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Anniversaries:

8 – Bill & Willa Jewsbury

Birthdays:

7 – Susan Davis, Kari Aosved
8 – Christopher Kelley
11 – Sharon Carnes, Autumn Keith
12 – Adelia McGee
13 – Janet Foster, Katie Jackson
15 – Christine Parks
16 – Rick Anderson
17 – Parker Stecher
20 – Don Mundy
22 – Richard Stanley
23 – Willa Jewsbury, Ben Ring,
Patty Cooley
24 – Dorothy Hays, Sharon Johnson
26 – Marge Patterson
30 – Glen Carnes

... for the family and friends of **Louise Doney** (Neill Unger's sister) who went to her Heavenly home on August 14. Visitation will be **5-7pm Thursday, Aug 24** at Hinchliff-Pearson-West Galesburg Chapel, with service at **10:30am on Friday, Aug 25** at HPW. May God grant them peace and comfort during this difficult time.

... for **Neill Unger's brother-in-law, Louie Doney**, who fell and fractured his vertebrae. The doctors determined to put him in a back brace and he is now at BounceBack.

... for the health and well-being of **Don Billups**. He is currently at BounceBack (Room 101).

thank you

Dear Church Family – Thank you to everyone who called, sent birthday wishes, cards, and was most sincere in their thoughts. A Special Blessing to the Jewsburys! Beautiful. – Susanne Roberts



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August 27, 2023

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“Summer Baggage: Pride”

Sept 3, 2023

Message by Misty Stecher

“What Does the Bible Say About Sportsmanship?”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Worshiping on the lawn at 10am.

Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or sit in your car and listen to the service on FM 88.1.

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS – SEPT 3rd

During Coffee Fellowship on **September 3**, we will celebrate September birthdays. If you have a birthday in September, you are invited to bring treats to share.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On **Sunday, September 3 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, fellowship, and a message “*What Does the Bible Say About Sportsmanship*” based on 1 Corinthians 10:31. Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or sit in your car and listen to the service on FM 88.1. In case of inclement weather or air quality, we will be in the large hall.

Mark your calendar: **September 24**, we will meet at Lake Storey and have an outdoor worship service, followed by our All Church Picnic. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass; drinks will be provided.



YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN SEPT. 6

Youth groups will begin on **Wednesday, September 6** for registered pre-school through high school age groups. Dinner will be each Wednesday at 5:30pm followed by lessons, games and activities from 6-7pm. Please come into the large hall the first week to fill out a quick registration of contact information.

Looking for help: We need someone who is willing to shop weekly or monthly using youth group funds for supplies needed for each week's lesson. The items would then need to be delivered to the correct youth group room. Please contact Misty Stecher at (309) 337-4045 if you could help with this.

FAITH, FAMILY and FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, September 9 from 6:30pm - 8pm

at the home of Travis and Misty Stecher

1035 Woodbine Circle E, Galesburg

October 1 from 6:30pm - 8pm

Looking for a volunteer to host, please

Faith, Family and Fellowship nights are coming this fall! Join us at a traveling fire pit to enjoy fellowship with our church family. Each host will provide a dessert and a drink – this is fellowship only – no meal. Bring your lawn chairs and bug spray, and join in on **Saturday, Sept. 9 and Oct. 1!**



GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) convened in Louisville, Kentucky, from July 29 to August 1, 2023, and announces the re-election of Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens to a second term as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.



On Tuesday, August 1, Owens was installed and charged with continuing her ministry of visionary love, spiritual leadership, prophetic imagination, and ecumenical service. In her sermon during closing worship, she invited the General Assembly to “*imagine new ways of being church and to stay at the table no matter what we face. Our commitment to staying at the table is grounded in our covenant relationship with god and with one another.*”

We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of her continued leadership and the transformative work she will spearhead during her second term of office.



WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Aug 27 – Diaconate Serving: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton

Lead in Communion: Pastor Greg

Offering Message: Tracy Jackson

Prayers: Leslie Wilt

Greeters: Aaron and Kim Barton at North St.; Larry Thurman at Broad St.; Don Mundy at canopy door

Sept 3 – Diaconate Serving: None (Outdoor Worship)

Lead in Communion: Neill Unger

Offering Message: Leslie Wilt

Prayers: Jan Luallen

Elders Serving Out: Neill Unger and Steve Jackson

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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>				1	2
3 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship – September birthdays 10am – Outdoor Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	4 Office Closed – Labor Day 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	5 1:30pm – Caring Ministers Newsletter week	6 5:30pm – Youth Group begins	7	8 5:00pm – Wedding Rehearsal	9 4:00pm – Wedding 6:30-8pm – Firepit gathering at The Stecher home
10 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	11 Patriot's Day 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6pm – Elders and Council joint meeting	12	13 5:30pm – Youth Group	14	15	16 Noon – Woman's sack lunch at Lincoln Park
17 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	18 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm – Trustees Newsletter week	19 10am – Naomi Circle	20 5:30pm – Youth Group	21 9am – Staff meeting 5:30pm – Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies' Night Out at Jimmy's Pizza	22	23
24 10am – Outdoor Worship followed by All Church Picnic at Lake Storey	25 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	26	27 5:30pm – Youth Group	28 9am – Staff meeting	29	30



REGIONAL MINISTER RETIRES NEW INTERIM REGIONAL MINISTER ANNOUNCED

Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker will retire at the end of August and the Regional Board of the Christian Church (DOC) in Illinois and Wisconsin has voted to approve Rev. Richard (Rick) Hamilton as the new Interim



Regional Minister beginning October 1, 2023. Rev. Richard E (Rick) Hamilton is an Ordained Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where he most recently served as Pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove. Rick has served as Regional Minister for the Christian Churches in Canada, and as Deputy Regional Minister in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi (The Great River Region). Rick is a graduate of Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Brite Divinity School with a Master of Divinity.

We wish Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker the best in her retirement and welcome Rev. Richard (Rick) Hamilton.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Please remember and pray for our shut-ins and assisted living and nursing home residents:

- Don Billups, 311 E. Simmons St. #303, Galesburg
- Wanda Andrews, 493 Lane Avenue, Galesburg
- Rosemary Humphrey, 2110 McMasters, Galesburg
- Wayne and Kathy Poland, 1464 N. Farnham St., Galesburg
- Dr. Gene Johnson, 2345 N. Seminary St. #202, Galesburg



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- Betty King, 2245 N. Seminary St. #315, Galesburg
- Dorothy Hays, 2345 N. Seminary St. #505B, Galesburg
- Barbara Hopkins, 415 E. Main St. #303, Knoxville
- Ray Maddox, 800 N. Market St. #407, Knoxville

We encourage you to take a few moments and send a card or make a visit to one of these folks. These simple gestures can make a huge difference!

KITS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Disciple Women are again inviting the congregation to join us in doing a service for those in need. This year we have decided to do prepping kits for the homeless veterans in our own communities.

There are 737 homeless veterans in Illinois and the Salvation Army at North Central Illinois housed 87 in shelters until they could find permanent housing. To help our veterans, we can give them a hygiene kit when they enter our shelter program. Most of them are able to take a shower but most will have to use dirty towels and put back on dirty underwear after they shower. So wouldn't it be a great service to our community if we could help them have clean clothes to put on after a refreshing shower. The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church.

Donations of the following items can be dropped off at the office or put in the bin by the old office. Items needed:

- Towels
- Washcloths
- New underwear (any size)
- New socks (large size)
- Loofahs

If you don't want to shop, give a donation to our secretary Carolyn Spratt or Earlene Crouse and we will shop for you. If you have any questions, call Carolyn at (309) 371-8894 or Earlene at (309) 368-2446. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

