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Wednesday, September 12

5:30-7:15pm Can Do Kids/Youth Group
7:30pm Choir

Thursday, September 13

10:30am Disciple Women's Council

Sunday, September 16

Outdoor worship & potluck at Lake Storey

10am Worship
11am Potluck

Monday, Sept. 17

4pm Girl Scout Daisies in small hall

Tuesday, Sept. 18

9:30am Ruth Circle @ Ruthann Smith's
6:30pm Trustees Mtg.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

2pm Rosewood/3pm Hawthorne-MJ
5:30-7:15pm Youth Group/Can Do Kids
7:30pm Choir

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, Sept. 21

4-7pm Knox College Choir Retreat –
Large Hall and sanctuary
6pm Women's Potluck at Pastor's house

Sunday, Sept. 23 Habitat 2x4 Sunday

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

SERVING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
10am Worship in the Park

Attendance & Hand Out Bulletins:
Chris and Marla Wood, Candi Moulton,
Jan Unger

Collect Offering & Serve Communion:
Marge Patterson, Amanda Keith, Mack
Glass, Shawn Keith.

Offering Meditation: Renée Galvin

Communion Prayer: Linda Mowrer

Prayers: Candi Moulton

Elder Serving Out: Bruce De Voss

Diaconate Serving Out: Marge
Patterson, Amanda Keith, Janet Foster,
Jan Unger



September Coffee hosts:
Northern Lights Class

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



The Crusader

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(Disciples of Christ)**

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Sunday, September 16

“Be the Church” Series

Message by **Pastor Greg**, “*Small Acts-Big Impact*”

Luke 13:18-21

“*Down in the River*” – choir anthem

10am Worship in the Park

11am Potluck

Please bring lawn chairs, your own table service and a dish or two
to pass. Bottled water will be provided.

In case of inclement weather – all will be held at the church.

**RESCUE MISSION & WOMEN'S SHELTER
ANNUAL HOG ROAST**

Saturday, September 15th from 4-7pm, 435 E Third St.

\$7 Adults, \$3 children under 12

Call 343-4151 for more information

Menu: Pork, baked beans, potato salad, roll, applesauce,
beverage, pie or cake and ice cream. *Carry outs available.*



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Jeffrey Mensendiek** – Japan Missionary.
 ... Affiliating congregations: Grace Myanmar CC, Moline, Happy Christian Church, North Brook, Heavenly Gate CC, Skokie, Victory Church, Wheeling.
 ... New City Church in Mbandaka, Congo
 ... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.
 **Kathy VanVelsor** recovering from knee surgery, doing well.

... Prayers for **Scott VanVelsor**. Continued prayers for his treatments.
 ... **Cheryl John**, seeing a Dr. this week to discuss treatment plan.
 ... **Harriett Anderson**, at Bounceback, room 206, recovering from stroke.
 ... **Missy McLaren**, prayers for comfort and healing.
 ... **John Foster** – at home recovering from recent hip surgery.
 ... **Rosemary Humphrey**, recovering from shoulder surgery.
 ... **David Fell**, health concerns.
 ... **Judy St. John**, health concerns.
 ... Continued prayers for **Matthew** for guidance and grace. Prayers for **Gary's** continued recovery.

PASTOR MJ OUT OF OFFICE SEPT. 12 -14

Pastor MJ will be out of the office September 12 -14 as she goes on a Spiritual Retreat for a time of prayer and planning. She would appreciate your prayers as she plans for sermons and Bible Studies and ministry for the rest of the year and into 2019.

DISCIPLES WOMEN SEPT. MEETINGS

Sept. 13 10:30am D. W. Council Mtg. at 10:30am
Sept. 18 9:30am Ruth Circle at Ruthann Smith's home
Sept. 21 6pm Women's Gathering at Pastor MJ's home
Sept. 27 1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church



SEPTEMBER CHURCH MEETINGS

Sept. 11 6pm Council of Ministries, 7pm Ministry Teams
Sept. 18 6:30pm Trustees Mtg.
Sept. 25 6:30pm Diaconate Mtg.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT – THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
at Pizza Ranch – all men welcome. Bring a friend!
Each pays for their own meal.

HABITAT 2X4 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

We will again be collecting donations for Habitat for Humanity on Sept. 23rd.

Look for the 2x4's located at the North door, in the narthex, and in small hall. A suggested donation of \$5 is asked but please give what you can and be sure to autograph your name(s) on a 2x4! They are used in the building of a Habitat house.



Hygiene Kits Needed

HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE September Project

Disciples Women are again inviting the congregation to join with them in making Hygiene Kits to be sent to Church World Service.

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey. Value: \$15.00

The list of items needed to assemble a kit are on a slip of paper hanging on the drop off bin at the church. This makes it easy to grab one and take with you while you shop.

This year the kits will be hand delivered to Church World Service by **Pastor MJ**. If you have questions, please contact **Earlene Crouse** at 309-343-6445.

“TEAM CHIEF” FUNDRAISER

Monday, September 17th at Buffalo Wild Wings

This is a fundraiser to support “Team Chief Inc.”, a nonprofit organization started by **Scott VanVelsor**. Its goal is to help non-veterans with ALS who need equipment and supplies not covered by private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. You can read more about the fundraiser at Team Chief on Facebook.





SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE Can Do Kids & Youth Group

Meetings on **Wednesdays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26 from 5:30-7:15pm.** Invite your friends and get ready for an awesome year!

We could really use some extra

adults to provide transportation on the 26th. The kids will be doing a service project, raking leaves/yard work.

DIACONATE TO MEET SEPT. 25

We are blessed to have 25 people serving in our church as deacons. As deacons, they are called not only to collect the offering and serve communion – they are called to help shepherd/serve the congregation.

It is important that all the diaconate come together for our quarterly meeting, to be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 6:30pm.** Please make every effort to attend.



MEDITATION FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

Sallee Wade, RN, MSN, Wellness Educator
“In prayer we talk to God. In meditation we learn to listen to God.”

4 Tuesdays from 2-3:30pm beginning **September 25th** in the library.

\$40 for church members, \$45 for non-members

(Or your best love offering ... scholarships available ... no one excluded)

To reserve a spot call 341-4966 or email salleewade@gmail.com

**THE MISSION GIFT SHOP IS RE-OPENING AS ...
FIRST UNITED METHODIST RESALE SHOP
Hours are Mon.-Thurs., 10am-2pm**



THANK YOU

“Thank you or all the prayers, cards and calls on the recent passing of my sister.” – Earlene Crouse

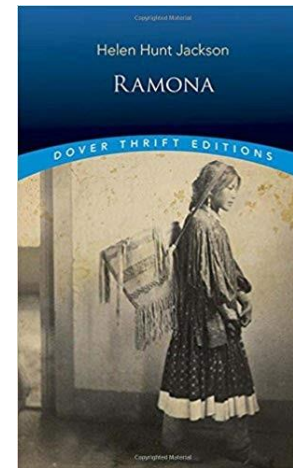


FALL 6 WEEK YOGA SERIES Tuesdays, September 18 – October 23 4:45-5:45pm at the Church

For those who have had the 8 weeks basics or previous yoga experience.

\$55/person - \$50/members – \$10/drop-in

To register call Sallee at 341-4966 or email salleewade@gmail.com



BOOK CLUB'S NEXT READ

Ramona by Helen Hunt Jackson

Ramona's mixed-race ancestry and marriage to a Native American make her a target for bigotry and abuse as the region passes from Mexican control to American statehood and three cultures — Mexican, Anglo, and Indian — enter into an increasingly heated conflict.

Originally published in 1884, *Ramona* was hailed by *Atlantic Monthly* as "one of the most artistic creations of American literature." Helen Hunt Jackson's richly atmospheric romance was intended to draw attention to the U. S. government's mistreatment of Native Americans after the Mexican-American War. You will be drawn to its love story,

picturesque qualities, and its political content. (taken from Amazon review)

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.