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Wednesdays, Nov. 9th, 16th, 30th

9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study
5:30 Youth group
7:30 Choir practice

Thursday, Nov. 10th

9:00 Staff meeting

Saturday, Nov. 12th

5:00-7:00 Chicken and Noodle Fundraiser
for Youth

Sunday, Nov. 13th

8:45 Coffee House Theology Sunday
School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:00-12:30 “Be the Church” activities
followed by lunch
3:00 Worship in the “Upper Room”

Monday, Nov. 14th

1:30 Cookie Walk planning meeting
6:00 Elders and Council joint mtg

Tuesday, Nov. 15th

10:30 Naomi Circle
7:00 The Weekend Cluster

Thursday, Nov. 17th

9:00 Staff meeting
2:00 Worship at Knox County Nursing
5:30 Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and
Ladies Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza



PRAYER REQUEST

... for **Alan Beasley**, recovering from
surgery on his lungs and is hospitalized
at St. Francis in Peoria.

... for those recovering from COVID:
**Earlene Crouse, Carrissa Empson and
her father Tony, and Steve Spicher.**

... for **Carrie Nava**, recovering from
back surgery.

... for **Neill Unger’s** sister Louise and
Jan Unger’s sister Karen – for health
and well-being.



WORSHIP IN THE UPPER ROOM

Join us at **3pm on Sundays** in the parlor
for a new alternative worship
experience. Great music and message by
Renee Galvin and communion.



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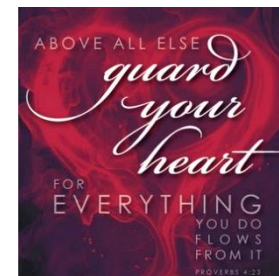
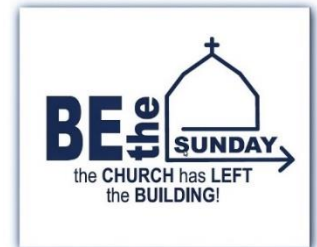
Be the Church Sunday

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

Thanksgiving Offering

“Pour Out Your Heart”

Scripture: Psalm 62:8 and 142



Nov. 20, 2022

Message by Martha-Jean Fitch

Thanksgiving Offering

“Guard Your Heart with Gratitude”

Scripture: Psalm 50:14-15, 23

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Join us as we decorate the sanctuary and hallways for
the Advent season on **Sunday, November 20**. We’ll
provide pizza for lunch at **noon**. The more, the
merrier!



LADIES NIGHT OUT NOV. 17

Ladies Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, Nov. 17** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT NOV. 17

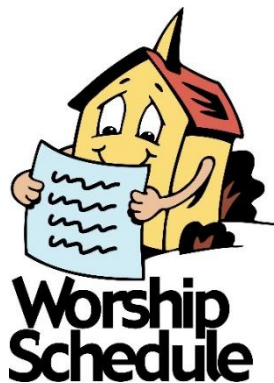
Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, Nov. 17** at Pizza Ranch. All men of the church are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Everybody pays their own way.

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Nov. 13 – Diaconate Serving: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton
Lead in Communion: Pastor
Offering Message: Donna Flicek
Prayers: Renee Galvin
Greeters: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton at North St.;
David Wilt and Leslie Wilt at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Nov. 20 – Diaconate Serving: Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain

Lead in Communion: Misty Stecher
Offering Message: Cindy Andrews
Prayers: Pastor
Greeters: Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain at North St.; Aaron Barton and Kim Barton at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door
Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher

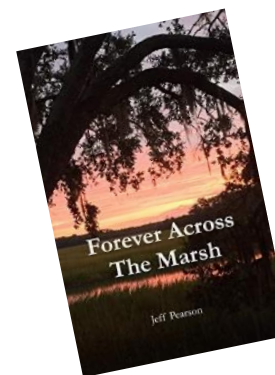
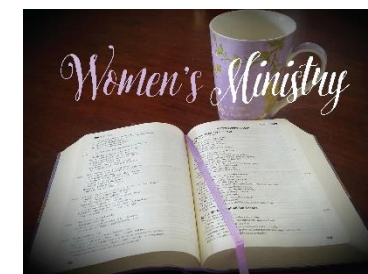


CHICKEN & NOODLE FUNDRAISER NOV. 12

The youth will be hosting a Chicken and Noodle fundraiser supper on **Saturday, Nov. 12 from 5 to 7pm**. The youth are raising funds to help with costs for a spring trip to *The Ark Encounter* in Kentucky. Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, and the meal includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink. **Contact the church office as soon as possible so we can get a head count for food.**

NAOMI CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY NOV. 15

All women are invited to participate in the Naomi Circle Bible Study which is held every month on the **3rd Tuesday at 10:30am** in the Conference Room. We are studying "*Bad Girls of the Bible*" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The next one is **Tuesday, Nov. 15**, we will be studying Lot's Wife. To prepare you may read Genesis 18:16-33 & 19.



BOOK CLUB RESUMES

Book Club will restart in early December with a Christian fiction novel by Jeff Pearson, "*Forever Across the Marsh*." All are welcome to read and join in our discussion. We read the book and discuss in its entirety in one sitting. If you need help finding a copy, call Diane Eager, 309-335-7560. (Copies can be purchased; an inter-library loan has been requested and can be borrowed from me when it arrives; or, there is one copy that can be passed around).

BE THE CHURCH Nov. 13

Be The Church Sunday will be on November 13. We will worship together at 10am and then spend the rest of the morning (11am to 12:30pm) serving others in outreach. It will be a time to not only be the hands and feet of Christ, but also an opportunity to work alongside members of our church family. The day will end with lunch at 12:30pm.



Volunteer Opportunities:

FISH FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE & VOLUNTEERING

Leader: Janet Foster

Meeting Spot: after worship on Nov. 13 at the front of the sanctuary to all go to FISH's location together.

Please bring non-perishable food donations now through Nov. 13 to the church and they will be delivered to FISH on Be The Church Sunday as we go to FISH to volunteer! Donations can be placed in the metal bin outside the church office.

Volunteer location TBD (either their current location on Windish Drive or their new location on the corner of Henderson and Main).

TREATS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Leader: Amanda Keith

Meeting Spot: Conference Room across from the pastor's office

Accepting donations of homemade treats (no need to cut or prepackage) to the church on Sunday, Nov. 13. Please drop off treats to the conference room and we will be assembling treat trays after service to deliver to local first responders.

GIFT OF LIGHTS DISPLAY

Leader:

Meeting Spot: Small Hall

Assemble the set up for the Gift of Lights Display that will be at Lincoln Park to help raise funds for local charities this holiday season! Cash donations being accepted to help purchase supplies. You can drop them off to Kim Barton, one of the pastors or to Lorraine in the office. The Gifts of Light team is also looking to borrow 2 more generators from Thanksgiving weekend through Dec. 13 if anyone would be willing to let them borrow. No generator is too small! Contact Kim Barton if you are able and she can get you in contact with the organizer.



DWF "CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK" SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Our Disciple Women's "Christmas Cookie Walk" is coming soon – Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 9am to 12 noon. It's in Small Fellowship Hall – so come one – come all!

And see what different kinds of cookies that have been made

Best of all there's no boxes to be weighed!

Cookies will be sold at \$15 a box

and looking for lots

of cookies and candy

with proceeds to the Disciple Mission Fund - - just dandy!

But if you find you don't have the time to make or bake

We will gladly take your monetary donations – for goodness sake!

Thanking you in advance, CCW Committee



GALESBURG RESCUE MISSION & WOMEN'S SHELTER

39th Annual "Harvest Time Sharathon"

Saturday, November 19th

To make a pledge call the Special Sharathon Number, (309) 342-9194, from **7am to 6pm**. Listen to WGIL 1400AM or 93.7 FM. Help them reach their goal of \$50,000.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR OUR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday morning, at 9:30am, we have a coffee fellowship in our small hall. It is a great time to gather and visit with the church family, prior to worship at 10am.

We are in need of folks who would be willing to serve as hosts at fellowship hour – which entails making the coffee and setting out the refreshments – and then cleaning up. We have a couple who has volunteered to host the 3rd Sunday of each month. Would you be willing to volunteer for one of the other Sundays? Let Leslie Wilt know at church or by calling her at (309) 351-6030.



THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING NOV. 13TH AND 20TH

Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders, and it also provides scholarship and support for our theological education institutions. Envelopes will be in the sanctuary on **November 13th and 20th**.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday, December 4th at 3pm

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who recently died; it may be a time that is always difficult due to lost dreams, broken relationships – ill health, stress or financial strain. All of these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and the spending of the season. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern – and to be reminded that we are not alone – and that we do have hope.

For these reasons, our church offers a “Blue Christmas” service on Sunday, **December 4 at 3pm**. We will have a time of prayer, music and candle lighting. Come and worship and/or invite someone you know could use some extra support & join them at the service.



ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Advent begins **November 27**. Advent is that 4-week season leading up to Christmas; a season of preparation for the coming of Christ. Our Advent Reading Plan this year is “*Prepare the Way of the Lord*” and contains devotions for each day featuring Scripture readings, reflections, and prayers, encouraging daily recommitment to what’s really important – so needed during a season that is often overtaken by our consumer culture. *We ask that only one booklet be taken by each family unit or request a downloadable pdf file that can sent directly to your email address.*

In a season often marked by frenzied busyness, Advent is an opportunity to set aside time to prepare our hearts. May this be a season to re-claim the spiritual dimensions of every day: to focus more on relationships than purchases, and more on giving than getting.



DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEW STUDY: OVERCOMER

Disciples Sunday School class will begin a new study “Overcomer” based on the movie *Overcomer*, starting **November 20**. This Bible study is designed to help us establish our value and worth in Christ as we study various Old and New Testament heroes of faith. If you would like a study book, the cost is \$7. Please contact the church office for your copy as soon as possible.