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Celebrating our  
60th Anniversary  
all year long

News of First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ) of Marietta

# The HARBINGER

We are an inviting, welcoming, growing Christian community, worshipping God  
in the Disciples tradition since 1949, where you are a stranger but once.

## What's the BUZZ???

During the last board meeting and then again at the subsequent 11 A.M. worship I relayed the current financial status of the church. Some took this to be a foretelling of the closing of the First Christian Church of Marietta. Many took it as a call to arms. Let us explore the reality here. In the decade or more prior this current year, ongoing financial responsibilities were met from offerings. In 2009 they were not. The result was the depletion of an endowment that had, to this point, provided an annual distribution of interest only. From here on out, our offerings must meet our obligations. Does this mean FCC Marietta is closing? NO. What it does mean is that we are now required, more than ever, to uphold our responsibilities as Christians. We must pass along the good news of Christ. We must provide for the education of those discovering the good news. We must distribute invitations to the good news and associated news of events to the public in every manner possible. On Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 persons met in the evening with the goal of passing along the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many possibilities were discussed and a few enacted. The next event for this purpose is a covered dish dinner after service on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The topic will be discussed and further action put into motion. On Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 the group that finds Evangelism in their heart will gather to carry forward with the ideas and information from the Sunday covered dish dinner. On Thursday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. all with a passion for, or at least an understanding of, Christian education will be meeting at the church to help move along the responsibility of educating Christians old and new. On Thursday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, those with an insight and passion to Public Relations will meet at the church to explore and put into motion ways to get the invitation to the public. Borrowing a line from a Disney movie, we MUST "Keep Moving Forward". That is where I feel my responsibility to God lies and hope you do as well.

In His Name,  
Ken Russell, Chairman of the Board

## Some Ponderings for November

This past couple of weeks I have been encouraged by a sermon delivered in the 1700's on the passage in Matthew: 5, commonly referred to as the Sermon on the Mount. In this most famous passage from scripture I was reminded that Jesus was *not* talking to his disciples or the scribes, rather he directed this talk to those who were seeking healing, salvation and deliverance. Jesus was using this talk/teaching as the thing that the soul longs for. It is of no coincident that this teaching has been tied to the "great commission" as a way to life eternal.

There are some who think during this time of recession that the church should turn inward and take care of itself first. One way we can lessen our bills is by cutting back on its missions, closing our doors, and turning inward. To this I would say, BALDERDASH. If the church is not God's house, not open to the Holy Spirit, and acting as Christ bride on earth then it *should* close its doors because it has become nothing more than a country club. Where as if the church puts it's **faith in God**, (who can overtake **any** burden), and does the Lord's work, then it will be stronger and her members will be stronger in their faith.

"Blessed are the poor in Spirit". We are all on a journey together and are growing on our spiritual journey. Fear is just one of the magnetizing obstacles that The Devil will put on our hearts if we allow ourselves to be open to his wiles. I say stand strong, arm your girth with the Lord. While we must make every effort to curtail our operating expenses, we are encouraged to join all the saints in sacrificial giving. This is giving out of joy, not giving out of fear. Let us pray that the Lord when he asks you to fight the giants that you may respond like David. Continue to pray for the church and each other that we will have the strength to step out of the boat onto the water when we are called.

Peace and Love,  
Pastor Rob

## Music Notes from Pam Barksdale

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

“We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrew 12:1). This scripture is the biblical foundation for the great hymn “For All the Saints.” The New Testament alludes to the notion that saints are not a select few, but all who labor faithfully. I would like to share with you the background of this classic hymn which we will be singing on November 1. My resource is the Chalice Hymnal Worship Leader’s Companion. In this book, there is information about each hymn in our hymnbook. The writers share with us the scriptural allusions in the text, suggestions for use within worship services, and background on the lives of the authors and composers. “For all the Saints” was written by a bishop, William Walsham How (1823 -1897). He was known as the poor man’s bishop in East London. He wrote 54 hymns, 3 of which are in our Chalice hymnal. “For All the Saints” is sung to Ralph Vaughan Williams’ tune ‘Sine Nomine’ which he wrote especially for the hymn “For All the Saints”. Did you know that “Sine Nomine” literally means “without a name”? Ralph Vaughan Williams had a sense of humor. He simply couldn’t think of a name. Earlier in the century, the hymn was sung to the Joseph Barnby’s “Sarum”. It has been said that “Sine Nomine” was more interesting to sing. However, there was a critic from the 1930’s that dismissed “Sine Nomine” as ‘jazz music’ and ‘a feeble dance tune.’ I find that to be an amusing bit of information! I imagine that William Walsham How’s sentiments of a good hymn are those of many of the authors of the 750 hymns in the Chalice Hymnal. How said, “A good hymn should be like a good prayer-simple, real, earnest, and reverent.” Indeed, each hymn that we sing in our worship service is a prayer that feeds our soul.  
Pam Barksdale

### Important Dates for put on your Calendar

- \* **November 22– Joint worship service starting @ 10:30 AM, Congregational Meeting right after and then our Thanksgiving Meal.**
- \* **November 24– Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ Gospel Light @ 7PM**



## A Special Note of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to drop a short note of thanks for all that were involved in making Raegan’s Baby dedication Sunday so very Special. It is a day that we will always remember as we all strive to raise Raegan in a loving Christian home. An extra special thanks to Dottye “Grammy” Lee for a wonderful sermon, Cheryl Everette for a beautiful song, and Ken and Tommy Russell for the gift of Raegan’s beautiful gown, and of course all the love and support of our entire church family

.With Love,  
The Warner, Lee, and the Danielson Families

## Youth News!

With the proceeds from the car wash, the youth got to go to see Skillet, a Christian rock group perform at the Tabernacle on September 27th. Sean Warner, Jeff Shimizu and Ken Russell chaperoned 7 youths. A good time was had by all. October 4th we played Jenga and had a planning session. October 18th we played video games and had 4 new youth come join in the fun. We hope to see EJ, Hunter, Leo, & Cory at youth every Sunday!!! October 25th we went to US Play for bowling and Pizza. Hopefully they won’t have to put up the gutter guards up for us! We appreciate all the support and please continue to support our Youth.  
In Christ, Sean

## **From Our Congregational Health Minister, Rev. Donna Kremer**

.Many of you have questions about the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine. You are not alone - a majority of U.S. adults say they are either reluctant or unsure about whether they or their children will get vaccinated for the H1N1 virus. And more than half of the people at high risk for flu complications, including people with cardiovascular disease, don't realize they are, according to *Consumer Reports Health*. Authorities do not expect that there will be a shortage of 2009 H1N1 vaccine, but availability and demand will be unpredictable. There is some possibility that initially the vaccine will be available in limited quantities. The CDC recommends that the following groups receive the vaccine before others: pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact, children 6 months through 4 years of age, and children 5 through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions. Because there has been so much vaccine-related information in the media, it's important to know the facts. Check out the list below and learn how to stay protected!

### **1. The vaccine against H1N1 is not experimental.**

H1N1 influenza vaccine has been developed using the same safe methods that produce each year's seasonal influenza vaccine. Clinical trials have shown that the H1N1 influenza vaccine is as safe as seasonal influenza vaccines, which have a very good safety track record.

### **2. The H1N1 influenza is a serious virus.**

It is easily passed from person to person, and it can cause serious complications – even among healthy people. The most effective way to protect yourself from the H1N1 flu is to be vaccinated. To date, there have been no serious side effects documented from the H1N1 vaccine.

### **3. Antiviral medicine is no substitute for vaccination.**

If you are infected with influenza, you can pass it to others – including vulnerable patients – for **24 to 48 hours** before you have any symptoms. Though antiviral medication is effective for treating people with H1N1 influenza, the best way for you to protect yourself, and your family is by getting vaccinated.

### **4. Seasonal influenza vaccine alone won't protect against H1N1 influenza.**

Everyone in a high-risk group should be vaccinated against BOTH the H1N1 and the seasonal flu. The H1N1 vaccine will require only one dose for adults. Though current preliminary data seem to show that older people are likely to have some immunity to H1N1 virus, don't assume the H1N1 vaccine isn't necessary if you're 65 or older.

### **5. The seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 can be given at the same time.**

Both the inactivated seasonal flu shot and the inactivated H1N1 flu shot or live H1N1 nasal mist can be given at the same time.

The side effects from the H1N1 vaccine are expected to be mild and similar to those from seasonal flu vaccines. The most common side effects are soreness, redness, tenderness or swelling where the shot was given. Some people might experience headache, muscle aches, fever, fatigue, and nausea. As with the seasonal flu shot, anyone who has a severe (life-threatening) allergy to eggs or to any other substance in the vaccine should not get the vaccine.

## Pastoral Staff

Robert Mason	Senior Minister
Hal Doster,	Senior Minister Emeritus
John Lee✙	Senior Minister Emeritus
Jerry Gladson	Senior Minister Emeritus
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Jeff Shimizu	Pastoral Associate
Warren Taylor	Minister of Recovery
	Pastoral Associate
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	Health
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Sherwood Smith	Dir. of Disciples
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## Church Staff

Pam Barksdale	Director of Music
Wilma Zalabak	Pianist
Tommy Russell	Administrative Assistant
Sean Warner	Youth Director

## Services

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship & Communion	11:00 a.m.
Youth Activities	12:30 p.m. Sundays
Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Spanish Bible Study	7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Traditional AA Meeting	7:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Church Office Hours	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. M-Th

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## You are invited to...

### Worship

Sundays at 11:00 AM

**Nov. 1- "For All Saints"  
Isaiah 26:16-19 & Matthew  
5:1-12**

**Nov. 8- "We are Ap-  
pointed" Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44**

**Nov. 15\_ Rev. Donna  
Kremer preaching: "At the  
Crossroads" Ruth 3:1-5 &  
4:13-17 & Romans 11:7b-  
17**

**Nov. 22: "My Kingdom is  
not of this World" Psalm  
132:1-12 & John 18:33-37**

**Nov. 29- "There's a Song  
in the Air" Jeremiah 33:14-  
16 & Luke 21:25-36**



### Conversations

(A mid-week Bible study)  
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

No Conversations  
for November and  
December

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