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Anniversaries:

9 – Steve & Tracy Jackson,
Steve & Christine Parks
11 – Chris & Linda Mowrer
15 – Marie & Ron Collinson
16 – Larry & Kathy VanVelsor
20 – Rick & Aleta Anderson
21 – Ed & Lynda White,
Aaron & Kim Barton

Birthdays:

1 – Bob Hook
4 – Laura Howland, Elinor Runge
7 – Steve Jackson, Kim Barton
8 – Jacob Runge
9 – Tracy Jackson
10 – Ellen Anderson
11 – Michelle Herring
19 – Wyatt Hagan, Dori Oberman,
Lorraine Stone
20 – Donna Colwell
26 – Marie Collinson, Renee
Galvin
27 – Mike Davis

... for **Jan Farber**, with COVID.
... for **Rosemary Humphrey**, having a
procedure on her back on Oct. 4.
... for **MISA Church**, Congolese church
in Galesburg, in great financial need.
... for **Shannon Edwards and her son
Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are
apart from one another. Also pray for
Shannon as she is expecting a baby in
November.
... for situation with Ukraine and Russia
– that peace and diplomacy will reign.
... for New City Church, Mbandaka,
Congo.



Thank you for supporting our
Blessing Box ministry!

Donations of socks, toiletry items,
toilet paper, cleaning supplies and non-
perishable food are always welcome.



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Oct. 2, 2022

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

World Communion

Congo Offering

“Hope for a World That Is Divided”

Oct. 9, 2022

Message by Martha-Jean Fitch

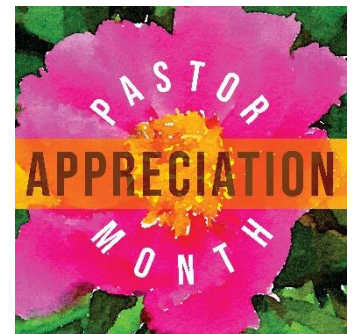
“Hope for the Underdog”

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:20-50; Ephesians 6:13

Worship will be in-person and on Facebook Live at 9:30am

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

We here at FCC want to thank **Pastors Greg and
MJ Fitch** for all they do to make our church the
encouraging and faith-building place it is! Be sure to let
them know how much you appreciate them during the
month of October. Say it with a card, an email, a small gift
– any way you wish, just let them know what a blessing
they are to our church.





CAMPFIRE MEETINGS

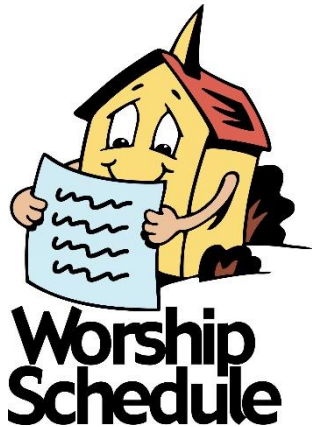
Firepit gatherings continue in October as follows:

Oct. 2: Travis and Misty Stecher's home. A light supper will be served. We are looking for people willing to contribute to the monetary cost of serving dinner. Please reach out to Travis or Misty to contribute.

Oct. 9: Church Potluck at Pastor Greg and MJ's home. There will be a clipboard sign up for potluck items beginning on Oct. 2. Fried chicken will be provided for a main dish.

In case of poor weather a decision to cancel will be made at 3pm and posted on the church Facebook page

Invite others to join you each week as we travel to some of our church member's homes for a 5pm Sunday evening supper, fellowship and firepit.



WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 – Diaconate Serving: Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Chris Mowrer

Prayers: Carolyn Spratt

Greeters: Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain at North St.; Leslie Wilt and Tracy Jackson at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Steve Spicher and Renee Galvin

Oct. 9 – Diaconate Serving: Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown

Lead in Communion: Tina Burns

Offering Message: Ellen Anderson (recorded)

Prayers: Pastor

Greeters: Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown at North St.; Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door



HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Hygiene Kits are **due by October 10**. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Do not add extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to it being shipped. You may also donate \$15 (the price of a kit) to CWS by giving it to our secretary Carolyn Spratt. These are the items to include in each kit:

- * One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- * One washcloth
- * One wide-tooth comb removed from package
- * One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package
- * One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- * One toothbrush in the package
- * 10 standard size band-aids

If you have any questions about the items needed, please call Earlene Crouse at (309) 345-0505.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On **Friday, Sept. 30, at 5-7:30pm**, youth will have a special outing "Fun on the Farm" with a bonfire at Steve Spicher's farm in East Galesburg.

Youth group for children aged pre-school through high school meets from **5:30-7pm each Wednesday**. The evening begins with supper being served in the large hall at 5:30pm.



NEW BIBLE STUDY ~ HOPE FOR THE HURTING

Learn How to Walk Through Hurt with Peace and Joy

The challenges of life can leave us lost and drowning in their wake. But Jesus said, "In this world, you will have tribulation...." He did not say we *might* have troubles and difficulties, but *we will*. In this Bible Study, Dr. Tony Evans offers spiritual principles for facing such pain and hurt with a biblical perspective, trusting that love and happiness are on the other side.

There will be two opportunities for this upcoming six week Bible Study on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 5:30pm, beginning **October 19**. Both in-person and Zoom. Cost for the study guide is \$15 and must be ordered by **October 3**, if desired.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship World Communion Sunday <i>Congo offering</i> 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in “Upper Room” 5pm – Firepit at StecherS	3 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	4 1:30pm – Caring Ministers	5 5:30pm – Youth group 7:30pm – Choir practice	6 9am – Staff meeting	7	8
9 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship - Choir 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in “Upper Room” 5pm – Firepit Cookout at Fitches	10 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6pm – Council and Elders Office Closed – Columbus Day <i>Newsletter week</i>	11	12 5:30pm – Youth group	13 9am – Staff meeting 10:30am – Disciples Women’s Council	14 CCIW Regional Assembly begins	15 CCIW Regional Assembly ends
16 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in “Upper Room”	17 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 7pm – Trustees	18 10:30am – Naomi Circle 7pm – The Weekend Cluster	19 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group 7:30pm – Choir practice	20 9am – Staff meeting 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	21	22
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30 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship - Choir 11:30am Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in “Upper Room”	31 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous HALLOWEEN				<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>



Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls. Your support through this journey means so much. Isaiah and I miss and love you all! – Pam Whittom

WELCOME STELLA JEAN MARIA RODRIGUEZ

Daughter of Hailey Sedgwick and Rico Rodriguez

Great-granddaughter of Ed and Lynda White

Born September 15, 2022

6 lbs. 8.5 oz.
18 1/2 inches long



WELCOME LENNIE HUGH UNGER

*Son of Leanne Lewis and Nathan Unger
Grandson of Neill and Jan Unger*

Born August 28, 2022

5 lbs. 6 oz.
17 1/2 inches long



CONGO OFFERING OCTOBER 2

World Communion Sunday is observed every first Sunday in October. It's a time for Christians around the world to celebrate oneness in the body of Christ. It has been our custom to include a celebration of our "Jumelage" with New City Church in Mbandaka, DRC. Through the years we have collected an offering to support the ministry of our brothers and sisters of our Sister Church. These projects include microcredit courses for women, clothing drives, school supplies, building projects and school uniforms. It is our plan to collect an offering this **World Communion Sunday, October 2**, to continue to support the construction of a new church building.

Won't you prayerfully consider giving a special gift the first week of October? Funds may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Please note that it is your "Congo Offering".



LIBRARY

Our library books were recently updated and organized and are available for any church member to check out. There are many genres including Christian fiction, devotional, marriage, parenting, biography, Disciples history, church member's books, missions, biblical encyclopedias, spirituality, Bible reference, theology and Bible studies.



THANK YOU

...to **Lisa Simmons and James McLaren** for making great bulletin boards in small hall.

...to **Leslie and David Wilt** for hosting such wonderful two campfires, Sept. 18 & 25.

