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September 23– 5:30pm Bible
Study – via ZOOM

October 6 – 6:30pm Elders – via
Zoom

October 7 – 5:30pm Bible Study –
via ZOOM

October 8 – 1:30pm
Caring Ministry via ZOOM

October 11 – 9:30am
Worship Outdoors!

October 13 – 6:30pm
Council Meeting via ZOOM

October 14 - 5:30pm Bible Study
– via ZOOM

October 15 – 6:45pm
Worship Team Mtg. – ZOOM

October 19 - 7:00pm
Trustees meeting



... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff. And rejoicing that Jacob VanVelsor is back from Africa deployment.
... for **Margaret Ann Sandberg** and **Mary Bangert** who are both on Hospice and are both in their homes. They would both love hearing from you. Their addresses are in the directory.
...for **Christina Griswold**, who is anticipating radiation and surgery.
... for **Oscar Pekombe**, in Mbandaka, Congo, whose wife and son have malaria. He also asks that we pray for Mbandaka and New City Church as they face not only COVID19 but also Ebola virus.
... for **Jan Unger**, who will be having a CT scan on Wednesday. Please pray that her scan shows no abnormalities.
... for the sister of **Terri Oehlert**, Debbie, who fell and fractured her back and will be in a back brace for 11 weeks.
...for **Linda Mowrer**, whose aunt passed away recently and for her sister's health.

...and on the October birthday list, please add **Michelle Herring**, on October 11!



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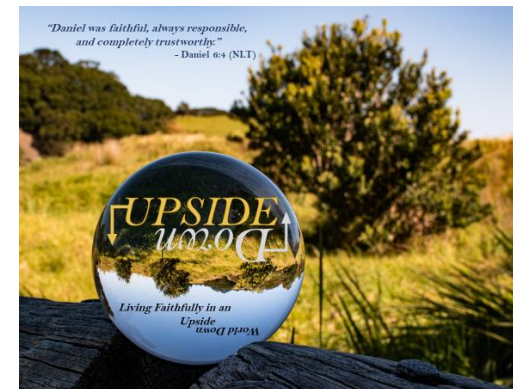
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October 11, 2020

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

“Upside Down: Handwriting on the Wall”

Scripture: Daniel 5

*Worshiping on the lawn at 9:30am.
Bring a lawn chair to sit outside or sit in
your car and listen to the
service on FM 88.1.*

*The service will be
recorded and then uploaded on Facebook page, and Webpage
(fccgalesburg.org) by Sunday afternoon.*

THANKS SO MUCH!

... for **Jake Runge** who manages our webpage. And **Steph Line** who manages our Facebook page.

...for **Larry Thurman** volunteering his time to help clean the church building and checking on the boiler.

...for **Raye Ann Beasley and Dixie Davis-Sharp** for keeping our flowers and landscaping at the church looking beautiful!

...for **Steve Spicher** who has done a lot of work in the sanctuary, in particular with the building and preparation of our new family worship center.



ATTEND THIS YEAR'S
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
ON OCT. 17

IT IS FREE! AND YOU DON'T
HAVE
TO LEAVE YOUR HOME!!

Go to
<https://cciwdisciples.org/portfolio/ra-2020/> and register and you will receive a follow-up email with a link to join the Assembly. The keynote speaker for the Assembly is **Rev. William Crowder** of Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago. Join the Zoom Assembly and celebrate the ministry of our region!



ASSOCIATE REGIONAL MINISTER
SCOTT WOOLRIDGE RETIRES

We have been blessed as a region and as our congregation by the ministry of Rev. Scott Woolridge for over 31 years! Scott retired from the region, effective September 30 and in the future, he will be serving as interim minister for congregations.

At the Regional Assembly, there will be a celebration of Scott's ministry and on December 6, there will be a Zoom party from 2-4pm. You are welcome to come and go – stay for a few minutes and celebrate his retirement and express your appreciation.

Other ways you can celebrate his 31 years of ministry:

- Send your cards to Scott at the CCIW Regional Office at 401 W. Jefferson Street in Bloomington Illinois 61701 by **November 1**.
- Send a love gift to Scott (monetary donation) by writing a check and mailing it to the church office. Please mark on the check, "Retirement gift for Scott".
- Shoot a 15 second video or less (horizontally or landscape) on your smartphone, expressing your well wishes and gratitude to Scott. Please submit these videos by November 1 to grant@fccsullivan.org.

Thanks be to God for the gift of Scott's ministry!



IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY 2X4
SUNDAYS!

During this time of "shelter at home" and perhaps periods of quarantine, we take our homes for granted. Some families in Knox County do not enjoy adequate housing. Our partnership with Knox County Habitat for Humanity helps fulfill the mission of providing decent, affordable housing to people in need.

Habitat just finished their 55th home, which was a rehab project. Five homeowners have successfully paid off their mortgages this year! Habitat is currently looking for a partner family with whom the 56th home will be constructed. We have the honor of taking part in providing funds for that project.

With many members of our church family still worshipping on-line, we will provide a "virtual 2 x 4". Habitat Sundays will be **October 18 and October 25**. You can bring your donation to worship service or send it via mail. Your name will be placed on a 2 x 4 that will be part of house #56! Please pray for the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, the families who are living in Habitat homes, the family that will eventually partner with House 56 and FCC's support of this important mission for our community.

Enclosed is my donation of:
_____ \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 Other _____

Name to be placed on 2 x 4 _____

_____ I pledge to pray for the mission of Habitat for Humanity

Together Again!
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
WORSHIP SERVICE

**REOPENING THE BUILDING
FOR WORSHIP!!!**

Saturday, October 17, 2020

*First, thanks to God who is the giver of
Grace and His Son, Jesus ... and*

*instructs us to live and share that same grace and Good News of the Gospel with one
another in all times, seasons, and circumstances.*

- Our congregation will gather together live, together, on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the church sanctuary for the first time since things were closed down by the Covid-19 virus in March.
 - We are offering worship on Saturday so that it can be recorded, prepared, and made available online via Facebook and on our church webpage. It will be available by Sunday morning for those who cannot attend or may not be comfortable attending inside the building at this time.
- We are working toward eventually being able to broadcast the service live, at which time we anticipate moving the worship service back to Sunday morning.
- In-person Sunday School is suspended for the time being. Pastor Martha-Jean is offering an adult class on Sunday mornings at 11:00 ... please get access code from her (pastormj02@gmail.com).
- Other guidelines are listed below for everyone's safety. We will follow recommendations of the State of Illinois, the CDC and our denomination.
- **SAFETY GUIDELINES** → Some people continue to be more vulnerable to the virus, and we ask everyone to abide by the following so that we can continue to provide safety for those who attend, and keep worshiping together in one place.
 - **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!!**
 - Live and breathe grace ... circumstances and decisions will continue to change and adjust. Be flexible!
 - If you feel ill, have a fever, sore throat, new onset of coughing or shortness of breath, please stay home, and watch the service online.
 - **Please wear a mask** when entering the building, walking about, going to the bathroom, etc., and when leaving. **Remember, the reason you wear a mask is not just to keep from catching a virus, but mostly to reduce the possibility you might transmit something to another person.** If you don't want to do it for yourself, please do it out of love for others.
 - There will not be a fellowship time before or after the service.

- Physical distancing will still be observed ...
- **Pews in the sanctuary will be marked** as to where you can sit ... we will sit in every third row to maintain at least 6 feet distance ... then seat yourself and families with enough distance from others in a row. Please do not sit in any other rows.
- You may remove your mask while sitting in pews and maintaining 6 feet distance.
- **No bulletin, hymnals or pew Bibles** will be provided – we may have printed song sheets – and bringing your own Bible is always best. In the sanctuary we will use the audio/visual system for all material such as announcements/songs/etc.
- **When we sing**, we ask people to sing gently, or even hum, but with spirit, so as to not spread “droplets” farther.
- **Offering plates/containers** will be set at front and back of sanctuary where financial support can be given to God's work. You can also mail in your tithe to the church, or have the bank mail your check to the church. You can also give through the Tithe.ly app linked on the church web page.
- **Communion** – you are encouraged to bring elements for communion when you come for you and your family. Some will only be provided at the front of the church (no passing in the pews). Instructions will be given at the time of communion. A deacon will be available to serve those who are unable to come forward.
- **When leaving the sanctuary/worship space, please wear your mask** and maintain safe distances. **Please do not congregate inside the building**, but leave by any door ... you may choose to **fellowship away from the doors and sidewalks** with others who also feel safe doing so outside.
- As Covid-19 evolves, so will decisions about how we will gather, continue to worship and be the Body of Christ.
- **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!!**

- The church leadership (Elders, Council, ministry and ReEntry Teams and others) appreciate your faithfulness, understanding and grace during this pandemic. Continue to share the Spirit of Christ with all you meet!! And lift up the church leadership (and civil leadership) in prayer every day!