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Wednesday, Oct. 12^h

9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study
5:30 Youth group

Thursday, Oct. 13th

9:00 Staff meeting
10:30 Disciples Women's Fellowship
Council meeting

Saturday, Oct. 14-15th

CCIW Regional Assembly

Sunday, Oct. 16th

8:45 Coffee House Theology Sunday
School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School
3:00 Worship in the "Upper Room"

Monday, Oct. 17th

7:00 Trustees

Tuesday, Oct. 18th

10:30 Naomi Circle – Study on the
Bad Girls in the Bible – Potiphar's Wife

Wednesday, Oct. 19th

9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study
5:30 Youth group

Thursday, Oct. 20th

9:00 Staff meeting
5:30 Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch and
Ladies Night Out at Jimmy's Pizza



... for **Pam Whittom** – surgery for colon cancer scheduled for October 13.

... for the **Jackson Family**. Three of the four family members have had COVID. Tracy was hospitalized briefly but is now home.

... for **Don Mundy** whose cousin passed away.

... our sympathy to **Donna Colwell** whose sister (her best friend) passed away. The funeral is on Friday in Abingdon.

... for people in Florida recovering from Hurricane Ian – and, **Ellen Anderson**, who lives in Punta Gorda.

... for **Keith Munstedt's** sister who is ill and his mother who was diagnosed with COVID.



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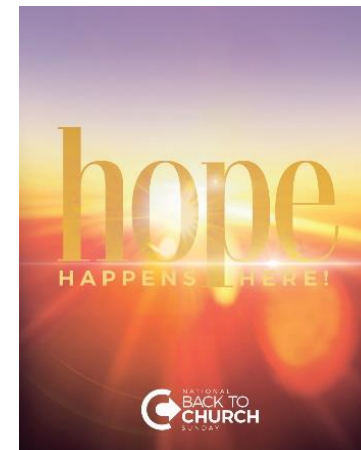
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Oct. 16, 2022

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch
Reconciliation Offering

"Hope for the Doubter"

Scripture: John 20:24-29; Ephesians 6:12

Oct. 23, 2022

Message by Martha-Jean Fitch
Reconciliation Offering

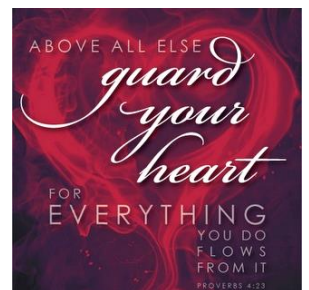
"Guard Your Heart"

Scripture: Proverbs 4:20-27

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

NEW SERMON SERIES – GUARD YOUR HEART

Our new sermon series – "Guard Your Heart" - begins **October 23**. We will focus on allowing God to make our hearts fully alive through a vibrant and growing relationship through Jesus Christ and by the power of his Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us that "above all else, guard your heart." Just as we need a good "operating system" for our computers and virus protection – we are called to make sure that the Spirit of Jesus is our operating system and the Holy Spirit is protecting us!



LADIES NIGHT OUT OCT. 20

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



MEN'S NIGHT OUT OCT. 20

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

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Oct. 16 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Raye Ann Beasley

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Ellen Anderson (recorded)

Prayers: Jan Luallen

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Raye Beasley at North St.; Kaleb and Raeleen Bown at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher

Oct. 23 – Diaconate Serving: Chris Wood and Marla Wood

Lead in Communion: Roy Ewalt

Offering Message: Pastor

Prayers: Tina Burns

Greeters: Chris and Marla Wood at North St.; Marge Patterson and Raye Ann Beasley at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door



WORSHIP IN THE UPPER ROOM

Join us at **3pm on Sundays** in the parlor for a new alternative worship experience. We are excited to offer a different worship experience and look forward to your feedback weekly.



CONGO OFFERING REPORT

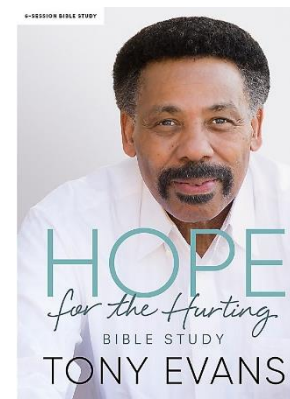
As part of World Communion Sunday on October 2, we took up a special offering to support the ministry of our Sister Church, New City Church in Mbandaka, DRC. We are pleased to report that **\$816** was collected to continue to support the construction of their new church

building. Projects to be completed include: installing the ceiling, plumbing, placing floor tile, painting, and working on a road to the building. Updated pictures of construction received from Oscar Pekombe have been posted on the "Jumelage" bulletin board. Thank you so much for your generosity!



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCT. 19 Wednesdays at 9:30am and 5:30pm

A new 6-week Bible Study will begin on **October 19**: "Hope for the Hurting" by Tony Evans. *"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."* Topics include: "Coming to the Comforter", "Discovering the Treasure Within", "The Greatness of Grace", "Healing Through Humility", "Come Get Your Rest" and "Turning Bitter to Sweet"





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When you log onto AmazonSmile – you can designate what charity you want to support. Our church participates in this program. By adding First Christian Church Galesburg, Illinois to your “designated charity” - you can help the church each time you make a purchase on Amazon! You may want to consider this simple way to make a donation while shopping for those Christmas gifts!



RECONCILIATION SUNDAY Sundays, October 16 and 23

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating back from the 1960's of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism in our own church. We call this process the Reconciliation Ministry.

In March 2022, your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry helped fund the Kirkpatrick Lecture Series of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Over 250 participants gathered for this conference under the theme “Visions of Wholeness: Systemic Racism, Antiracism, and Reconciliation in Our Shared History and Tradition.” The presentations and conversations that ensued during the

conference gave us time to wrestle with the truth of our brokenness and our need for healing of our fractured humanity. Reconciliation Ministry strengthens our capacity to be remembered, reconnected, and restored as God's beloved by disrupting racism and oppression. Your financial gifts allow the whole mission and ministry of our Church to realize Visions of Wholeness because you are the beloved that God is waiting for!

Offering envelopes will be inserted in the bulletins on **October 16 and 23** for your convenience in giving. Go to www.reconciliationministry.org to learn more about this important work.

WONDERFUL CAMPFIRE HIGHLIGHTS

Our thanks to all who hosted the events and attended! It was a great time for all!

