

## Thoughts from Tom

Enjoy summer by helping others enjoy life!

As the warm month of August approaches, many people treat it like the last hurrah of summer. Fishing, boating, camping, road trips, and other summer activities fill free time. Let's enjoy what is left of our summer days. After all, September is around the corner.

May I suggest three ways to enjoy your summer and help others enjoy life? The first occurs here at First Church of Christ from August 5 through August 9. Our Vacation Bible School will offer fun activities, music, and Bible stories for the children in our church and neighborhood. "Time Lab" will look at Jesus in the past, present, and future. And our kids will learn the importance of helping others through a mission emphasis for IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services). You can assist in these efforts by bringing kids from your neighborhood to our VBS and by volunteering to fill any gaps we might have during the week.

The second event takes place at Wilderness Christian Assembly, our church camp near Kalkaska, MI. A family Camp weekend will wrap up their camp season August 23-26. Events include a concert by the Melton Family, canoeing down the Manistee River, listening to some great messages, fellowship, and a pot-luck dinner. You will also be able to help with a food ministry for others that is sponsored by IDES. Contact Ted at 231-258-0080 or Brett at 231-384-5130 for more information.

The third opportunity also involves Wilderness Christian Assembly. Early this spring, the camp was approached by a closed Boy Scout Camp nearby that wanted to sell their canoes to Wilderness at a greatly discounted rate. The camp accepted the offer and quickly raised donations to purchase them. When they took possession of the canoes, they discovered that life vests and paddles were not included.

The camp has obtained a good price for equipping each canoe with these necessary items. Four life vests and two paddles can be purchased for just \$80. If you would like to donate toward this effort, please contact the church office.

U.P. summers are wonderful. But they are short! Enjoy what is left of the season. You can make it especially enjoyable by helping others in the name of our Lord.



# First Church of Christ

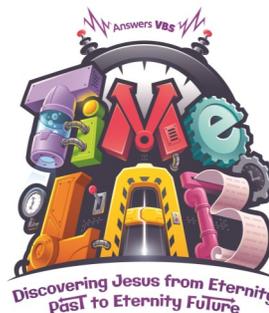
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August 2018

## **Vacation Bible School** **is coming to First Church of Christ!**

**August 5-9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m**



**4 years to 5th grade  
welcome!**

**Please register at the  
Sign-up Table.**

**Grab some invitations for friends to join you!**

**Please watch for craft and snack donations needed!  
Sign up sheets will be in the lobby. Thanks!**



**FCOC Church Picnic!**  
**August 19th at Brimley State Park**

**We have the pavilion for the afternoon  
and evening, with dinner at 5:00 pm.**

**Hot dogs will be provided; please bring a side dish to share.  
We are planning games on land and in the water,  
depending on weather!**

***If you would like to help plan games or with the food,  
please contact any of the office staff.***

## Announcements

### Attention First Church of Christ Members



**Nominations for leadership positions are now open to members of FCOC.** Forms are located on the News Table. Please read all Instructions before filling out the form. Completed forms should be folded and placed in the box next to the forms by August 1st.

### First Church of Christ's Annual Meeting will be held September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be voting on leadership positions and going over church business. Any active member 18 years and older may vote.

Active members of First Church of Christ are believers who have been immersed, either at FCOC or elsewhere, have shared with our church family a statement of faith and commitment to this congregation, and attend at least 12 times a year.



### Wilderness Christian Assembly Upcoming Activities!

#### Family Camp - August 23-26

Food, singing, preaching, pig roast, family fun!

#### Food packing event for IDES - August 25, 1:30-5:30 pm

International Disaster Emergency Services:  
Volunteers will pack up to 60,000 meals!

#### Harvest Party—October 6

Hay ride, chili, carry in side dishes, fellowship!

See [www.wildernesschristianassembly.com](http://www.wildernesschristianassembly.com)  
for more information, or contact Alex or Stephanie Vert,  
Dave or Teresa Pietrangelo



### Goodies for His House!

His House meetings will begin August 23rd, and First Church of Christ provides goodies for their meetings. If you can help, please sign up at the News Table and let us know what date works best for you! The students really appreciate your baking skills!

## Giving Information

| June | Giving     | July | Giving     |
|------|------------|------|------------|
| 3    | \$3,836.75 | 1    | \$3,391.81 |
| 10   | \$7,746.25 | 8    | \$4,160.72 |
| 17   | \$9,171.50 | 15   | \$2,622.48 |
| 24   | \$2,994.37 | 22   | \$5,166.11 |
|      |            | 29   | N/A        |

## Prayer Concerns

(Please call the church office with updates)



Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service  
Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues due to RA, RA flare-ups  
His House Ministries  
Kenn Filkins—Serious health issues  
Hannah Grace Monroe—Continued prayers for her feedings and health  
Jeannine Kelly (Therese Boucha's mother) - Parkinson's Disease  
Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Hoping for a lung transplant soon  
Ron Atkins (Pam Postma's brother) - Praise that there is no lung cancer! Has liver/pancreatic cancer—to Mayo for treatment options  
Carol Miller—Cancer treatments going well  
Evelyn Henry—Health issues  
Glen Butler (Tanya Hoolsema's grandfather) - Fell and broke jaw and vertebra. Improving slowly, but can't hear or breathe on his own, irregular heartbeat  
Linda Gades (Nancy Earl-Wojo's sister) - Metastasized cancer, confusion  
Gail Dotski (Nancy Earl-Wojo's niece)—Paralyzed digestive system, weight loss  
Lance (Ann Abbott) - Serious health issues  
Susan Alexander (Ann Abbott's daughter)—Health issues continuing  
Sons and families of Brian & Evelyn Henry—Drugs, worldly, disrespectful. Prayers they will know God, get away from drugs, and see how they hurt their parents.  
Brenda Brown—Health issues, that doctors would figure out how to help her  
Therese Boucha—PRAISE! Cancer is shrinking! Continued prayers for healing.  
Gary Ferns (Mary Armstrong's bro) - Last scan stable! Prayers for continued healing  
Montoya Famiky (Strange's daughter & family) - PRAISE! Back in the States  
Gordon Earl (Bernard's brother) - Home recovering from stent surgery  
Nancy LeGreve—Healing well after surgery  
Lewis Chambers (Nikki Chamber's father) - Had open heart surgery last week  
Upcoming VBS—Workers, kids, and that it would glorify God and bless all involved  
Malvenia Cryderman (Marion Roger's mother) - End stages of Alzheimer's, prayers for Marion's sister, who is caring for her  
Marion Rogers' g-daughter's husband—Health issues while on vacation, now testing  
Gary Korman (Friend of Dave Weir) - Health issues, would appreciate prayers  
James Burton—Leaving for Army Boot Camp 7/30. Prayers for courage and strength in the Lord  
Family of Elaine Carriere—Passed away  
Family of Jordan Tidwell—Passed away