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(Disciples of Christ) of Marietta

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

DID YOU MISS IT?

If you only slip through the doors of First Christian Church on a Sunday, you miss most of what's happening! On a recent Saturday, **Rev. Eduard Villarreal** and his congregation, which has worship services on Sunday afternoon, repainted and re-decorated the Fellowship Hall, the bathrooms, and repaired the gaping, water-damage hole in the narthex ceiling. On another weekday, **Al Rowe** repaired the ailing air conditioning units, reprogrammed the thermostats, and fixed a leaking faucet. Along behind Al came **Ken Russell** putting covers on the thermostats, and replacing burned out lights in the narthex. Ken also installed a video camera in the sanctuary for videoing and broadcasting the morning sermons on Godtube.com.

Out back, **Rev. Jeff Shimizu** could be seen chopping overgrown weeds, pruning hedges, and clearing the pathway to the prayer garden and side narthex entrance. On another occasion, he could be found hanging certificates, mounting a bulletin board, caulking leaking windows, and replacing door stops that had suddenly vanished. ?"

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"I'm next going to start refurbishing the fellowship hall doors," he says, pointing to their weather-beaten, peeling varnish, and then, with smile, asks, "Would you like to join me

Boxes of books moved through the hallways on August 19 as **Rev. Mary Kangar** and congregant **Samwell** of St. Luke's Anglican Church, joined by **Barbara Eason**, **Lynn Turpin**, and **Rev. Jerry Gladson**, sorted old books and rearranged the newer books in the library. "We're 'converting' the library into a combined library/chapel," says Gladson. "We've installed a pulpit and hung liturgical banners." St. Luke's Anglican Church meets in the library, and First Christian Church sometimes has religious services there.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00, plays host to three other congregations. The Hispanic Christian Church meets on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., St. Luke's Anglican Church at 4:00 p.m.. On Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. the Brazilian Church holds forth

If you come only on Sundays, however, you miss most of what's going on! "If you happen by this church on a weekday---or a Saturday," states Gladson, "you'd get the impression our church was getting ready for some big event." After thinking for a moment, he says, "And I guess you'd be right."

Rev. Dr. Jerry Gladson

A Note From Wilma

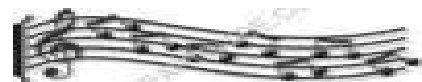
Isaac Watts (1674-1748) has been called the Father of English Hymnody. Actually, hymn singing by the congregation entered into the church at about the year 1673. Its entrance was made by the statement in Matthew 26:30 that they sang a hymn and went out after the Lord's Supper. The first hymns sung by the people came in right after Communion. Some of the first objections were 1) that vocal singing was thought to be only an extraordinary gift of the Spirit, and 2) that women were supposed to keep silent in church. Then Isaac Watts burst on the scene. Rather than use the exact words of the King James Version, he wrote from contemporary experience and used rhyme and meter to enhance the lyrics' impact. One published hymn book contains 245 of Watts' hymns. Another published psalm book contains 138 of the 150 Psalms in the Bible, rewritten in metrical versions Watts brought more than just meter and rhyme to this work. He believed the Psalms, though in the Old Testament, should be interpreted in light of the New Testament. So his psalm versions honor Christ and express thoughts and feelings and desires and experiences common to Christians in this world. Since Watts wrote in commonly used meters, his hymns could be sung to psalm tunes or carols or folk tunes already familiar to the congregations

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The impact of Isaac Watts on church music in America is profound. During the Great Awakening launched by Jonathan Edwards and helped by George Whitefield, the demand for Watts' hymns grew immensely. Almost fifty editions were published here in the New England states between 1729 and 1778. Even with this explosion of demand for Watts' hymns, huge controversies blew through various denominations. The question was always between the new music and the old music, the "new music," of course, being that of Isaac Watts! Some favorite Watts hymns in our hymnal are #67 O God, Our Help in Ages Past, #80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need, #95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, #143 Joy to the World, #195 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, and #707 Marching to Zion. Isaac Watts would encourage us to sing whatever we sing in a way that expresses our deepest experience with God. Primary resource for this article is William J. Reynolds and Milburn Price, *A Survey of Christian Hymnody* (Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing, 1987), 41-85.

*Blessings
Wilma*



Elders Serving in September

**September 4 & 11: Paddy Kern
Sherwood Smith**

**September 18 & 25: Jean Farris
Venn Heerman**

A Word From our Congregational Minister, Rev. Donna Kremer

Signs of a Heart Attack in Women

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in men *and* women. Unfortunately, women are at a disadvantage when it comes to matters of the heart as they often don't realize that heart disease is as much of a threat to them as it is to men. They are less likely than men to believe they're having a heart attack and therefore are more likely to put off seeking treatment. In addition, doctors tend to treat women less aggressively with surgery, beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors or even aspirin after a heart attack.

Common symptoms of a heart attack shared by both genders include:

- Chest discomfort
- Arm discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating
- Nausea
- Clammy skin
- Stomach pain and feelings of indigestion

Additionally, **women are more likely than men to experience anxiety, as well as throat, jaw and neck discomfort** during a heart attack.

Don't let your gender influence your response to heart concerns. If you experience these symptoms and feel you are having a heart attack, don't delay dialing 911 - the most effective window for treatment occurs during the first 60 minutes of symptoms.



Pastoral Staff

Hal Doster,	Senior Minister Emeritus
John Lee☞	Senior Minister Emeritus
Jerry Gladson	Minister
Jeff Shimizu	Minister
Donna Kremer	Minister/ Minister of
	Congregational Health
Warren Taylor	Minister of Recovery
Eduardo Villarreal	Hispanic Minister

Church Staff

Wilma Zalabak	Minister of Music
Tommy Russell	Administrative Assistant
Sean Warner	Worship Leader
Sherwood Smith	Dir. of Disciples
	Mission Food Pantry

Services

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship & Communion	11:00 a.m.
Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Choir Practice	7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Spanish Bible Study	7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
AA Meeting	5:00 p.m. Wednesdays
Church Office Hours	see sign on office door
	closed Sunday
Website	www.fccmarietta.org
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You are invited to...

Worship

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Sept. 4, Rev. Jeff Shimizu
will be bringing the message

Sept. 11: Rev. Donna
Kremer will be bringing the
message

Sept. 18: Rev. Dr. Jerry
Gladson will be bringing the
message.

Sept. 25: Rev Kimberly Rus-
sell will be brining the mes-
sage.

Conversations

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

Sept. 7: No Conversa-
tions

Sept. 14: Bible Study
with Rev. Dr. Jerry
Gladson

Sept. 21: Bible Study
with Rev. Dr. Jerry
Gladson

Sept. 28: Bible Study
with Rev. Dr. Jerry
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