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MARCH

Thursday, March 12th

9:15 Staff meeting
10:30 Women's Council

Sunday, March 15th

8:30 Contemporary Worship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday, March 16th

7:00 Trustees meeting
7:00 Personnel meeting

Tuesday, March 17th

9:30 Bible Study
9:30 Ruth Circle
4:30 Girl Scouts
7:00 Cluster

Wednesday, March 18th

9:30 Women's Lenten Series
5:30 Youth Groups
7:30 Choir

Thursday, March 18th

9:15 Staff
5:30 Men's/Ladies Night Out
7:00 Worship Team meets

SERVING SCHEDULE

March 15, 2020

8:30am Worship

**Greet at North St., Prayer Cards &
Offering, Serve Communion:** Chris &
Marla Wood

**Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St.
& Serve Out if Needed:** Rick & Aleta
Anderson

Prayers: Steve Spicher

Offering: Dick Welty

Communion: Pastor

Phone: Larry Thurman

Ed Building Greeter: Janet Christiansen

Acolyte: Carson Stecher

11:00 Worship

**Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad St.,
*Acolyte, Serve Out if Needed:** David &
Leslie Wilt

**Greet at North St., Prayer Cards, Offering,
Serve Communion:** Erik & Renée Galvin

Elder Serving In: Chris Mowrer

Elders Serving Out: Steve Spicher, Jan
Luallen, Donna Flicek

Coffee Hour: Northern Lights Class

Our Mission Statement

***Growing Spirit-filled, committed
disciples of Christ.***



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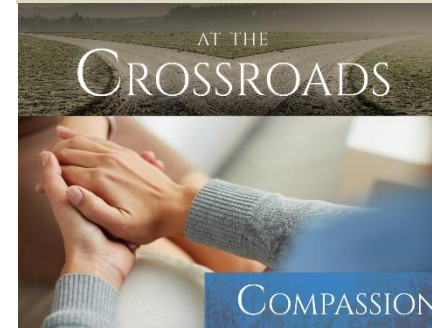
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Mar 15, 2020

Worship Service 8:30am

“Mercy” - Quest Band

Worship Service 11:00am

“Man of Mercy” - Choir

Messages by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

“At the Crossroads: Compassion”

Scripture: Luke 22:47-51 – A visit with Malchus

WOMEN'S LENTEN SERVICES EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN

Community Women's Lenten Services will again be held in our church on **Wednesdays at 9:30am from February 26-April 1**. Be sure and get the word out – invite your friends – and be a part of this great way to strengthen your walk of faith throughout Lent. Our speakers include:

March 11, Chris Bailey, the Uncertainty of Worry

March 18, Toni Mudd, the Uncertainty of Surrender

March 25, Sue Welty, the Uncertainty of Obedience

April 1, Tami Qualls, the Uncertainty of Death





Prayer requests

... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff.
 ... for **Sallee Wade**, recovering from pacemaker surgery on March 9.
 ... for **Cindy Andrews** who is released from Bounceback and still in the middle of healing.
 ... for **David and Brenda Fell**, for health and well-being.
 ...for Rosemary Humphrey's granddaughter who is anticipating the birth of a baby she and her husband are adopting this week. Pray all goes smoothly and for this new life!
 ... for Karen Campbell-Nelson missionary to Indonesia.
 ... for **New City Church in Mbandaka**,
 ... for **MISA Congolese Church of Galesburg**.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mar 12th 10:30am Women's Council Meeting

Mar 17th 9:30am Ruth Circle at the church – Blessing Boxes returned and dedicated.

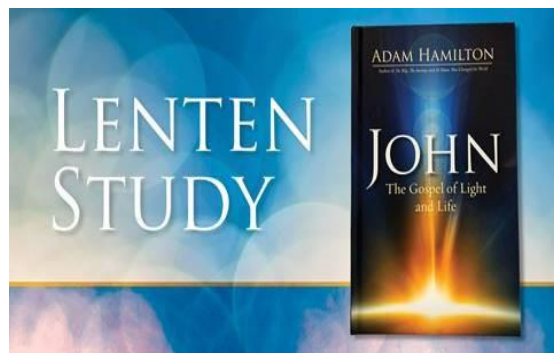
Mar 26th 1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church



Service Project: Turn in your Blessing boxes to your circle leader or treasurer, Sue Johnson. They will be dedicated **April 19th**.

Rescue Mission: Canned fruit and vegetables.

DW Gratitude Box: Drop in a coin for our Pastors who inspire us.

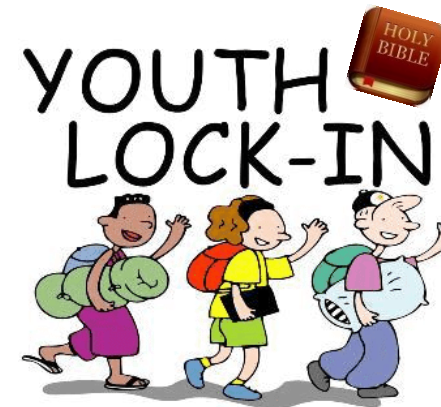


LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Explore the Gospel of John this Lent and Easter as Pastor MJ leads this Study by Adam Hamilton

CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER HOSTED BY FCC YOUTH GROUPS

Sat April 4th from 5-7pm, our youth groups will host a chicken and noodle dinner. Plan to join us for a yummy meal served by our smiling youth. This is a fundraiser to keep our youth activities going strong. Invite your friends for a night out with a good cause! Tickets will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available for purchase Wednesdays March 18th and 25th and Sunday March 29th.



YOUTH BIBLE LOCK-IN

Saturday **April 4th**, after our chicken and noodle dinner, 3rd - 5th graders are invited to spend the night at the church. We will have fun learning all about the books of the Bible, crafts and activities. We want to start them on their lifelong journey with the Bible.

Items to bring:

Bedding such as pillow and sleeping bag or blanket
 Pajamas unless they are already wearing what they will be sleeping in.
 A change of clothes to wear to worship service Sunday morning (need not be dress clothes)
 Snack of preference
 Toothbrush and toothpaste
 Hairbrush or comb
 A fun attitude



Men's Night Out

Food, Fellowship & Faith

Men of the church will meet at Pizza Ranch on **Thursday, March 19th at 5:30pm.**
Ladies of the church will meet at Jimmy's Pizza, on **Thursday, March 19th at 5:30pm.**
Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

HEARTSEEKERS WEEKEND March 27-28 at Bethel Baptist Church Thelma Wells - Speaker

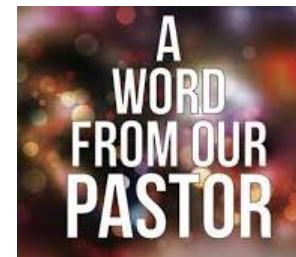
We are so excited to have Thelma Wells coming to lead us with her theme of Olive Tree Wisdom for women.



Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Larry is home with the Lord; safe and pain free. What a Celebration of Life we had! ~
Kathy, Melinda and Mike

REMEMBER THE BLESSING BOX!

Items needed include Garbage bags, Toilet paper, Paper towels, hygiene products and cleaning supplies.



All of us have been made so aware of the outbreak of Coronavirus, around the world and now here in the United States. Last week, I began receiving all sorts of communications from our General Church about how we as a congregation need to respond to the news and be proactive in preparing guidelines for preventing the spread of the virus” – and also prepare for other kinds of emergencies. In that light, our elders met for our regular meeting and discussed how important it is to respond in a very thoughtful and appropriate way to the heightened concern of the spread, not just of the potential Coronavirus, but throughout a season of colds and flu bugs. Below, you will find some changes that were decided by the elders, as far as our partaking of communion, as well as some recommendations from our General Church and Week of Compassion.

- 1) For the time being, we will no longer be having intinction (dunking the bread into the juice) during communion in the 1st service. The grape juice will be served in individual cups only.
- 2) For the time being, we will no longer use a common loaf in both services where worshippers will “tear off” a piece of bread to commune.
- 3) We will have our common loaf already pre-cut into bread cubes for our partaking of communion, in both services.
- 4) We ask that worshippers please use hand sanitizer prior to partaking in communion. Hand sanitizers are available in the pews and a larger bottle is available at the end of the first pew for those coming forward to receive communion.
- 5) Deacons who are preparing communion have been asked to use gloves when preparing.
- 6) Those elders and deacons scheduled each week have been asked to find a replacement and not serve on their Sunday IF they have any flu or cold symptoms.

And always remember to:

- 1) Stay calm as we listen to health news and not become fearful.
- 2) Use trusted resources to get information, like www.cdc.gov/covid19. Be aware of misinformation that can come through social media.
- 3) Above all, pray! Pray for those affected, for medical personnel and researchers working on a vaccination.

And, as church secretary Christina reminds us: “*Wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere*”.

God bless and keep us all, Pastor MJ