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Thursday, August 10th
9:00 Staff meeting

Sunday, August 16^h
8:45 Coffee House Theology
Sunday School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Monday, August 14th
6:00 Elders and Council

Thursday, August 17th
5:30 Men's Night Out at Pizza
Ranch
5:30 Ladies' Night Out at Jimmy's

Sunday, August 20th
8:45 Coffee House Theology
Sunday School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Monday, August 21st
6:30 Trustees



... for **all students, teachers, bus drivers, and staff** as they return to school.
... for Jan Lucas' cousin, **Mary Livingston Geize and family**. Mary is now on hospice care.
... for **Patricia Kinney** that the doctors will come up with a plan to relieve her pain.
... for **Raye Beasley** for improved health and a reduction in pain.
... for **Neill Unger's sister, Louise**, who is hospitalized and undergoing tests.



Dear Church Family: I am amazed and blessed by all your texts, e-mails, cards, and all the delicious meals people have provided. I truly am very blessed! – Pastor MJ



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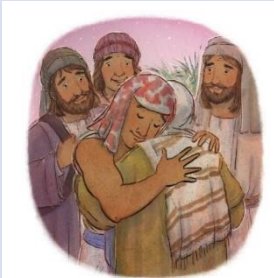
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August 13, 2023
Message by Pastor Greg Fitch
“Summer Baggage: Forgiveness”

August 20, 2023
Message by Pastor Forrest Krummel
“Tangled Webs and Broken Threads”
Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

Worship will be in-person and on Facebook Live at 10am



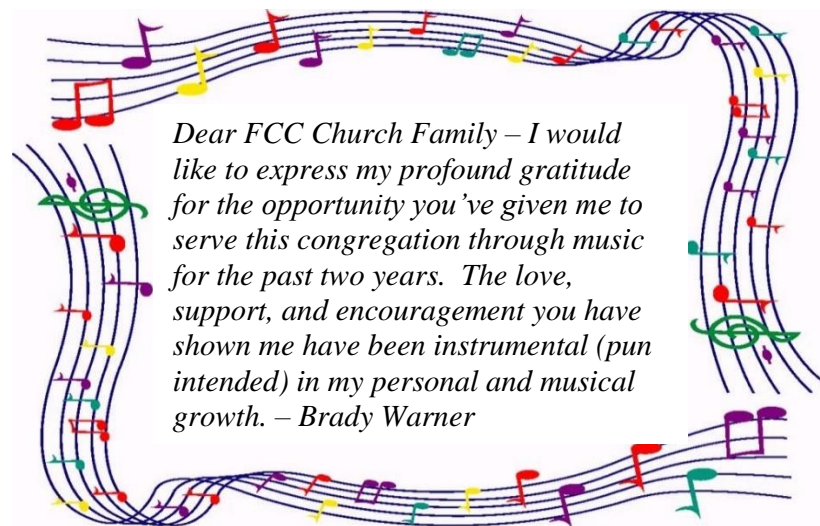
YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEER MEETING

A youth group volunteer information meeting will be held at **9:30am on Sunday, August 13** in the church conference room. We need help with school age, middle school youth group. Find out what would be needed/required at this informational meeting. Bring your donuts, coffee and any ideas you might have for our youth group to flourish.



LADIES' and MEN'S NIGHT OUT AUGUST 17

Ladies' Night Out and Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, August 17**. The ladies will meet at Jimmy's Pizza and the men will meet at Pizza Ranch. All are invited to come and enjoy a night of food, fellowship and fun!



Former pastor J.T. Moore and his wife Judith will be celebrating their 73rd wedding anniversary on **August 20**. Cards may be sent to them at 2301 Seton Court, Burlington, NC 27215.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY OFFERING REPORT

We collected **\$240** for our Christmas in July offering. Your gift to the Christmas offering supports the work of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Region, sustaining the life of our church. Thank you so much for your generosity!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On **Sunday, September 3rd at 10am**, join us for an outdoor service on the lawn. Join us for songs, a craft for all ages and abilities, fellowship, and a message. Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or sit in your car and listen to the service on FM 88.1. In case of inclement weather or air quality, we will be in the large hall.

Mark your calendar: **September 24**, we will meet at Lake Storey and have an outdoor worship service, followed by our All Church Picnic.

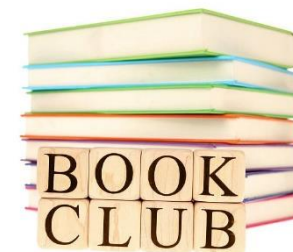
BOOK CLUB NEWS

Next Book Club Selection: "*The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*" by David Wroblewski.

"A mystery, a thriller, a ghost story, and a literary tour de force .. an authentic epic, long and lush, full of back story and observed detail .. the author exercises a certain magic that catches and holds our attention, a magic that is undeniably his own." – Los Angeles Times Book Review.

An Oprah's Book Club Pick..#1 New York Times Bestseller

Anyone is welcome to attend book club. We will be discussing this selection at a date at the end of August/early September to be announced.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

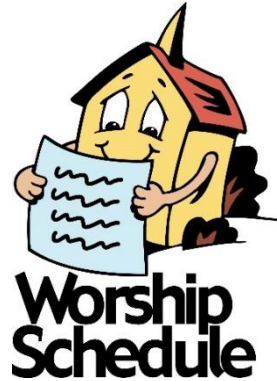
August 14 – Elders and Council joint meeting at 6pm

August 21 – Trustees meeting at 6:30pm

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Aug 13 – Diaconate Serving: Janet Foster and Jan Unger
Lead in Communion: Jan Luallen
Offering Message: Ellen Anderson (recorded)
Prayers: Pastor Frosty
Greeters: Janet Foster and Jan Unger at North St.;
Marge Patterson at Broad St.; Sharon Carnes at canopy door

Aug 20 – Diaconate Serving: Larry Thurman and Don Mundy
Lead in Communion: Pastor Greg
Offering Message: Neill Unger
Prayers: Misty Stecher
Greeters: Larry Thurman and Don Mundy at North St.; Janet Foster at Broad St.; Jan Unger at canopy door
Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher



Bag of Chips:
Because you are all that and....
Pen:
To jot down all the reasons you are amazing
Sticky Notes:
To create the never-ending to do list
Hand Sanitizer:
For all the obvious reasons
Chocolate:
relieves stress
Gum:
To stick through the tough times
Water and Crystal Light Packet:
For the needed BLAST of energy!
Advil:
When all else fails...Take 2!

Thank you for all you do:
First Christian Church

TEACHER SURVIVAL KITS

THANK YOU to all who helped assemble the Teacher Survival kits at our outdoor worship service on Sunday. We created 200 kits that will be delivered to the Galesburg Jr/Sr High School teachers this week. And a special thanks to Misty Stecher who organized the event and for all of your donations and support.



REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CITY PARISH CHURCH

We recently received the following report from the Office of Resource Development of Global Ministries on the construction of a new church building for The New City Parish of the Community of Disciples of Christ in the Congo, located in Mbandaka of the Democratic Republic of Congo:



Since the last report in May 2023, the CDCC



has continued construction of the new church building for the New City Parish. Parishioners – including over 50 young people, women, and men – are working daily at the church, donating their time, and providing meals for one another to help make this new building project possible. Recent progress includes the purchase of cement and paving the floors of the parish, as well as work on the pulpit. The installation of office windows and septic tanks has been completed. Interior walls have been placed, and the roof has

been installed.

In the coming months, the remaining work that needs to be completed includes:

- Continued carpentry work, primarily around the windows - \$6,460
- Pavement of the floors and exterior spaces - \$17,300
- Ceiling work - \$19,800
- Solar panel installation - \$8,100
- Plumbing - \$7,650
- Sound equipment - \$6,820
- Plastering work - \$3,115
- Painting work - \$5,400
- Manufacturing 60 pew benches - \$9,000

Our prayers continue for our sister church as they continue to prepare a new place of worship.

