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Wednesday, February 14-Ash Wednesday

9am Women's Lenten Series
2pm Rosewood-Renée Galvin
3:15pm Traveler's Class Outreach
7pm Ash Wednesday Service
8pm Choir

Thursday, February 15

9am Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Men's Night Out
6pm Historical Society-Large Hall

Saturday, February 17

10am-2pm Jackson private event-L.H.
3-7pm Private event in small hall

Sunday, February 18

8:30am Worship
9:30am Coffee time in small hall
10am Sunday School
11am Worship
12:30pm Worship Task Force
2-5pm Sacred Journaling
4pm Pastors Class

Monday, February 19

Office Closed-Presidents Day
7pm Men's Bible Study
7pm Yoga in the parlor

Tuesday, February 20

9:30am Bible Study
1:30pm Ruth Circle at the church
4pm Brownies in small hall
6:30pm Trustees Mtg.
7pm "Weekend" Cluster

SERVING SCHEDULE

February 18, 2018

8:30am Worship

Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Serve Communion: Dori

Oberman, Candi Moulton

Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad

St. & Serve Out if Needed: Janet Foster,

Jan Unger

Offering: Linda Mowrer

Communion: Pastor

Prayers: Neill Unger

Phone: Larry Thurman

Education Bldg. Greeter – Janet

Christiansen

11:00 a.m. Worship

Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad St., *Acolyte, Serve Out if Needed:

*Marge Patterson & Amanda Keith

Greet at North St., Prayer Cards,

Offering, Serve Communion: Mack

Glass & Shawn Keith

Elder Serving In: Ray Maddox

Elder Serving Out: Chris Mowrer, Bruce

De Voss, Steve Spicher



February Coffee hosts:

Youth & High School groups

**3rd Sunday
of the Month
Congo Coffee**



The Crusader

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WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

Begins on Wednesday, February 14th
at 9am here at F.C.C.

Guest speakers are: Feb. 14th – Agnes Kimbell;

Feb. 21st – Rev. Dr. Carolyn Weber, Feb. 28th – Linda Mowrer, March 7th – Carolyn Moffit, March 14th – Naomi Law, March 21st – Barb Devena

LENT BEGINS WITH ... ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Here at First Christian Church

Wednesday, February 14th at 7pm in Large Hall.



MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS

All men are invited to the Men's Lenten Breakfasts at First Presbyterian church. Dates are **February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21.** Breakfast will be served at **7am** (dismissal no later than **7:40am**) and a donation of \$6 is payable at the door. Make reservations each week by noon on the Monday preceding the breakfast by calling 342-1200.





Sunday, February 18
Message by
Pastor Greg Fitch
“Gifts of the Dark Wood: The Gift of Uncertainty”
1 Cor. 13:11-12
8:30am Worship
 Quest Band plays, *“Blessings”*
9:30am Coffee time in Small Hall
10am Sunday School
11am – Worship
 Choir sings *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”* ~
 by Girolamo Savonarola and George Blake

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING
FEBRUARY 18 & 25

WWW.WEEKOFCOMPASSION.ORG

Week of Compassion works through a remarkable network of church partners, organizations, and partnership that insures that their response to humanitarian needs are met. It enables them to offer help and hope to hurting people around the world, around the year.

WOC currently responds to some kind of disaster or emergency somewhere in the world on average of approximately once every 1 ½ days. Recent major disasters receive much of their attention and resources. At the same time, they continue to respond to other grave humanitarian tragedies. The Global Food Crisis is impacting more and more countries and reversing the modest gains that had been made in recent years against hunger, and it has now become one of their most pressing priorities.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Thursday, February 15 at 5:30pm

All men are invited to join us at the Pizza Ranch for an evening of food, fellowship and a short meditation. Each person pays for his own. Feel free to bring a friend!



IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Lauren Robinson** – Philippines Missionary.
 ... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.
 ... New City Church in Mbandaka.
 ... for our custodian, **Bob Conley**, recovering from neck surgery.
 ... **Ginny Murphy** with health concerns.
 ... Prayers that **Scott's** treatments help him.
 ... **Bonnie Nielson**, C-section last night.
 ... Prayers for successful surgery for **Jim Eager**.
 ... Safe travels for my sons returning home Tuesday and Wednesday.
 ... Prayers for the police officer killed in the line of duty this week and for all our law enforcement officers.
 ... Prayers for **Tom Carter** – diabetes, and for Ruby.
 ... For our country, peace around the world, our soldiers.
 ... Safe travel for **Rachel** and for **Matthew** driving back Wednesday. **Rachel** for a job interview Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB

The **Feb. 18 Book Club** is cancelled. Our next book is by Bachman, and it is called A MAN CALLED OVE. This novel is “...the New York Times bestseller that has taken the world by storm! Meet **Ove**. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of **man** who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse.” (Amazon) Nevertheless, I think you'll grow to love him!



FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Tues., Feb. 13 - 6pm Council of Ministries, **7pm** Ministry Teams
Tues., Feb. 20th - 6:30pm Trustees Mtg.
Sun., Feb. 18- 12:30pm Worship Task Force Mtg.

FEB. DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETINGS

Tues., Feb. 20 - 9:30am Ruth Circle-Friendship Class room
Thurs., Feb. 22 - 1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church



KEEPING A PERSONAL JOURNAL

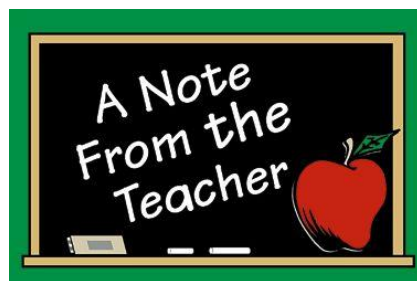
For a Closer Walk with God

The Twelve Disciples of a Wild Woman-A Journal Adventure

Sunday, February 18th from 2-5pm in the library.



Keeping a personal journal can deepen our relationship with God, and ourselves. Beginning February, I'll facilitate a bi-monthly Sacred Journal Seminar here at First Christian Church. We'll explore and have fun with 12 spiritual disciplines that help us become more effective Disciples of Christ (Trust, Love, Patience and Humor are four). Each seminar includes specific writing exercises to cultivate insight and creativity. Discussion is invariably lively and illuminating. Sharing is always optional. Suggested donation is \$15 for church members (or your best love offering). Free for someone bringing refreshments. Book available for \$8. Call **Sallee Wade, 341-4966**, and let her know you're attending so she has enough materials.



“KING CORNER” ... Featuring weekly news from the teachers at King School.

Hello! My name is **Nicki Phelps** and I teach Physical Education at King School. I am lucky enough to get to play all day long as I try to convince students that physical activity is more fun than video games and television! This is only my second year here at King but I have been in the Galesburg CUSD#205 for

14 years. I have taught in every elementary building, Churchill Junior High and I also coach Track and Field at GHS. I live west of Galesburg with my husband, Rodney, and two daughters, Libby (11) and Nora (8).

Many THANKS go out to your congregation for their support throughout the school year. To say you spoil us is an understatement! If you could just say a little prayer for the safety and wellbeing of our students and their families. So many need more than we can even begin to be of service to. I could also use a little prayer for patience as I take on Kindergarten PE also this year.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness! We live and work in a great community full of great people like you!

Our Mission Statement: Growing Spirit-filled, committed disciples of Christ.

“CAN-DO KIDS” & YOUTH GROUP

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Youth group and Can-do Kids will meet on **Wednesdays from 5:30-7pm on February 21 and 28.**

No youth group on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Come to the 7pm service!



CHURCH CAMP

2018 CAMP SCHEDULE

Early Bird Discount Registration Deadline is March 12th!

All Camps are at Pilgrim Park

July 1-7	CYF (9 th -12 th grades)	\$365 (church will pay 1/2) for active youth
July 1-7	Chi-Rho (6 th -8 th grades)	\$365 (church will pay 1/2) for active youth
June 24-30	JYF (3 rd -5 th grades)	\$365 (church will pay 1/2) for active youth

The church will pay half of the camp fee for its active youth. Please see your youth Director or the church office for registration forms. The cost for camps is \$25 higher if not in by the deadline! Completed forms and fees must be turned in to the **church office by March 12th** for the early bird rate!!!

LED BY THE LIGHT

Exercises to help you grow in the Spirit.

Week Six-February 11-17: – Live the Light of Christ- Many around us are down or discouraged – they are walking in darkness due to health problems, grief, poverty, loneliness, depression. Every day this week, reach out to people you know who are struggling. Write a note, send an email, text or call someone – to give them a word of encouragement. Tell them you are praying for them. Point them to the hope and light we have in Jesus!



HEARTSEEKERS

“Shine: Stepping into the Role & Life You Were made For”

March 23 & 24 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Registrations due at **Brighter Life on or before March 12th!**