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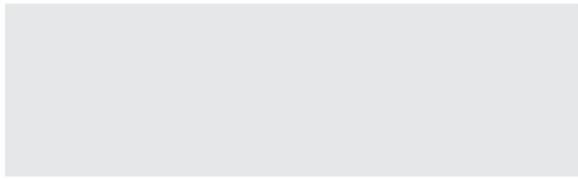


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF February 28

- Worship Leader:** Josh Butcher
Elders: Char Carden (bread); Myrna Osborn (cup)
Diaconate: Norma Kentner, Dave Kentner, Joan England, Cindi Moon, Judy Graves, Esther Young
Balcony: Josh Butcher, Collin Reed, Shannon Reed
Preparatory: Donna Bainter, Judy Graves, Cindi Moon
Front: LouAnn Herriman
East Door: Myrna Osborn
Balcony South: Jeanna Montgomery
Elevator: Bob Sherwood
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Gail, Joyce Randall
Children's Moment: Jan Rockwell
Children's Church: Tiffany Sparks, Tad Goldner
Soundboard Tech: Eric Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time: Katie Dorethy, Teresa Bennett
Acolyte: Jeanna Montgomery
Hospital Caller: John Carden
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck

- Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Debra Abernathy,
Administrative Assistant
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister
 Hannah Goodman,
Nursery Supervisor
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mia Iliopoulos,
Childrens/Youth Choir Director
 Morgan Ochoa,
Nursery Assistant

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We will be hosting a Financial Peace University Class that will be lead and coordinated by Josh Butcher. The class will be on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm and will be held in the Youth Space. The first class will start on Thursday March 3, 2016.

What is Financial Peace University? We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions, and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! The class truly is for EVERY-ONE no matter your age.

Please consider registering for the class or if you know people who could benefit from this class please spread the word or even give it to them as a gift. For more information about the class and the cost please visit fccmacomb.org

Kelly's Korner

Jesus seems to have a fixation with fig trees. Have you ever noticed that? The gospel of Mark tells of the day that Jesus was heading to the temple when, seemingly hungry, finds a fig tree bearing no fruit. Never mind it wasn't fruit bearing season, Jesus gets angry and curses the fig tree. He says that no one should have fruit from that tree ever again. I wonder if there is any symbolism here...pretty sure there is. Jesus is on his way to turn over tables and drive merchants out of the temple. He might've been on edge. The next day, Jesus and the disciples see the fig tree and it is withered and dying. Poor fig tree...or whatever the fig tree symbolized.

In our scripture for Sunday, Jesus will tell a parable about a fig tree. In the gospel of Luke chapter 13 a man who had a garden had a fig tree that did not produce fruit for three years. The man informs his gardener to cut it down. The gardener asks for a reprieve for the fig tree. He says he will fertilize it and if it does not produce, he will cut it down next year.

What or whom is the fig symbolizing in this parable? Probably, it was some people in the past. Probably it is also us. When it comes to faith, are we producing? When it comes to living for God on a daily basis, are we producing?

There is something good about the fig tree not being cut down. God is patient. God will keep working with us, even with our failures and short-comings. The title of this week's sermon is *Rise Up, O Fig*. (The fig is symbolic.) See you Sunday!

Peace,



Sunday, February 28

Rod Burg opens/closes church
Rod Burg drives the van
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
12:00 pm Chi Rho
5:00 pm CYF

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 pm Disciple Women
Executive Board

Wednesday, March 2

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Lenten Studies

Thursday, March 3

6:30 pm Financial Peace

Saturday, March 5

8:00 am Disciples Men
Old Dairy

Sunday, March 6

4:45 Chi Rho with UMC

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3—Susan Cangro
6—Donna Bainter
6—Kathryn Weghorst

Sunday February 28

Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon: Rise Up, O Fig
Scripture: Luke:13:1-9

Sunday, March 6

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Prodigal Rising
Scripture Luke 15:11-17

Sunday, March 6

Bill Butcher opens/closes church
John Carden drive(s) the van
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion
Elders: Patti Jones
Jeff Young
Deacons: Rich Cangro
Brianna Cangro
5:00 PM Youth Groups
8:00 PM College Group



ATTENTION:

CHOIR MEMBERS

Due to the Lenten studies on March 2 and 9, choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 pm.

Fellowship Time

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from parlor kitchen door April, May, and June for Fellowship time.

Anyone who wants to learn how to operate the new dishwasher please attend a meeting on Sunday February 28 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship hall kitchen.

Easter will soon be upon us. If you would like to order a potted plant of Spring flowers, which will adorn the altar on Easter Day, please call the church office BEFORE MARCH 18TH. The cost will be \$12.50. You may take your plant home after Easter service.



Lenten Studies

March 2, 9, at 7 pm

Inter-Generational

Mission Trip

March 13—March 17

Family Fun Night

Saturday, March 19

Maundy Thursday Services

March 24 at 7 pm at First Baptist Church

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 25 at 7:30 pm

Easter Breakfast

March 27 at 8 am

Children's Easter Party

March 27 at 9 am

FCC Name Tags

REMINDER....Please wear your FCC nametag on Sunday mornings and at church functions. Our nametags help in greeting visitors and making church friends so much easier!! If you have lost your nametag or if the name on the nametag has become difficult to read, see Anne Ingersoll for a replacement (and for an extra magnet). We ask for a \$8 donation to go toward re-orders. (*unless your nametag is faulty in some way) Thanks so much!!

Family Fun Night

Christian Education is sponsoring a Family Night on Saturday March 19. We will be having a light dinner, play some BINGO and win some prizes and then the Minions will be shown. So come dressed in your best Minion clothes if you have them.

Admission is free so invite friends to come watch with you. Feel free to bring your sleeping bags and pillows to snuggle up and watch the movie.

We ask that you please bring a snack to share during the movie, we will supply the popcorn and drinks. If you need a ride please call the church and let Debbie know. We will start picking up people at 5:15 pm. Hope to see everyone there



I want to thank my church family for your prayers, your loving visits, the beautiful flower arrangements, and your cards of encouragement while I was at Wesley Skilled Care.

When I came home, some of you brought food and you continued to do things to encourage me. It was a painful time, but you have helped me in my recovery. I am still healing, but I am so thankful for your love and concern. Also a big thank you for the beautiful birthday cards and loving messages!

Mary Stipanowich



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It's time for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Christian Education is asking for donations of candy to fill our eggs. Please be sure that its wrapped, small enough to fit in the eggs and please no nuts. We would like to have all candy at the church by Sunday March 20. Please place it in the tub that will be in the parlor starting Feb 28.



LENTEN

STUDIES

WEDNESDAYS

March 2 and 9, we will have a Lenten Study from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts and drinks will be served. All are invited to this intergenerational time of dessert, discussion, and discernment. Please join us for these studies.

American Guild of Organists

Western Illinois University Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will present a recital of solo and ensemble music at 5 pm Sunday, February 28 at the church. The program will include two short works for horn and organ, solo organ music, vocal solos, and familiar hymns. The WIU Chapter of AGO is comprised of organists, choir directors, teachers, and students from west central Illinois. It is part of the 15,000-member national professional association, which serves the organ and choral music fields. Performers in this recital are Jan Lucie, soprano; Mia Iliopoulos, mezzo soprano; Cristina Werling, horn; Bill Froom, Sheila Nollen, and Lynn Thompson, piano; and Linda Andrews, Barbara Gossett, Emily Maze, Yihui Wang and Anita Werling, organ.