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### Tuesday, Oct. 2

1:30pm Caring Ministries  
4:45pm Yoga in small hall  
6:30pm Elders Mtg.

### Wednesday, October 3

9:30am Bible Study  
2pm Rosewood/3pm Hawthorne-R.G.  
5:30pm Bible Study  
5:30pm Youth & Can Do Kids  
7:30pm Choir

### Thursday, October 4

9am Staff Mtg.  
9:15am Church Women United-1<sup>st</sup> Baptist

### Sunday, October 7

#### **World Communion Sunday/Congo Offering**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Coffee time in small hall-Oct.  
birthdays celebrated  
10am Sunday School  
11am Worship

### Monday, October 8

Columbus Day – Office Closed

### Tuesday, Oct. 9

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE

**October 7, 2018**

### 8:30am Worship

**Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Take Communion to Sitters:**

Richard Stanley & Blair Bruyn

**Greet at Broad St., help people up the steps, serve out if needed:** Erik Galvin,

Marnie Herring

**Ushers:** Tracy Jackson & Candi Moulton

**Offering:** Carolyn Spratt

**Communion:** Chris Mowrer

**Prayers:** Steph Line

**Phone:** Larry Thurman

**Education Building Greeter:** Janet Christiansen

**Acolyte:** James Jackson

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Greet at North St. door, collect prayer cards & offering, take communion to sitters:** \*Bonnie Glass, Carmen De Voss

**Greet at Broad St door, \*Acolyte, Help people up steps, Clean up communion and Serve out if needed:** \*Chuck

Boydston, Ruthann Smith

**Elder Serving In:** Steph Line

**Elder Serving Out:** Neill Unger

### October Coffee hosts:

Coffee House Class



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



# The Crusader

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 7th CONGO SPECIAL OFFERING

This year we celebrate our tenth year of partnership with New City Church in Mbandaka, DRC. We are saddened to learn that there is significant damage to the church roof. Due to heavy rains and extra heat, a sound roof is essential. The gaping holes in the roof are a danger to the congregation and

also have caused damage to the walls and interior. Plans are made for renovation, but such a project is difficult for people who make an average salary of \$2.50 per day. Many families go without adequate food, yet 200 metal roofing sheets have been purchased thanks to their giving. Our challenge is to match that giving. How many roofing sheets will your family fund for our sister church? Pray for the people of New City Church. Pray for how you can help them with the renovation of their building. Donations may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering on Sunday, October 7th. Let's raise the roof!

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



## Sunday, October 7 World Communion Sunday

*“God is Calling” Series*

Message by **Pastor Martha-Jean**, *“Called to Unity”*

Ephesians 4:1-6

**8:30am** Worship

Quest Band plays, *“Who You Are”*

**9:30am** Coffee Time in small hall

**10am** Sunday School

**11am** Worship, Choir sings *“Jesus Took the Cup”*

**October birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am during coffee time. If you have a birthday in October, please bring treats to share. Happy birthday to you!**



## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

### General Fund

Actual Income \$15,897.42

Actual Expense \$15,920.83

### Fiscal Year to Date

Actual Income \$37,535.46

Actual Expense \$36,299.21

### Outstanding Bills for the month of August

**that were not paid:** \$928.79 payable to the Trustees.

## OCTOBER SCHEDULE

### Can Do Kids & Youth Group

Meet on **Wednesdays** from **5:30-**

**7:15pm.** October dates are: **Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.** Invite your friends!



## IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Robert Breckenridge**, Zambia Missionary.

... for World Communion Sunday.

... New City Church in Mbandaka and our Congo offering for roof repair.

... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

.... **Kathy VanVelsor** recovering from knee surgery, doing well.

... **Cheryl John**, began radiation this past Monday.

... **Harriett Anderson**, is now at Rosewood.

... **Missy McLaren**, prayers for comfort and healing.

... **Megan Molloy's father** – has leukemia and undergoing chemotherapy.

... **Larry Neave** at Bounceback recovering from knee surgery.

... Continued prayers for **Scott's** treatments.

... **Irene Wells** for a speedy recovery from surgery this past week.

... **David Fell**, continued prayers for health.

... For hope and peace for those struggling with depression.

... For **Marge Patterson**, more tests this week.

... For the Indonesia flood victims, for the decision of the Supreme Court.

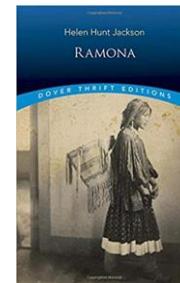
... Praise for the serving attitude of our children and youth this past Wednesday.

## BOOK CLUB'S NEXT READ

### Ramona by Helen Hunt Jackson

This novel can be found in free pdf and audio versions by searching internet. It is also available through Amazon. The public library system has copies.

A late October discussion date will be announced. This book will be used as a back drop for our annual reconciliation Sunday book read/discussion.

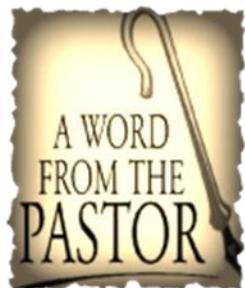


## OCTOBER IS ... MINISTERIAL APPRECIATION MONTH

Let your Pastors know how much they're appreciated in any special way you wish.



**BLESSING BOX FOR OCTOBER:** Drop a coin in for the fun of trick or treating.



The year was 1940. There was a rise of the forces of hatred and violence causing nations all around the world to be torn apart due to the beginnings of the World War II. But the Federal Council of Churches (FCC) and the World Council of Churches (WCC) had a different vision. Inspired by the Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism at the FCC – a Disciples of Christ pastor named Jesse Bader – their vision was to have churches across the globe to come together in unity and renewal of their dedication to the service of Jesus Christ. And the dream of World Communion Sunday was born.

In a 1941 article of the *Christian Evangelist*, Jesse Bader wrote this about our annual celebration of World Communion Sunday. He described the major objectives of World Communion Sunday as follows (his words in italics):

*“One of the major objectives of World Communion Sunday is to secure the presence of every member of the congregation at the Lord’s Table during the day. While our brotherhood (denomination) has practiced every Sunday communion, it has not always been as concerned as it should have been about every-member-present-every Sunday at the Lord’s Table. There have been too many unused communion cups (!)”* I certainly am praying YOU will be in attendance this coming Sunday. Can you reach out and call someone you haven’t seen in a while and invite them back to worship?

*“The second objective of the day for the Disciples of Christ should be the enrichment of the order of service on this great occasion.”* The Worship Ministry Team always looks for way to enhance our celebration of worship on World Communion Sunday. This Sunday, October 7, we will partake of communion a little differently by going up to the chancel in groups of 12, where tables will be set up with the bread and the cup. Together we will “gather at the table” and partake as one.

*“A third objective is to give every member of the church a sense of fellowship with all other followers of Christ at the Lord’s Table. The Lord’s Table is 25,000 miles long on World Communion Sunday. All races will be at the table. Many languages will be represented. All will be able to understand the language of Jesus Christ at His holy table. He will be Host. He will preside.”*

This Sunday, October 7, will also be Congo Sunday. We will truly get that sense of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in New City Church, Mbandaka Congo – as we will be partaking the bread as they do (with small cubes of bread) and drinking the cup as they do (with grape Kool-Aid). At the table of the Lord, there will also be a display of breads from around the world – representing the different ways people have communion. For example: churches in Mexico use tortillas and some countries in Africa use rice cakes while Middle Eastern churches use flat bread.

My prayer is that I will see you this coming Celebration Sunday – and that we all will know the amazing grace of Jesus Christ that unites us all. God bless, **Pastor MJ**



## EMERGENCY APPEAL: HURRICANE FLORENCE

*September 20, 2018 – Church World Service. Hurricane Florence slammed into the North Carolina coast on Sept. 14. Deadly flooding continues to affect the region, hampering relief efforts as attention shifts from rescue to recovery. Church World Service has responded to several requests for supplies in the wake of the storm. So far, more than 7,200 Hygiene Kits, Emergency*

*Cleanup Buckets, School Kits and Blankets have been mobilized in response. We also plan to reach out to long-term recovery groups to offer financial and technical assistance.*

We will continue to collect items for Hygiene Kits throughout the month of October as the need is so great. Completed kits can be dropped off at Pastor MJ’s office.

## PASTOR MJ TO GO ON MISSION TRIP

Pastor MJ, along with her daughter Mary Runge, will join 16 other persons from Disciples and UCC churches on a mission trip to Church World Service Disaster Center and Heifer International in Little Rock, Arkansas – **November 10-16<sup>th</sup>**. They will be taking with them disaster cleanup buckets, school kits, hygiene kits, health kits and cash donations to be used for emergencies, such as described above with Hurricane Florence. While in Little Rock, Pastor MJ and others will be doing various “hands-on” work experiences including assembling the kits, working at a local food bank, and a community crisis center. She hopes to bring a lot of hygiene kits with her from our church family. Please be in prayer for the mission trip and the great ministry of Church World Service.

*Spread love everywhere  
you go. Let no one ever  
come to you without  
leaving happier.*

*- Mother Teresa*



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**from 5-7pm**

We are now accepting candy donations (individually wrapped please)! If anyone is interested in participating please call **Janet Foster** at 344-3354. We need lots of candy and lots of people to hand it out, as well as decorate their space. ☺

**DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETINGS**

- Oct. 4** 9:15am Church Women United @ First Baptist
- Oct. 11** 10:30am Disciple Women's Council Mtg.
- Oct. 15** 7pm Cookie Walk Mtg. at the church
- Oct. 16** 9:30am Ruth Circle at Jan Luallen's home
- Oct. 19-20** Regional Assembly in Springfield
- Oct. 25** 1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church



**CHURCH MEETINGS**

- Sept. 25** 6:30pm Diaconate Mtg.
- Oct. 2** 1:30pm Caring Ministries, 6:30pm Elders Mtg.
- Oct. 9** 6pm Council of Ministries, 7pm Ministry Teams
- Oct. 16** 6:30pm Trustees Mtg.
- Oct. 18** 5:30pm Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch
- Oct. 22** 7pm Worship Task Force Mtg.



**SERVICE PROJECT FOR OCTOBER, RESCUE MISSION OR FISH:**

Canned fruit or vegetables. Please place the items in the barrel by Pastor MJ's office.



**YOUTH NEWS**

This past **Wednesday, September 27**, the Can Do Kids club and the Jr./Sr. high Youth Group held its first service project. Approximately 36 kids (4 new kids that night alone!) and 12 Adults went to serve 5 First Christian Church families. The theme was yard work 101! Kids cut weeds, trimmed hedges, mowed, raked leaves, cut branches, picked up walnuts and had great

fellowship with each other and our Adult FCC membership. Kids and Adults are looking forward our next opportunity to serve!

Are you shut in or living in an assisted living facility? Or are you willing to accept Trick-or-Treater's a week early? Our next outing will be delivering Treats, not tricks on **Wednesday, October 24** from **6-7PM**. If you are interested in receiving visitors please contact the church office and leave your address so we can add you to the route.

