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Anniversaries:

- 5 – Dick & Donna Welty
- 6 – Greg & Martha-Jean Fitch
- 12 – Richard & Donna Reno
- 24 – J.B. & Ruthann Smith
- 30 – Michael & Sharon Johnson,
Jamie & Michele Kelley

Birthdays:

- 1 – Bev Norton, Hailey Sedgwick
- 2 – Betty King, Jan Luallen
- 7 – Diane Pyle
- 8 – Clay Gohlinghorst
- 9 – Susanne Roberts
- 14 – Larry Thurman
- 15 – Kathy VanVelsor
- 16 – Ben Hinkson, Chris Wood
- 18 – Joyce Aldridge
- 19 – Lynda White
- 20 – Brenda Fell
- 23 – Raye Beasley, Johnny Hagan,
Chelsea Mowrer
- 24 – Donna Flicek
- 25 – Olivia Admire

... for **Shannon Edwards and her son Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another. Also pray for a Healthy pregnancy for Shannon.
... for **Carolyn Spratt** as she recovers from recent surgery on her thyroid.
... for **Donna Colwell** who will be having surgery on August 5.
...for **Linda Mowrer** who continues to recover from her recent foot surgery.
...for **Pam Whittom** who will be beginning chemotherapy for colon cancer.
...for **Jimmy Ellis** with colon and lung cancer and **Ruthie Thompson** with lung cancer.
... for **Brenda Fell's** 13-year-old great-nephew, Henry, born with biliary atresia, a liver disease, for continued health, as they anticipate the possibility of having a liver transplant in the future.
... for situation with Ukraine and Russia – that peace and diplomacy will reign.
... for New City Church, Mbandaka,
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WORSHIP

July 31, 2022

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

*“Did God Really Say: God will Never Give
You More than You Can Handle?”*

Scripture: I Corinthians 10:13

Aug. 7, 2022 – Outdoor Worship!

Message by Misty Stecher

“Storm Stories”

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

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



LYNDA WHITE RETIRES

We have been so blessed to have Lynda White serving as our treasurer at the church for over 25 years! She is so capable and dedicated to the Lord and the church. And she is a true joy to work with – and has been such a great asset to our ministry. We are so grateful for her time of service with our church. We will honor her in worship on **July 31 at 9:30am**. Please be sure and come and express your gratitude to her. A basket for cards will be available.



WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

July 31 – Diaconate Serving: Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown

Lead in Communion: Steve Spicher

Offering Message: Tracy Jackson

Prayers: Bill Jewsbury

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

Aug. 7 – Lead in Communion: Donna Flicek

Offering Message: Donna Flicek

Prayers: Tina Burns

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – No Deacons or Greeters

PASTORS ON VACATION

Pastors Greg and MJ will be on vacation

Aug. 1-14. While they are gone, if there is a pastoral need, please call the chair of our Elders, Chris Mowrer, at (309) 337-3433.

The All-God's Children: Summer

Ministry outdoor worship will continue on Aug. 7

and Aug. 14 with a sermonettes by Misty Stecher and Renee Galvin. The themes are:

August 7: Storm Stories: Mark 4:35-41

August 14: Walking on Water: Matthew 14:22-33

Please plan to join in these interactive services and enjoy discussion and fellowship with other folks. A time of food and fellowship begins at 9:15am with the services beginning at 9:30am and ending at approximately 11am. Bring your lawn chair.



Our Identity As a Church

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Our Mission as a Church

Growing Spirit-filled and Christ-centered disciples of Christ. To be and share the good news of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AUG. 17

Join us for our new Bible Study, "*Elijah*" by Priscilla Shirer beginning **Aug. 17**. This 7-week class will be offered two times on Wednesdays – one at 9:30am and the other at 5:30pm – both at the church.

In this faith-building study, you'll discover how Elijah's obedience to God kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall.

If you would like a study book, please contact the church office as soon as possible. **The cost of the book is \$17.**



CAN YOU HELP?

We need your help! How might you share of your time and talents? Contact the church office and/or Pastor MJ and share how you might help.

Here are just a few ways you could volunteer your time at the church:

- Watering flowers/weeding/caring for our grounds
- Helping with our children and youth on Wednesdays
- Helping in the sound booth during worship
- Changing/decorating bulletin boards
- Providing transportation to folks for worship on Sundays
- Helping host the coffee/donut hour we hope to begin in the fall, prior to worship

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Toiletry items: Shampoo, Soap, deodorant, Toothbrush/toothpaste, combs/brushes, lotion

Cleaning supplies: laundry soap, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags

Thanks so much for giving!



August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	2 1:30pm – Caring Ministers	3 4pm – Narcotics Anonymous	4 6pm – Girl Scout leaders	5	6
7 8:30am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 9:30am – Outdoor Worship No Disciples Sun. School	8 No Elders Meeting 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous <i>Newsletter week</i>	9 6:30pm – Council	10 4pm – Narcotics Anonymous	11	12 7pm – Narcotics Anonymous	13
14 8:30am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 9:30am – Outdoor Worship No Disciples Sun. School	15 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 7pm – Trustees	16	17  9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 4pm – Narcotics Anonymous	18 9am – Staff meeting 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	19 7pm – Narcotics Anonymous	20
21 8:30am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 9:30am – Worship 11am Disciples Sun. School	22 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous <i>Newsletter week</i>	23	24 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 2pm & 3pm – Worship at Seminary Manor & Hawthorne 4pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm – Historical Society	25 9am – Staff meeting	26 7pm – Narcotics Anonymous	27
28 8:30am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 9:30am – Worship 11am Disciples Sun. School	29 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	30	31 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 4pm – Narcotics Anonymous	<i>Note: Worship is in-person as well as Facebook Live at 9:30am</i>	<i>Note: Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are both on Zoom and in person.</i>	<i>In person classes are held in the Conference Room, along with Zoom, at the same time.</i>