

Milford  
Christian Church

## The Milford Messenger

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**May  
2017**

# *Honoring Our Mothers*



*Please join us on Sunday, May 14th as we  
celebrate and honor our Mothers.*

## Christian Women's Concern

W.C. will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm at Monical's Pizza in Watseka for their annual May Banquet. All ladies are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

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## Prairie States Men's Meeting

Prairie States Men's Meeting will be held on Monday, May 22nd starting at 7:00 pm at The Herscher Christian Church. All men are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. This meeting is always a time of encouragement, inspiration and fellowship. The evening starts with a light meal followed by a time of Worship.

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## Attention Graduates

We would like to honor our Graduates in the bulletin and June Newsletter. If you know of someone who will be graduating from grade school, high school or college this year, please leave a note on your connection card, or call Julie in the church office at 889-4474. Thanks!

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## Blood Pressure Checks

"Free" blood pressure checks will be available on Sunday, May 7th during the Sunday school hour in Brent's office. Please enter through the church office.

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## Let's Celebrate!

Happy 70th Birthday, Dan Worthey!  
The Church family is invited to an Open House on Saturday, May 13th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the church gym.

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## Save the Date..

Vacation Bible School 2017 August 7 - 11th.



## Men's Breakfast

What's for Breakfast??? Who is cooking the Breakfast??? All Men are invited to a Men's breakfast in the church gym on Saturday, May 6th at 6:30 am. There will be a Mystery Chef cooking...come for some great food and Christian Fellowship!

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## High School Seniors

We would like to celebrate with all the High school graduating Seniors and their families. Join us Sunday, May 21st at 11:45 am for a brunch and an encouraging message.

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## Prairie States Christian Camp

The camp season will soon be here! Here is a list of items they are in need of for the kitchen.

There will be a box in the church foyer to place your donations in. Thanks!

Kool-aid (no grape, please), paper or styrofoam plates (large and small), disposable bowls (paper or styrofoam), plastic forks, paper towels, toilet paper, Napkins, 13 gallon tall kitchen garbage bags, 40 gallon garbage bags, Dawn dish soap, ketchup and granulated sugar.

*Milford Christian Church is in charge of cleaning the kitchen/dining hall at the camp on Saturday, May 20th at 9:00 am. All are welcome and encouraged to help!*

## Notes from Gary

### *The Tiny Triplet*

About 5 weeks ago I was heading to Brazil, Indiana to see a friend who at the time was very ill. However, before I could leave I needed to stop at my daughters house to do the chores. It was a cold early spring morning and there was a heavy wet snow covering the ground. I knew that one of the nannies that Neil had given me was due to give birth very shortly, and as I went through the chore routine I noticed that the nanny I spoke of did not come out to feed as I distributed grain into all the feed pans. Now there are only two reasons a nanny does not show up for grain; either she is dead or she is in the birthing process. The latter was the case. As I looked under the make-shift shelter we threw up; there she was with three kids lying around her. The two larger kids were cleaned, but the third kid was still wet and practically frozen. A quick assessment of the other two kids told me that all three kids were in grave danger from the cold, and none of them had gotten any first milk. I grabbed the smallest kid and gently placed that mess of new life under my sweat shirt and headed for the garage. Fortunately, we had just cleaned the portable brooder and the heat bulb was still in place. I found an old rag, placed the kid under the heat lamp and began to talk to her while I dried her off. I called my daughter on my cell phone and told her the situation. I ran back to the shelter grabbed the other two kids and by the time I got them back to the garage Jami was already working with the tiny goat. Brian showed up next and brought the nanny into the garage and put her in the stalk rack we had built for the truck.

For the next half an hour I watched Jami work her amazing gift of nurturing as the triplets responded to her voice and the warmth of the heat lamp. I got to see all three kids standing on their own strength before I headed for my friends' house.

It is two hours to Brazil from here and I wondered all the way how things were going.

When I arrived at Buck's I called Jami to check on the situation. "Perfect", was her reply, "but dad, one of them is so tiny; she is so cute!" Immediately I knew two things; one; that the tiny triplet would not have the strength to compete for life with the larger and stronger siblings, and two; the tiny triplet had already captured my daughters heart. This was going to be an interesting adventure.

In the five week that have followed this birth in triplicate, the most common sight on the farm is to see Small in the arms of some member of the family. There were many days when it looked like Small was not going to make it, but on each occasion Jami knew exactly what to do. It just seemed like she simply willed that tiny goat to live.

Yesterday as I sat on a bale of hay holding Small and feeding her special treats out of my hand it occurred to me that Small was given to us to teach us a lesson. Each of us are weak and vulnerable, and were it not for the special love and kindness from Jesus, we wouldn't make it either. Jesus went so far as to offer His life so that we can live. We have extended extra care and attention to Small so that she can live a happy life and that is exactly what Jesus has done for us. As I stroked my hand down her back, Small nestled her tiny head up under my beard as if to say I Love you. Isn't that the same thing we often say to Jesus as He cradles us in His arms letting us know how much He cares for us.

We all agree on the farm that Small is a special goat, and although tiny she is too big to keep to ourselves. The Lord willing, you can all meet Small out at the Church camp this summer. We want to share Small with young folks who need to know they are loved, and share the story of Small.

As I write this article, I am amazed that such a tiny animal can have such a large purpose. Oh my! Could that be another lesson?

FROM OUR FARM TO YOU HEART,

Gary



# May 2017

## May Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1.	2.	3. CWC May Banquet Monical's Watseka- 6:00 pm	4. Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	5.	6. Men's Breakfast 6:30 am
7.	8.	9.	10. Board Meeting 7:00 pm	11.	12.	13. 70th Birthday Open House Dan Worthey 2:00 - 5:00
14. Happy Mother's Day!	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21. Graduation Brunch 11:45  Outreach Meeting 7:00 pm	22. Men's Meeting Herscher Christian Church 7:00 pm	23.	24. HOT Team Meeting 6:30 pm	25.	26.	27.
28.	29.	30.	31.			

1. Gail Hopkins
4. Mike Lenz
5. Nancy Harris
- Kylie Maples
9. Marilyn Rutledge
- Darrel Fischer
- Mike Lucht
10. Dan Worthey
- Derek Smith
- Judy Bryant
- Harlan Ziebart
- Robert Sattler
12. Jamie Deitcher
13. Karin Conley
- Coy Lucht
16. Sue Fox
- Lindsey Huff
18. Kristin Fox
19. Joyce Highfill
20. Tami Harwood
- Hunter Fox
22. Cheryl Smith
23. Waylon Lee
24. Ken Lucht
26. Mary Langellier
- Jeff Tatro
27. Lynn Foxworthy
28. Danielle Henning
- Bill Huff
28. Aidan Burnett
29. Cindy Arseneau

**WHERE YOU SERVE IN MAY**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Cindy Arseneau

**WEE WORSHIP TEACHER:**

**JUNIOR WORSHIP:** Ed Highfill

**SERVERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Service** – Steve Kissack, Carl Simpson,  
Terry Clark, Rick Highfill

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service** – Clayton Alexander, Gerald Allen,  
Bill Huff, John Davenport

**BACK SERVERS: 1st Service** – Van Haas, Ed Copher,  
Marvin Andris, Jeff Tatro

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service** – Darrel Fischer, Ryan Sattler,  
Schuyler Boyden, Larry Callahan

**SECTION GREETERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Service-** Rick & Char Highfill  
Ed Copher

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service-** Bob & Joan Sattler  
Carol Highfill

**VISITOR TABLE GREETERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Service-** Garrett & Cheryl Beebe

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service-** Kathie Zastrow

**May 7- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Larry Callahan

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Jay Carlson

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Harlan Ziebart

**10:35** – Larry Callahan

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Harlan & Vivian Ziebart

**10:35** – Carlson Family

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Opal Tatro

**10:35** – Schuyler & Lindsay Boyden

**May 14- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Bill Huff

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Jo Milton

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Sue Fox

**10:35** – Joan Sattler

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Garrett & Cheryl Beebe

**10:35** – Kathie Zastrow

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Amanda Tatro

**10:35** – Sue Cross & Becky McCalla

**May 21- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Carol Highfill

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** John Carlson

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Ed Copher

**10:35** – Mike Siemers

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Wayne & Sue Fox

**10:35** – Julie Froehlich

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Char Highfill

**10:35** – Mitzi Fox & Nickole Carson

**May 28- SHUT-IN COMMUNION:** Marvin Andris

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** Youth

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25-** Youth

**10:35** – Youth

**GREETERS: 8:25** – Youth

**10:35** – Youth

**NURSERY: 8:25-** Arlene Birch

**10:35** – Roxie & Kayla Siemers

## Please Pray

Marcia Copher, Opal Tatro, Judy Crouch, Terry Cordes, Ken Tatro, Howard Sheffield, Lisa Wood, Mary Simpson, Nicole Bennett, Don Claypool, Wes Crouch, Julie Burd, Betty Dawson, Jackie Morefield, Susan Rambo, Ronnda Allen, Rich Crawford, Kimberly & Rick Montgomery, Pauline Bury, Karen Kulp-Anderson, Opaline Rabe, Darlene Larimore, Bob Crawford, Chuck Mann, Charles & Donna Mann, Wyatt Clark, Brandon Herron, Naoma Ahlden, Pearl Stinebring, Jerrie Craighead, Jim Rogers, Ken Leonard, Brian Baker, Donald Burnside, Mike Riley, Diane Hartman, Timothy Talley, Melvin Alcom, Robert Ponder, Laura Redburn, Phyllis Garfield, Pat Shide, David Spahn, Delores Bowen, Joey Ramos, Bianca Martinez, Cindy Lafond, Billy Morris, Janice Strawser, Terry Strawser, Chuck Torbet, Billy Wayne Huff, Robert Dannir, Debbie Snyder, Deloris Newman, Donna Mibbs, Jenn Barrett, Jackie Shrimplin, Loretta Noe, Jim Kruse, Darrell Niswander, Ruthann Kusman, Cindy Arseneau, Elaine Longest, Tim Schaumburg, Donna Price, Dick Lesage, Colin Calhoun, Anita Holaday, Jean Price, Wendy Salm, Lavera Bowen, Maggie Griswold, Freddy Yorsch, Doug Boudreau, Jane Warren, Gina Worthey, James Roberts, Everett & Barbara Wood, Josh Killion, Paul Beall, Jeanie Johnson, Jessica Cline, Robert "Chuck" Barber, Christine McTaggart, Rick Highfill, Keisha, Isaiah, Shauna, Maliki, Wanetta Waltz, Anna McEwen, Mykale Coffman

### Military Personnel

Logan Romine, Charles Mann Jr., Steven Peralta, LTC. Colonel Mike Bruens, Brian Brown, Caleb Skipper, Roy Espinoza Jr., Chris Bickers, Jordan Bishopp, Jacob Huckleby, Adam Frye, David Johnson, Josh Newman (Iraq), Heather Romine, Shane Carter(Bahrain), Sgt. Erik Sheppard, Alec (AC) McClellan U.S. Navy, Richard Kelenhofer, Shawn Bowden, Tyler Allison, Nicholas St.Peter, Christian Thomas, John Gretencord, Benjamin Little, Nash Arseneau, Rori Sorensen, Chelsie Davenport, Parry Jones, Jeff Ward, Caleb Mann, Anthony Kiefer, Matt Cole, Ryley Ward, William Ailey, Alec Stocking, Timothy Talley, Jacob Crouch, Anthony Stebbins, Sam Crouch, Ian Little, Molly Clatterbuck, Kyle Evans, Nick Grant and all military personnel.

### Shut-ins

Lucy Green, Jeannie Johnson and Lavera Bowen

### Nursing Home

Patricia Balanoff, Betty Longest, Wilma Cooley, Everett Wood, Harold Smock

### Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Henry Lucht, Olivia Miller, Buck Rogers,  
Christa Espinoza, Margaret Bird and  
Shirley Maro