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Wednesday, June 7th
9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study

Thursday, June 8th
9:00 Staff meeting
10:30 DWF Council planning meeting

June 9-16
Lorraine Vacation

Sunday, June 11th
9:00 Continental Breakfast
9:30 Congregation Meeting
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Thursday, June 15th
5:30 Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch
5:30 Ladies' Night Out at Jimmy's

Sunday, June 18th
8:45 Coffee House Theology Sunday
School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship

Monday, June 19th
6:30 Trustees

Friday, June 23rd
6:00 Women's Potluck at the church

June 25-29
Vacation Bible School



... for **Pastor MJ** as she anticipates surgery on June 13th.
... for health and well-being for **Raye Beasley**.
... for **Mary Gehring, Jimmy Ellis and Pam Whittom** in their cancer treatments.
... for **Rosemary Humphrey** - for improved health of lungs and heart.



Dear Church Family – It means so much to me to hear that y'all are already praying for my upcoming surgery and for my doctors. That will certainly uphold me as I go into the hospital this next week! I will miss you all this summer but will look forward to our reunion in the fall. Know that I will hold each of you in my heart and prayers. God bless and keep you all! Pastor MJ



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June 11, 2023

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"Summer Baggage: Anxiety/Worry"

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

June 18, 2023

FATHER'S DAY

Message by Pastor Forrest "Frosty" Krummel

"Man Up"

Scripture: Psalm 103



June 25, 2023

Message by Pastor Forrest "Frosty" Krummel

"A Choice"

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39



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



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 11

On **June 11**, we will have a Continental Breakfast at **9am** followed by a congregational meeting at **9:30am** to vote on the 2023-2024 Church Budget. Your attendance is important as we make plans and pray for the coming year of ministry of our church.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT JUNE 15

Ladies' Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, June 15** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT JUNE 15

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, June 15** at Pizza Ranch. All men of the church are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Everybody pays their own way.

WOMEN'S POTLUCK ON JUNE 23

A Women's Potluck will be at **6pm Friday, June 23** in the small hall at FCC. All women of the church are invited! Bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided.



Dear Church Family:

I would like to thank everyone in the church family for supporting me throughout my time at Bradley University, and I greatly appreciated all of the beautiful cards with wonderful messages. Thank you. – Cooper Wilt

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

June 11 – Diaconate Serving: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton

Lead in Communion: Misty Stecher

Offering Message: Pastor

Prayers: Cindy Andrews

Greeters: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton at North St.;
David Wilt at Broad St.; Leslie Wilt at canopy door

June 18 – Diaconate Serving: Sharon Carnes and Marge Patterson

Lead in Communion: Neill Unger

Offering Message: Tina Burns

Prayers: Donna Flicek

Greeters: Sharon Carnes and Marge Patterson at North St.; Aaron Barton at Broad St.; Kim Barton at canopy door
Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher

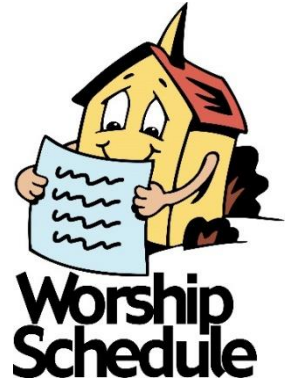
June 25 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Brenda Fell

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Jan Luallen

Prayers: Chris Mowrer

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Brenda Fell at North St.; Sharon Carnes at Broad St.; Sharon Carnes at canopy door



BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Our shelves are bare! We are always in need of supplies for our Blessing Box ministry, especially toiletries, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, and non-perishable food items - including on-the-go items such as packets of tuna, nuts, granola bars, crackers, fruit cups and the like. If you would like someone else to shop for Blessing Box items, monetary donations are welcome.

Take what you need, leave what you can, be blessed!



“Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light” Vacation Bible School will be on **June 25-29, 5:30-8:15 each evening.**

Some opportunities to help include:

1. Sponsor a VBS Pre-school child. For \$35, you can supply a child with Bible aids, crafts, and snacks for all five days of VBS. A “robot” tag has the information about sponsorship. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the office or placed in the offering plate (*please mark for “VBS Sponsor”*).
2. Bring in snacks or purchase a \$20 gift card for a game. A “rocket ship” tag has a specific snack pictured on it. These snacks can be dropped off to the church office or leave them in the bin by the North Street door.

You will find these tags in a basket on the table in the front of the sanctuary.

For more information, contact Jackie Smith-Esters at (309) 569-7960.



This QR Code can be scanned to register your child or to participate as a volunteer for VBS.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On **Sunday, July 2nd at 10am**, bring a lawn chair and join us for an outdoor service on the lawn led by **Misty Stecher**. Join us for songs, a craft for all ages and abilities, Rally Robin games, fellowship, and a message *“The High Price of Freedom”* based on Matthew 5:43-48.

Mark your calendar for other outdoor services to be held **August 6th and September 3rd**. On September 24, we will meet at Lake Storey and have an outdoor worship service, followed by our All Church Picnic.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY – CHRISTMAS OFFERING

July 2 and 9

Together Making Disciples of Christ

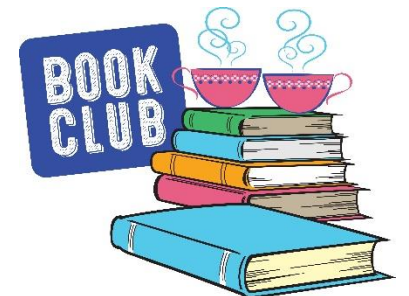
Each year we take our Christmas offering in July! And the Christmas Special Day Offering supports regional ministries. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for development, work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

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 for providing your finest gift.

BOOK CLUB

“Interior China .. a Novel,” by Charles Yu
discussion: Let’s aim for **June 15 at 9:30am** for brunch at Hardee’s. Book club members, if this is NOT a good time, let Diane Eager know ASAP, so we can attempt to be flexible with a date and time that works for most of you.

Our next book, which we will discuss on a date to be announced at the end of June/early July, is a member’s choice: *“To Kill a Mockingbird,”* by Harper Lee. All are welcome to join with us in reading and talking about this iconic novel.



Our Mission

Growing Spirit-filled, Christ-centered disciples