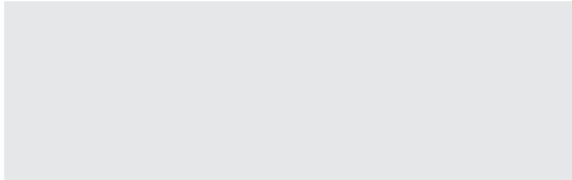




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SERVING THIS WEEK OF September 21

Worship Leader: Anne Ingersoll
Elders: Jean Vaughn (bread), Patti Jones (cup)
Diaconate: Dorothy Loop, Larry Loop, Peggy West
 Elizabeth Bailey, Rick Webster, Kim Cunningham
Balcony: Samantha Adams, Margaret Taylor, Natalie Workman
Preparatory: Marcia Higgins, Sherri Wagner, Sharon Butcher
Greeters: **Front** Judy Graves
Central East Mary Raymer
Balcony South Dan Reed
Elevator Jeanna Montgomery
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Jonelle Schauble
Children's Moment: Rev. Ingersoll
Children's Church: Alex Adams
Soundboard Tech:
Coffee Fellowship Time: Heather Craig-Bailey
Hospital Caller: Janet Shank
Financial Escort: Karen Chatterton
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Janet Shank

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

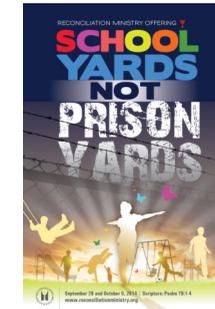
Paul Huff,
Custodian

Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor

Sydne Speziale,
Nursery Assistant

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The 2014 Reconciliation Offering will be received at FCC on **September 28th** and **October 5th**. This offering is used to fund our Church's mission priority to become a pro-reconciling/ anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across racial/ethnic differences.

This year's theme: *Reconciliation Generation: School Yards Not Prison Yards*, is undergirded by Psalm 78 which reminds us of God's steadfast blessings in our past and present, and God's faithfulness toward restorative justice.

Your generous contributions to Reconciliation Ministry helps us to continue the work of Christ and to confront discrimination and systemic racism that mutes our witness to a loving and just God.

Kelly's Korner

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is the dialogue between God and Moses. Surely you remember the setting. Moses is out with the sheep and he sees a most amazing thing—a bush is on fire but will not be consumed. He must go and see this. As he approaches, God tells him to take off his shoes for he is on holy ground. Then God tells Moses about the desire to deliver the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. God tells Moses he has been chosen to do this task. Moses wants no part in it and makes five excuses to get out of it. God will not be persuaded.

I love this passage because we are just like Moses. A parent or boss or friend might ask us for something and we can think of an excuse to not help. Or if we have made a mistake, we might look for an excuse to make it appear as if the mistake was not entirely our fault.

There is a commercial where a guy is calling a bunch of friends to ask for help. He is moving. One friend says he is really busy but he's just playing video games. Another friend coughs and acts as if she is sick. She's in the middle of a manicure. A third friend sees who's calling, just says no and won't answer the call—probably the most honest of them all. Have you ever done anything remotely close to these friends?

Moses does not want to accept the call God puts in his lap. He makes excuses to get out of it and make himself seem unqualified for the task. And yet, Moses becomes the greatest prophet in the history of Israel. God calls us. We might make excuses. Despite ourselves, we can still be great and faithful servants. See You Sunday!

Peace,



Sunday, September 21

Eric Reed opens/closes church
Eric Reed drive(s) van

- 8:30 AM Prayer Group
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Grand Prairie
- Elder: Patti Jones
- Deacons: Bob & Betty Sherwood
- 4:00 PM Everly House
- Elder: Patti Jones
- Deacons: Bob & Betty Sherwood
- 5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 22

- 5:00 PM Evangelism
- 6:00 PM Property
- 6:00 PM Worship
- 7:00 PM Elders

Sunday, September 28

- Rod Burg opens/closes church
Rod Burg drive(s) van
- 8:30 AM Prayer Group
 - 9:00 AM Sunday School
 - 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 - 10:30 AM Worship
 - 4:00 PM Wiener Roast/Burgoo @ Chattertons

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 21 | Scott Ward |
| 23 | Les Herriman
Harlie Runner |
| 24 | Pauline Dunn
Joyce Randall |

Sunday, September 21 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Excuses
Scripture: Exodus 3:1-6

Lectionary Readings:
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1'-13
Matthew 21:23-32



Wiener Roast and Burgoo

28 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Karen Chatterton. Hot dogs, buns, corn-bread, bread, condiments, drinks and table service will be provided.

Please bring to the church (September 14 and 21) ingredients for the Burgoo - canned beans, peas, corn, beef and chicken broth, soup beans, tomato paste and sauce, and fresh cabbage, carrots and onions. Put in the red tub container in Fellowship Hall.

Music will be provided by "Barn Yard Guitar Variety Entertainment" on the front porch starting at 4:00 p.m.

Bring a snack to share and a lawn chair.

This gathering is always a lot of fun and a great time to get to know each other.

Mark your calendars and save the date!

Membership will host the Burgoo and Wiener Roast on **Sunday, September**



Jan Rockwell is organizing a group trip to Davenport, IA on October 9 to attend a documentary showing about the problem of human trafficking in Illinois and Iowa.

If you are interested in this trip, please talk to her or Ellen Tingley.



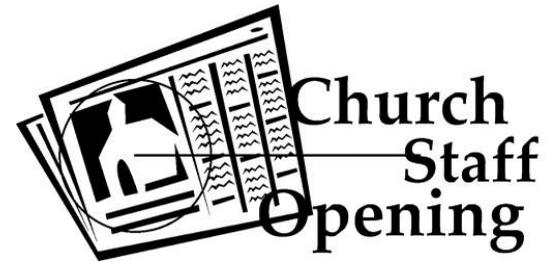
Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and food we received during Conley's illness and passing.

Thanks to the Disciples Women for the lovely lunch they served our family after Conley's service.

Thank you, Rev. Kelly Ingersoll, for the care given to our family.

It is so comforting to have our church family at a time like this. God bless you all.

Donna Bainter
Debra & Bob Danner
Lori & Craig Waterstreet
Cristie & John Purdy



The Christian Education Committee, Board of Trustees, and Church Board have approved a new part-time (10 hrs/wk) Children's Minister position and will begin interviews in the coming weeks.

The Children's Minister will focus his/her energies on planning activities for FCC children, preschool-6th grade. Specifically, the duties will include planning and leading Junior Youth Fellowship, supporting Children's Church and Children's Sunday School, planning a children's program during Christmas and Easter, and organizing an engaging summer experience.

The ideal candidate will be over 21 years of age, a year-round resident of the Macomb area, and have some experience in education as well as a passion for working with children.

The CE Committee, Board of Trustees and Church Board approved the position in order to advance our church mission to attract and retain families with young children, to grow our children's ministries, and to help our children experience a meaning-

ful transition into a vibrant and vital Jr./Sr. High youth program.

The position will be posted on our website and Facebook page and copies of the job description can be found in the office.

We are excited to have the opportunity to bring in a Children's Minister with fresh ideas and energy to FCC. Please share the position announcement with friends, family and colleagues and pray for the selection committee as we search for the right candidate.

Questions about the position can be directed to Peggy West or Larry Loop.



