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#### Anniversaries:

8 – Bill & Willa Jewsbury

#### Birthdays:

7 – Susan Davis  
8 – Christopher Kelley  
11 – Sharon Carnes, Autumn Keith  
12 – Adelia McGee  
13 – Janet Foster, Katie Jackson  
15 – Christine Parks  
16 – Rick Anderson  
17 – Parker Stecher  
20 – Don Mundy  
21 – Destiny Galvin  
22 – Richard Stanley  
23 – Willa Jewsbury, Ben Ring,  
Patty Cooley  
24 – Dorothy Hays, Sharon  
Johnson, Marilyn Ewing  
26 – Marge Patterson  
30 – Glen Carnes

... for **Neill Unger** whose cousin's  
husband Tyke Jordan passed away on  
August 27.

...for **Carrie Clubb Nava** diagnosed  
with COVID.

... for **Pam Whittom** ongoing chemo  
with upcoming surgery tentatively  
scheduled for Oct. 14.

...for **Janet Christiansen** for her right  
knee for reduced pain and healing.

...for **Jan Lucas'** friend, Linda Schluthes  
with health issues.

... for **Shannon Edwards and her son  
Daniel**, for strength and hope and for  
health for Shannon and her baby due in  
November.



Congratulations to **Nathan and LeeAnn  
Unger** who gave birth to a son, Lennie  
Hugh, on August 28. Lennie weighed 5  
lb. 6 oz and 17.5" long. Lennie is the  
second grandson of Neill and Jan Unger.



# Crusader

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**Sept. 4, 2022**

**Message by Pastor Greg Fitch**

*"Imagine a World with More:  
Worship and Prayer"*

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-31;  
John 4:21-24

**Sept. 11, 2022**

**Message by Martha-Jean Fitch**

*"Imagine a World with More: Compassion"*  
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-44

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

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY – SEPT. 18

*"Hope Happens Here"*

New Sunday Schedule Begins

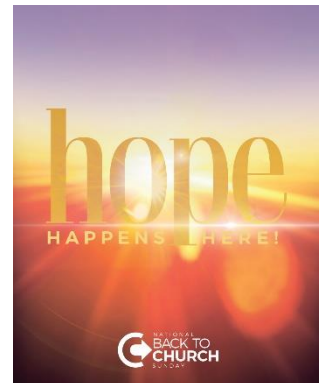
**8:45am** – Coffee House Theology Class

**9:30am** - All Church Coffee/Fellowship

**10am** – Morning Worship in Sanctuary

**11:30am** – Disciples Sunday School

**3pm** – Afternoon Worship in the "Upper Room"





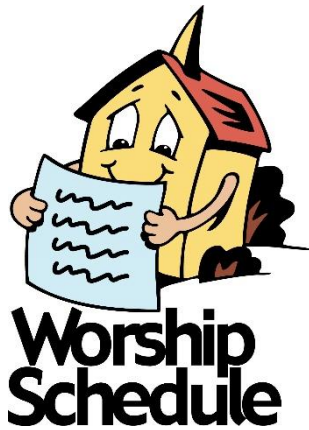
## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY CAMPFIRE MEETING

With the approaching fall season, we are looking forward to getting back to worshipping, fellowshiping and gathering together more regularly. We will celebrate our Back to Church **Sunday on Sept. 18** with a bonfire cookout at Lake Storey Campground. Dinner of hot dogs, potato chips, water and s'mores will be provided. Plan on bringing a lawn chair and meeting at the

campground at **5pm on Sept. 18** for dinner, fellowship and fun! This is an excellent opportunity to invite someone to come with and enjoy God's great outdoors.

*\*\*In case of poor weather a decision to cancel will be made at 3pm and posted on the church Facebook page\*\**

Campfire Sundays continue over the following three weeks: **Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9**. Invite others to join you each week as we travel to some of our church member's homes for a 5pm Sunday evening supper, fellowship and firepit. Mark your calendars now, with more information to come!



## WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

**Sept. 4** – Diaconate Serving: Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Bill Jewsbury

Prayers: Renee Galvin

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

Elders Serving Out: Steve Spicher and Renee Galvin

**Sept. 11** – Diaconate Serving: David Wilt and Leslie Wilt

Lead in Communion: Roy Ewalt

Offering Message: Cindy Andrews

Prayers: Willa Jewsbury

Greeters: David Wilt and Leslie Wilt at North St.; Janet Foster and Tracy Jackson at Broad St.



## HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Disciples Women are again inviting the congregation to join with them in making Hygiene Kits to be sent to Church World Service. These kits will then be sent to devastated areas where people have lost their homes in tornadoes, hurricanes, fires and needy area. They are also sent globally where the need exists.

We are asking each member to assemble their own kit by following the instructions below:

All items must fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag:

- \* One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- \* One washcloth
- \* One wide-tooth comb removed from package
- \* One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- \* One toothbrush in the package
- \* 10 standard size band-aids

Value: \$15; Shipping: \$2

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration dated toothpaste will be added to each kit just prior to its mailing by CWS.

Do not enclose any money inside the kits. Please give it to Carolyn Spratt or Earlene Crouse or leave it in the office.

If you would prefer not to shop for the items, you can make a donation of \$15 to Church World Service by making a check out to First Christian Church and then Carolyn will make one check to CWS.

If you have any questions, please call Earlene Crouse at (309) 345-0505 or (309) 368-2446.

## COFFEE HOUSE THEOLOGY NEW SERIES BEGINS SEPT. 4

**Beginning Sept. 4**, Coffee House Theology will meet at **8:45am** on Sundays. We are starting a new 13-week study, "God's Exceptional Choice." This study is part of the International Lesson Series. Our quarter will focus on salvation history from Abraham to Jesus to the beginnings of the new church. We meet in the Conference Room across from the Pastors' offices; we hope you can join us as we study God's Word and its implication for our daily lives.





# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Note: Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are both on Zoom and in person.</i>	<i>In person classes are held in the Conference Room, along with Zoom, at the same time.</i>			<b>1</b> 9am – Staff meeting 6pm – Girl Scout leaders	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 9:30am – Worship - Choir 11am Disciples Sun. School	<b>5</b> <b>Office Closed – Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b> 1:30pm – Caring Ministers	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9am – Staff meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 9:30am – Worship 11am Disciples Sun. School	<b>12</b> 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter week	<b>13</b> 6:30pm – Council and Elders	<b>14</b> 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group parent meeting	<b>15</b> 9am – Staff meeting 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> noon – Women’s sack lunch gathering at Lincoln Park
<b>18</b> 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 10am – Worship <i>Back to Church Sunday</i> 11:15am Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in the Upper Room 5pm – Campfire at Lake Storey	<b>19</b> 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 7pm – Trustees	<b>20</b> 10:30am – Naomi Circle 7pm – The Weekend Cluster	<b>21</b> 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 5:30pm – Youth group	<b>22</b> 9am – Staff meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School 10am – Worship 11:15am Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in the Upper Room 5pm – Campfire gathering	<b>26</b> 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter week	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 2pm & 3pm – Worship at Seminary Manor & Hawthorn 5:30pm – Youth group 6:30pm – Historical Society	<b>29</b> 9am – Staff meeting	<b>30</b>	<i>Note: Worship services are in-person as well as Facebook Live</i>





## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth families with students in middle school, junior high and high school as well as volunteers for youth group are asked to come at **5:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 14** for an informational meeting on events and activities planned for the upcoming year. Plan on meeting for no longer than one hour.

Youth group will begin **Wednesday, Sept. 21** for children aged pre-school through

high school. Youth Group times will be **5:30-7pm each Wednesday**. The evening will begin with supper being served in the large hall at 5:30pm. Invite your friends to come! The more kids we have the more fun it is!

We ask for prayers from the congregation to support the upcoming year's ministry, volunteers and youth being served.

## BEAUTIFUL BLOSSOMS

Have you noticed the beautiful blossoms that grace the outside of our church building? We appreciate all the hard work that **Raye Ann Beasley** does to keep our church flowers looking so lovely in the summer months. If you would be willing to help Raye Ann with the upkeep of our plants, please contact her or the church office.




## WELCOME TO RACHEL SUTTER NEW CUSTODIAN

We are praising God for our new custodian: long-time church member and friend of FCC – Rachel Sutter. Rachel shares this: *“I was born and raised in Galesburg and in First Christian Church. I recently married the love of my life, Matthew, and the Lord blessed me with four beautiful children and a niece, Olivia, Jacob, Ethan, Isaiah, and Megan. After serving at the Rescue Mission for the past several years, I am excited to worship while I work cleaning the building that I love for the people I love.”*



# Worship in The Upper Room

A new alternative worship experience



### JOIN US!

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- Engaging experience

**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18**

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## PASTORS' CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note that Pastors Greg and MJ will no longer have a landline phone number as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. You can still reach them on their cell phones: Pastor MJ at (309) 368-5338 or Pastor Greg at (309) 368-5337.