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Wednesday, Feb. 8th

9:30 & 5:30 Bible Study
3:00 Worship at Hawthorne Inn
5:30 Youth group
7:30 Choir

Thursday, Feb. 9th

9:00 Staff meeting
10:30 Disciples Women Council
2:00 Worship at Knox County Nursing
Home
6:30 Diaconate meeting

Sunday, Feb. 12th

8:45 Coffee House Theology Sunday
School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Monday, Feb. 13th

6:00 Elders and Council joint mtg

Wednesday, Feb. 15th

9:30 & 5:30 Bible Study
5:30 Youth group
7:30 Choir

Thursday, Feb. 16th

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



... for **Mary Gehring and Jimmy Ellis**
in their cancer treatments.

... for Frank and Louise, brother and
sister of **Neill Unger and Jan Unger's**
sister Karen – for health and well-being.

... for **Sue Johnson's** health and
strength.

... for **Rosemary Humphrey**, for her
struggles with her health & breathing.

... for **Diane Pyle** in recovery for
problems with her foot.

... for the **MISA Congolese church** in
Galesburg who recently had a burglary in
their church and lost some musical
instruments.

... for those who are grieving: **Donna
Flicek** whose cousin Leroy passed away;
RayeAnn Beasley, whose friend Judy
suddenly lost her husband.

... for peace in Ukraine – as they
approach the one-year anniversary of the
beginning of the war by Russia.

... for Turkey and Syria as they recover
from the devastating earthquake – for
comfort and peace for all who lost loved
ones.



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Feb. 12, 2023

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

“Bear One Another's Burdens”

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-5;

II Corinthians 1:3-7; Ephesians 4:2

Feb. 19, 2023

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“Worship with One Another”

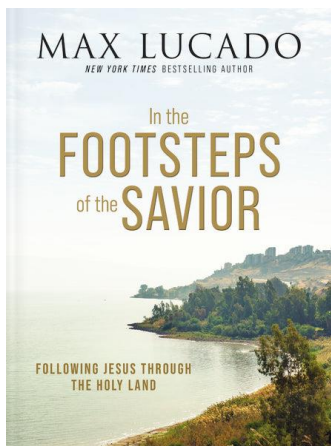
Scripture: Leviticus 23:3; Hebrews 10:35

Worship will be in-person and on Facebook Live at 10am



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – FEBRUARY 22 – 6:30pm

Join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service, in the sanctuary and Facebook Live on **Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm**. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent for Western Christian Churches – and is a day of preparation for the six weeks of Lent that includes times of reflection, remembrance and repentance. During the service, we will have a time of prayer, music, meditation, communion and receiving of ashes – and cleansing of ashes as we celebrate the gift of amazing grace! Our theme Scripture will be Psalm 91.



BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT BEGINS MARCH 7 & 8

Our Bible Study for Lent will be Max Lucado's "*In the Footsteps of the Savior*" as he shares meaningful insights on the people and places that shaped Jesus's life. In this special compilation, Max weaves together in-depth teaching from his bestsellers with poignant reflections on his time in the Holy land, guiding you through three distinct aspects of Jesus' life: the arrival of the Savior, Jesus's ministry, the crossroads and the cross.

Classes will be on a different schedule during Lent with the 9:30am class meeting on Tuesdays beginning March 7 and the 5:30pm class meeting on Wednesdays

beginning March 8. Classes are both in-person and on Zoom.

If you would like to have a study guide to go along with the study, please let Pastor MJ know as soon as possible. Cost for the book is \$7, until February 14.

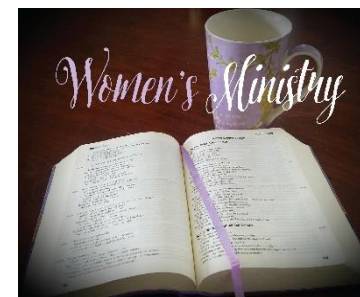
LADIES NIGHT OUT FEB. 16

Ladies Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, Feb. 16** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT FEB. 16

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, Feb. 16** 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.



NAOMI CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY FEB. 21

All women are invited to participate in the Naomi Circle Bible Study which is held every month on the **3rd Tuesday at 10:30am** in the Conference Room. The next one is **Tuesday, Feb. 21**. We are studying "*Bad Girls of the Bible*" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The "bad girl" we will be studying will be "Sapphira". In advance, please read Acts 5.

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Feb. 12 – Diaconate Serving: Erik Galvin and Sharon Carnes

Lead in Communion: Donna Flicek

Offering Message: Tina Burns

Prayers: Pastor

Greeters: Erik Galvin and Sharon Carnes at North St.; Kaleb Brown at Broad St.; Raeleen Brown at canopy door

Feb. 19 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Raye Beasley

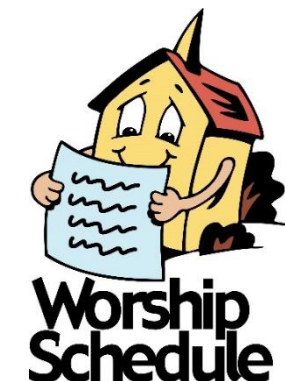
Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Renee Galvin

Prayers: Misty Stecher

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Raye Beasley at North St.; Erik Galvin at Broad St.; Sharon Carnes at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher



Save the Date for the **2023 General Assembly** "The Kingdom of God Within Us, Among Us" on July 29 thru August 1 in Louisville, Kentucky. This four-day event will encourage Disciples to gather online and in-person to celebrate the way that God's expansive love connects each of us as "kin" and to part of the larger kingdom of God. Save the date and join the church July 29-August 1, 2023 for

worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Louisville, mission, and the sacred work of the church.

Our Mission:
Growing Spirit-filled & Christ-centered disciples of Christ!

COMMUNITY WOMAN’S LENTEN SERIES

Women in the community will gather in our Fellowship Hall on six Wednesdays of Lent, **Feb. 22 to March 29, at 9:30am** for a time of worship, with guest speakers from the community. This year’s theme is “*Were You There? A Lenten Reflection with Traditional African American Spirituals*”.

The schedule is:

- Feb. 22 – “*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*” – Cindy Barshinger – Matt 4:1-4
- March 1 – “*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*” – Vicki Sibley – Psalm 23:4
- March 8 – “*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*” – Chris Bailey – Matt 17:1-9
- March 15 – “*Kum-Ba-Yah*” – Renee Galvin – Mark 10:46-52
- March 22 – “*Do Lord, Remember Me*” – Lisa Cato-Crider – Luke 23:43
- March 29 – “*Were You There?*” – Semenya McCord – Marck 15:29-42

All women are invited to attend this inspirational series.

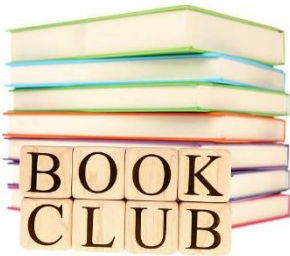
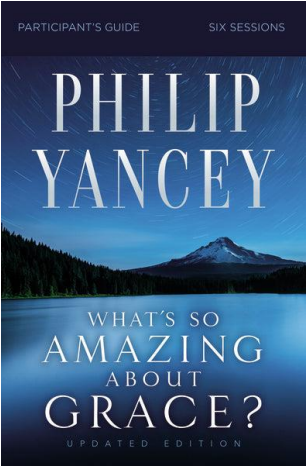


LENT SERIES FOR DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL – BEGINS FEBRUAY 26

“*What’s So Amazing About Grace?*”

Disciples Sunday School will be studying “*What’s So Amazing About Grace?*”, by Philip Yancey, beginning February 26. In this study, we will discover the extent of God’s love and what it means to us, why the church seems to have lost the gift of grace-giving and why the world apart from the church can’t offer it at all, and what it would look like for us to truly understand, receive, and give the gift that God gives so generously to us.

This study will coincide with our Lenten Sermon Series “Amazing Grace!” If you would like to have a book for the study, the cost is \$13. Please let Pastor MJ know if you need one ordered for you.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book club date is **February 25 at 11:30am** in the conference room at the church. We will be discussing the book, “*The Children’s Blizzard*” by Melanie Benjamin. This book is a historical fiction book based on the 1888 blizzard in the Dakotas. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. We hope you can join us.

We want to recognize **Renee Galvin** for the many months of planning and leading the “In the Upper Room” worship service previously held at 3pm on Sundays. We found that attendance was low so we are in the planning stages of finding another time that is better suited to the congregation’s needs. Thank you, Renee, for all your hard work and dedication!



WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

February 19 & 26
RISE UP ANEW

“*Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*” – *Lamentations 3:21-23*

Our hope is rooted and nourished by God’s steadfast, abundant, enduring, ever-in-supply and in season compassion. Remembering the compassion of God can ease the pain of what seems like a never-ending news cycle of devastation.

Through domestic disaster response in familiar communities; preparedness training for congregations and individuals; refugee response in the aftermath of national conflicts; and ecumenical partnerships that engage international disaster response and support basic human needs for shelter, food, education, and livelihoods, Week of Compassion proclaims this truth: God’s mercies **RISE UP ANEW** each day.

You can give your gift at weekofcompassion.org OR bring your offering to worship, where an offering envelope will be available; or mail your offering in to the church.