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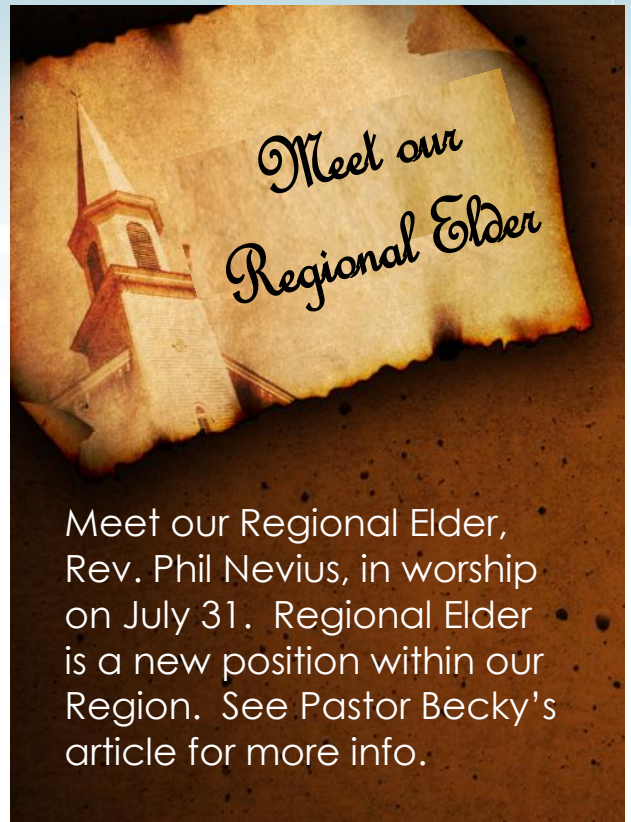
# The Christian Messenger

**VBS Sunday**  
July 24 at 9:00 a.m.

## **Worship Service Preview**

**July 31 at 11:15 a.m.**

Come worship at 9:00 then stay for the 11:15 preview service with refreshments & fellowship in between.



Meet our Regional Elder, Rev. Phil Nevius, in worship on July 31. Regional Elder is a new position within our Region. See Pastor Becky's article for more info.

## **ADULT NEEDS TASK FORCE FORMED**

As we continue to be a faithful and effective congregation, we are continually looking to the needs around us. A Task Force has been formed to identify needs of the adults of our church family, our senior adults in particular. Your ideas are welcome—give them to a Task Force member: Bill VanKeuren (Leader), Bob Daily, Lynn Elder, Stanley Emel, Mary Lou Kidwell, Betty Wilson and Becky Ingram.

Watch for more news as the Task Force works on your behalf.

**WISDOM FOR THE  
NEXT CHAPTER**

# Have you signed up yet?



**Sign up by July 31st**  
for a chance to win  
**one of eight**  
**\$25 coupons**  
to apply toward your  
portrait purchase.

## We want you to be included!

Dates for picture-taking:

Fri. Aug 12	2 to 9:20 pm
Sat. Aug 13	9:30 am to 5:10 pm
Thurs. Oct 13	2 to 9:20 pm
Fri. Oct 14	2 to 9:20 pm
Sat. Oct 15	9:30 am to 5:10 pm

## Sign up

to have your picture captured by one of Olan Mills professional photographers here at the church. You may schedule appointments (1) after worship services on Sunday, (2) by calling the church office 728-7351, or (3) by registering online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). (Directions for signing up online may be found on our church website at [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org).)

- ◆ Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a **FREE Directory** and a **COMPLIMENTARY 8 x 10** Custom Natural Portrait.
- ◆ You will come to the church only once for the photography and for portrait viewing.
- ◆ This program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- ◆ You will have opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- ◆ If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- ◆ You decide whether to dress formally or casually.
- ◆ **NO PURCHASE is necessary.**

Questions may be directed to Michelle Liddiard, Church Secretary 728-7351 or to Madeline VanKeuren 797-6313, email [mvankeuren@frontiernet.net](mailto:mvankeuren@frontiernet.net).

# Thank You



A special thank you goes to Kurt Pierce, Roger Daily and Moultrie County Redi Mix, Roger Berner, Andrew Sparrow, Rick Crawford, Don Typer and Tanner Typer for all their hard work landscaping in the playground area.

Dennis Righter

Thank you so very much for the recognition and gift. It has always been a privilege to teach our youth God's love. Thank you for that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Cheri Burcham

On behalf of the congregation I thank Ron & Sharon White and Jack & Marilyn Rogers for attending General Assembly as our voting delegates. We greatly appreciate you representing our congregation at this special event.

Becky Ingram



Bill Harris, Dale Piper, Tara Sparrow, Terry Schultz, Charlotte Anderson, Tracy Hudson, Jennie White, Marilyn Wood, Ron Sutton, Sr., Luella Hughes, Mary Ann Webb, John Krone, Ted Westermann, Joe Thompson, Faye Walker, Debbie Bramhall, Gail Craycroft, Betty & Al Cherry, Harold Hamilton, Gene Myers, June Hutchcraft, Michelle Lewis, Stu Good, Dick Elder, Tim Daily, Tim Anderson, Brenda Franklin, Tristan Warner, Susie Parks, Daisy Keown, Connie Lance, Mike Wilson, Vera Myers, Bob Harris, Andrea Klingel, Nancy Davis, Carol Bolsen, John Daily, Rodney Maxwell, Bev Alwerdt, Marge Gaule, Father John Sohn, Fran Dudley, Randy Righter, Ellen Ann Little VandenBrink, Sean Little, Russell Wiley, Bob Dudley, Robert Yaw, Thomas Culp, Nancie Taylor, Toby Shafer, Pat Burcham, Don Bragg, Marvene Walton, Mardelle Bolin, Celia Buesking, Darlene Standerfer, LaVerne Braden, Ina Buxton, Warren Hall, Archie Lowe, Dick Mills, Ruth Sandrisser, Paul Hutchcraft

Our military serving our country

## Installation of Elders & Deacons

**Sunday, July 31**  
**9:00 a.m.**

All members of the Eldership and Diaconate — new and returning — will be installed during worship on this day. If you are an Elder or Deacon, please plan to attend and receive the blessing of your congregation.

## News from the Pews

Attendance Report  
“We count people-because people count!”

July 10	Worship Service	.....	113
July 17	Worship Service	.....	118

Stewardship Report

July 10 Offering	.....	\$ 3,531.00
July 17 Offering	.....	\$ 3,638.00
Weekly Budget for 2011	.....	\$ 5,000.00

## Upcoming Messages & Scriptures

**July 24—VBS Sunday**

*New Sermon Series: How to Change Your  
Spiritual Life in Under a Minute*

July 31 — “Admire Creator God”—  
Psalm 104

August 7 — “Clothe Yourself  
Appropriately” — Colossians 3:3-14

Visit our website at [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org) for  
highlights from our Sunday Worship Services  
and pictures from church events.



## U-Night

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug 3

Fellowship Hall  
Supper served at 6:00

Activities for adults and children of  
all ages.  
Sign up on the Worship attendance  
slip, through the Church Secretary or  
on Facebook.

# Why Do We Do That?

by Sharon White

Why do people attend the General Assembly of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)? In my case, I went to General Assembly because my husband Ron, who is Moderator of this congregation, was attending so I went along as a voting delegate too. We were nominated by the Nominating Team and approved by the congregation to represent our church. I'd never attended such a meeting and didn't have any idea what I would do there.

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Let me begin with an "official" description of General Assembly to give you a clue what it is all about—from [A Handbook for Today's Disciples](#) by D. Duane Cummins:

"Each member of a local Disciples congregation is also thereby a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as a whole, which manifests itself in the United States and Canada through a general organization called the General Assembly. This is a representative biennial gathering that reflects the wholeness and unity of the total church. Through this assembly, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is enabled to speak with one voice to and for the people of the world on socioeconomic concerns and human needs, to oversee the work of the church's respective units, and to lay the basis for cooperation with other religious bodies in fulfilling a common mission of witness and service."

That sounds intense! Let me share my interpretation....

Pastor Becky, Pastor Grant (along with Erin and Gavin), and Jack and Marilyn Rogers also attended. We were all on our own to choose how we wanted to participate in the varied activities available. Ron and I tried a little of everything. We went to some of the business sessions where the delegates heard reports on the work of the denomination during the past two years since the last G.A. and voted on policies and positions the denomination would be guided by in the future. It was big and important stuff such as our relationships with followers of the Islamic faith and our stand on how clergy who abuse children will be dealt with. Delegates were allowed to approach a microphone to state their views. Democracy in action.

Other activities at G.A. included workshops on a variety of subjects. I attended several concerning ways to bring children closer to God. One presenter talked about the children's messages during our worship services. During the open discussion I told of Pastor Grant's Brown Bag sermons. Everyone agreed that he is a brave man, but several said they thought they'd try it in their churches.

Becky and Grant attended workshops and lessons just for clergy. We all went to several worship services. Those were the best. It is an amazing feeling to be in a group of about six thousand Disciples all singing and praying together. The music was really great. One evening a Dixieland brass band joined the choir. When they played and we all sang, "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," it rocked that enormous room.

For anyone who likes shopping (and I do!), General Assembly offers some nice opportunities. Ron ran up his credit card in the bookstore. I visited several vendors who gave me great ideas for paraments and vestments. There was a store with merchandise from Ten Thousand Villages with creations from artisans all over the world at "fair trade" prices, which means the people who made them were paid fair prices for their work. I really liked that place.

We all felt that our experiences at General Assembly were valuable. We look forward to putting the ideas and inspirations we acquired into action at First Christian in Sullivan.

## Community Calendar

### Bible Readings



### August 2011

- 1 Hebrews 11:1-22
- 2 Hebrews 11:23-40
- 3 Hebrews 12:1-11
- 4 Hebrews 12:12-29
- 5 Matthew 14:13-36
- 6 Matthew 15:1-20
- 7 Matthew 15:21-39
- 8 Philippians 1:1-30
- 9 Philippians 2:1-30
- 10 Philippians 3:1-21
- 11 Philippians 4:1-23
- 12 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- 13 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
- 14 1 Thessalonians 2:11-3:13
- 15 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
- 16 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
- 17 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
- 18 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
- 19 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
- 20 1 Timothy 1:1-20
- 21 1 Timothy 2:1-15
- 22 1 Timothy 3:1-16
- 23 1 Timothy 4:1-16
- 24 1 Timothy 5:1-25
- 25 1 Timothy 6:1-21
- 26 2 Timothy 1:1-18
- 27 2 Timothy 2:1-26
- 28 2 Timothy 3:1-17
- 29 2 Timothy 4:1-22
- 30 Joshua 23:1-16
- 31 Joshua 24:1-33



Visit our website for recent sermon audio, past newsletters, and all kinds of helpful information!

Eberhardt Village 3rd Anniversary  
Saturday, July 23  
2:00 p.m. at  
Vine Street Christian Church  
3:30 p.m. at  
Eberhardt Village

Eastview Terrace Rummage Sale  
Benefit for St. Jude Children's Hospital  
Friday, July 29  
8:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 20  
8:00 a.m. ~ Noon

Habitat Restore  
Open Tuesday thru Friday  
10 am—5 pm  
Saturday  
8 am to Noon  
Volunteers for various duties needed—  
come & go according to your schedule

Volunteers needed for Golden Friends  
Sullivan Health Care  
For more information contact  
Jeri Davis at 217-273-9457

See office bulletin board  
for more information.



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## August Birthdays

### August Serving Schedule

#### Elders

Jack Rogers  
Ron White

#### Deacons

Lynn Berner, Checker  
Roger Berner  
Sharon White  
Jill Inman  
Doug Fultz  
Susie Webb  
Bob Elder, Alt.  
Nancy Gill, Alt.

#### Communion Prep

Jill Inman

#### Serve Shut-ins

Jack Roger  
Ron White  
Betty Wilson  
Lynn & Roger Berner  
Doug Fultz

#### Worship Leaders

Aug 7 Bob Elder  
Aug 14 Sharon White

#### Greeters

Aug 21 Peggy Hargis

#### Flowers

Aug 14 Tom & Nancy Parks  
Aug 21 LaVonne Graven

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|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Bill Ward           | 21 | Karen Dyer      |
| 3  | Kelly Cole          |    | Derek Elder     |
|    | Kathryn Hutchcraft  | 23 | Richard Burcham |
| 4  | Brant Jesse         | 24 | Steve Monroe    |
| 5  | Ann Hamilton        | 25 | Jonathan Gavin  |
|    | Bob Webb            |    | Brad Graven     |
| 6  | Heidi Clements      |    | Hannah Neal     |
|    | Kimberly Wallace    | 26 | David Boyer     |
| 7  | Rita Florey         |    | LaVerne Braden  |
|    | Cindy Kidwell       |    | Phyllis Good    |
| 10 | Danielle Standerfer |    | Bill Harris     |
| 11 | Lindsay Burgess     | 28 | Amber Bragg     |
|    | Sharon Walker       |    | Jan Dust        |
| 14 | Mary Lou Kidwell    |    | Dustin Lane     |
|    | Chris Ray           | 31 | Barb Green      |
|    | Nancy Robbins       |    |                 |
| 15 | Kelsey Doyle        |    |                 |
|    | Greg Florey         |    |                 |
|    | Zachary Ohlssen     |    |                 |
| 16 | Noah England        |    |                 |
|    | Andrew Sparrow      |    |                 |
| 17 | Joe Florini         |    |                 |
| 19 | Joseph Doyle        |    |                 |
|    | Amy Fultz           |    |                 |
| 20 | Vickie Bowers       |    |                 |
|    | Betty Jenkins       |    |                 |
|    | David Ryherd        |    |                 |
|    | Marcia Thompson     |    |                 |



## August Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|
| 7  | Dick & Nancy Burcham    |
| 8  | David & Brenda Winskill |
| 10 | Dave & Carolyn Horsman  |
|    | Dick & Midge Mills      |
| 11 | Stu & Phyllis Good      |
|    | Ruth & Mike Shasteen    |
| 15 | Jack & Marilyn Rogers   |
| 17 | Joe & Jean Florini      |
| 23 | James & Diana Lane      |
| 27 | Ron & Sharon White      |
| 28 | Bill & Lorene Harris    |
| 30 | Roger & Kathy Dudley    |

# August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Property Meeting 6:30  Christian Ed Meeting 6:30  Articles for the newsletter due	2  Body Gospel Fitness Club 6:30	3  U-Night 6-8:00 p.m.	4  Elders' Meeting 7:00	5  Sanner/Robinson Rehearsal	6  Sanner/Robinson Wedding
7  9:00 am Worship  10:15 am Sunday School	8	9  Body Gospel Fitness Club 6:30	10  Courtyard Est. 10:00	11	12  <b>Directory Photos</b>	13
14  9:00 am Worship  10:15 am Sunday School  4-7:00 pm High School & Jr. High Youth Groups	15  Articles for the newsletter are due	16  Body Gospel Fitness Club 6:30	17  U-Night 6-8:00 p.m.	18  Board Reports are due	19	20
21  9:00 am Worship 10:15 am S School 11:15 Preview Worship Service 4-6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6-8:00 pm Jr High	22	23  Body Gospel Fitness Club 6:30	24  Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28  9:00 am Worship 10:15 am S School 4-6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6-8:00 pm Jr. High	29  Articles for the newsletter are due	30  Body Gospel Fitness Club 6:30	31  U-Night 6:00 Supper at Church 6:30-8 Games at Courtyard Est.	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>11:15 Worship Service                              Preview</p> <p>August 21</p> </div>		

# Family Matters

Recently, I've been talking about my desire to move Jr. High Youth Group to Sunday nights so that we will be meeting weekly instead of bi-weekly. I had hoped to have made that change by now, but it's been a BUSY summer!

Today, I am excited to tell you that starting on August 14th, Jr. High Youth Group will be meeting every Sunday night from 6-8pm! I am super excited about this and I know many of our Jr. High students are as well!

So, here's the plan: On August 14th, we're going to have a big youth group kickoff party. On that evening we'll combine both groups and have a cookout and all sorts of fun things! We'll meet from 4-7pm on that night (look for more details in the near future). This night will also allow us to welcome any 5th grade students who are moving into Jr. High. The same is true for any 8th grade students moving into High School.

Beginning on August 21st, we'll begin our new schedule: High School youth group will meet from 4-6pm on Sunday nights and Jr. High will meet immediately after that from 6-8pm.

This change is going to allow us to do some great things. Both groups will be able to interact more often and will be able to eat dinner together every Sunday



night. If you enjoy hanging out with Jr. High or High School students and would like to join us during either group, let me know!

Another great benefit of this change is that we'll only be making 1 meal for each group! I know there are some of you who would like to cook for our youth groups. If you're interested, let me know!

Pastor Grant



# Becky's By-line

It is a new concept within the Christian Church of Illinois and Wisconsin. Our Region has added "Regional Elders" to their palette of services available to congregations. Regional Elders will be of service to congregations and their pastors. From their covenantal agreement (previously published in entirety in our newsletter and available at <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/congregational-resources/regional-elders> ):



Regional Elders, in the tradition of congregational Elders as Spiritual Leaders, have been identified and called by our Regional Minister to be representatives of the Region and "Ambassadors of Jesus Christ".... Their ministry will be a service of presence, care and encouragement. They will support pastors in the development of spiritual life and the well-being of their congregations. They will be good caring listeners, helping explore options, and maintaining confidentiality as appropriate.

Regional Elders will not replace our contact with the Associate Regional Ministers or Regional Minister who serve around 150 churches among the four of them. Regional Elders are intended to be an extension of Regional ministry so that ministry can be as effective as possible.

I am happy to announce that Rev. Phil Nevius (think "knee views") has been called as the Regional Elder for churches in our area. Rev. Nevius is a retired Disciples minister who most recently served Old State Road Christian Church in Charleston, IL. He is well-known among the Lakeland Cluster clergy for his visionary insight, his active grandchildren, and his fabulous biscuits and gravy! As a member of the Regional Board, I was privileged to be a part of the commissioning of Rev. Nevius and other Regional Elders at the March 25, 2011 Regional Board meeting.

Phil will be in worship with us on Sunday, July 31, and at our Board meeting on July 27. His only purpose for visiting is to introduce himself and get to know us. Let's show him how friendly and welcoming we can be!

That Sunday is also our first preview of the 11:15 worship service. Your support is appreciated in prayer and attendance (you can worship twice that day!).

*Pastor Becky*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:15 AM Church School

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