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**Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30-8:00 Firepit gathering at Stecher  
home

**Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
8:45 Coffee House Theology Sunday  
School  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Worship  
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

**Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 Elders and Council

**Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 Youth Group begins

**Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 Women's Sack Lunch at Lincoln  
Park

**Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
8:45 Coffee House Theology Sunday  
School  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Worship  
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

**Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 Trustees

... for **Bob Hook and his family** – Bob's  
brother, Jim, passed away on Saturday,  
August 26. May God grant them peace  
and comfort during this time of grief.  
... for health and well-being of **Gene  
Johnson, Don Billups and Dorothy  
Hays**, all residing at Seminary Manor.  
... for **Mary Gehring, Jimmy Ellis and  
Pam Whittom** in their cancer treatments.



*Dear Church Family – words are not  
adequate to express how grateful I am.  
First, I am so grateful for this time of  
medical leave you have granted me to  
rest and recover after having major  
spinal surgery. And then – to have the  
gifts of support, prayers, cards, flowers,  
and many, many meals – is just such a  
huge blessing. Thank you so much for  
your love and care. Looking forward to  
being with you again soon! Pastor MJ*



# Crusader

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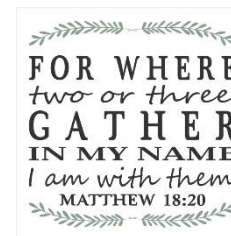
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**Sept 10, 2023**

**Message by Pastor Forrest Krummel**

*“The Jigsaw Puzzle: A Lesson in Reconciliation”*

*Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20*

**Sept 17, 2023**

**Message by Pastor Greg Fitch**

*“A Name for Every Need: Elohim”*

*Scripture: Genesis 1, Psalm 8*

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



### WOMEN'S SACK LUNCH ON SEPT. 16

A women's sack lunch gathering will be at noon on **Saturday, Sept. 16** at Lincoln Park. Bring a sack lunch, a drink, and a friend. All women are invited to attend.



## FAITH, FAMILY and FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, September 9 from 6:30pm - 8pm**

**at the home of Travis and Misty Stecher**

**1035 Woodbine Circle E, Galesburg**

**October 1 from 6:30pm - 8pm**

**at the home of Glen and Sharon Carnes**

**4747 Evergreen Drive, Galesburg**

Faith, Family and Fellowship nights are coming this fall!

Join us at a traveling fire pit to enjoy fellowship with our church family. Each host will provide a dessert and a drink – this is fellowship only – no meal. Bring your lawn chairs and bug spray, and join in on **Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 1!**



## ONE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE PARK – SEPTEMBER 24

Gather together at **10am September 24** at

Shelter #3 at Lake Storey for Worship

*Bring your lawn chairs*

Following worship, we will have our

All Church Picnic

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



## NAOMI CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY SEPT. 19

All women are invited to participate in the Naomi Circle Bible Study which is held every month on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10am** in the Conference Room. The first session for the year will be **Tuesday, Sept. 19**. We are studying “*Loved by God*” by Liz Curtis Higgs.

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT SEPT. 21

Ladies' Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, September 21** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



## MEN'S NIGHT OUT SEPT. 21

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, September 21** 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.



## HOW WE CAN HELP MAUI

When storm, emergency, and crisis come, Disciples always ask “*How Can We Help?*” And recently this question and heartfelt concerns have been for our neighbors on Maui and the continuously heartbreaking news in light of the hurricane-fed fires that have decimated the island.

**RIGHT NOW** it is important to **PRAY, GIVE, and STAY.**

In this moment, Disciples, our call is to support those affected, with the fervency of our prayers and the generosity of our financial contributions. Emergency personnel need room for emergency response work. Local leaders have stressed the importance of no uninvited personnel and no material goods arriving on the island at this time. Week of Compassion has created a designated HAWAII FIRES line item in its online giving options; gifts sent by mail should be marked the same way. [weekofcompassion.org/give](http://weekofcompassion.org/give)

Please prayerfully consider giving to Week of Compassion for the Maui wildfires. 100% of your money will be used to help them in relief and recovery.



## Our Mission

*Growing Spirit-filled, Christ-centered disciples*



## DELAY OF START OF YOUTH GROUP UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13

Youth groups will **not** start this week – delayed start date will be **Wednesday, September 13** for registered pre-school through high school age groups. Dinner will be each Wednesday at 5:30pm followed by lessons, games and activities from 6-7pm. Please come into the large hall the first week to fill out a quick registration of contact information.

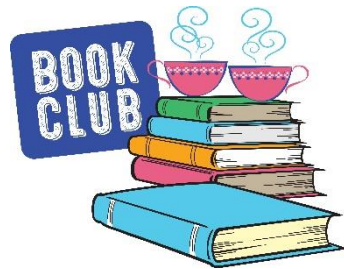


is a name for God for every need we have!

## A NAME FOR EVERY NEED

### New Sermon Series to begin September 17

Scripture has more than 80 different names for God! Why? Because each name reflects a different aspect of His character – and His care and concern for His children – for you and for me! This fall our pastors will be reflecting on many of those names and help us to see that there



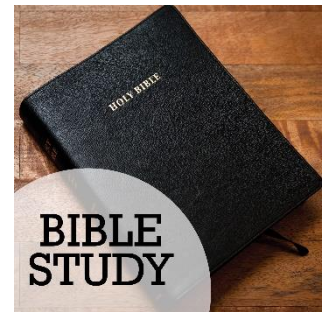
## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet the **week of September 18<sup>th</sup>** to discuss *“The Story of Edgar Sawtelle”* by David Wroblewski. Members, please let Diane know the best day and time, and she will try to accommodate the majority and post the date, time and place on Daily Messages.

## BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPT. 20

Bible Study is scheduled to resume on **September 20 at 9:30am and 5:30pm**. We will finish up the last four sessions of *“Cultures in Conflict”* by Ray VanderLaan that we started in the spring.

**Mark your calendar:** A new Bible Study of *“God Never Gives Up on You”* by Max Lucado will start **October 18**. More information on the new study will be detailed in an upcoming Crusader.



## WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

**Sept 10** – Diaconate Serving: Janet Foster and Jan Unger

Lead in Communion: Steve Jackson

Offering Message: Pastor Greg

Prayers: Cindy Andrews

Greeters: Janet Foster and Jan Unger at North St.;  
Aaron Barton at Broad St.; Kim Barton at canopy door

**Sept 17** – Diaconate Serving: Chris and Marla Wood

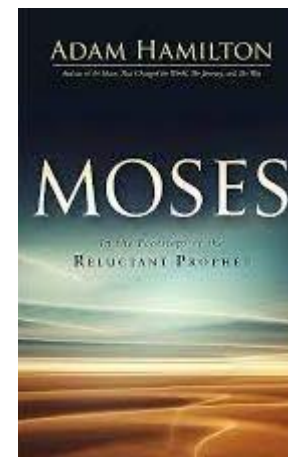
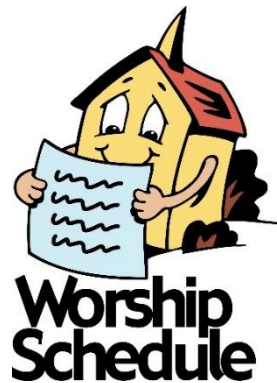
Lead in Communion: Pastor Frosty

Offering Message: Carolyn Spratt

Prayers: Donna Flicek

Greeters: Chris and Marla Wood at North St.; David Wilt at Broad St.; Leslie Wilt at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher



## 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**.