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Anniversaries:

- 1 – Kenny & Donna Colwell
- 6 – Steve & Nancy Spicher

Birthdays:

- 2 – John Hagan, Joan Hinkson
- 4 – J.B. Smith, Sallee Wade,
Ed White
- 5 – Nickolas Napier, Kenny
Colwell
- 8 – Misty Stecher
- 9 – Debbie Hagan, Ruthann Smith
- 11 – Rachel Sutter
- 13 – Roy Ewalt
- 14 – Tracey Sutor, Dave Farber
- 17 – Barbara Hopkins, Diane
Eager, Wendy Schauer
- 18 – Rachel Curry, David Fitch
- 25 – Lisa Simmons
- 26 – Rosemary Humphrey
- 27 – Johnny Clubb
- 30 – Donna Welty

... for **Tracy Jackson** as she continues to recover from Post-Covid Syndrome.
... for **Pam Whittom** who is now home and is recovering from recent surgery.
... **Neill Unger's** sister, Louise, and **Jan's** sister, Karen, for health & well-being.
... for **Jimmy Ellis** undergoing Chemotherapy.
... for **Shannon Edwards and her son Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another. Also pray for Shannon as she is due to deliver her baby on November 7.



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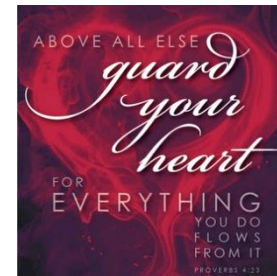
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Oct. 30, 2022

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"Seek God's Heart"

Scripture: I Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:14-23

Nov. 6, 2022

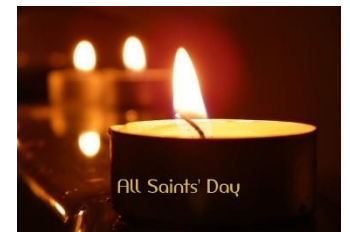
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

Comfort for our Hearts – John 14

Join us as we remember and give thanks for those who have
"gone on to glory" this past year.

Worship will be in-person and on Facebook Live at 9:30am



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

At 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 6**, Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn your clocks back by one hour, which means you gain one hour, in order to "fall back."



CHICKEN & NOODLE FUNDRAISER NOV. 12

The youth will be hosting a Chicken and Noodle fundraiser supper on **Saturday, Nov. 12 from 5 to 7pm.** The youth are raising funds to help with costs for a spring trip to *The Art Encounter* in Kentucky. Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, and the meal includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink. Tickets will be available for purchase on **October 30** during church and then in the church office leading up to

the event. We will need a head count to ensure appropriate food preparation, so mark your calendars now!

“CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK” SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Our annual Christmas Cookie Walk is coming soon! We’re already asking for LOTS of homemade Christmas cookies and candy donations ... for which we truly thank you! Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with needed supplies. Checks can be made out to Disciples Women with Memo: Cookie Walk. Proceeds go to the Disciple Mission Fund.

We truly appreciate your participation in this fun and fundraising event! Let’s make our church proud and have a great time too! – *The Christmas Cookie Walk Committee*

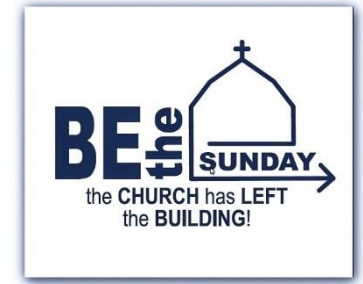


COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Coffee hour fellowship has started back up at **9:30am each Sunday** in Small Hall, before the 10am service. Coffee, juice, and light snacks are available, plus good conversation! We are looking for volunteers to make the coffee and set out the snacks each Sunday morning, plus clean up afterwards. It only takes 1-2 people each week. If you would like to take a turn, there will be a sign-up sheet available during the fellowship time, or you may contact Leslie Wilt at (309) 351-6030.

BE THE CHURCH Nov. 13

Be The Church Sunday will be on November 13. We will worship together at 10am and then spend the rest of the morning (11am to 12:30pm) serving others in outreach. It will be a time to not only be the hands and feet of Christ, but also an opportunity to work alongside members of our church family. The day will end with lunch at 12:30pm.



Opportunities include:

- **FISH FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE & VOLUNTEERING**

Please bring non-perishable food donations now through November 13 to the church and they will be delivered to FISH on Be The Church Sunday as we go to FISH to volunteer!

- **TREATS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

Accepting donations of homemade treats (no need to cut or prepackage) to the church by 10am on Sunday, November 13 when we will assemble treat trays for local first responders.

- **GIFT OF LIGHTS DISPLAY**

Help assemble, paint, create a display for the Gift of Lights Display that will be set up at Lincoln Park to help raise funds for local charities this holiday season!

We still need leaders for these options and ask that you contact the church office or Kim Barton if you would be willing to help. Your willingness to lead would be greatly appreciated.

BOOK CLUB RESUMES

After a pandemic hiatus, our Book Club will restart with a Christian fiction novel by Jeff Pearson, *“Forever Across the Marsh.”* All are welcome to read and join in our discussion – November date to be announced. We read the book and discuss in its entirety. If you need help finding a copy of the book, call Diane Eager at (309) 335-7560.

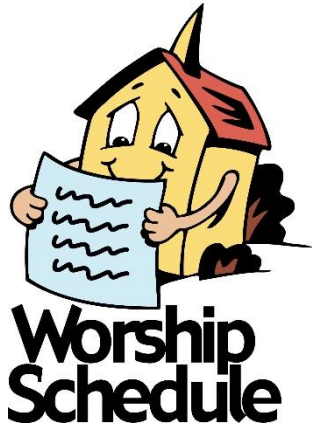




November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:30pm – Caring Ministers	2 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group 7:30pm – Choir practice	3 9am – Staff meeting	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – “All Saints Day” 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in “Upper Room”	7 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter week	8	9 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group 7:30pm – Choir practice	10 9am – Staff meeting	11 Veteran’s Day	12 8:30am-3:30pm – Healthy Boundaries workshop for area clergy 5:00-7:00pm – Youth Group Chicken Noodle Supper
13 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am-noon – “Be the Church” 12:00pm - Lunch 3pm – Worship in the Upper Room	14 1:30pm – Cookie Walk mtg 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6pm – Elders/Council joint mtg	15 10:30am – Naomi Circle 7pm – The Weekend Cluster	16 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group 6:30pm – Historical Society 7:30pm – Choir practice	17 9am – Staff meeting 2pm – Worship at Knox County Nursing Home 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	18	19
20 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship - Choir 12:00pm – Lunch followed by Hanging of the Greens	21 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 7pm – Trustees Newsletter week	22 7:30pm – Choir practice	23	24 	25 Office Closed	26
27 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship - Choir 11:30am Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in the Upper Room Advent Begins	28 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 7pm – Buchanan Choir rehearsal	29	30 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 3pm – Worship at Hawthorne Inn 7:30pm – Choir practice		<i>Note: Worship services are in-person as well as Facebook Live</i>	<i>Note: Disciples Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are both on Zoom and in person.</i>



WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Oct. 30 – Diaconate Serving: Janet Foster and Marnie Herring

Lead in Communion: Steve Spicher

Offering Message: Tracy Jackson

Prayers: Rachel Sutter

Greeters: Janet Foster and Marnie Herring at North St.; Chris Wood and Marla Wood at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Nov. 6 – Diaconate Serving: David Wilt and Leslie Wilt

Lead in Communion: Renee Galvin

Offering Message: Neill Unger

Prayers: Leslie Wilt

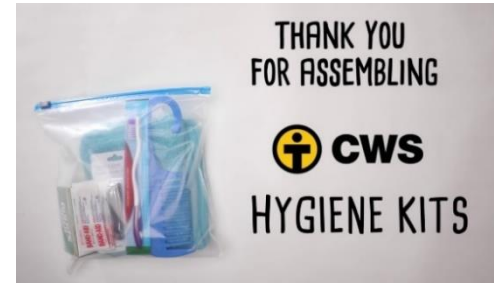
Greeters: David Wilt and Leslie Wilt at North St.; Janet Foster and Tracy Jackson at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Steve Spicher and Renee Galvin

DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEW STUDY: OVERCOMER

Disciples Sunday School class will begin a new study “Overcomer” based on the movie *Overcomer*, the movie from the Kendrick Brothers, producers who made the movie *War Room*. This Bible study is designed to help us establish our value and worth in Christ as we study various Old and New Testament heroes of faith.

To kick off our study, we will be watching the 2-hour movie on **November 6 at 11:30am**. We will share lunch together as we watch the movie. Chili will be served, and everyone will be bringing sides/desserts to share. Everyone is invited to join us! Please let Pastor MJ know if you will be attending so we can make sure there is enough chili and chairs!



Center in Chatham. Someone in the US such as Florida who was devastated by Hurricane Ian or even someone thousands of miles away will benefit from our loving help. – *Thank you, Disciples Women*

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Your quarterly statements of giving that can be used for income tax purposes are ready to be picked up and are located on the table outside the church office door. These statements were generated using the new accounting program.



NEW STOVES

Thanks to generous donations, we have two new stoves in the kitchen. We are so very grateful to be able to make this much needed upgrade!

