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#### Anniversaries:

6 – Steve & Nancy Spicher

#### Birthdays:

2 – John Hagan, Joan Hinkson  
4 – Lane Rose, J.B. Smith, Sallee Wade, Ed White  
5 – Nickolas Napier  
8 – Misty Stecher  
9 – Debbie Hagan, Ruthann Smith  
11 – Rachel Ridgeway  
13 – Roy Ewalt  
14 – Tracey Sutor  
17 – Lauren Rose, Barbara Hopkins  
18 – Rachel Curry, David Fitch  
26 – Rosemary Humphrey  
27 – Johnny Clubb  
30 – Donna Welty

... for **Shannon Edwards and her son Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another. Also pray for Shannon as she continues her studies.

... for **Jim Eager** who has completed 25 treatments of radiation – and chemotherapy and is coming home from Iowa City! Praise God!

... for **Shawn Keith** who is recovering from knee surgery.

... for **Pastor Greg** as he is recovering from surgery on his shoulder.



*Thank you for all the birthday wishes and cards from my church family. I even got a “Happy Birthday to you” song from the Sunday School class! 65 feels good. – Ellen*



# Crusader

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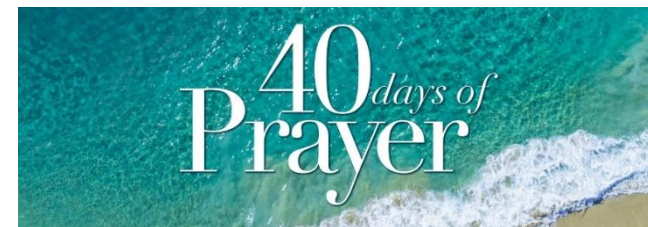
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October 24, 2021

Message by Pastor MJ Fitch  
“40 Days of Prayer: Praying in  
Five Dimensions”

Scripture: Ephesians 6:18

October 31, 2021

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“40 Days of Prayer: When God Says No”

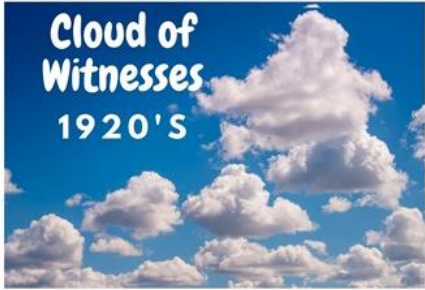
Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

*Worship will be in-person at 9:30am and on Facebook Live at 9:30am and later on Sunday morning on our webpage and YouTube*

### ALL SAINTS DAY

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** is All Saints Day and during our worship service, we are going to remember all the saints who have “gone on to glory” this past year.





## HISTORY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 1920's

The roaring twenties found lots of activity on the corner of North and Broad Street. Reverend S.H. Zendt was pastor, having arrived in 1917. At the time the church was meeting in the basement, which had been roofed over due to lack of funds to build the rest of the building.

Bids were let in 1927 and the general contract was given to F. W. Apsey of the Galesburg Construction Company to complete the building. Total cost of \$96,933.34 was paid out to complete the top part of the church. Aldrich and Aldrich were the architects. Local Purington bricks were used in the construction.

Dedication day was June 10, 1928 and the complete service was published in the Register Mail. It was estimated that a thousand people attended the 3 services that glorious day.

June 14, 1928 a special organ concert was given with Professor James Mac Weddell of Knox College playing and the Moeller organ was dedicated. Later he was Bill Jewsbury's organ teacher in 1941-45.

Mrs. H.W. (Emma) Wood had donated the organ at a cost of \$14,230.00. Her husband donated the Deagan Tower Chimes but sadly had died before he could hear them played.

Building committee listed was: S.H. Zendt, Pastor, A.R. Smith, chairman, B.F. Saunders, secretary, Dr. B.F. Tucker, treasurer, A. T. Roseberry, G.J. Schroeder, F.E. Foust and E.L. Basley.

Pastor Zendt served until 1941 and welcomed 1,382 new members, performed 905 weddings and 912 funerals during his 24 years of service.

Please continue to watch for more First Christian Church History.

## OCTOBER IS ... MINISTERIAL APPRECIATION MONTH

Let your Pastors know how much they're appreciated in any special way you wish.



## WELCOME ELINOR JOSEPHINE RUNGE

*Daughter of Mary and Jake Runge and  
Little sister of Isaac*

Born October 4 – 8:20am  
6 lbs. 14 oz.  
19 ½ inches long



## PRAYER GATHERINGS ON WEDNESDAYS

With our 40 Days of Prayer emphasis, we are going to be having some prayer gatherings at the church on Wednesdays, 30 minutes prior to our Bible Study times. Please join us at 9am or 5pm on Wednesdays (whether or not you attend Bible Study). We will gather in the sanctuary – to pray for one another/our church family/for the mission and vision of our church and for revival. We hope you are able to attend!

Pastor Brian Bill says, *"It strikes me that the early church was born not out of a time of preaching, or fellowship, or even evangelism. God launched His church while His people were in a prayer meeting."*

Something happens when God's people meet together to pray!

## THANK YOU FROM DISCIPLES WOMEN

On October 12, Disciples Women sent 8 completed hygiene kits and a check for \$65.55 to Church World Service. Thanks to all of you who made kits or gave a donation. Someone in the USA or thousands of miles away will be benefit from your loving help.

– Carolyn Spratt and Earlene Crouse, Disciples Women







# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  1:30pm – Caring Ministers	<b>3</b> 9am – CWU 9am & 5pm – Prayer Gatherings 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group	<b>4</b> 8:30am – Staff meeting 5:15pm – 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning 6pm – Girl Scout leaders	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School <i>All Saints Day</i>	<b>8</b>  6:30pm - Elders	<b>9</b>  6:30pm - Council	<b>10</b> 9am & 5pm – Prayer Gatherings 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group	<b>11</b> 8:30am – Staff meeting  <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School <i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>	<b>15</b>  7pm - Trustees	<b>16</b> 10:30am – Naomi Circle 5:30pm – Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch 5pm – Loving Bottoms bd 7pm – The Weekend - Cluster	<b>17</b> 9am & 5pm – Prayer Gatherings 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 2pm & 3pm – Worship at Seminary Manor & Hawthorne 7:15pm – Historical Society	<b>18</b> 8:30am – Staff meeting  10:30am – Disciple Women's Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School <i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		Note: Worship is in-person as well as Facebook Live at 9:30am	Note: Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are both on Zoom and in person.	In person classes are held in the Conference Room, along with Zoom, at the same time.

SERVING SCHEDULE			
	DIACONATE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
OCT 24	Candi Moulton Janet Foster	Steve Spicher	Ellen Anderson (recorded)
OCT 31	Kaleb Brown Raeleen Brown	Carolyn Spratt	Renee Galvin
NOV 7	David Wilt Leslie Wilt	Chris Mowrer	Hope Nelson
NOV 14	Jake Runge Earlene Crouse	Pastor	Tracy Jackson



**THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING  
NOV. 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>**

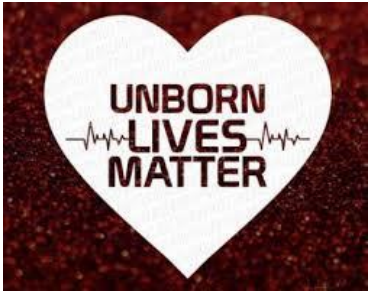
Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the

world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders, and it also provides scholarship and support for our theological education institutions. Envelopes will be in the sanctuary on **November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**.



**QUARTERLY OFFERING STATEMENTS  
ARE READY FOR PICK UP AND LOCATED  
ON THE TABLE BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



**FESTIVAL OF LIFE**  
**Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**  
**Bethel Baptist Church, 1196 N. Academy St.**  
*Sponsored by Knox County Right to Life*  
 Speaker – Autumn Lindsey, Student Spokesperson  
 for Students for Life  
 Admission is free. Donations welcome and appreciated.

**BLESSING BOX HELPERS NEEDED**

Outreach Ministry is looking for individuals, couples, or families to help with the Blessing Box. It's very easy but would require a weekly commitment. You would simply pick up the blue bag of items packed for “your day” and place them in the box on your assigned day. Bags can be picked up Sunday morning or anytime during office hours. It is our hope to have one person or family assigned to each day of the week. Contact Steph Line if you are interested in signing up to be a Blessing Box helper one day every week.

We are blessed by wonderful support from our congregation and the community. Please continue to pray for those who give and those who are served by our box.  
 Take what you need. Bring what you can. Be blessed!



**THANK YOU – STEPH**

Thank you to Steph Line for acting as administrator for our Facebook page for 11 years, since its inception. Social media allows us to connect with our members as well as people who may not attend church and literally people from around the world – especially in the Congo. Throughout the years, we have seen this platform become a great way to promote our church events, broadcast our worship services and strengthen our church family outside of Sunday services.  
 How grateful we are for Steph’s continued ministry in our church!