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Anniversaries:

17 – Al & Jeannie Bower
21 – Jerry & Linda Bramlett

Birthdays:

1 – Tom Maleck, Charlene Thompson
2 – Nathan Fitch
3 – Kenley Barton
4 – Nick Nalley, Lois Hobbs
11 – Mary Runge
13 – James Jackson
15 – Jane Hopkey
16 – Richard White
19 – Jeannie Bower
20 – Val Morris
21 – Carolyn Spratt
26 – Jackie Smith-Esters
28 – Chris Mowrer

... for **Martha Gilson and Carolyn Spratt** as they recover from recent surgeries.

... for **Rosemary Humphrey** as she struggles with her health.

* For **Jan Unger's** sister, Karen, who will be having procedures on Tuesday and continues to go through a tough battle with cancer.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – Feb. 4th

During Coffee Fellowship on **February 4**, we will celebrate February birthdays. If you have a birthday in February, you are invited to bring treats to share.



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Jan 28, 2024
Message by Pastor Greg Fitch
“Better Relationships”
Scripture: James 1:19-27



Feb 4, 2024
Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch
“Better Mindset”
Scripture: Isaiah 26:3; 2 Corinthians 10:5

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



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – FEB 14

Join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service, in the sanctuary and Facebook Live on **Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30pm**. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent for Western Christian Churches – and is a day of preparation for the six weeks of Lent that includes times of reflection, remembrance and repentance. During the service, we will have a time of prayer, music, meditation, communion and receiving of ashes – and cleansing of ashes as we celebrate the gift of amazing grace!



BLANKET SUNDAYS JAN. 28

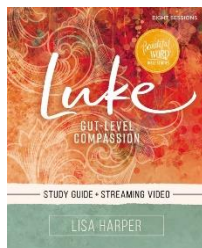
The Church World Service Blanket+ Program is a special mission opportunity for all ages. Disciples Women (DWC) at First Christian Church has been involved with this program for many years, helping to provide funds for people in need around the world.

Blankets are the equivalent of a comforting hug, designed especially for post-disaster use to provide warmth, privacy and a soft place to rest or used as a source of shelter or a way to move a few belongings. With your help, CWS ensures blankets are ready and waiting for those who will need them. Every \$5 you give will go towards the purchase of a blanket and every \$10 will buy one blanket that will bring comfort to someone somewhere.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this mission. If you have any questions, please call Earlene Crouse at (309) 368-2446. – Disciples Women

NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 24th

You are invited to join our next Bible Study starting on **January 24, at 9:30am and 5:30pm**, for 8 weeks. We will have an in-depth look the Gospel of Luke – led by DVD teacher Lisa Harper. Come and join us as we learn more about the Bible and grow in our faith.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – JAN 28

Due to weather concerns, the Installation of Officers was postponed from January 21 to **January 28**. We are so blessed to have a wonderful slate of officers/leaders to serve in our church – elders, diaconate, trustees, chairs of the various ministry teams and the executive team. Please be there on the **28th** so we can install you and dedicate you to ministry by praying for you.



HEARTSEEKERS WEEKEND March 22-23 at Bethel Baptist Church Pam Tebow - Speaker

Pam Tebow will be this year's speaker at the Heartseekers Weekend on **March 22-23** at Bethel Baptist Church. Early bird registration of \$55 through March 12. Retreat and registration information are available at Brighter Life Bookshoppe, 72 N. Seminary St., Galesburg; phone: (309) 344-3987; email: heartseekers.inc@gmail.com.

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Jan 28 – Diaconate Serving: David Wilt and Leslie Wilt

Lead in Communion: Tracy Jackson

Offering Message: Pastor

Prayers: Jan Luallen

Greeters: David and Leslie Wilt at North St.;

Brenda Fell at Broad St.; Marnie Herring at canopy door

Feb 4 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes

Lead in Communion: Donna Flicek

Offering Message: Ellen Anderson (recorded)

Prayers: Pastor

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes at North St.; David Wilt at Broad St.; Leslie Wilt at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher



SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

Disciple Women will be selling homemade chocolates on **February 11th**. A package of chocolates will cost \$5 and the profits will be used for our Disciple Mission pledge. They will be sold in The Gathering Place during fellowship hour and after service. ~ **Jan Luallen**



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am – Staff meeting 6:30pm – Worship Committee	2	3 10am – Council Planning Day
4 8:40am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School conference room 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship – Celebrate February birthdays 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	5 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter week	6 1:30pm – Caring Ministers	7 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth Group	8 9am – Staff meeting 10:30am – Disciples Women Council		
11 8:40am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in conference room 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School <i>Disciples Women Candy Sale</i>	12 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6pm – Co9:30uncil meeting 7pm – Elders meeting	13 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study	14 9:30am – Women’s Lenten Series 3pm – Hawthorne Worship 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Service in sanctuary 7:30pm – Choir practice	15 9am – Staff meeting 2pm – Knox County Worship 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies’ Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza		
18 8:40am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in conference room 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	19 9:30am – Bible Study 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm – Trustees President’s Day Newsletter week	20 10am – Naomi Circle	21 9:30am – Women’s Lenten Series 5:3pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth Group 7:30pm – Choir practice	22 9am – Staff meeting		
25 8:40am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in conference room 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	26 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	27 9:30am – Bible Study	28 9:30am – Women’s Lenten Series 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth Group 7:30pm – Choir practice	29	<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>



SUNDAY SERVICE CLOSURE POLICY

In light of our recent winter storms, we thought we should write a reminder of our church closure policy.

If inclement/hazardous weather such as snow/ice makes it dangerous for safe travel, or the parking lot at the church is hazardous for driving/walking, church services may be cancelled. The decision for closing/cancelling on Sunday will be made by 6:30am, by consultation of Pastor, Moderator of the Elders and Moderator of the Trustees.

When the church is closed, cancelled or delayed any day of the week, please take the initiative and check the following locations for the announcement:

- WGIL radio (channel 1400AM and 93.7FM) or their webpage at www.wgil.com
- WQAD Channel 8 News (Quad Cities) or their webpage at www.wqad.com.
- KWQC Channel 6 News (Quad Cities) or their webpage at www.kwqc.com.
- First Christian Church Facebook page.
- The church office answering machine.

Members of the church beginning with the Elders along with Caring Ministry volunteers will start calling members/participates to announce the closure.

The church will attempt to contact you via email and/or text about the closure.

Please take it upon yourself to contact people who come to mind about the closure/delay when you find out that this happened at the church.

Above all, it is our desire that in bad weather people only travel to church when they feel it is safe to do so. Please do not take any unnecessary risks driving or walking.



2024 FAMILY & FRIENDS DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2024 Family & Friends Directory were distributed on January 21st but if you were unable to pick one up at that time, you can pick one up in the church office during normal office hours, 8am to noon and 1-3pm Monday-Friday.

Ways to give:



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COMMUNITY WOMAN'S LENTEN SERIES

Women in the community will gather in our Fellowship Hall on six Wednesdays of Lent, **Feb. 14 to March 20, at 9:30am** for a time of worship, with guest speakers from the community. This year's theme is *"Words that Last Forever"*.

The schedule is:

Feb. 14 – *"Forgive Them"* – Rhonda Flack – Luke 23:34

Feb. 21 – *"Today in Paradise"* – Pastor Linda Mowrer – Luke 23:43

Feb 28 – *"Why Forsaken?"* – Rhonda McCracken – Mark 15:34

March 6 – *"Behold Your Son"* – Pastor Dorothy Lam – John 19:26

March 13 – *"I Am Thirsty"* – Rev. Deb Epley – John 19:28

March 20 – *"It is Finished"* – Rev. Carrie Carnes – John 19:30

All women are invited to attend this inspirational series.