

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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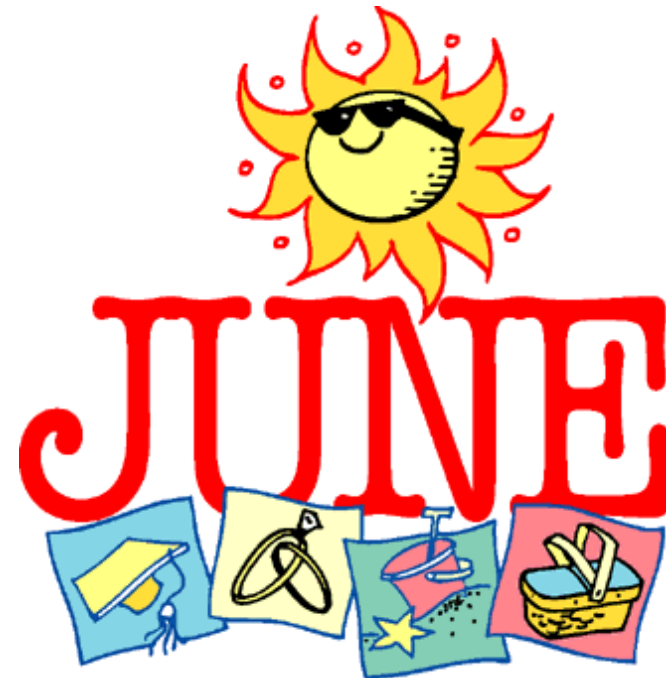
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THE EPISTLE





June 7 Muir Steward
Buddy Harris
*Brandi Hewett
*Brenda Montgomery
Brenda Tanner
Gary Tanner

June 14 Dona Sulzmann
Kathy Mason
Ed Carson
Cindy Harris
*Brinley Hocutt
*Martha Hocutt

June 21 Woodie Payne
Robert Gibson
Jon Atkinson
*Cynthia Duncan
*Joe Duncan
Martha Smalley

June 28 Polly Bailey
Muir Steward
Allison Barger
Sandra Brennan
*Chris Coleman
*Alice Gibson

Liturgist: Dona Sulzmann

*communion preparation



Circle I will meet June 9th at 10:00.

Hope Circle will meet on June 1st at 9:30.

Serendipity Circle will meet on June 8th at 6:00 at Panera Bread.



Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast June 14th 8:00 am

Shine Where You Are

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world... Philippians 2:14-15

The atmosphere was vibrant during the celebration of 140 years at Inanda Seminary in Durban South Africa. Headmaster, Mrs. JT Tate felt the school was brilliantly showcased for the glory of God and the work of Jesus. Inanda Seminary was founded in 1869 by the American Board of Missions (ABM) as the first

secondary Christian school for black girls in Durban. For 140 years Inanda Seminary has maintained the Christian values and African ethos it was founded upon. It believes in developing and growing the whole child: spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically. Inanda provides a solid grounding for its students and to date has graduated more than 8000 young women, many of whom have become the core of black female leadership in South Africa. During the Apartheid years, Inanda Seminary continued to educate and motivate black females to rise up against oppression and racism. This continues today in the current climate of crime, violence and HIV and AIDS where infection is highest among women. Inanda Seminary is a school of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA), and a partner of Global Ministries. Mrs. Tate reported that students and staff had a rosy glow about them for days reflecting the glow of the anniversary celebration. We share the inspiration offered to us by Inanda Seminary as they are part of the wider church community and a part of the plan that God clearly has for our world.

Revs. Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper are missionaries to South Africa under the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA). Susan works at Inanda Seminary and serves as chaplain. Scott serves as a local pastor and coordinates the HIV/AIDS Desk for the UCCSA KwaZulu Natal region.

If you would like to help with the soup kitchen meal Wednesday, June 24th, call



Polly Bailey (792-9315) or Katie Wallace-Davis (535-0407) to help.

(see next page)

As we entertained the Transylvania Choir during 2007, we need 10 host families to help accommodate these young people. They are flexible (share beds, sleep on sofas/futons, or even in sleeping bags (though an air mattress would be more enjoyable). Host families may provide an evening snack (they will be fed at the church before the performance), and maybe a light breakfast (fruit or cereal) before returning them to the church at 8:00 am for loading and a devotion before hitting the road for their next stop. Please contact Dona in the church office if you can help.



The *Revelations*, a high school youth choir from Middletown Christian Church in Louisville, KY will present

“Friends...Forever” here on **June 9th at 7:00 pm.**

These 19 energetic students will sing, dance, and act through this inspiring musical about friendship as followers of Christ. A live band of high school musicians accompanies. The choir will travel to Decatur, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Fairhope, AL; Panama City, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, FL; and Cordele, Atlanta, GA. The choir of ninth through twelfth graders has made an annual choir mission tour since their founding in the 1980s, as well as leading throughout the year in their own congregation’s worship.

Admission is free.

Bring your family and your FRIENDS for a fun night of inspirational entertainment.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	4 <i>Jessica/Derrick Chiles</i>	5	6 <i>Allison Barger</i>
7	8	9 <i>Revelations</i> "Friends...Forever" 7:00 pm	10 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	11	12 <i>Pat/Ed Carson</i> <i>Kim/Buddy Farish</i>	13 <i>Cynthia Duncan</i> <i>Joe Duncan</i> <i>Letitia Roberts</i>
14 8:00 CMF Breakfast 6:00 Board Meeting <i>Pat Carson</i>	15	16	17 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22 <i>Trey Averett</i>	23	24 10:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	25 <i>Chris Largin</i> <i>Martha O'Bryant</i> <i>Brenda/Gary Tanner</i>	26	27
28	29	30				