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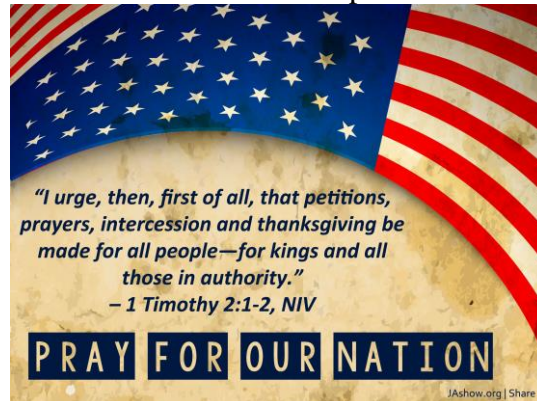
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... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff. And rejoicing that Jacob VanVelsor is back from Africa deployment.

... 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 still undergoing tests and needing discernment for treatment plan.



I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and phone calls I received during the loss of my sister. I appreciated them so much. *Earlene Crouse*



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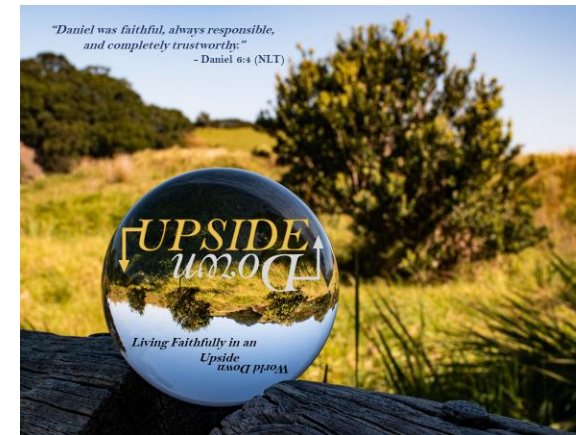
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch
“Upside Down: Destruction of Pride”
Scripture: Daniel 4

*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.*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 6 – 9:30am Message by Pastor Mary Runge

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We also celebrate our relationship with our

sister church in Mbandaka, Congo – New City Church.



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

September 27 –
9:30am Worship Outside
11am Traveler’s Sunday
School via Zoom

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

October 4 –
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY
9:30am Worship Outside
11am Traveler’s Sunday
School via Zoom

October 6 –
1:30pm Caring Ministers
Via Zoom
6:30pm Elders – via Zoom

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



THANKS SO MUCH!

Thanks so much for those who are helping to make our outdoor worship services great! In particular: **Mark Davis** for sound; **Chuck Boydstun** for set-up; **Steve Spicher** for recording and **Steve Spicher, Renee Galvin** and **Luke Accerra** for music! You all are a great blessing!

RE-ENTRY REPORT

Our re-entry committee has been meeting and considering what would be the safest time to have in-person worship in the Sanctuary. We met with our advisor from Disciples Church Extension Fund - Jim Michel and learned some important details for preparing the building AND some procedures we will need to have in place for being inside together for worship. Be looking for more details in an upcoming newsletter.



Keep the reentry committee in your prayers: *Neill Unger, Chris Mowrer, Chuck Boydstun, Leslie Wilt, Bill & Willa Jewsbury, Misty Stecher, Renee Galvin, Tracy and Steve Jackson and Pastor MJ and Pastor Greg.*

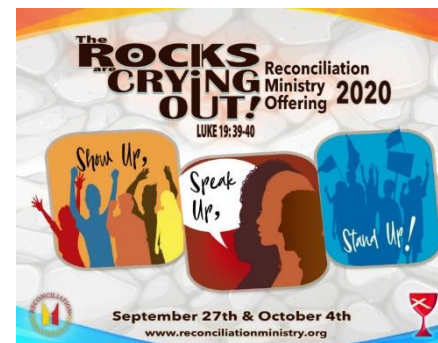


ATTEND THIS YEAR'S REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ON OCT. 17

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!



RECONCILIATION OFFERING SEPT. 27 AND OCT. 6

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship, and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship, and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

The Reconciliation Offering is divided in two parts with ½ going back to our region and ½ going to the General Reconciliation Ministry administered by the Reconciliation Ministry Commission made up of volunteers from around our church body.

HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

We are responding to the needs of families affected by the covid-19, wildfires in California and Oregon, hurricane Sally's destruction in Florida and Alabama. Kits will be shipped to affected areas and donations will be used for CWS Hygiene Kit program.

We will be mailing the Kits and donations on October 12th so please have them at the church by October 11th or if you have difficulty in getting them there, please call Earlene at 343-6445. Thank you so much for your participation in making the lives of others better.

Assemble your own kit and bring it to the church or send a check for \$15 to Carolyn Spratt (treasurer) and donations will be made to Church World Service.

- * one hand towel measuring 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber)
- * one washcloth
- * one wide-tooth comb removed from package
- * one fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package
- * one bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- * one toothbrush in the package and * ten standard size Band-Aids

