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Anniversaries:

- 9 – Steve & Tracy Jackson,
Steve & Christine Parks
- 11 – Chris & Linda Mowrer
- 15 – Marie & Ron Collinson
- 16 – Larry & Kathy VanVelsor
- 20 – Rick & Aleta Anderson
- 21 – Ed & Lynda White,
Aaron & Kim Barton

Birthdays:

- 1 – Bob Hook
- 4 – Elinor Runge, Laura Howland
- 7 – Steve Jackson, Kim Barton
- 8 – Jacob Runge
- 9 – Tracy Jackson
- 10 – Ellen Anderson
- 11 – Michelle Herring
- 19 – Wyatt Hagan, Dori Oberman,
Lorraine Stone
- 20 – Donna Colwell
- 26 – Marie Collinson
- 27 – Mike Davis

... for comfort and peace for **Dr. Gene Johnson and Don Billups.**
... for health and strength for **Rosemary Humphrey**, who has pneumonia.
... for **Marnie Herring** struggling with blood pressure issues.
... for **Patty, sister of Cindy Andrews**, going through intense testing due to a cerebral fluid leak.



Rick and Aleta Anderson will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on **October 20**. They would enjoy receiving visits, calls or cards.
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Sept 24, 2023

Outdoor Worship at Lake Storey
Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

“A Name for Every Need: El Roi”

Scripture: Genesis 16

Oct 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday
Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“A Name for Every Need: Savior”

Scripture: Titus 3:4-7; Psalm 25:5

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS – Oct 1st

During Coffee Fellowship on **October 1**, we will celebrate October birthdays. If you have a birthday in October, you are invited to bring treats to share.



Bring your own table service and a dish to share; drinks will be provided

FAITH, FAMILY and FELLOWSHIP

A wonderful fire pit fellowship was held at the home of Travis and Misty Stecher on September 9. Another gathering will be from **6:30pm – 8pm Sunday, October 1st** at the home of Glen and Sharon Carnes, 4747 Evergreen Drive, Galesburg. The Carnes will be providing hot dogs and chips, a dessert and a drink. Bring your lawn chairs and bug spray....and a friend!!



WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE PARK – SEPTEMBER 24

Gather together at **10am September 24** at Shelter #3 at Lake Storey for Worship
Message by Pastor MJ –

A Name for Every Need: El Roi/Yahweh Raphe
Bring your lawn chairs

Following worship, we will have our
All Church Picnic



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

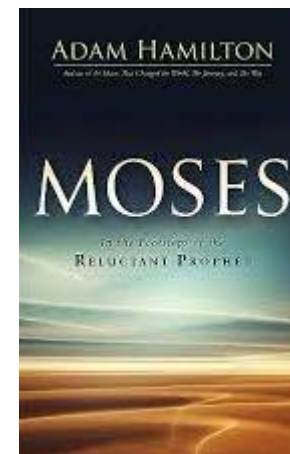
We here at FCC want to thank **Pastors Greg and MJ Fitch** for all they do to make our church the encouraging and faith-building place it is! Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate them during the month of October. Say it with a card, an email, a small gift – any way you wish, just let them know what a blessing they are to our church.

DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW STUDY IN OCTOBER

Disciples Sunday School will begin a new study, “*Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*,” by Adam Hamilton on **October 15**. There will be no book to order for this study.

The study will retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, the author will guide us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given. All are welcome to join us in this study beginning **October 15**.



Worship Committee

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet
at **6:30pm on Thursday, October 5th**.

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Sept 24 – Diaconate Serving: None (Outdoor Worship)

Lead in Communion: Pastor Greg

Offering Message: Tina Burns

Prayers: Chris Mowrer

Oct 1 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes

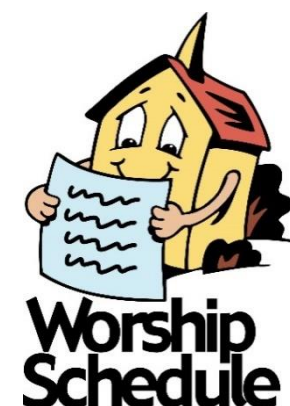
Lead in Communion: Pastor Greg

Offering Message: Leslie Wilt

Prayers: Chris Mowrer

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

Elders Serving Out: Neill Unger and Misty Stecher



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship – October birthdays 10am – Worship World Communion Sunday <i>Congo offering</i> 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 6:30-8pm – Firepit at Carnes’	2 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous <i>Newsletter week</i>	3 1:30pm – Caring Ministers 6-9pm – “The Journey” meeting	4 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth Group	5 9am – Staff meeting 6:30pm – Worship Committee meeting	6	7
8 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	9 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6pm – Council meeting 7pm – Elders meeting <i>Office Closed – Columbus Day</i>	10 6-9pm – “The Journey” meeting	11 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth Group	12 9am – Staff meeting 10:30am – Disciples Women’s Council meeting	13	14
15 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am —Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	16 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm – Trustees <i>Newsletter week</i>	17 10am – Naomi Circle 6-9pm – “The Journey” meeting	18 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study	19 9am – Staff meeting 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies’ Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	20	21
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KITS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Disciple Women are again inviting the congregation to join us in doing a service for those in need. This year we have decided to do prepping kits for the homeless veterans in our own communities.

There are 737 homeless veterans in Illinois and the Salvation Army at North Central Illinois housed 87 in shelters until they could find permanent housing. To help our veterans, we can give them a hygiene kit when they enter our shelter program. Most of them are able to take a shower but most will have to use dirty towels and put back on dirty underwear after they shower. So wouldn't it be a great service to our community if we could help them have clean clothes to put on after a refreshing shower. The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church.

Donations of the following items can be dropped off at the office or put in the bin by the old office. Items needed:

- Towels
- Washcloths
- New underwear (any size)
- New socks (large size)
- Loofahs

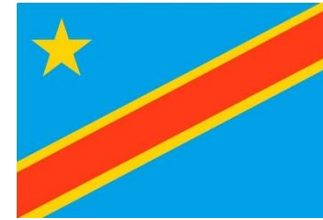
Please have your donations in by **October 13**.

If you don't want to shop, give a donation to our secretary Carolyn Spratt or Earlene Crouse and we will shop for you. If you have any questions, call Carolyn at (309) 371-9894 or Earlene at (309) 368-2446. Thank you for your generosity.



SUPPORT THE BLESSING BOX

Pictured are examples of food items we use for the Blessing Box. We can always use more of these food items as well as toiletries, toilet paper, Kleenex, and cleaning supplies. We are so appreciative of your continued support of this ministry.



CONGO OFFERING OCTOBER 1

World Communion Sunday is observed every first Sunday in October. It's a time for Christians around the world to celebrate oneness in the body of Christ. It has been our custom to include a celebration of our "Jumelage" with New City Church in Mbandaka, DRC. Through the years we have collected an offering to support the ministry of our brothers and sisters of our Sister Church. It is our plan to collect an offering this **World Communion Sunday, October 1**, to continue to support the construction of a new church building.

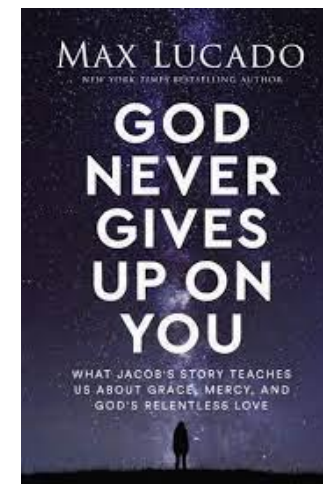
As reported in our newsletter in August, recent progress includes the purchase of cement and paving the floors of the parish, as well as work on the pulpit. Remaining work that needs to be completed includes continued carpentry work, ceiling work, solar panel installation, plumbing, sound equipment, plastering work, painting work, manufacturing pew benches.

Won't you prayerfully consider giving a special gift the first week of October? Funds may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Please note that it is your "Congo Offering".



NEW BIBLE STUDY ~ BEGINS OCTOBER 18th

Max Lucado's new study, "*God Never Gives Up on You*," is for the strugglers among us and the fumbler within us. For those of us who are part saint, part scoundrel; we mean well, but don't always do well. We need no reminders of our failures. But where can we find examples of God's steadfast grace? No one is more suited to help assure you of God's grace than Jacob. This book will serve as a refresher course on God's perfect plan to use imperfect people to do great things.



There will be two opportunities for this upcoming Bible Study on Wednesdays at **9:30am and 5:30pm**, beginning **October 18**. Both in-person and Zoom. Cost for the study guide is **\$13.50** and must be ordered by **October 1**, if desired.