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Wednesday, March 30

7pm Historical Society mtg.
No Youth or Children's Groups
7:30pm Choir

Thursday, March 31

No staff Mtg.
1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church
6:30pm Private event in Large Hall
7pm Financial Peace University

Saturday, April 2

10am Women's Gathering-Springfield

Sunday, April 3

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

Monday, April 4

7pm "Weekend" Mtg.

Tuesday, April 5

6am Men's Breakfast at Hy-Vee
9:30am Bible Study
1:30pm Caring Ministries
6:30pm Elders & Deacons mtg.

Wednesday, April 6

2pm Rosewood, 3pm Hawthorne
5:30pm Youth & Children's Groups
5:30pm Bible Study
7:30pm Choir

SERVING SCHEDULE

April 3, 2016

8:30am Worship

Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. and Serve Out if Needed: Janet Foster & Jan Unger

Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards and Offering, Serve Communion:

Rachel Rose & Linda Mowrer

Offering: Steve Spicher

Communion: Neill Unger

Prayers: Donna Flicek

Phone: Larry Thurman

Transportation: ?

11:00 a.m. Worship

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

Communion, *Acolyte: *Renée & Erik Galvin

Greet at North St., Prayer Cards,

Offering, Serve Communion: Marge

Patterson & Carmen De Voss

Elder Serving In: Bruce De Voss

Elder Serving Out: Neill Unger

April Coffee Hosts: Coffee House Class



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

THE CRUSADER

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SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Message by Jordan Knight

"Giving God My Day",

2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Psalm 46:10

8:30am Worship: Quest Band plays, *"Be Still"*

9:30am Coffee time in small hall

10am Sunday School

11am Worship: Choir sings, *"I Then Shall Live"* ~ Gaither/Sibelius, arr. Larson

APRIL BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Sunday, April 3rd, 9:30am

If you have a birthday in April, please bring treats to share. We want to celebrate with you. Happy birthday!



**Lydia Circle will meet
on March 31st at 1:30pm at the church.**



IN OUR PRAYERS

... New City Church in Mbandaka, Congo.
 ... **Chauncey Cameron**, as he transitions to his new residence at Heartland.
 ... CCIW Prayer Calendar – Colfax CC, Arrowsmith CC, New Covenant CC, Normal.

... **Carole Batterton**, home recovering from surgery.
 ... **Rosemary Humphrey**, recovering from surgery.
 ... **Dorothy Hays**, for her upcoming surgery on April 7.
 ... **Al Bower**, upcoming hip replacement on April 11.
 ... **Bill Jewsbury**, upcoming surgery on April 13.
 ... Prayers for **Nina** and her family member with cancer.
 ... Safe travels to Disney for the GHS band.
 ... Sympathy to **Ralph and Raye Beasley** on the death of Ralph's brother, **William Beasley**. Cremation rites will be accorded.
 ... The **Global Ministries** prayer request for this week: **Nancy Lott Henry**, India Personnel.



**GALESBURG RESCUE MISSION
 & WOMEN'S SHELTER GARAGE SALE**
 Friday, April 1, 7:30am-4pm & Sat., April 2, 9am-1pm
 Don't miss this first (and maybe largest) sale of the year!

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S GROUPS
 Regular meetings will begin again
 on **Wednesday, April 6th**.



BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 2015

\$268,495.61
 Anticipated Bills \$4,972.18
 Actual Giving \$4,123.16
 Short \$ 849.02
 Needed each week to meet budget: \$5,163.38
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$187,233.00
 Need Year-to-Date to meet Budget: \$201,371.82



CHURCH SUMMER CAMP

It's time to be thinking about church summer camp! Forms are available in the church office or through your youth leader.

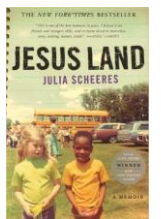
All camp forms and fees **must be turned in** to this church office by **Monday, April 25th**! The church will pay ½ the cost for its active youth. This year, **your portion** of the fee for JYF, Chi Rho and CYF Camps is \$175.00 and your portion for the Beginners Camp fee is \$95.00.

All of the Camps listed below are at Pilgrim Park.

CAMP	GRADES	DATES	April 25 Rate
JYF	3 rd -5 th	June 26 - July 2	\$350/ \$175 your portion
Beginners	K-2 nd	July 3 - 6	\$190/ \$95.00 your portion
Chi Rho	6 th – 8 th	July 3 - 9	\$350/ \$175 your portion
CYF	9 th – 12 th	July 3 - 9	\$350/ \$175 your portion

NEXT BOOK CLUB SELECTION

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and we will be holding our discussion group sometime during that month on this book. This is an excellent read that found its way to the New York Times Bestseller List.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet on **Thursday, April 7th, 9:15am** at First Lutheran Church.

The program will be presented by Iona Boone, a master gardener. You may bring a small container if you would like and/or a plant you would like to put in a container.

Join us for an interesting program!

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



BLESSING BOXES (Living with Gratitude)

Friends, have you remembered to use your Blessing Box on a regular basis this past year? Disciples Women will be dedicating the offerings from your Blessing Box on **April 17** at worship.

Please bring your Blessing Box (or the contents thereof) to the church that day and place it in the basket provided on the first pew in the sanctuary. The offering will be dedicated during worship and will then be forwarded to the Disciples Mission Fund to be added to offerings given by many Disciples churches for the ongoing work of the Church and Disciples Women.

If you are unable to be at worship on April 17, please give the contents of your Blessing Box to your Circle Leader or **Eva Seiler**, or leave it in the church office.

Thank you for participating in this project of love and gratitude to God.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Saturday, April 16th here at F.C.C.

Today I wanted to tell all of you about an important service that we are bringing here on 4/16/2016. As many of you may not know, stroke is a leading cause of death today, affecting over 750,000 people each

year. Every 45 seconds in America, someone suffers a stroke and every 3 minutes, someone dies from one. This means that during the next 45 minutes, approximately 15 people in the United States will have died due to a stroke. Stroke can be a life threatening and life changing event, and yet according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes are preventable. **By signing up for this health event, not only will you be able to take your health into your own hands, but you will also receive \$10 off any package of \$129 or more.** The Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm Package includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation.

Will it hurt? No. We use Doppler, color flow ultrasound, which is painless and considered the gold standard in uncovering early stroke/vascular disease. **How accurate are results?** Very. We've been classified as hospital-grade and state of the art. **How old should someone be to get a baseline test?** 40 with family history, all those over 50 should consider being screened. You can go to

<http://www.lifelinescreeningblog.com/introduction/> for a great 3-minute video.

To schedule your appointment and to receive this special offer, please sign up **only** by either calling our members-only phone number, which is **1-888-653-6441** or by visiting www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Join in the fight against vascular disease!



SPECIAL PROJECT FOR APRIL

FCC's special project for April is to volunteer serving meals/clean up at the Community Kitchen on **April 28th**.

There are two shifts to choose from: the first is from **4:30-6:30pm**; the second one is from **6:30-8pm**. It is imperative that you contact **Donna Flicek** with your name, phone number, email address and your shift time choice. Please leave a message on her home phone, 309-484-2491. Please contact Donna **before April 12th!!!**. Oh, and yes, you get to eat!



The Jr. and Sr. High Youth, through their "You've Been Egged" fundraiser, have raised over \$1,100 towards their Chicago Mission trip in July! Thank you to all who supported!

SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"The Grave Robber" by Mark Batterson

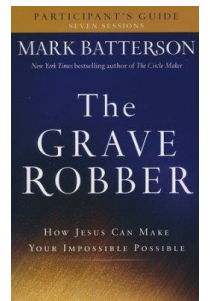
A 7-week study on **Wednesday mornings at 9:30am** or **Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm** beginning **April 20th**.

Cost is \$6 per book

Sign-up sheets are in your bulletins!

We are ordering these books on Monday, April 11th!!!

Please get your orders in A.S.A.P.



CHICAGO STAFF BAND SALVATION ARMY ~ IN CONCERT

Saturday, April 16, 7pm at the Knoxville High School Auditorium **and Sunday, April 17th, 9am** at First Presbyterian Church
Public welcome!