



Community of Christ



Beals Branch

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*We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote
communities of joy, hope, love, and peace.*

No Matter Who You Are You Are Welcome Here.

May 2018. Themes

6 — John 15:9-17 — Love As Jesus Loved

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6

13 — Luke 24:44-53 — Open Our Minds to the Scriptures

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Ascension of the Lord (A, B, C)
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23

20 — Acts 2:1-21 (A, B, C) and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 — The Spirit of Truth

Day of Pentecost, Endowment Sunday
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27

27 — John 3:1-17 — Be Born of Water and Spirit

First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17

Preaching Schedule

May 6. Pam Smith Ordained
Communion Jonesport

May 13 Elder Terry Beal

May 20 Evangelist Dwight Carver
Elder Patti Carver

May 27 Elder Donna Bunker

NOTE

The Reunion Registration Forms may be
picked up from Pastor Donna Bunker.

May Birthdays:

11 Brevan Carver Kenney

15 Jay Kelley

15 Ferd Jones

17 Sylvia Peabody

21 Harold Lyons

26 April Carver

27 Cole Francis

27 Mary Bradford

28 Wade Bunker

28 Suzanne Carver



May 15 Senior Luncheon

12:00 Noon at Community of Christ Church in Jonesport:

Where Old and New Friends Meet.

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And [calm all of our fears](#).

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the [angels](#)
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown



This in memory came after our Easter Printing

In Loving Memory of Herbert Alley and
Anson & Sadie Alley

From Evelyn Alley and Family

In Memory Of You

We want to always remember
The beautiful life you lived
And keep alive the memories we have
Through remembering what you did

For you're so special to all of us,
A wonderful person indeed
Your love, laughter and warm smile
Reflected a heart that believed

Just in the everyday things we do
We remember your faith and love
In the words you spoke to help us through
Is a continued reminder for us

Although we miss you so very much
We know we'll see you once more,
For this is the hope we have in God,
Being re-united in the Lord

And as we gather we'll continue to share
Special times we went through,
For these are memories that warm our hearts
As we honour the memory of you.

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GAME NIGHT...GAME NIGHT...GAME NIGHT!

Friday nights from 6:00 - 8:30, in the Beals Community of Christ annex. Now those waskey Pee Wee Boys and Girls have started their basketball season and it is very important to attend and support their games, so some Fridays we won't be open. I would suggest calling; Luther and Alice 497-3191, Terry 497-2186 or Donna 497-5732. Some of the games we have available are;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rook• Donkey• Skip-Bo• Cribbage• Pokeno | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrabble• Upwords• Backgammon• Bingo• Dominoes |
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(Just to name a few.) It's fun, it's sociable. It's one of the few places available where community can get together to just play and have a good time.

Come Join Us for an Evening of Fellowship and Fun



Dominoes Anyone



The Prize Winners of the Week



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Introduction to the History of The Community of Christ

Recently I was entrusted with the position of branch historian. Having been born and raised in the Beals Branch of the R.L.D.S. Church, I was familiar with the church of the optimistic fifties and sixties, but I was not familiar with the beginnings of the Beals Branch. After graduating from school, I live nearly three hundred miles from the church of my youth, and I attended several denominations most of my adult life. When I gave the name of my church, very few people knew anything about the church to which I belonged. To ensure that the reader knows the true beginning and split of the Latter Day Saint Church, I decided to give a brief history of the church before a branch was established at Beals, Maine.

With the desire to keep this pre-Beals history brief and less controversial, I chose to draw from published information available to the general public.



“The founder of the Latter Day Saint movement was Joseph Smith, who was raised in the Burned-over district of Upstate New York, and claimed that, in response to prayer, he saw God the Father and Jesus Christ, as well as angels and other visions. This eventually led him to a restoration of Christian doctrine that, he said, was lost after the early Christian apostles were killed.” From Wikipedia

Why were the Latter Day Saints Hated;

“In Nauvoo, Illinois, persecutions were often based on the tendency of Mormons to "dominate community, economic, and political life wherever they resided."^[21] The city of Nauvoo had become the largest in Illinois, the city council was predominantly Mormon, and the Nauvoo Legion (the Mormon militia) had grown to a quarter of the size of the U.S. Army. Other issues of contention included freedom of speech and anti-slavery views during Smith’s presidential campaign, and the deification of man.^[22] After the destruction of the press of the

Nauvoo Expositor and institution of martial law, Joseph Smith was arrested on charges of treason against the state of Illinois and incarcerated in Carthage Jail where he was killed by a mob on June 27, 1844. The persecution in Illinois became so severe that most of the residents of Nauvoo fled across the Mississippi River in February 1846.” From Wikipedia

Death of Joseph Smith



“Joseph Smith, the founder and leader of the Latter Day Saint movement, and his brother Hyrum Smith were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois, on June 27, 1844. The brothers had been in jail awaiting trial when an armed mob of about 200 men stormed the facility, their faces painted black with wet gunpowder. Hyrum was killed first, having been shot in the face. After emptying the pistol with which he tried to defend himself, Joseph was then shot several times while trying to escape from a second-story window and fell from the window as he died.” From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Why was Joseph Smith jailed?

“Joseph Smith was arrested for causing a riot due to (as mayor) permitting the city marshal and his deputies to destroy a press which had been declared a nuisance by the city council. JS paid the bail for this misdemeanor charge, so in order to keep him in jail without bail, the charge was changed to treason, which was a felony.....which arrest was illegal on the part of the state of Illinois because a felony could not be charged without a preliminary hearing to see if the charges were warranted. The treason charge was based on the fact that JS had declared martial law in Nauvoo, which he legally had the right to do and which the circumstances MAY have warranted.” Yahoo Answers [Education & Reference](#)

LDS and RLDS (Community of Christ): Differences & Similarities

By [Bill McKeever](#)

“In 1844, Joseph Smith, prophet and seer and revelator of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, met an untimely death when he was killed in a gun battle at [Carthage Jail](#) in Carthage, Illinois (*History of the Church* 7:101-103). His early demise left the fledgling church with a political power struggle. Although numerous splinter groups were formed, a large number of Latter-day Saints decided to pledge their allegiance to Brigham Young. In doing so, Young led his followers to the Salt Lake Valley in what is today known as the state of Utah. Today, the LDS Church is the largest of the Latter-day Saint movements.”

“Joseph Smith’s widow, Emma Smith, chose to remain behind with her three children. Many of those who refused to follow Young felt that a descendant of Joseph Smith must become his successor. In June 1852, the “New Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints” held its first conference. Though encouraged to become the head of the church, Joseph Smith III, the oldest of Emma’s three sons, refused to do so until 1860 when The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) was formed. He held this position for 54



years. For much of its history the RLDS chose a leader who was related to Joseph Smith (The LDS typically choose the senior member of the Council of the Twelve when there is a vacancy). In 1996 this tradition was broken when W. Grant McMurray became the first president who had no relationship with the Smith family. Under the leadership of McMurray, the name of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was officially changed to the Community of Christ (CofC) at its World Conference in 2000.”

(PLEASE NOTE FOR HISTORICAL ACCURACY) *Nauvoo was almost certainly the second largest city in IL (behind Chicago) vs. the largest and although the church was reorganized in 1860, the use of the RLDS name (vs. the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) didn't come about until 1872.*

History of the Local Branches

CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (Beginning)

(This is the information for Jonesport taken from the 1905 Jonesport Census.)

It was during the year 1869, that Elder T. W, Smith, of New Jersey, came to Jonesport, representing the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; but did not remain a sufficient period to affect an organization. The following year. Elder Josiah Ells, of Pennsylvania visited the people as a Missionary, and during his short stay baptized five people. He was succeeded, later on, by other missionaries, who came and labored until fourteen persons were converted to the faith.

In 1873 Elder Joseph Lakeman, of Grand Meanan, New Brunswick, came here and organized a Branch of the Church. Under his ardent and zealous labors many souls were united with the Society. Mr. Lakeman was followed by Elder B. K. Rogers who did efficient and earnest work.

Mr. Rogers' labors with this organization ceased by his death in 1879, when Mr. J. S. Walker, who was Priest of the Branch, was chosen to preside, and was soon after ordained an Elder. Mr. Walker served faithfully in this position until his impaired health forced him to give up the work. Younger men have been called to preside, namely: L. A. Woodward, Jonesport; C. H. Rich, Boston, and W. E. LaRue, Davenport, Iowa.

Of the many missionaries who have served this church we would mention the following: W. S. Kelley, Elijah Banta, I. M. Smith, F. M. Sheahy, U. W. Greene, T. C. Kelley, J. C. Foss, W. F. Gowell and Joseph Luff. A great auxiliary to the Church is the Sunday School which was organized in 1886. The School then enrolled but eighteen members, while at the present time the number reaches sixty. A hall was rented for this body, where they met for two years. The first Superintendent was Mrs. E. M. Walker, who has officiated in this capacity ever since.

At the present time this organization gives promise of a very strong society. Its membership now numbers one-hundred and fifty, and is increasing each year. Meetings are held in the Union Church at the Lower Village, and in the vestry at West Jonesport.

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