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SERVING THIS WEEK OF November 9

Worship Leader: Jeanna Montgomery
Elders: Patti Jones (bread), Char Carden (cup)
Diaconate: Rod Burg, Nita Burg, Larry Ellis
 Joan Hansen, Halie Runner, Hanna Runner
Balcony: Nancy Reed, Anne Ingersoll, Jeanna Montgomery
Preparatory: Judy Graves, Holly Runner, Ellen Tingley
Greeters: **Front** Rod & Nita Burg
Central East Joan England
Balcony South Linda Dace
Elevator John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Bob & Betty Sherwood
Children's Moment: Jan Rockwell
Children's Church: Jonelle Schauble
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: John & Char Carden
Hospital Caller: Patti Jones
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Jonelle Schauble

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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**THANKSGIVING
DINNER**
6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 16, 2014
FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Disciples Women will host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 16 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service and a vegetable, salad and/or dessert to share.

There will be a basket **Silent Auction** again this year. There will be three baskets displayed on the serving table in Fellowship Hall on November 9 and 16. Each basket will go to the highest bidder. A basket will be made by each group of the Disciples Women. 20% of the money made on the baskets will go to MCRA (McDonough County Recreational Association) and 80% will be used for the DW budget.

You won't want to miss this time of food and fellowship!

Kelly's Korner

Whining. Crying. Moaning. Agony. Pain. Lament.

We've all been there. Like Chicken Little we have seen times when the world appeared to be falling down all around us. Circumstances of our own choosing and circumstances beyond our control force us into negative space. We become isolated or distant. We feel uncared for and maybe even unlovable. We desperately seek something good but are fenced in by evil. Exasperated, we cry out, *How long will you forget about me?*

Sometimes these words are intended for friends or relatives. Sometimes they are intended for no one in particular or anyone who might listen and respond. Sometimes, we dare to speak these words to God.

We are not alone. There is a book in the Bible called Lamentations. The Psalms have a whole genre of laments. From the Bible we learn to bring every emotion to God including despair and anger. It is good to share all of our being with the one who created us. God already knows. Denying or hiding feelings is not good for any relationship—human or divine.

Our study in the Psalms leads us to Psalm 13. The psalmist writes *How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?* Surely, we know this pain—death of a loved one, continual string of bad luck, poor choices, end of a romantic relationship, abandoned by a friend, loss of work, frustrations of health and aging, severed family ties, _____(insert your own pain).

The funny thing about Biblical lament is that hope can never be completely lost. Near the end of every lament, the author recognizes goodness and hope and restoration comes only from God. Despite our worst moments, may we remember and know this type of faith. See you Sunday!

Peace,

9—(Psalm of Lament)	Psalm 13	God, Remember Me?
16—(Wisdom Psalm)	Psalm 37	Wisely Spoken
23—(Psalm of Praise)	Psalm 30	Mourning Into Dancing



Sunday, November 9

Mike Drake opens/closes church

Mike Drake drive(s) van

8:00 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

Monday, November 10

5:30 PM Christian Act & Outreach

6:00 PM Stephen Ministers

6:00 PM Christian Education

6:30 PM Membership

Tuesday, November 11

5:30 PM Pastoral Support Group

Wednesday, November 12

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 16

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: Jean Vaughn

Deacons: Rod & Nita Burg

4:00 PM Everly House

Elder: Jean Vaughn

Deacons: Rod & Nita Burg

6:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner, FH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 11 Helen Yeast
Maddie Dace
Stan & Carolee Sellers (a)
- 13 Emily Ann Bennett

Sunday, November 9 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Psalm 13

Scripture: God, Remember Me

Lectionary Readings:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 16 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30



The Thanksgiving Offering provides direct support to Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 14 colleges or universities, 3 seminaries and 4 seminary foundations/divinity houses. Gifts from the Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving offering continue a Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the church.

For generations, thousands of students have attended the colleges and universities of the DOC, receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciples heritage. The Thanksgiving Offering helps continue this tradition.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries and divinity houses affiliated with the DOC. Your support provides young people the opportunity to *Come Home* to a Disciples institution.

FCC will be accepting the Thanksgiving Offering on November 16 and 23. Envelopes are included in this week's newsletter for your use.

Begin planning now to help our students *Come Home* and help the Disciples continue our ongoing transformation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

HY-VEE

There is a sign-up sheet for "ringing" the Salvation Army bell at Hy-Vee on November 28. You will be able to stand inside to be insulated against the cold weather. First Christian will also be "ringing" on December 22, 23 and 24 - also at Hy-Vee.

There is a sign-up sheet for the December days also. Sign up now, get the hours you want, and put the obligation on your calendar so you will make time during the holidays to help others!

Thank you for caring and sharing!



College of Elders

On Sunday, November 23, all current and past Elders are invited to meet at 12:15 p.m. in the upper room of HyVee for the Annual College of Elders dinner and gathering. Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend.

The cost is \$10.00/person and reservations and payment are due in the church office by Sunday, November 16.

The College of Elders serves as a time to share the history and future direction of our church.

If you are serving now or have in the past, please plan to attend.

THANKFUL



FOR A HOME

For over a decade, our church has been in mission with The Samaritan Well, a transitional housing program. They now operate two shelters; one for homeless men and another for homeless women and children under the age of 12. The program allows residents to remain in shelter for as long as it takes for them to secure other housing and access the skills and services needed to live once again on their own. There is an interview process needed to access this assistance. The director, Cynthia Stiffler, can be reached at **309.837.3357** if someone you know needs this type of assistance.

Shelters in rural areas are in short supply. This year we have already provided over 3,425 nights of shelter to 36 men, women and children. Especially at this time of year, we are thankful for our homes. Please prayerfully consider helping someone less fortunate by making a donation to the Samaritan Well during our **Thankful for a Home** campaign.

To learn more about our local mission, go to <http://samaritanwellinc.org> or ask Nita Burg or Jan Rockwell, our church's representatives on the Board of Directors.

Items Needed:

- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- 14 gallon Trash bags
- 30 gallon Trash bags
- Ziplock sandwich bags
- Ziplock gallon bags
- Ziplock quart bags
- Plastic Wrap
- Kleenex

Moving Forward: Renovation

Much has been accomplished since the Property Committee's last update.

Cox Electric has installed the drop-down screen in the sanctuary and has additional wiring to complete. The company has installed one overhead fan and has two more to do.

The new sound system was installed by Milam Audio. A roll-top desk that stores the sound system is now located in the balcony. This forced the removal of two pews.

The old cry room window was removed and dry walled.

The Attic has completed recovering the balcony pews, which have been protected by plastic during the remainder of the renovation. Thirteen pews at the offsite storage area are completed with new cushions, and we expect all of them to be completed soon. The pews which have been stored offsite have been repaired. Two pews have been shortened to allow room for the wheelchair entrance to the parlor.

The contractor has also been cleaning and refinishing the wood trim in the sanctuary and main entrance. The door in front of the baptismal area is being repaired and readied for the stained glass window insert.

Corsaw Hardwood has installed the wood floors in the chancel, the choir loft, and on the floor in front of the choir loft

where the organ and piano will be located.

The wall between the parlor and the old library was removed and finished. The support pipe was encased in drywall. A subcommittee is working on the design and furnishings for the new space. The parlor will be repainted as touch-ups need to be done due to the new drywall and radiator removal.

Thompson Brothers Painting began painting the sanctuary this week. This job will take two to three weeks to complete. After the painting is done, the sanctuary will be ready for the carpet to be laid. Savemore Carpet has ordered and received the new carpet.

There will be more information to follow as we continue this moving forward renovation progress. Please keep our sanctuary renovation and all the people involved in this process in your prayers.

Lastly, we want to caution everyone that this is a construction zone in progress. Being concerned for your safety, there are several safety concerns you need to be aware of, like exposed tack strips, trip hazards, and loose steps in the balcony. If you venture into these areas, please be very careful.

