



CPC: EXPLORING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH  
FAITH AND SERVICE.

# THE PROCLAIMER

May 2017

## Embodiment

A little girl is in her bed at night, it is dark, and she is afraid of the dark. She calls for her mommy to comfort her and mommy comes to her bedside. The little girl tells her mother that she was afraid. The mother, being a fine Christian woman and Sunday school teacher, informs her daughter that God is with her so she doesn't have to be afraid. The little girl said, "I know mommy, but sometimes I need flesh".

We are in the season of "Easter"; Jesus goes to his disciples and shows himself so they will believe. Thomas heard that Jesus appeared to the disciples, but he didn't believe. It is difficult without seeing. For us, like Thomas, we need to see some proof. Yes we have the Bible, but the Bible contains words, sacred stories and we know that words are symbols. We want more, like the little girl – we want flesh.

In Sunday school we learn the stories, but that isn't enough. The truth has to be practiced. Knowledge can't stay outside of us or in our head, it has to be practiced in a way that comes from deep within us (our heart). That is why we have Christian disciplines like prayer and study that lead to service/action. The Holy Spirit gives every one of us gifts that we are to use. We can't talk about prayer, we "must" pray. I enjoy driving a car more than watching it or hearing about it. It is "real" when I start the engine and put the car in drive. I touch and feel the car, I see what is around me and with practice I get to my destination safely. I had to practice a lot (thanks Dad), so I didn't harm myself or others and have fun doing it. It was scary at first, I still remember letting the clutch out too fast and spraying rocks in the yard – Dad didn't like that! Nor did he like it when I ran off the road when I moved the dial on the radio – oops! So it is with prayer, real prayer is practiced where I listen, dream, become aware, share, reflect, and listen for God's voice to "send" me out and "do something". It is more than feeling good. With practice I build my confidence, which implies a truth – I will be uncomfortable at first and unsure of myself. That is normal and okay.

I/we can play with God as our coach and what a Great Coach God is for us all. Learning, practicing, growing, and changing is all part of God's plan for us – God believes in us. God gifts us with many talents to use/practice to (yes, feel good) make a difference in our lives, in other's lives with energy, love, hope, and faith that lead to doing something in the "flesh". That is what others need today, for us Christians to do something that comes from the resurrection power of God moving through us. In this way, they are "touched" and comforted by God. Godspeed, Pastor Steve – He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

## Christian Education News

The K – 3 Sunday School Class need YOU to help with snacks or crafts or games for April and May on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. Everything is prepared for you. All you need to do is show up and enjoy this wonderful group of children for about 15 minutes by either playing a game or creating a craft or serving a snack! Each of these activities reinforces the lesson's theme for that week. Please see Sharon Ijams or Nancy P Lamkin if you can help. The children are our future. This is important! They need YOU!

The Children's Choir Practice is held each Sunday in Westminster Hall from 9:55 – 10:15 a.m. Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children are welcome! The children are scheduled to sing the third Sunday of every month during worship service. Thank you Kim Gaff and Launa Blythe for sharing your gifts to make this happen!

Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center located in Oregon, IL is taking reservations for this summer. They have different camps/retreats for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through High School. The Christian Education Committee pays half of the fees for anyone from our church who would like to attend!!! Contact Sharon Ijams for a brochure/more information.

The C. E. Committee will be honoring our Sunday School Teachers and any graduates on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. **Is someone from your household graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School or College this year??** If so, please contact the church office to let them know who will be graduating from where so they can be recognized and celebrated!

Our Vacation Bible School will be held the first part of June. More information will be coming soon. Thank you Kristen Harbach and Jennifer Killion-Maxwell for sharing your gifts and time to plan this fun, much anticipated, jam-packed learning event in our church!

NOTE: There will be no Sunday School Classes in June or July.

Our annual Sunday School Kick Off will be held on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>....*Summer Fun Games* will be the theme - emphasis on F U N!

And for those who like to plan ahead, the C.E. Committee has chosen Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> as the day of our annual Christmas Pageant.



### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR



Choir Practice Schedule

There will be no practices in May.



### From the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee received a thank you from the DeWitt County Friendship Center for our donation. The Corporate Board, staff members, and participants thank us for our kindness and continued support.

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### From the Mission Committee

CPC is still supporting people in Clinton, who need a little extra help, by donating items through DOVE. Each month there is a suggested item listed in the newsletter. However, they will gladly accept anything you would like to bring. We have been told that most people donate food, so they are pleased with ideas we came up with. The collection basket in the back of the sanctuary has been moved to Fellowship Hall.



**May suggested donation – Laundry Soap**  
**Thank you for your support!**

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### From the Property Committee

#### Reminder:

\*If you need to borrow something from the church (tables, drink dispensers, etc.) please remember to fill out the checkout form located outside the office.

\*If you use the kitchen, please remember to leave it clean and tidy and remember to launder the dish clothes and towels and return as soon as possible.

Thank You!



#### Weekly Attendance

April 2 ~ 76

April 9 ~ 85

April 16 ~ 101

April 23 ~ 78

April 30 ~ 55

Average Attendance ~ April ~ 79



**May**

Greg Lichtenwalter	5-11
Steven Poland	5-12
Nola Herrmann	5-13
Kevin Long	5-14
Virgil Harbach	5-20
David Blythe	5-22
Tyson Herrmann	5-25
David Lareau	5-28
William Long	5-29
Leanna Anderson	5-31
Rayanna Anderson	5-31
Beverly Jones	5-31
Penny Peavler	5-31

**Prayer Families for  
May**



**May 7**

*Curt & Vickie Harbach  
Greg & Penny Lichtenwalter*

**May 14**

*Kristen Harbach  
Jeremy Lehman*

**May 21**

*Virgil & Eunice Harbach  
David & Nancy Lareau*

**May 28**

*Tyson & Tonia Herrmann  
Nancy Lamkin*

**~Newsletter Deadline~**

Deadline for the June Newsletter is  
Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>



**~Devotionals~**

Our Daily Bread devotionals, Care Notes and PrayerNotes are located in Fellowship Hall

**Pastoral Care & Prayers**

In the Hospital ~ If you have a loved one in the hospital please let the church office know so that our church can support them.



*Prayer Chain  
Calls*

Lisa Mitchell

217-935-9987 or 217-828-1220

**\*MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS\***

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

All committees and ministry teams will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

**REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEES**

Please email your meeting minutes to [secretary@clintonpresbyterian.org](mailto:secretary@clintonpresbyterian.org) as a Word Document attachment as soon as possible after your monthly meetings. Thank you.

**Session Meeting**

The Session Meeting will be held on  
Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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402 North Center  
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(217)935-6178

\*Monday-Friday\*

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m

# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 VCC 8:45 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6 Bunko Party 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
7 GNT Meeting 11:45 a.m.  Youth Group 4:00 p.m.	8 VCC 8:45 a.m.	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day  Recognition of Graduates during Worship  Committee Meetings 11:45 a.m.	15 VCC 8:45 a.m.	16 Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m.	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20
21 Men's Brkfst 8:00 a.m.  CHS Graduation 2:00 p.m.  Youth Group 4:00 p.m.	22 VCC 8:45 a.m.  Session 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27
28 Little Mermaid Ticket Money Due	29 Memorial Day  Office Closed	30	31			

# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 VCC 8:45 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 10px;">Pastor Steve on Vacation</div>						
11 Committee Meetings 11:45 a.m.	12 VCC 8:45 a.m.	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 Puckett Wedding 4:00 p.m.
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25	26 VCC 8:45 a.m.  Session 6:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30	

## Those Who Serve

### May 2017

	May 7	May 14 Mother's Day	May 21 CHS Graduation Day	May 28
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion- No Acolyte	Lucas Lichtenwalter	Cami Aughenbaugh	Nola Herrmann
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	~OPEN~	~OPEN~	~OPEN~	~OPEN~
<b>Bible/Bell</b>	Riley Keelin	Emily Drozs	Cari Aughenbaugh	Evan Herrmann
<b>Communion</b>	Terry Ijams – Bread Connie Finney – Juice David Blythe Ross Puckett			
<b>Greeter</b>	Matthew & Patrice Brotherton	Mike & Kay Chapman	Chris Drozs Family	Sharon & Terry Ijams
<b>Liturgist</b>	Nancy Lareau	Rylee Brown	Kristen Harbach	Bryan Puckett
<b>Nursery</b>	Amy Snow	Kristen Harbach	Penny Lichtenwalter	Kathi Drozs
<b>Social Hour</b>	Bryan & Kathy Puckett	Christian Ed Committee	~OPEN~	Ronald & Marjorie Devore
<b>Usher</b>	Curt Harbach	Curt Harbach	Curt Harbach	Curt Harbach
<b>Transportation Min.</b>	Leland Wright	Curt Harbach	Rod Phillips	John Blythe

### June 2017

	June 4 Pentecost	June 11	June 18 Father's Day	June 25
<b>Acolyte</b>	Communion- No Acolyte	Madelyn Killion	Zach Pickett	Riley Keelin
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	~OPEN~	~OPEN~	~OPEN~	~OPEN~
<b>Bible/Bell</b>	Isabelle Killion	Melanie Killion	Jacob Pickett	Kate Pickett
<b>Communion</b>	Nancy Lareau – Bread Dennis Tomkinson – Juice Alvin Brandenburg Kyle Puckett			
<b>Greeter</b>	Darryl & Marilyn Bremner	Alvin & Marica Brandenburg	John & Launa Blythe	Ronald & Marjorie Devore
<b>Liturgist</b>	Zach Drozs	Nancy "P" Lamkin	Curt Harbach	Kim Gaff
<b>Nursery</b>	Kim Gaff	Launa Blythe	Anne Pickett	Sharon Ijams
<b>Social Hour</b>	Worship & Music Committee	Mission Committee	~OPEN~	Darryl & Marilyn Bremner
<b>Usher</b>	Connie Finney Brenda Keelin	Connie Finney Brenda Keelin	Connie Finney Brenda Keelin	Connie Finney Brenda Keelin
<b>Transportation Min.</b>	Terry Ijams	Dennis Tomkinson	Bryan Puckett	Leland Wright

Please note that if you cannot fulfill the duties you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to contact someone to replace you and call the church office at 935-6178 with the new information so the bulletin information will be correct. Thanks.