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Thursday, April 11th
9:00 Staff meeting
10:30 Disciples Women Council
2:00 Worship at Knox County Nursing Home

Sunday, April 14th
8:40 Coffee House Theology Sunday School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Monday, April 15th
6:30 Trustees

Tuesday, April 16th
10:00 Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, April 17th
9:30 and 5:30 Bible Study
5:30 Youth Group

Thursday, April 18th
9:00 Staff meeting
5:30 Men's Night Out
5:30 Ladies' Night Out

Sunday, April 21st
8:40 Coffee House Theology Sunday School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

... for **Rosemary Humphrey**, problems with her kidneys, heart and eyes.
... for **Janet Christiansen**, hospitalized at Holy Family Hospital in Monmouth.
... for **Amanda Keith** whose Grandma Mary Anne Warren, passed away on April 6. Services were held in South Carolina.
... for **Dixie Davis-Sharp**, on Hospice
... for **Mary Gehring, Jimmy Ellis, Pam Whittom, and Kim Barton's father, Eddie**, in their cancer treatments.



On **April 24**, we celebrate Administrative Assistants Day - and truly give thanks to God for **Lorraine Stone!** We are so blessed God sent her to us! Reach out and share your gratitude for her that day!



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April 14, 2024

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

"Brokenness Restored"

Scripture: John 18:15-17, 25-27; John 21:1-9, 15-19

April 21, 2024

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"If only you had been here ..."

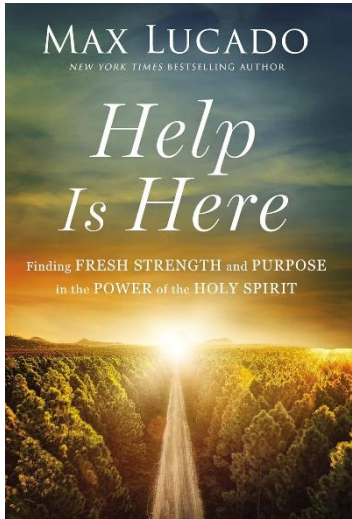
Scripture: John 11:1-44

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



NEW SERMON SERIES RESURRECTING HOPE

Easter is a reminder that the Christian lives day in and day out with power that can overcome any challenge. In our darkest days, it gives us light. In overwhelming discouragement, it gives us faith. In the midst of devastating loss, it gives us joy. In times of divisiveness, it gives us something that unifies us. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive, and that gives us hope! Join us for messages on the power of the resurrection and the gift of hope.

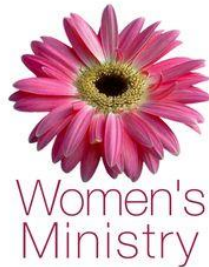


NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY “HELP IS HERE”

A new Adult Bible Study – “*Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit*” by Max Lucado, will begin on **April 10th at 9:30am and 5:30pm**. *Help is Here* reminds us that our Good Shepherd doesn’t just feed us, he leads us. He does more than correct us, he directs us. God keeps us on track – and best of all, he’s commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us. Should you desire a book, they cost **\$11**. Let Pastor MJ know if you are interested.

NAOMI CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY APRIL 16

All women are invited to participate in the Naomi Circle Bible Study which is held every month on the **3rd Tuesday at 10am** in the Conference Room. The next one is **Tuesday, April 16**. We are studying “*Loved by God*” by Liz Curtis Higgs. Read Genesis 29:21-29 in preparation.



LADIES’ NIGHT OUT APRIL 18

Ladies’ Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, April 18** at Jimmy’s Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!

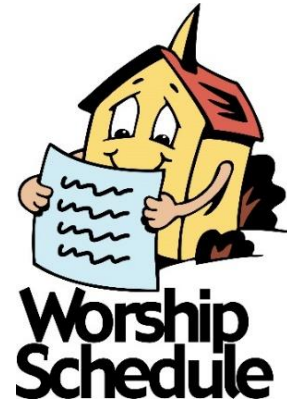
MEN’S NIGHT OUT APRIL 18

Men’s Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, April 18** 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.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Youth group meeting dates for the remainder of the school year are: **April 10, April 17, and April 24** (final). Dinner is served at 5:30pm, followed by lessons and activities until 7pm.



WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

April 14 – Diaconate Serving: Don Mundy and Larry Thurman

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Jan Luallen

Prayers: Tina Burns

Greeters: Don Mundy and Larry Thurman at North St.; Amanda Keith at Broad St.; Brenda Fell at canopy door

April 21 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes

Lead in Communion: Chris Mowrer

Offering Message: Cindy Andrews

Prayers: Pastor

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes at North St.; Don Mundy at Broad St.; Larry Thurman at canopy door
Elders Serving Out: Steve and Tracy Jackson

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Your quarterly statements of giving for January 1st – March 31st that can be used for income tax purposes are ready to be picked up and are located on the hall table by the North Street door. Thank you for your faithful support of FCC and its missions.



REPORT OF SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Week of Compassion: \$366

Blanket Sunday: \$275

Easter: \$280

Potato Bar (before expenses): \$140

BLESSING BOX NEWS

Thank you for your continued support of our Blessing Box. We have a few updates to pass along... no toilet paper is needed currently, and no toothbrushes. We have purchased toilet paper in bulk and also tooth cleaning kits which contain a toothbrush, a flossing device and a very small tube of toothpaste. We can still use regular size of toothpaste to go with these. We also will be getting a monthly distribution from an organization called “*Hope Initiative*”. Ask Kim for more information about this organization.

In case you are wondering what items to purchase, here are some ideas:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. It can rarely be used by walkers because it needs milk and butter.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. Can openers or cans with keyed lids are needed.
5. Cooking oil is an appreciated luxury.
6. Spices, salt and pepper, sugar and flour are always needed.
7. Tea bags and coffee make people feel special.
8. Canned meats are always appreciated.
9. Bread and crackers with peanut butter and jelly goes a long way.
10. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
11. Dishwashing detergent, feminine hygiene products, bars of soap, toothbrushes with toothpaste, and cleaning supplies are welcomed surprises.

Thank you for your continued support! We appreciate all your generous donations.

We still need volunteers to put things out daily. It literally takes about 5 minutes. The bags are ready for you, all you need to do is walk your bag out and put items in the blessing box. Again, thanks, and may you be blessed!



Frances Smith Tinkham passed away on February 15, 2024, in Peoria. She was the daughter of Allan and Marilyn Smith of Lake Bracken and sister to Joyce Glawe of Peoria, Allan Smith of Rock Port, Texas, and Richard Smith of Bozeman, Montana. She grew up in First Christian Church, was active in the choir, bell choir and youth groups as well as attending church camps. A Celebration of Life will be from **9 to 11am on Saturday, April 13, 2024**, at Wright and Salmon in Peoria.



BOOK CLUB NEWS



We are beginning a new series of books based on the year you were born. There are several lists available that provide the top books for each year. We are using anyone of those Top 10, 20, or even 100 books from your birth year.

The first book is based on 1946. We will read “*The King’s General*” by Daphne DuMaurier. The novel is set at the time of the English civil war. Amazon.com describes the book as a “bittersweet saga,” in which “the weak prove their courage and the privileged become traitors.”

With our library being closed there are other libraries that are honoring Galesburg library cards. Anyone is invited to read this book and join the discussion, which will take place **during the lunch hour on April 29** (place to be determined and published in our Daily Messages). You can also learn at that discussion more about choosing your book.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

June 21-23



GRADUATE RECOGNITION IN MAY

We are planning a Graduate Recognition Sunday in May. Please let us know of graduates in our church so we can be sure to recognize them. Submit their name(s) as soon as possible as they will be receiving a letter from the church in the very near future.