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Tuesday, June 12

4:45pm Yoga in the parlor
6pm Council of Ministries
7pm Ministry Teams

Wednesday, June 13

9:30am Bible Study
5:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, June 14

9am Staff Mtg.
10:30am Disciples Women Council Mtg.
6pm C. Batterton's group in conference room

Sunday, June 17 – Happy Father's Day

8:30am Worship
9:30am Coffee time in small hall
10am Sunday School
11am Worship

Monday, June 18

7pm Men's Bible Study
7pm Meditation Class-library

Tuesday, June 19

9am Women's breakfast at Pastor MJ's
2pm Aperion – Bob Clark
4:45pm Yoga in the parlor
6:30pm Trustees Mtg.

Wednesday, June 20

9:30am & 5:30pm Bible Study
2pm Seminary/3pm Hawthorne - MJ

Thursday, June 21

9am Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Men's Night Out-Pizza Ranch
6:30pm Diaconate Mtg.

SERVING SCHEDULE

June 17, 2018

8:30am Worship

Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Serve Communion: Karen Bjorkman, Cindy Andrews
Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. & Serve Out if Needed: Chris & Marla Wood

Offering: Linda Mowrer

Communion: Steve Spicher

Prayers: Hope Nelson

Phone: Larry Thurman

Education Building Greeter: Janet Christiansen

11:00 a.m. Worship

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

*Renée Galvin, Earlene Crouse

Greet at North St., Prayer Cards,

Offering, Serve Communion: Larry

Thurman, Don Mundy

Elder Serving In: Jan Luallen

Elder Serving Out: Bruce De Voss, Steve Spicher, Neill Unger

June Coffee hosts:

Friendship Class



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



The Crusader

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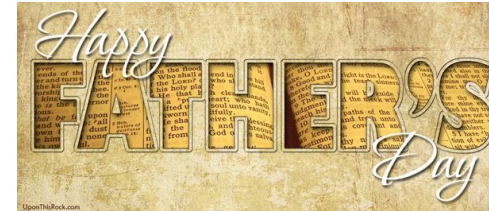
Organist – Amber Clark Director of Music – Steve Jackson sjackson@sandburg.edu

Secretary – Terri Oehlert fccgalesburg@gmail.com

Bookkeeper – Lynda White fcclwhite@gmail.com Custodian – Bob Conley

Co-Pastors: Gregory S. and Martha-Jean Fitch pastorgreg02@gmail.com & pastormj02@gmail.com

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Sunday, June 17

Father's Day Message: "Home Improvement",

Luke 15:11-24

Message by Chris Mowrer and Neill Unger

8:30am Worship

Quest Band plays & "Clair de lune" by Claude

Debussy, performed by Katie Jackson

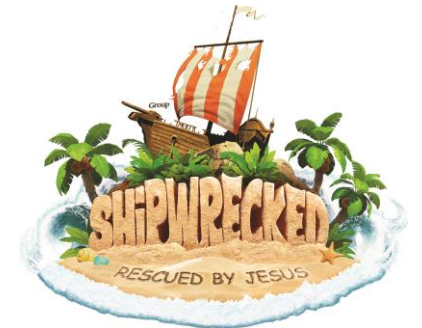
9:30am Coffee Time in Small Hall

10am Sunday School

11am – Worship, Special performance by Sue Johnson

**V.B.S. DECORATING DAY
Saturday, June 23rd from 9am-12noon**

Come on down and decorate the church
for Vacation Bible School!



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Martha Mensendiek** – Japan Missionary.
 ... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.
 ... New City Church in Mbandaka, Congo and the people of the Congo dealing with the Eboli outbreak.
 ... **Rena Miller**, at a nursing home in Canton.
 ... **Mary Ewalt, Ed White, Richard Reno, Karen Jehling, Kathy VanVelsor** – all recovering at home with therapy after

having hip replacement.

... **Judy St. John** – at Bounceback, Room #102, recovering from recent surgery.

... **Margaret Coombs**, receiving rehab at Marigold, Room 128 Pathway.

... Prayers for **Scott VanVelsor's** continued treatments.

... **Ginny Murphy** – prayers for a healthy digestive system.

... **Cheryl Robbins** – biopsy at St. Francis this past Monday.

... **Chris Colvin** (Sue's husband) – at Bounceback.

... **Dave Murphy** – leading a team on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

... Safe travel for all, for **Nick Nalley's** trip to D.C., and Virginia with school.

... **Marla's** health and healing, **Alanna & Dave's** 18th anniversary today, and **Joe and Linnea's** on Monday the 11th.

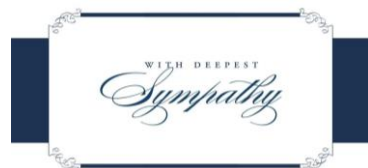
... Safe travel Tuesday to Peoria and discernment with medical treatment. – **Shannon Edwards**

... Praise for **Margaret Coombs** continued progress. Prayers for **Dorothy Roberts** surgery this week. Prayers for my mom to continue to improve.

... Prayers for my wife, **Dorothy Roberts'** surgery on Wednesday in Springfield.

... Prayers for the talks with North Korea, that they go well. Prayers for our service personnel, and police officers. Keep them safe.

... **Bruce De Voss**, upcoming foot surgery.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sympathy and comfort to **Marilyn Smith and family** on the recent passing of her husband, **Al Smith**.
 Al was also the uncle of Ed and Mike White.

A Celebration of Life will be held on **Sunday, June**

24th, 2-5pm at Rock Church, 1081 Upper Spring Bay Rd., East Peoria, IL 61611.

Memorials may be left to Rock Church or the Galesburg Rescue Mission. If you wish to send a card to Marilyn, her address is: 5533 N Galena Rd, Bldg. C1-05 Apt 58, Peoria Heights, IL 61616.



as well 😊 If you have any questions, call Tracy Jackson at 309-335-0775. Thank you for your support!

V.B.S. SUPPLIES NEEDED

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. You can help by donating needed supplies. Look for the display in the sanctuary and choose what you wish to donate. Please attach the donation tag to your item(s), return to the church and place in the bin near the office. Be sure to put your name on anything you are loaning to us

JUNE MEEETINGS

Tues., June 12

6pm Council of Ministries,

7pm Ministry Teams

Tues., June 19

6:30pm Trustees Mtg.

Thurs., June 21

5:30pm Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch

Thurs., June 21

6:30pm Diaconate Meeting – All are encouraged to attend!



JUNE DISCIPLE WOMEN'S MEETINGS

Thurs., June 14 10:30am Disciple Women's Council Mtg.

No Lydia or Ruth Circles this month.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

You are invited to Pastor MJ's home on

Tuesday, June 19 at 9am for breakfast!

Pastor MJ lives at 1117 Windcrest Acres – Galesburg!



BOOK CLUB MEETING

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Saturday, June 23rd at 10am** to discuss the book, Fire by Night by Lynn Austin.



NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your new offering envelopes beginning **June 3rd**. They are located outside the church office. Begin using the new envelopes the first **Sunday in July – July 1st** as that is the beginning of the new church fiscal financial year.





On Sunday, **June 10**, at our congregational meeting, we approved the 2018-2019 budget/spending plan. Copies of the church budget are available on a table just outside the church office.

One big change that you will note in the personnel section of the budget is the removal of the line item for nursery attendants – with the decision to close the church nursery. This decision was presented by our elders who discussed in great detail no longer hiring nursery workers to care for babies during the worship services.

Many factors were considered when this decision was made. First, since September 2017, we have not had any babies in the nursery, while we have continued to pay for two nursery workers to stand ready, should there be a need for the nursery. Secondly, we understand that many young parents are hesitant to use church nurseries in this day and age – as opposed to several decades ago when it was expected that children would be in the church nursery. Families are wanting to worship together – and there is a hesitation, by some, to leave their babies so far away from the sanctuary and with strangers.

But we are all aware that young ones cannot always sit still or keep quiet! We have provided a “cry room” for parents in the past – but the location of our cry room is really not the best location (up near the balcony) – and is not welcoming to guests. And without a church nursery and an inadequate cry room, what will parents do? There are all sorts of ideas being shared. Thus, a Child Care Task Force has been formed to create a new way to care for parents and their young children during worship service – and the Education Ministry Team will be given the task of creating a Toddlers/Preschool Sunday School class. **Steph Line** has agreed to be the chairperson of the Child Care Task Force and participants are being recruited and will definitely consist of folks with babies!

Throughout the years we have had several different nursery workers – but one person has been with us consistently, almost every Sunday for the last 12 years and that is **Renee McEllen**. Renee has been a great blessing in our staff and a joy to greet each Sunday morning. We want to honor Renee on her last Sunday with us on **June 24th** at both worship services. We invite you to honor Renee by bringing a card of appreciation and/or giving a gift for a love offering to show our gratitude to Renee. You can bring a check, clearly designated for Renee (or cash), to the church office or give to myself or Pastor Greg on Sunday. We will need the money no later than **June 20th**.

This is a big change for our church. But I believe this is an exciting opportunity to do something new to reach out and show hospitality/welcome and love to our parents with young children AND help teach our young ones at the earliest age about the love of Jesus. Join me in prayers of gratitude for all who have worked with the babies and with hopefulness in what the future holds! God bless, Pastor MJ



COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We are blessed to have 5 different Sunday School classes for adults! Find one where you can connect, support, encourage and challenge one another as you grow in faith.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

(located in the conference room across from the pastors' office – led by Bruce De Voss)

Uses the Standard Lesson Quarterly - this quarter's focus is on “Justice in the New Testament”

COFFEE HOUSE THEOLOGY

(Meeting in the church library – led by Diane Eager)

Uses the Standard Lesson Quarterly - this quarter's focus is on “Justice in the New Testament”

TRAVELERS

(Meeting in the south side of the Large Hall, led by Pastor MJ)

Using the book “Life Lessons from Jesus” by Bill Hybels and John Ortberg, based on the Sermon on the Mount

NORTHERN LIGHTS

(Meeting in room 17, just to the left of Pastor MJ's office, led by Pastor Greg)

A Biblical study of the book of Luke

FAITHWEAVERS

(Meeting in the Parlor – led by Steph Line)

Currently in a study about the Tabernacle. Study in July to be determined.



FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Operating Account

Actual Income	\$16,097.35
Actual Expenses	\$19,907.83

Fiscal Year-to-Date Report

July 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Actual Income	\$222,043.12
Actual Expense	\$221,519.93