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4th Annual Fall Festival

Friday, October 14th 6 - 8 p.m.

Trunk of Treat

Free Carnival Food

Carnival Games and Prizes

Harvest Crafts

Glow Activities

Pumpkin Sales

Saturday, October 15th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pumpkin Painting

Face Painting

Bouncy Houses

Petting Zoo

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Kelly's Korner

Four big events happening in the month of October...

First, World Communion Sunday is October 2. This day we will seek to find new appreciation for an act we do each week. In solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ around the world, we will gather at the table. As we do so, may we be mindful of the need for reconciliation and peace so desperately needed in our world. By sharing in communion and remembering the millions of others gathering at table with us, may we find a bit of peace for ourselves.

Second, October is our annual Stewardship Campaign. This year our theme is ONE. We will have a 3 week sermon series focusing on one verse to understand the use of time, talent, and treasure...3 weeks of focusing on putting God #1 in our lives. Is God first? Do I need to make changes? These and other questions will be explored as we make our way to October 23, which is the day pledge cards will be consecrated during our worship service. See below for sermon titles and scriptures.

Third, the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Illinois/Wisconsin will take place on October 21-22. The theme is Heart Connections. Many wonderful discussions about the future and mission of our Church will occur. Rev. A. Denise Bell will preach on Friday evening. I will be installed as Moderator of CCIW and preach the closing worship service on Saturday. Hope you can register and attend.

Lastly, October 14-15 is our Fall Festival. Margaret Taylor is the chair this year. In addition to our petting zoo, bouncy houses, carnival games, free food and trunk or treat, we will have some glow in the dark fun on Friday night. This is a wonderful time to be great hosts to our community and welcome many to our church property. Please volunteer. Please invite your neighbors and friends. May Christ's spirit of joy and hospitality flow through us as we introduce our church to the Macomb community.

October will be a busy month. October will be a wonderful time to be in church together! See you soon!

Peace,



Luke 17:5-10 - A Little Faith

Exodus 3:3 - 1 Time

Mark 2:4 - 1 Talent

Matthew 6:24 - 1 Treasure



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Tad Goldner

And just like that, everything happened at once. September was a busy month, with our first set of youth groups and a cookout to round everything out. Now the real fun starts.

Looking ahead to October, we've got plenty to be excited about! On Oct. 2nd, our youth group meets to discuss habits and how we can change our habits to align more with our faith. On the 9th, we take a trip to Digger's College City Bowl for a night filled with some bowling fun. The weekend of the 15th brings us to Fall Fest (it's that time of the year already?), and the 21st-22nd takes us all the way to Springfield for this year's Regional Assembly. As if all of that wasn't enough, we get to round out the month with one more youth group to discuss "fear."

We sure do have a lot coming up! I'm excited to see us have the opportunity to do so much as a church, and I pray the rest of the fall is as good as the start was!

EVANGELISM

Anne Ingersoll

4th Annual Fall Festival

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors to FCC's 4th Annual Fall Festival! The schedule is slightly different than last year but volunteers are needed for both days. If you are available to volunteer an hour or two, please see Margaret Taylor. If you are not available that weekend, you can still help! We would like to collect bags of candy for Trunk or Treat. Just bring those to church in the coming weeks and leave them in the Parlor Kitchen. See the schedule below.

Friday, October 14th 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

FREE Carnival Food

Carnival Games and Prizes

Harvest Crafts

Glow Activities

Pumpkin Sales

Saturday, October 15th 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Painting

Face Painting

Bouncy Houses

Petting Zoo

FREE Carnival Food

Pumpkin Sales, and more!

(All activities will be in the west parking lot on the corner of Jackson and McArthur.)

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

FCC Tripling our Efforts for Church World Service Disaster Relief

The Disciples Regional leaders are asking every church in the Illinois/Wisconsin Region to **assemble emergency clean up buckets** for Church World Service Disaster Relief. With the flooding and natural disasters within the USA and many other countries this summer, there is more need for these cleaning supplies. Our Outreach Committee has pledged to assemble **THREE** buckets to send with our members who will be attending the Regional Assembly Oct 21 and 22 in Springfield and supporting Kelly's installation as our Regional Moderator. Jack at Ace hardware has donated 3 of the 5 gallon buckets and lids for our church's donations.

The **first 3 Sundays** in October we will have the chance to bring items we sign up for to fill the buckets. These items will bring hope and allow 3 households to have the means to begin anew after their crises. Consider taking the time to sign up and shop for some of the items needed. There will be members from the Christian Action & Outreach Committee in the Parlor each of the Sundays manning the 5 gallon buckets to help you indicate the supplies you wish to contribute and to accept your gifts. (All cleaning items must be new.)

The full buckets will be dedicated on Sunday, October 16, and taken the following Friday to the Assembly.

PERSONNEL

Jack McKinnon

Have you noticed a new face in the nursery? Natasha Shallenberger is FCC's newest employee. She is working in the nursery as the nursery assistant. Natasha and her family live in Plymouth, Illinois. She is currently a student at WIU working on a degree in Early Childhood Education. She has experience working with young children, having volunteered numerous times at the daycare and PACK on WIU's campus. She has also been a volunteer in the infant center at WIU where she helped with engaging students in educational play, and she is a "Golden Apple Scholar," having taught in a Chicago inner city summer school. Natasha states that, "Being able to take care of the little ones in a Christian setting with a new church family would really be a blessing." Please stop by the nursery soon and welcome Natasha to her new church family.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Barbara Houck



In the thirty plus years of working with young children in our Sunday School, we have seen many children. We began with 3 and 4-year-old boys and girls. Some continued on thru the classes and were baptized to become members of our congregation. Some we never saw again after a year or two. Many moved on to other locations after leaving their parents' home. It is always a joy to have them return to our church for a visit! Currently, we have several people who have stayed, grown in the church, and taken on the positions of serving as worship leaders, elders, deacons and teachers. And yes, some of them have raised their children in our church. Over the years, we have even had their grandchildren in our classes. We take special delight in watching them now and we can remember some of their actions, fears, interests and accomplishments as they were growing up.

MEMBERSHIP **Kim Cunningham**

Our last two Inquirer's meetings will be October 4 & 11 at 7 pm in the Parlor. This class is sponsored by Membership and is open to persons of all ages. It is an opportunity to meet with other members to learn more about the history and polity of the church. Rev. Ingersoll will be leading the group.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton



Disciples Women met September 6. We worked on planning the Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner will be served on November 13. The women's groups were assigned to get volunteers for cooking turkey and noodles. The dressing, gravy and mashed potatoes will be made at the church by volunteers. Church members will be asked to bring vegetables, salads or desserts. So please put "Thanksgiving Dinner, November 13" on your calendar. It is the best food and fellowship time you will ever experience!!!

Disciples Women's group meetings will start September 27. This is a great social time with enjoyable conversation!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Time spent waiting on the Lord
is not wasted time"

DISCIPLES MEN **Dean Hansen**

Disciples Men will meet October 1 at The Old Dairy at 8:00 am, and the Third Thursday Group will meet at Rocky's (new location) on October 20 at 7:30 pm.

ELDERS
Myrna Osborn



*God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.*

*Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next. **Amen***

- Reinhold Niebuhr



STEPHEN MINISTRY
Jean Vaughn

On Sunday, October 9, we will recognize Stephen Ministry during worship. Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry among 12,000 congregations who have trained Stephen Ministers. It is an important way we at FCC care for one another.

Presently Donna Bainter and Char Carden are our Stephen Ministers. They will renew their covenant to serve as Stephen Ministers for another 2 years. Donna has been a Stephen Minister since 2004 and Char since 2014. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life's difficulties. They are among more than 600,000 laypeople nationwide who have been commissioned as Stephen Ministers.

“FESTIVAL OF THE CRECHE”

For nine years FCC has hosted the “Festival of the Creche.” This event takes place the first weekend in December during Dickens on the Square. Members of the congregation are asked to bring one or all of their nativity scenes to the church to be displayed in the sanctuary or parlor. No nativity scene is too small, too big, or too old. The event is open to the public with free admission.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 26, at 3:00 p.m. downstairs in the fireplace room to make plans. If you are interested in helping or want to know more about this event, please attend this meeting. If you want to help and cannot attend this meeting, please call Jean Vaughn 837-4406 or 255-6525 or email her at: jeanvaughn468@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's that time again to sign up for Fellowship Time for October, November and December. There is a sign-up sheet across from the parlor kitchen. Thanks!

First Saturday of the month at 8 am, Disciples Men at Old Dairy. Please join us for a morning of fun fellowship.

Calling all women of the church! Spirit Sisters is one of our church social groups and meets at 7 pm on the first Monday of each month. We meet at Diamond Dave's for refreshments and chips, and you are welcome to eat dinner there as well. We chat about a given topic in a safe environment, share our experiences, and learn a bit more about each other. You are always welcome to bring a friend! Come join us!

First Thursday of the month, FCC Book Club at 11:30 am. Please come join us for a morning of fun.

Second Tuesday of the month, Prayer Shawl at 1 pm. Come join us for a lovely social hour.

Join the Third Thursday Men's Group at Rocky's at 7:30 pm.

Last Tuesday of the month, Martha Shemwell group meeting at 1:30 pm, Itoko Maeda dinner at 6pm, 7 pm Bertha Gilchrist group meeting, 7:15 pm Itoko Maeda group meeting.

A LOOK AHEAD AT October:



1. 8 am Disciples Men at Old Dairy.
2. World Communion Sunday, Reconciliation Sunday.
3. 7 pm Spirit Sisters at Diamond Dave's.
4. 5 pm Pastoral Support,
7 pm DW Executive Board Meeting,
7 pm Inquirer's Class.
5. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal.
6. 11:30 am FCC Book Club.
10. 5:30 pm Outreach & Action,
6 pm Christian Education,
6 pm Stephen Ministry,
6:30 Property.
11. 1 pm Prayer Shawl,
7 pm Inquirer's Class.
12. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal.
14. Fall Festival.
15. Fall Festival.
17. 5:30 pm Trustees, 7 pm Church Board.
19. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal.
20. Third Thursday Men's Group at Rocky's.
24. 5 pm Evangelism, 7 pm Elders.
23. 1:30 pm Martha Shemwell,
6 pm Itoko Maeda,
7 pm Bertha Gilchrist, 7:15 Itoko Maeda.
26. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal.
29. Elders retreat.

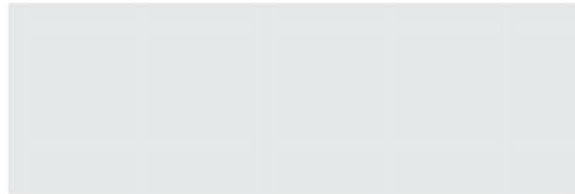


1. Elise Cangro
2. Norma Kentner
Eric & Shannon Reed-Anniversary
4. Sue Adams
5. Doris Allen
7. John & Carol Harmon-Anniversary
12. Barbara Markley
14. Alex Adams
Nicole Lester
17. Bill & Sharon Butcher-Anniversary
20. Harley Call
28. Janet Oldham
29. Janet Stone



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