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Anniversaries:

8 – Bill & Willa Jewsbury

Birthdays:

1 – Lori Johnson
8 – Christopher Kelley
11 – Sharon Carnes, Autumn Keith
12 – Adelia McGee
13 – Janet Foster, Katie Jackson
15 – Christine Parks
16 – Rick Anderson
17 – Parker Stecher
21 – Destiny Galvin
23 – Willa Jewsbury, Ben Ring,
Patty Cooley
24 – Dorothy Hayes, Sharon
Johnson, Marilyn Ewing, Sophie
Rogers
26 – Marge Patterson
30 – Glen Carnes

... for **Shannon Edwards and her son Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another.

... for **Jim Eager** who is in the University of Iowa Hospitals waiting on results of tests.

... for **Sue Colvin** who has increased pain from her recovery from a broken pelvis and is having trouble walking. She is very grateful for all the cards people have sent.

... for the family and friends of **Jimmy McCormick** who went to his heavenly home on Aug. 21.

... for the **VanVelsor family** grieving the death of Scott.

... for **Laura Reid** grieving the death of her husband Jim.

... for **Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo** - unrest and conflict with their leadership.

... for **teachers, students, bus drivers and other support staff** as they return to school.



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August 29, 2021

Message by Pastor MJ Fitch

“Go for the Gold: Passing the Baton”

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

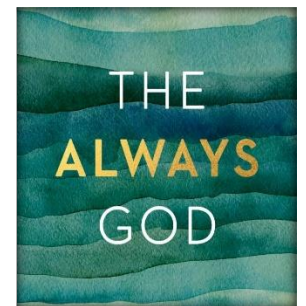
Sept. 5, 2021

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“Always: God is Speaking”

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-5

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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 29 – 10:30am

On **August 29**, immediately following worship, at **10:30am**, we will have a congregational meeting to approve the Budget for the 2021-2022 church year. Your attendance is important as we make plans and pray for the coming year of ministry of our church.





HISTORY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 1880s

As we continue our journey into the 1880s the first telephone was installed in Galesburg. The post office began to deliver mail, electric street lighting and public transportation was available, and Knox County Courthouse construction began. The population of Galesburg was just under 12,000 residents.

First Christian Church was located on West Tompkins Street. It’s been occupying a one-room building with a large heating stove in the center with capacity seating for fifty members. Presently the Galesburg Public Safety Building is on this site. Rev. Gilbert J. Ellis served as pastor of the struggling church in 1889. He organized Sunday School and divided it into three classes growing the enrollment to over seventy students with eleven teachers.

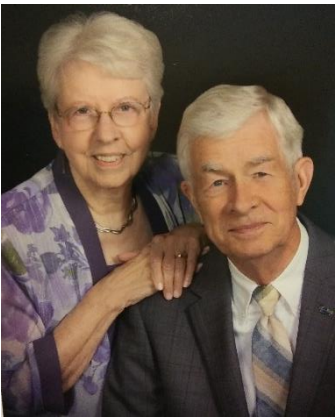
SERVING SCHEDULE

	DIACONATE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
AUGUST 29	Jake Runge Earlene Crouse	Neill Unger	Tracy Jackson
SEPT 6	Caleb Brown Raeleen Brown	Pastor	Tina Burns
SEPT 12	Candi Moulton Janet Foster	Cindy Andrews	Misty Stecher
SEPT 19	Chris Wood Marla Wood	Mary Runge	Steve Spicher



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday August 29th. Plan to invite any school-age children to attend service that day and receive a blessing of their backpack and a small gift for their backpacks. Let’s be a blessing to our children.

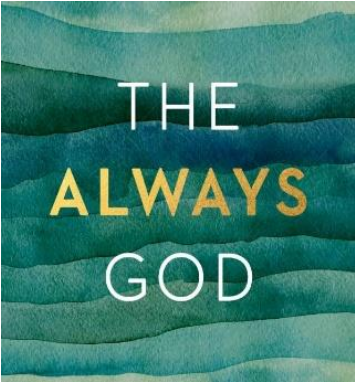


HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY BILL & WILLA JEWSBURY

December 31, 1950, Bill Jewsbury, after playing the chimes at midnight in the church tower, asked Willa Whitton to marry him. She said yes. So on September 8, 1951, the knot was tied and it is still holding after 70 years. They have three children, Kathi, Will and Robert; five grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one due in October. They thank their church friends for all their support down through the years. God bless Bill and Willa on their very special day.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5 ~ *The Always God*

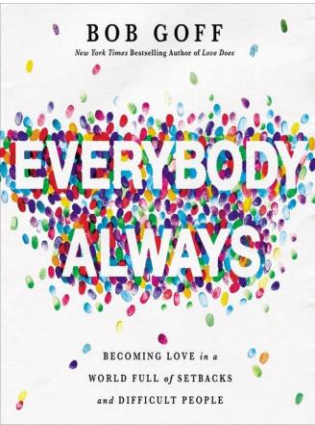
There's a rising sense of uncertainty in the world. Loss and disappointment feel endless. Pandemic – unrest around the world – division among people everywhere. We need a message of hope and trust in something bigger than all these struggles we are facing. This 5-week sermon series will remind us of our unchanging and faithful God who is *always* speaking, hearing, seeing, pursuing, and restoring.



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPT. 15 *Everybody Always by Bob Goff*

In Bob Goff’s inspiring follow-up to his book *Love Does*, Bob points the way to embodying love - loving the neighbors God has placed into your world. “*Everybody Always*” provides practical steps to help in loving others even the difficult ones.”

This Bible Study will start on **Sept. 15** and meet each Wednesday through **Oct. 13** with two session options: 1) in-person at **9:30am** in the Conference Room; or 2) in-person or on Zoom at **5:30pm**. If you want a study guide, the cost is \$7 if ordered by Sept. 1. Contact the church office to order the book as soon as possible.





SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am - CWU at FCC	2 8:30am – Staff meeting 5:15pm – 150 th anniv. planning	3 7pm – Luke Acerra's Farewell Recital at Monmouth College's Dahl Chapel	4
5 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	6 Labor Day – Office Closed	7 1:30pm – Caring Ministers	8 5:30pm – Youth group kickoff	9 8:30am – Staff meeting	10	11  WE WILL NEVER FORGET
12 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	13 6:30pm - Elders	14 6:30pm - Council	15 9:30am and 5:30pm - Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group	16 8:30am – Staff meeting 6pm – Girl Scout leaders	17	18
19 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School <i>Reconciliation Offering</i>	20 7pm - Trustees	21 10:30am - Naomi Circle 7pm – The Weekend - Cluster	22 9:30am and 5:30pm - Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group	23 8:30am – Staff meeting	24	25
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Notes:
Worship is in-person as well as Facebook Live at 9:30am
Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are held both on Zoom and in person. In person classes are held in the Conference Room, along with Zoom, at the same time.



YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF SEPT. 8

Youth Group Kick Off will be held Wednesday
September 8th from 5:30pm to 7:15pm.

In order to have a successful event bringing in the youth of our church and community, we need your help. Our youth leaders have prepared a Help Wanted poster listing specific roles and responsibilities so everyone can participate which is displayed on the bulletin board by the office (see shortened list below). Contact Misty Stecher if you are willing to volunteer or would like to know more about a particular role. Please pray for our youth and sign up to help our youth so the Youth Group can continue.

HELP WANTED

Small Group Leaders for Grades K-4, Grades 5-6 and Grades 7-8
 Youth Group Mentor
 Youth Group Prep Worker
 Youth Group Games Coordinators for Grades K-4 and Grades 5-12
 Youth Group Craft Coordinator for Grades K-4
 Youth Group Gift of Lights Coordinator for Grades 5-12 (this is a seasonal need September through early December).

Luke Acerra's Farewell Recital

September 3 at 7pm

Monmouth College in Dahl Chapel

Luke will be leaving for Graz, Austria, to study at Kunst Universität
 Graz for a Masters in Cello Performance.

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Thank you for supporting our Blessing Box ministry!

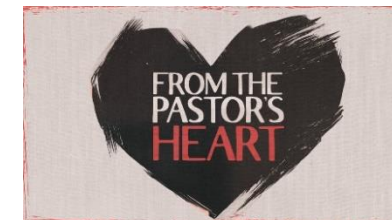
Items needed: socks, shoes (new or gently used), deodorant, shampoo, lotion, disposable razors, period supplies, toilet paper, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food, notebook paper/tablets, markers/crayons.



Remember your star word from Epiphany this year? I hadn't thought about it lately until recently. Mine is "believe". What is it that God is wanting me to focus on and believe right now in my life – and in the life of the church?

I think God is calling us to believe (and claim) that He is our Provider and Sustainer – our help in ages past and our hope for years to come! It is all too easy to fall prey to discouragement and fear – wondering how we are going to make it. I believe we need to look to the future with hope, knowing God is walking ahead of us to prepare the way for us. As we keep our eyes on Him, He will direct our steps and will provide for us in all our needs.

Church – believe God is at work in us and will do mighty things in us as we trust in Him! And believe that God will bless our gifts and talents that we share and will multiply them and help our church to grow! God bless and keep y'all – Pastor MJ



WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERS HELP IN CRISIS

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. Emerging from the humanitarian crisis of World War II, Week of Compassion has been our wider church's response to human suffering for more than 75 years. Today, Week of Compassion is responding to many of the crises that are happening throughout our world, including those in Haiti and Afghanistan.

As the humanitarian crisis unfolds in Afghanistan, Disciples are asking how to help. Week of Compassion is working with partners in the region to provide needed relief and help meet urgent needs. Those needs are still emerging, and the situation is very delicate. Our gifts to Week of Compassion will help with the humanitarian needs within Afghanistan and neighboring countries – and for the refugees that have fled.

And Week of Compassion is also reaching out to the people of Haiti, working with long-standing partners in the area to respond to immediate needs like: temporary shelters, hygiene kits, clothes, water, first aid kits, flashlights and power generators, fuel, health and rescue workers. *Your generosity will make a big difference for people facing unthinkable challenges.*

You are invited to make a donation at their website: weekofcompassion.org

Mail a check to: *Week of Compassion, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN*