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Thursday, July 13th

9:00 Staff meeting via Zoom

Sunday, July 16th

8:45 Coffee House Theology

Sunday School

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Worship

11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Monday, July 17th

6:30 Trustees

Thursday, July 20th

5:30 Men's Night Out at Pizza

Ranch

5:30 Ladies' Night Out at Jimmy's

Sunday, July 23rd

8:45 Coffee House Theology

Sunday School

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Worship

11:30 Disciples Sunday School

... for **Marnie Herring** who will be having surgery on July 17th.
... for the family of **Frank Unger** (Neill's brother) who passed away on June 28. A memorial service will be at **2pm July 15** at the Knoxville First United Methodist Church. Watson-Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
... for **Clarence and Dorothy Roberts** whose daughter, Mary Lydic, passed away on July 2nd. Our sympathy goes out to the family.
... for **Kim Barton's nephew, Kayden**, as he recovers from a fireworks accident on July 4th.
... for health and well-being for **Raye Beasley**.
... for health and well-being of **Don Billups**.
... for **Carrie Nava** who anticipates having more back surgery.
... for **Mary Gehring, Jimmy Ellis and Pam Whittom** in their cancer treatments.



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July 16, 2023

Message by Pastor Forrest Krummel

"Don't Give Up"

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23, 2023

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"Summer Baggage: Jealousy"

Scripture:



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



WISHING BRADY ALL THE BEST

Our organist Brady Warner will be leaving for the University of Iowa to study accounting and organ performance. Brady's last Sunday with us will be **July 23**, and we want to wish him a fond farewell.

We will be presenting Brady with a love offering from the church family at the service. If you want to contribute, please get your gift to the church no later than **July 20**.



MEAL TRAIN FOR PASTORS

A meal train has been set up for Pastors MJ and Greg in response to Pastor MJ's return home after major back surgery. Go to this link to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/5v7ewr>

If you have trouble with the link, you can contact Mary Runge directly at cheerfulmary@gmail.com or phone (309) 368-5339 and she can sign you up.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT JULY 20

Ladies' Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, July 20** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT JULY 20

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, July 20** 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.

BOOK CLUB

The July book is a member's choice: *"To Kill a Mockingbird,"* by Harper Lee. We will discuss this book on **July 31 at 11am** at Hardees on Main Street.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 25-29

Twenty-five children and youth participated in *"Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light"* Vacation Bible School during the week of June 25-29. They had a great time as you can see by these pictures! A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped and for all your donations and support to make this a successful event.





THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Your quarterly statements of giving for April 1st – June 30th that can be used for income tax purposes are ready to be picked up and are located on the hall table by the North Street door. Thank you for your faithful support of FCC and its missions.



Dear Church Family –

Thank you for all the calls, cards and prayers after I fell and broke my arm and pelvis. I really appreciate all your kindness and support. – Bev Norton

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

July 16 – Diaconate Serving: Chris Wood and Marla Wood

Lead in Communion: Pastor Greg

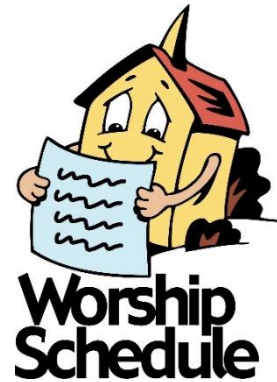
Offering Message: Cindy Andrews

Prayers: Carolyn Spratt

Greeters: Chris and Marla Wood at North St.; David

Wilt at Broad St.; Leslie Wilt at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher



July 23 – Diaconate Serving: Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown

Lead in Communion: Cindy Andrews

Offering Message: Pastor Frosty

Prayers: Tracy Jackson

Greeters: Kaleb and Raeleen Brown at North St.; Chris Wood at Broad St.;

Marla Wood at canopy door



SUPPORT THE BLESSING BOX

Thank you for all the food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations for the Blessing Box. We can always use more of these supplies whenever you can contribute: 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.

Thanks again for your continued support of this ministry.

Dear Church Family –

I was able to return home on Saturday, July 8 and want to again thank you all for the cards, flowers, texts and calls while I was in the hospital and at the rehab center. I love to hear that you are praying for me and your words of encouragement have meant the world to me. Please continue to reach out via cards and/or texts and emails while I continue to recover. God Bless y'all! – Pastor MJ



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On **Sunday, August 6th at 10am**, 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. Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or sit in your car and listen to the service on FM 88.1.

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

Our Mission: Growing Spirit-filled, Christ-centered disciples.