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### Wednesday, September 5

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

### Thursday, September 6

9am Church Women United here  
9am Staff Mtg.  
6:30pm Thrive Mtg.

### Sunday, September 9 – 2x4 Sunday

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

### Monday, Sept. 10

6:30pm Quilt Club Room 17

### Tuesday, Sept. 11

8:30am GAMA Here – Large Hall  
4:45pm Yoga in the parlor  
6pm Council of Ministries  
7pm Ministry Teams

### Wednesday, Sept. 12

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

### Thursday, September 13

10:30am DW Council Mtg.

### Sunday, Sept. 16

10am Worship in the Park & Potluck  
at Lake Storey Shelter #2

## SERVING SCHEDULE

September 9, 2018

### 8:30am Worship

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

**Offering:** Misty Stecher

**Communion:** Hope Nelson

**Prayers:** Donna Flicek

**Phone:** Larry Thurman

**Education Building Greeter:** Janet Christiansen

**Acolyte:** Noah Nalley

### 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:** Chris Mowrer

**Elder Serving Out:** Jan Luallen



### September Coffee hosts:

Northern Lights Class

3rd Sunday  
of the Month  
Congo Coffee



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## Sunday, September 9

### *“Be the Church” Series*

Message by **Pastor MJ**, *“Seeing People Through Christ’s Eyes”*

Matthew 9:35-38

**8:30am** Worship – Quest Band plays,

*“Give Me Your Eyes”*

**9:30am** Coffee Time in Small Hall

**10am** Sunday School

**11am** – Worship, Choir Sings *“Everywhere I Go”*, Natalie Sleety

## HABITAT 2X4 SUNDAYS

### SEPTEMBER 9 & 23

Habitat has been building on faith in Knox County for over 25 years. Every 2x4 and donations received will help construct the next Habitat home. With your support, another family will be able to turn the dream of homeownership into a reality.

Look for the 2x4's located at church entrances 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 literally used in the building of a Habitat house.



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Nishan Bakalian** – Lebanon Missionary.  
... NAPAD Ministry (two weeks): Korean Christian, Springfield; Living Stone CC, Evanston;

Chicago Christian Church, Des Plaines.  
... 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.  
... Prayers for **Gary**'s continued recovery, prayers for Matthew's guidance and grace.  
... Praise – Mom back at Seminary Estates and **Kyle**'s surgery went perfect. God is good. – Candi Moulton  
... **Matthew** – for guidance and grace; for **Gary**'s continued recovery, and safe travel for Rachel and Ryan.  
... **Margaret Coombs** is currently hospitalized at St. Francis in Peoria.  
... for a friend who just got diagnosed with Hepatitis A.

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK & POTLUCK

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

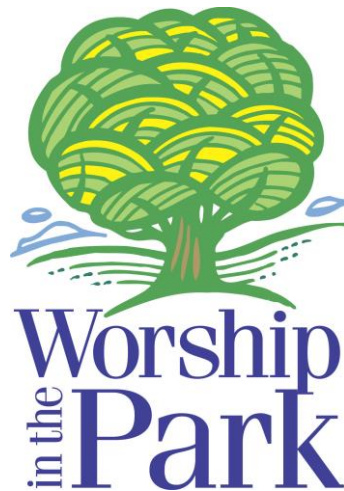
**at Lake Storey Shelter #2**

**Worship at 10am**

**Potluck at 11am**

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

*In the event of inclement weather, service and potluck will be held at the church in Large Hall.*



### DISCIPLES WOMEN SEPT. MEETINGS

**Sept. 6**      **9:15am** Church Women United here at FCC  
**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



### 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. CWS is preparing to respond to the next disaster. These kits are an immediate service of comfort to people who have evacuated from their homes. CWS is rebuilding their stock to ensure that they have enough on hand for 2018 and beyond. So far this year, they have sent out 965 Hygiene Kits in the U.S. , Syria-9,990, Lebanon 5,040 kits and blankets, globally 75,157. They need our help.



### Hygiene Kits Needed

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One wash cloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- One standard size band-aids

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

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.



### SEPTEMBER CHURCH MEETINGS

- Sept. 4 1:30pm Caring Ministries, 7pm Elders Meeting
- Sept. 6 6:30pm Thrive Meeting
- Sept. 11 6pm Council of Ministries, 7pm Ministry Teams
- Sept. 18 6:30pm Trustees Mtg.
- Sept. 25 6:30pm Diaconate Mtg.

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

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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

### “TEAM CHIEF” FUNDRAISER

**Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.

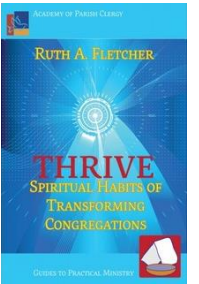
You can read more about the fundraiser at Team Chief on Facebook.



### THRIVE MEETING

**Thursday, September 6 at 6:30pm**

This past summer, many of us read the book THRIVE by **Ruth Fletcher** and we were honored to have her here at our church, inspiring us with many ideas of how we can be a transforming congregation. We now need to get together and pray and dream about what our next steps are. Anyone who has read the book and is interested in looking at ways to be a more transforming church, please join us and, bring your book!



### SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

#### Youth & Children's Ministries

Can Do Kids (Ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 & Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High)

Meetings on **Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 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 26<sup>th</sup>. The kids will be doing a service project, raking leaves/yard work.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Terri will be on vacation Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have articles/information you need included in the Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> newsletter, it must be turned in to the church office no later **than September 10<sup>th</sup>!** Thank you ☺



### THANK YOU FROM KING SCHOOL

*“Thank you for the lovely plants and ‘sprucing up’ around the grounds at King Elementary School. Many thanks also go out to the ladies who served food at our Bash – Jan, Nancy and Janet, and for Misty’s help in arranging it. We appreciate it very much!”* Love, Your King Family





It's family reunion time! I know many of you have enjoyed time with your families – traveling together to a common location or just gathering in a community park. You have times of laughing together and telling lots of stories...and probably taking lots of pictures.

I have never been to a family reunion – at least not with my own relatives! But I look forward to going to a church family reunion every year. And you are invited to join Greg and me to this year's reunion in Springfield, Illinois. Our church family reunion is called "Regional Assembly" and is being held **Oct. 19 & 20**. Disciples Churches from all of Illinois and Wisconsin will gather for worship and workshops, beginning at **6pm** with a Banquet and worship at **7:30pm** on **Oct. 19** with our new General Minister and President **Rev. Terri Hord Owens** preaching. **Saturday, Oct. 20**, will include many informative workshops, including one by our very own **Pastor Mary Runge**, on the topic of "Hospitality". The Assembly ends at **3pm**.

During Regional Assembly, attendees will be making fleece blankets for children in hospitals in partnership with the local Linus Project Chapter —AND— stocking duffle bags with goodies for foster children. You can help support these great organizations and the children in our communities by purchasing a blanket for \$10 or a duffle bag kit for \$25. Donations can be made at: <https://giv.li/stxucd>

**Registration for the Assembly is \$75 and the deadline is October 1.**

Regional Assemblies are held every other year (on "even" years), usually in Springfield.

The other family reunion is the General Assembly which includes Disciples from churches throughout the country. It is held every other year ("odd years") at some location around the United States and Canada! The 2019 Assembly is very close to us – in Des Moines, Iowa on **July 20-24!** Be sure and put that on your calendar and start saving your money to go to this incredible family reunion with a few thousand of your brothers and sisters in Christ!! You won't want to miss it! Early bird registration for the General Assembly begins this November 1! Go to <https://ga.disciples.org/> to keep up with more information. And check out past General Assembly worship services (like the one held in 2017) on YouTube to get an idea how wonderful worship is at General Assemblies.

I sure hope to be with you at these upcoming family reunions! We'll have a lot of laughs, take some pictures and tell some stories ... and will be inspired!

God bless you all, **Pastor MJ**

## AGELESS AVIATION DREAMS FOUNDATION

Six Galesburg residents who served in the Armed Forces will fly in a 1942 biplane during the 47<sup>th</sup> National Stearman Fly-In on Fri., Sept. 7 at 9am. The flights are provided by the Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Darryl Fisher in 2011 to honor U.S. military veterans who live in long-term care facilities.

One of those veterans is our own **Ray Maddox**. Ray is a Navy veteran, having served from 1951 to 1955 during the Korean Conflict with the submarine force. He was attached to a repair shop for periscopes, clocks and other instruments.

Thank you for your service Ray!



## 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. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Please make every effort to attend.

## CHURCH DOOR SECURITY

This is a friendly reminder that sometimes the outside church doors "hang up" on the bottom and may not be all the way closed. It's very important that when you leave a church event, please check to make sure the doors are locked and secure. When standing on the outside of the doors, turn back around and pull on both sides of the door handles to double check and make sure they are locked and closed all the way. Thank you.

