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Wednesday, August 17th
9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study

Thursday, August 18th
9:00 Staff meeting
5:30 Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch
and Ladies Night Out at Jimmy's
Pizza

Sunday, August 21st
8:30 Coffee House Theology Sunday
School
9:30 Worship
11:00 Disciples Sunday School

Wednesday, August 24th
9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study
2:00 Worship at Seminary Manor
3:00 Worship at Hawthorne Inn
6:30 Historical Society

Thursday, August 25th
9:00 Staff meeting

Sunday, August 28^h
8:30 Coffee House Theology Sunday
School
9:30 Worship
11:00 Disciples Sunday School



... for **Shannon Edwards and her son, Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another. Also pray for Shannon as she is expecting a baby in November.

... for **Karen Bjorkman and family** with the loss of Walter on August 2. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the family, Hospice Compassus or to First Christian Church.

... for students, teachers and staff as they begin a new school year.

... congratulations to Linda Mowrer who was installed as the pastor for the Abingdon Christian Church on August 14. God bless her ministry there!



Rejoice with **former pastor J.T. Moore and his wife Judith** celebrating their 72nd anniversary on August 20. Their address is: 2301 Seton Court, Burlington, NC 27215.



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August 21, 2022

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

*"Imagine a World with More:
Resurrection"*

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

August 28, 2022

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

*"Imagine a World with More:
Community"*

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

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

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS AUG. 21

Imagine a world with more. More compassion, More hope, More justice. More of God's limitless love, ignited in our communities.

The church is in a season of imagining anew how we do ministry, worship, care for one another and connect with our communities in impactful ways. We are imagining what it means to be God's people, to study scripture, to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ in this new world. Often our communities get caught up in a vision of scarcity – what if there is not enough? What if we are not enough?

Imagine a World with More invites the church to see God's love as the limitless and abundant force in our world, as the world we want to create.

LADIES NIGHT OUT AUGUST 18

Ladies Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, August 18** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT AUGUST 18

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, August 18** 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

August 21 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Raye Beasley

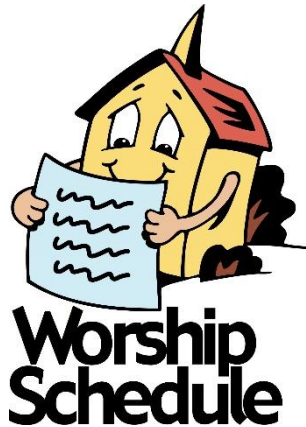
Lead in Communion: Misty Stecher

Offering Message: Neill Unger

Prayers: Pastor

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

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher



August 28 – Diaconate Serving: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton

Lead in Communion: Cindy Andrews

Offering Message: Leslie Wilt

Prayers: Steve Spicher

Greeters: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton at North St.; Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

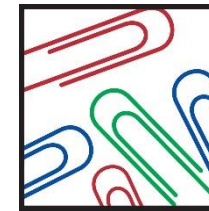


We want to thank Lisa Simmons for decorating the bulletin board in Small Hall. We appreciate your creativity! Be sure to stop in and check it out!

To my FCC Family ...

Thank you all so much for the kind words, thoughts, and best wishes for my retirement. I am so touched by the beautiful flowers, all of the cards that I have received, and for my Love Gift. It has truly touched my heart so much and is very much appreciated.

With my sincerest thanks, - Lynda White



Office Hours

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please note that there is a change in office hours because of the additional duties assigned to Lorraine. The front office will be open from **8am to noon** and bookkeeping hours will be **1 to 3:30pm Monday through Friday**. The office will be closed for lunch each day from noon to 1pm. Also, if you have messages containing financial information that you wish to keep private, you can send them to Lorraine at fcclstone301@gmail.com.

SOLES4SOULS SHOE DRIVE

A shoe drive has been launched in Galesburg to collect gently used shoes for Soles4Souls, a nonprofit enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes around the world.

Please go through your closets, kids and adults, and collect the shoes that aren't being worn and bring them to the church – we have a donation box across from the office for easy drop off.

The donated shoes will be packed and sent to Soles4Souls in Nashville, Tennessee, and they then distribute to their micro-enterprise program which creates jobs in places like Haiti or Honduras.

For more information on Soles4Souls, visit www.Soles4souls.org or call Penny Wagher at (309) 335-6924.

