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November 3
1:30pm – Caring Ministers –
Zoom
6:30pm – Elders – Zoom

November 4 - 5:30pm Bible Study
– via ZOOM

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff.
... for **Sue Colvin's** husband Chris, who is legally blind and is having shots to keep him from going blind.
...for **Christina Griswold**, who is undergoing radiation.
... for **Bill Jewsbury** who has neuropathy in his legs and is having physical therapy.
... for **Sallee Wade**, who was briefly hospitalized at St. Francis for heart issues and is now home.
... for **Shannon Edwards** who is going through a difficult time with chronic pain and will also be having a court date Nov. 3.

Joyce Aldridge shares: "Thank you for all the beautiful cards I received for my 90th birthday. I really enjoyed them."



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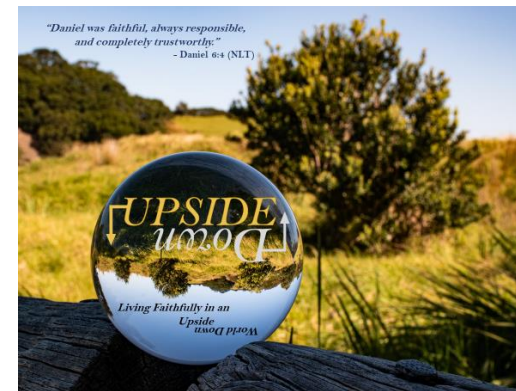
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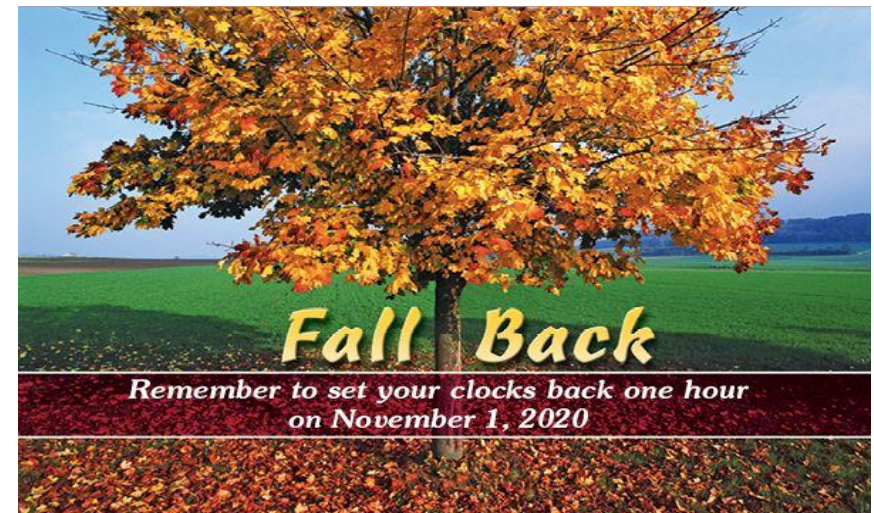
October 25, 2020

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

"Upside Down: Priority of Prayer"

Scripture: Daniel 9

*The service will be
recorded and then uploaded on Facebook
page, and Webpage
(fccgalesburg.org) by Sunday morning.*





HUMANITY 2X4 SUNDAYS!

During this time of “shelter at home” and perhaps periods of quarantine, we take our homes for granted. Some families in Knox County do not enjoy adequate housing. Our partnership with Knox County Habitat for Humanity helps fulfill the mission of providing decent, affordable housing to people in need.

Habitat just finished their 55th home, which was a rehab project. Five homeowners have successfully paid off their mortgages this year! Habitat is currently looking for a partner family with whom the 56th home will be constructed. We have the honor of taking part in providing funds for that project.

With many members of our church family still worshipping on-line, we will provide a “virtual 2 x 4”. This Sunday **October 25** is 2x4 Sunday. Please send your donation to the church office via mail. Your name will be placed on a 2 x 4 that will be part of house #56!

Please pray for the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, the families who are living in Habitat homes, the family that will eventually partner with House 56 and FCC’s support of this important mission for our community.

Enclosed is my donation of:

_____ \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 Other _____

Name to be placed on 2 x 4 _____

_____ I pledge to pray for the mission of Habitat for Humanity



BLESSING BOX

We praise God for the wonderful support of our Blessing Box ministry. The need seems to be greater than ever. The community has joined our efforts and we have a good supply of non-perishable food items.

We are in need of **hygiene items** such as: bath soap, body wash, disposable razors, shampoo, deodorant, sanitary products, lotion and toothpaste. Items can be dropped by the church. Please contact Pastor MJ or Steph Line if you need to arrange a time for a drop off or a pickup.



FROM THE PASTOR

October 18 was a wonderful day to be in worship in our sanctuary. We had a few glitches, in particular with technology...but the 21 who gathered were glad to be together and share in worship. There is something wonderful about being together, in community and in such a sacred space.

At the service, I shared that the re-entry committee has discussed at great length what the right date was and the best method to return to inside, in-person worship. We knew there might be a “surge” that would tell us that we would need to go back to on-line worship only – and not have anyone in the sanctuary. And it appears that the surge is happening right now. According to the Knox County Health Department, our county has set a new high for cases in four of the last five weeks. Four of our nine deaths happened just last week. The Health Department, sharing that there are now 1155 cases in Knox County, stress that we all continue to wear face coverings, have social distance and not hold small or large gatherings!”

We have made the difficult decision that due to these conditions, it would be wise to return to on-line worship only – rather than put anyone at risk, worshipping inside the building. Our decision does not come out of fear – but out of a deep concern for the members of our church and families. As shepherds of God’s people, we want to protect all of you as best as we can, so it seemed wise and prudent to delay in-person meetings until this surge starts to decline in numbers. I am hoping it will not be a long time – as we are going into the holiday season and my heart wants to be in the sanctuary, worshipping with all of you.

For now, each Sunday morning, join us in worship on-line on Facebook and on our web-page – and keep praying for our return to church soon!

God bless & keep you all, Pastor MJ

CONGO OFFERING

It has been our practice to celebrate our relationship with our sister church in Mbandaka, DRC, New City Church, each fall. We invite you to make a contribution to the love offering that will be sent to them. Our offering will assist them as they struggle to build a new church building while battling not only Covid 19, but also an outbreak of Ebola. You can mail your offering to FCC @ 301 N. Broad St, Galesburg, IL 61401. Please add a memo marking your donation to Congo: New City Church. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters of the DRC.



November Anniversaries



6 Steve & Nancy Spicer

November Birthdays

- 1 Mary Ewalt
- 2 John Hagan, Joan Hinkson
- 4 J.B. Smith, Sallee Wade, Ed White
- 5 Nicolas Napier
- 8 Misty Stecher, Don Tucker
- 9 Debbie Hagan, Ruthann Smith
- 10 Mozart
- 13 Roy Ewalt
- 14 Tracey Sator
- 18 Rachel Unger
- 23 Patty Cooley
- 26 Rosemary Humphrey
- 27 Johnny Clubb
- 30 Donna Welty

NOVEMBER 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Time Change 9:30 Worship 	2	3 1:30 Caring Ministries via Zoom 6:30 Elders Meeting via Zoom	4 5:30 Bible Study via Zoom	5 12:00 Church Women United – First Lutheran	6	7
8 9:30 Online Worship	9	10	11  6:30 Worship Mtg at the church	12 10:30 Women's Council – Leader Karen Bjorkman	13	14
15 9:30 Online Worship	16 7:00pm Trustees Meeting in person	17 9:30 Ruth Circle	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 Online Worship	23	24 1:30 Lydia Circle	25	26  Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 1 st Sunday of Advent 9:30 Online Worship	30	1 DW: Joy offering – Joy of being kind to others	2	3	4	5 