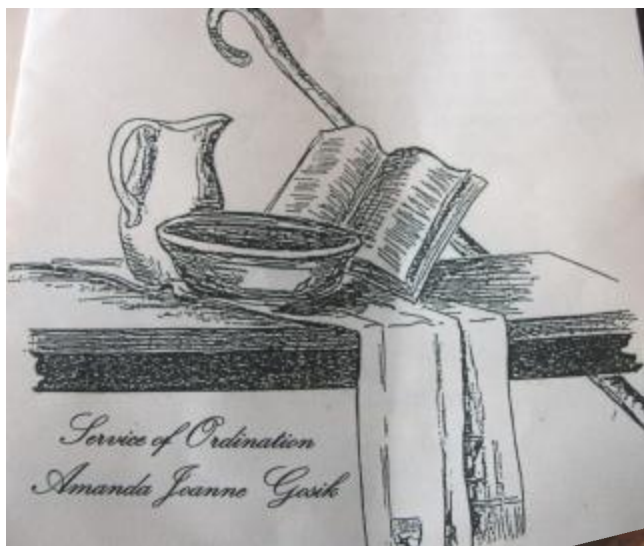
Number attending from your church _____

Please send us your response either by mail or email.

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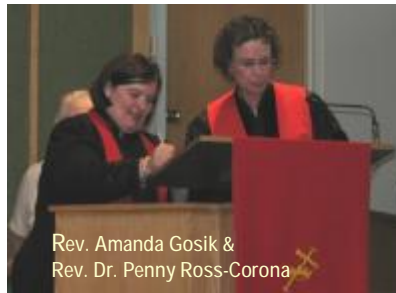


Rev. Dr. Danny Stewart

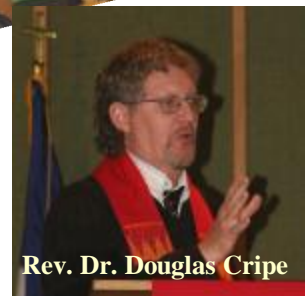
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Communion



Rev. Amanda Gosik &
Rev. Dr. Penny Ross-Corona



Rev. Dr. Douglas Cripe



Rev. Janet Fowler, Rev. Amanda Gosik, & Chris Reilmann



Crossroads Christian Church



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