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August 16 – Worship On-line 9:30am Traveler's Sunday School viz Zoom 11am – 12pm - Drive Thru Prayer and Communion

**August 17 – 7pm** Trustees meeting at church

**August 18 – 6pm** Re-Entry Task Force, meeting at the church

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August 23 –
9:30am Worship Outside
11am Traveler's Sunday
School viz Zoom



... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff.

... for **Margaret Ann Sandberg** who is now on Hospice with bone cancer. She is at her home and would love cards.

...for **Christina Griswold**, who is undergoing chemotherapy.

...for **Marnie Herring** whose father passed away. A celebration of life will be held on **August 22** in Williamsfield.

...for **Neill Unger** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery at Holy Family in Monmouth. He is doing well and hopes to be home soon.

#### HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary to **J.T. and Judy Moore** on August 20. J.T. was pastor here from 1976 to 1992. They live at 2301 Seton Court in Burlington, NC 27215 or can be reached at <a href="mailto:itjrmoore@gmail.com">itjrmoore@gmail.com</a>. Our best wishes go out to them, with gratitude for their ministry and witness of marriage!



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#### August 16, 2020 Message by Pastor Greg Fitch "Shelter: Our Hope and Shield"

Shelter: Our Hope and Shield" Scripture: Psalm 33

Please see our Facebook page, YouTube, and Webpage (fccgalesburg.org) to see our worship service on Sunday.





#### **CELEBRATING LYNDA WHITE**

We are a late to celebrate, but still want to lift up **Lynda White**, who has been serving as the church's treasurer/bookkeeper for **20 years**, beginning February 2000! We are so incredibly grateful for her wonderful years of service and dedication to our church! She continues to work at home, during our pandemic, depositing our offerings and paying our bills and keeping track of all our funds. She keeps us all going!

Another "milestone" for Lynda this year is that she is turning 70 on **August 19**! Why not send her your birthday greetings and your thanks for her ministry in our church?



## DRIVE -THRU COMMNIOIN AND PRAYER AUGUST 16

Drive-thru the church canopy on the parking lot, between **11am - 12pm on July 26.** Pastor MJ will greet you there and will pray and share communion with you.

#### JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our Adult Bible Study class on **Wednesdays** at 5:30pm, via Zoom. We are beginning a new study by Rick Warren called "Unshakable", which is based on the book of Daniel. "The Unshakeable series follows the life of Daniel and offers practical lessons from biblical principles that guided Daniel through difficult situations. You'll learn how to publicly stand strong for God, and how to pray the kind of prayers that God answers." This study will last 8 weeks. If you are interested in attending, please call/text/email Pastor MJ and she will give you the invite to join us on Zoom.





### DISCIPLES WOMEN'S "BLESSING BOX" NAME CHANGE

The name of our personal Blessing Boxes will be changed to **Joy Boxes**. There has been some confusion between the one for our neighbor-hood items and our personal one we have at home. Because of the covid19 virus we were unable to collect our Joy Boxes for dedication in April as we normally do. We will be asking you at a later date to turn them in for dedication.

If you are in need of one, we do have them available at church. You can also use a container you may have at home by just dropping a coin in whenever you feel blessed. Please contact Earlene Crouse at 343-6445 if you have any questions.



Our Re-entry Task Force, which includes: Neill Unger, Chris Mowrer, Misty Stecher, Renee Galvin, Tracy Jackson, Leslie Wilt, Chuck Boydstun and Bill and Willa Jewsbury, met on August 6. They have been praying and discerning how best to "come back" to worshiping at the church building. It has been difficult to know the best direction because of how the number of

cases have been rising in Knox County. We continue to want to make the safest decision for the well-being of all of our church family. And yet, we also know how much we are all longing to be together again – reconnecting and joining our hearts together in-person worship.

Large gatherings continue to present a higher risk for increasing the spread of COVID-19, particularly when held indoors. However, we believe by following the CDC guidelines of social distancing, we can meet briefly outdoors. Thus, on **August 23**, we are going to begin our "in person" worship outdoors at **9:30am.** We will have an abbreviated service of music and message and communion. It will be important that everyone observes the <u>social distancing</u> of 6 feet apart. And we are requiring you <u>wear a mask</u> – especially when going to your seat and when singing. We will have places designated where to sit – and ask that you bring with you:

- > A lawn chair to sit on.
- Your own communion (a piece of bread and a small container of juice.).
- Your offering.
- Your spirit of charity and understanding
   and care for one another.



- Your willingness to be flexible! This will be new for all of us!
- Your heart ready to worship and celebrate our bond in Christ.

We will be recording the worship service and then putting it on our web-page and Facebook – however it will be posted later than normal. Look for it, hopefully, around noon. We want to encourage those who feel sick OR are compromised in any way to stay home and watch worship on-line.

We are planning, at this time, to continue to worship outdoors, until sometime mid-September.

I am so looking forward to being together with you – in person!

You continue to be in my heart and in my prayers, Pastor MJ