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I want to begin by thanking everyone for Minister Appreciation! It is always wonderful to read the cards and have kind conversations celebrating our shared ministry. Anne and I love you all so much. As I said before, our relationship as pastor and congregation is unique and somewhat rare these days. We could adequately describe it as a blessing. Thanks to Martha Behymer and all her assistants for the great celebration and very good cake!

We have just concluded our stewardship campaign. Thanks for considering the ways you are Called to be Generous with time and talent and treasure. For those who have turned in your pledge cards, thanks for your promises and prayers. If you have yet to make a pledge card but wish to do so, feel free to connect with our Administrative Assistant, Bri Honeycutt to finalize.

Our most current directory is soon to be available to you. You can choose to receive a hard copy or an electronic copy. Or both. Look for the information to respond electronically or sign up in the parlor on a Sunday morning. Thanks to Anne, Martha, and Bri for all their work on this!

Starting this month we are starting up youth group again. Chi Rho will be for those in upper elementary to 8th grade and will meet on Tuesday, November 17 for games and snacks and discussion. Please encourage the young ones in your families to attend and bring friends! If you'd be interested in being a youth sponsor or providing snacks, connect with me.

Have you noticed all the good things happening around church? A successful park golf scramble and support from Edison Elementary to assist our Emergency Cupboard. Four new members in October. A positive stewardship campaign. Great music during worship. Interesting and vibrant Sunday School. Lots of kids at children's moment. Amazing staff. Numerous volunteers helping in various ways. These are just a few of the fantastic ways we are making a difference as a church. With the busy fall we have experienced, it is good sometimes to remember the goodness we share. And to celebrate. May the spirit continue to move in and through us that we might continue to receive and share God's love.

I look forward to seeing you soon!
Peace,
Kelly

Christian Action & Outreach

Jan Rockwell, Chair

Tuesday, October 13th Community News Brief ran an article, "WIU Presents Report on Latine Homelessness in Illinois". It quoted one of the speakers as saying, "Contrary to the popular perception of homeless people being out of work, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness reports that between 40% - 60% of homeless people have a job. Housing remains unattainable for them, however because wages have not kept up with the rising rents. The National Low Income Housing Coalition calculated in 2025 that a minimum wage worker in Illinois making $15 / hour would need to work 69 hours a week to afford a modest 1-bedroom rental home at Fair Market Rent." Is it any wonder we are seeing more and more struggling to afford the basic necessities? Though the Christian Action & Outreach Committee can't solve the fundamental issues that contribute to these problems, we represent the compassionate folks at FCC by offering assistance to those in need of food. After a very productive August meeting brainstorming how we could do that more effectively, several new resources have been found to support those who deal with food insecurity:

- Sheryl Donnell & LJ Stark gave the outdoors Cupboard a much needed cleaning! Sheryl also shopped at the Amish Grocery (near Cuba) for discounted items.
- David Behymer is applying for grants to supplement our donations.
- John Vigezzi has contacted grocery stores about possible discounts and permission to hold future food drives.

Linda Webb wrote letters to area churches & businesses to request donations (A LOT of letters!). She also contacted the WIU Food Bank sponsored by Dr. Emily Shupe (our Special Christmas Party colleague) and arranged for monthly donations from their excess foods. We've had a van load shared already for September. She has contacted sororities, fraternities, & other campus organizations for possible food drives or volunteer assistance.

It is gratifying to see our mission becoming a community endeavor more than ever. A HUGE thank you to all you who contribute & to those who keep the Cupboard running on a daily basis: Rod Burg, LJ Stark, Kim & Dave Cunningham, Sheryl & Bob Donnell, Linda Webb, Mark Buren, Bev Trusley & Jan & Dean Rockwell. If you feel you'd like to be more involved, we could use Evening Stockers for Monday, (Wednesday am & pm soon), Thursday & Saturday. Just contact Bri in the church office & Jan Rockwell will get in touch with you.

Disciples Women

Char Carden, President

Disciples Women would like to give a huge THANK YOU with the help of donations for Lincoln School this month. Your caring and giving is tremendously grateful. We delivered all the donations to Lincoln School in October 27th after our meeting. They were extremely grateful and we received many thanks….which we extend to each of you from Lincoln School also. Because of YOU…they received many of the supplies they truly needed.

In November, Disciples Women will be doing donations for our Emergency Cupboard in the way of survival kits and along with some winter supplies (reference picture to the right). The kit needs to be put in a gallon size bag and items included are: tooth paste, tooth brush, comb or brush, soft soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand towel and wash cloth. The kit cost is approximately $10.



Other items that are needed (but not included in the kits) are hats, gloves, scarves, and lap blankets (around $4 at Walmart). These will be given to the Emergency Cupboard and they will place them outdoors in the Cupboard as needed. Please put kits and donations in the church library and they will be delivered on November 29th. If you have any questions please reach out to Char or the church office!



Disciples Women Delivering Donations to Lincoln Elementary School
October 27th, 2026

Since our meeting in November lands the week of Thanksgiving, it was voted to not meet on the 24th. Therefore, the Ladies Luncheon and DW General Meeting is canceled for November. If anyone has news or questions, please let me know and we can handle through emails.

SAVE THE DATE! Disciples Women Christmas Party will be on December 1st and it will be at Patton Block in Monmouth, Illinois. More details will be given at a later date. If interested in going, contact Char or the church office prior to November 25th.

From Disciples Women: Thank you!! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!!

November Event Calendar

November 1st: Emergency Cupboard Collection

November 7th: Disciples Men - 8:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

November 14th: Thanksgiving Meal w/ Mt. Calvary - 6:00 pm @ *Fellowship Hall*

November 16th: Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

November 17th: Chi Rho Youth Group - 6:30 pm @ *Youth Room*

November 19th: Third Thursday Groups
- Meditation - 12:15 pm @ *Parlor*
- Men's Group - 6:00 pm @ *BWW*

November 24th: MACMA Comm. Thanksgiving Service - 6:00 pm @ *Wesley UMC*

November 26th: Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Welcome New Members!

October has been a busy month here at FCC! We are so lucky to have had two new members join us! Chris joined on Sunday, October 18th and Trina joined on Sunday, October 25th! We are so excited to have them join us and be apart of our church family! Please help us give a warm welcome to Chris & Trina!





Thank You!

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to Aaron Meunier & Edison Elemenatry School for collecting donations for our Emergency Cupboard! We can't thank everyone enough for their continued support in helping those in our community struggling with food insecurity.

Elders

Jack McKinnon, Chair

The College of Elders Retreat was held on October 22, 2026, at the home of Dean and Jan Rockwell. Kelly led a lively discussion on Wholeheartedness. His resource was a book by Rachel Held Evans called *Wholehearted Faith*. The day consisted of three sessions with everyone enjoying a hearty potluck lunch and ending with Communion and prayer.

We explored what it means to do something halfheartedly. We considered whether there were any characters from the Bible stories who we might think offered halfhearted commitment. This was a lively and interesting discussion. As you can imagine there were some diverse opinions from the group. We looked at what we might consider was something we do or did halfheartedly.

Then we considered whether we had ever put ourselves into an activity wholeheartedly and what that might look like. We revisited some of the Bible characters to consider whether their work could be considered putting forth a wholehearted effort. We discovered many things about ourselves and each other. Kelly challenged us to think about whether what God offered and offers of himself to all mankind was and is wholehearted, and what that looked and looks like. We considered His grace, love, compassion, truth, peace and so much more.

Finally, we looked at what having wholehearted faith might look like. We must ask ourselves how we approach our own faith. Is the energy we put into our spiritual growth a halfhearted effort or do we work towards a wholehearted faith?

Thank you to Jan and Dean for hosting at the beautiful Rockerosa, to David and Martha Behymer for supplying the main course for lunch as well as dessert, and to everyone who brought food and treats. It was an amazing day, and we left with so much to think about.

2026 Pastor Appreciation

Sunday, October 11th we celebrated Pastor Kelly and thanked him for all he does here at FCC!



Environmental Stewardship

Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon

Now that Halloween is over, what do we do with all those Jack-O'-Lanterns? First and foremost, please keep them out of the landfills. Let's look at a few startling statistics.

Once in our landfills, organic waste releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Some estimates suggest the annual greenhouse gas emissions of organic waste are equivalent to 42 coal fired power plants. While pumpkins in our landfills don't contribute to all the methane gas emissions, they can contribute a significant amount, because every year, American's trash over 1.3 billion pounds of Jack-O'Lantern waste. That is tons of organic waste caused by Jack-O'-Lanterns piling up in landfills.



Luckily, there are some things we can do to keep pumpkins out of the landfill. First, if you have a compost pile, just simply compost them. Second, use the seeds to feed birds and small mammals, or feed them to larger animals, like raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and especially deer. At this time of year, these animals are looking for extra food to survive the winter months. Finally, the Macomb Park District is having their annual "Pumpkin Smash" on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Veterans Park. This sounds like fun!

There are some risks though. Rotted pumpkins can contain mold or fungus that can be toxic to wildlife, and any non-organic material such as paint on the pumpkin should be removed before feeding to wildlife since those substances can also be toxic to wildlife.

For more information on this topic just do a little research. You will find a wealth of information at your disposal. Let's keep God's creation as clean as we possibly can. Every little bit helps!