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Tuesday, November 3

6am Men's Breakfast at Hy-Vee on Henderson
 1:30pm Caring Ministries Mtg.
 6:30pm Elders Mtg.

Wednesday, November 4

9:30am Bible Study
 2pm Seminary Devotions
 3pm Hawthorne Devotions
 5:30pm Bible Study
 5:30-7pm Youth & Children's Groups meet
 7:30pm Choir

Thursday, November 5

Men's Great Banquet
 9am Staff Mtg.
 10:15am Marigold
 11:15am Gordon Behrents Devotions
 12noon Church Women United – 1st Lutheran

Friday, November 6

3pm-9pm Laurie Aten's class in small hall

Saturday, November 7

8am-5pm Laurie Aten's class in small hall

Sunday, November 8 – Ebenezer Sunday

8:30am Worship
 9:30am Coffee time in small hall
 10am Sunday School
 11am Worship
 2pm Veterans Day Parade
 3pm Financial Peace University

SERVING SCHEDULE
November 8, 2015

8:30am Worship

Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. and Serve Out if Needed: Val Morris & Aleta Anderson

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

Karen Bjorkman & Raye Beasley

Offering: Steph Line

Communion: Pastor

Prayers: Tina burns

Phone: Larry Thurman

Transportation: ?

11:00 a.m. Worship

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

Communion, *Acolyte: *Carrie Clubb & Larry Thurman

Greet at North St., Prayer Cards, Offering, Serve Communion: Pam

Whittom & Earlene Crouse

Elder Serving In: Jan Luallen

Elder Serving Out: Donna Flicek

Coffee Hosts:
Travelers Class



3rd Sunday of the Month Congo Coffee

THE CRUSADER

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 (Disciples of Christ)**

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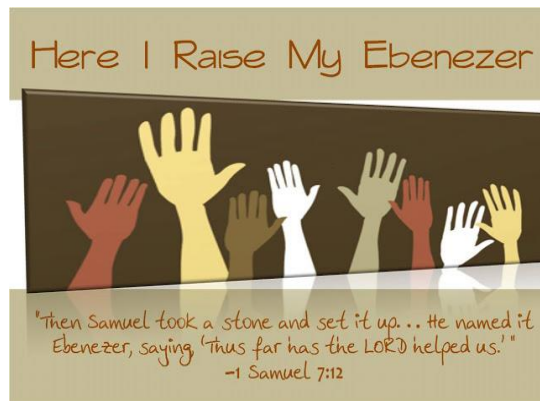
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Ebenezer Sunday
Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch
"Building our Ebenezer"
 I Samuel 7:12-13 and Joshua 4:1-9, 19-24
8:30am Worship: Special Song by Jeannette Barragan, *"In His Presence"*
9:30am Coffee time in small hall
10am Sunday School
11am Worship: Choir sings *"We come, O Lord, This Day"*

ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

**Saturday, November 21st,
 5:30pm** in Large Hall

Turkey, dressing, gravy, rolls, coffee, tea or lemonade provided. Please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Invite your family and friends!



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



YOUTH SUMMIT – Nov. 20th-22nd

Youth attending this year's Summit from our church are: **Laraya Iams, Hailey Bessert, Raina Fuller, Diego Fuller, Nicholas Nalley, Brandon O'Reilly, Katie Jackson, Mackenzie Musser, Carstin Fuller and Chelsea Mowrer.** Adult leaders: **Pastor Greg Fitch, Candi Moulton, Blair Bruyn, Hope and Logan Nelson.** Please keep them all in your prayers, that they have a spiritually enriching experience.

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6-12)

November dates are: **Nov. 4th, and 11th, from 5:30-7pm.** We do not meet on Nov. 18th due to Summit. Friends are always welcome!



CHILDREN'S GROUP (Preschool – 5th grade)

November meeting dates are: **Nov. 4th, 11th and 18th**



NOVEMBER DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETINGS

Nov. 17th 9:30am Ruth Circle at Willa Jewsbury's
Nov. 19th 1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church



NOVEMBER MEETING

Nov. 3 1:30pm Caring Ministries, **6:30pm** Elders Mtg.
Nov. 10 6pm Council of Ministries, **7pm** Ministry Teams
Nov. 17 6:30pm Trustees Mtg., **7:30pm** Board Mtg.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 22nd at 9:45am
To vote on the nominees for the new church year.



BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 2015

\$268,495.61

Anticipated Bills \$6,116.12

Actual Giving \$5,662.38

Short \$ 453.74

Needed each week to meet budget: \$5,163.38

Year-to-Date Giving: \$85,965.61

Need Year-to-Date to meet Budget: \$92,940.84

Includes Miller Memorial Fund of \$1,327.97



IN OUR PRAYERS



- ... New City Church in Mbandaka.
 - ... **Laura Deatherage**, stage IV breast cancer.
 - ... **Mark Cameron** undergoing cancer treatment.
 - ... **Don Billups**, at home now. Prayers for healing.
 - ... **Sharon Tucker**, is at Heartland and recovering from stroke.
 - ... **Laura Deatherage**, on Hospice care.
 - ... **Joyce Aldridge**, at home and receiving outpatient physical therapy.
 - ... **Margaret Coombs**, knee problems.
 - ... Continued healing for **Judy Magee**.
 - ... **Bob Hook** to have a hip replacement soon.
 - ... **Irene Wells' grandson** who had an accident and is in the hospital.
 - ... A granddaughter who is only 29 and having heart problems.
 - ... A family member with a nasty cough and can't shake it. Also a friend with ovarian cancer and undergoing chemo treatments.
 - ... Prayers for my sister as she has surgery. Help relieve her troubles.
 - ... Prayers for my sister **Laura**, that she will be led back to church. – Patty Cooley
 - ... For the Great Banquets and all involved; **Alanna Nalley, Pastors Greg & MJ, Eddie Barragan, Jeff Jehling, Renee Galvin, Hope Nelson, Linda Mowrer, Caitlin Mowrer, Dori Oberman, Tina Burns, Amy Nielsen and Linda Maleck.**
- The Global Ministries prayer request for this week: Anne Gregory, Thailand Mission Personnel.



"Thanks to everyone for prayers, phone calls, cards and visits."
– Irene Wells



UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 5-8: Men's Great Banquet – Peoria
Greg Fitch, Ed Barragan and Jeff Jehling are attending.

November 12-15: Women's Great Banquet – Peoria
Hope Nelson, Tina Burns, Linda Mowrer, Caitlin Mowrer, Dori Oberman, Linda Maleck, Renee Galvin, Martha-Jean Fitch, Alanna Nalley & Amy Nielsen are attending.

November 19: 6:30pm - Decorating the Large & Small Halls

November 20-22: Boy's Weekend

November 20-22: Youth Summit

November 21: 5:30pm All Church Thanksgiving Potluck

November 22: 9:45am – Congregational Meeting, **12:15pm** Hanging of the Greens

December 3: 7pm - Blue
Christmas Service

December 5: 9am to noon:
Christmas Cookie Walk

December 13: 6pm - Children's
Christmas Program

**December 24: 7pm Traditional
and 10pm Contemporary**
– Christmas Eve Services



SHOP HY-VEE ON NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8

The Shop-N-Share Program at Hy-Vee will donate 5% of your total bill to Habitat for Humanity of Knox County on Nov. 6, 7, & 8. *You must have the form with you to hand to the cashier.* It was sent out in an earlier email or you can contact **Bill Jewsbury** for a copy. We all need groceries anyway and this is an awesome way to help Habitat for Humanity of Knox County!



Disciples Women (D.W.) "It's a Christmas Cookie Walk" December 5, 2015

Have YOU been thinking

About what you'll be bringing

To the DW's 5th Annual "It's a Christmas Cookie Walk"

Saturday, December 5th from 9 to noon – so it will be
The talk of the town?

Well, there's still time to go thru your files

And whip up lots of Christmas cookies and candies

That is sure to bring smiles

To the faces of the young and young at heart alike

Especially after they take their first bite!

But if you prefer

We will gladly accept monetary donations that's for sure!

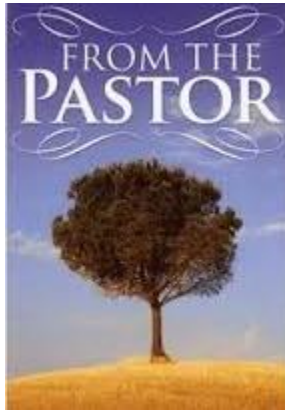
So tell everybody you know that the place to go

For Christmas cookies and candies for just a little dough

Is our very own small hall

Where even the "Walking Cookie Sisters" will have a ball!

All proceeds go to the Disciples Mission Fund.



This morning I turned my calendar in my office from October and November and the picture on it was of “Key Hole Arch” in Monument Rocks National Monument in Kansas. And on the picture were the words: “The Lord has done Great Things for us and we are filled with joy!” (Psalm 126:3) I thought – what a great verse for the month of Thanksgiving – and for our worship service this coming Sunday.



Now that it’s November, I have noticed people are posting what they are thankful for on Facebook. That is a great way to witness to others on Facebook, rather than griping and complaining. We are joining in that same idea for our next 3 week sermon series called “Give Thanks to the Lord!”

We begin this week, **November 8**, with Ebenezer Sunday! Everyone always thinks about Ebenezer Scrooge when they hear the name “Ebenezer”. But that is definitely not the topic for the day. Rather Ebenezer comes from a passage in I Samuel 7:12 where Samuel places a stone of remembrance and thanksgiving and called it an Ebenezer, which means “a stone of help”. We will learn more about that in my sermon on Sunday!

But I have some homework for you! To get ready for our Ebenezer Sunday, I want you to think about what you are grateful for. How has God helped you this past year? What Scripture has really helped you this past year?

During the service you will have an opportunity, if you are able, to tell the church family what you are grateful for or read that Scripture. No one will be required to speak – but everyone will have the opportunity to write what you are grateful for or share a special Scripture, and place it on our “stones” as we build an Ebenezer for First Christian.

So do your homework – and come to church Sunday with a grateful heart, ready to share how the Lord has done great things for you!

*Grateful to be your pastor,
Pastor MJ*



FALL FUN FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT A GREAT SUCCESS!

A special thank you to **Misty Stecher** (event planner), **Candi Moulton** (decorating genius), **Blair Bruyn** (trunk or treat coordinator), and anyone else who helped with the planning, decorating, cupcake baking, helping with games, etc. It takes a lot of people to make this work so thank you all for donating candy and for the “trunkers” for decorating their indoor spaces and handing out candy. We estimate we had around 450 trick or treaters! What a blessing to be able to provide a safe, warm environment for kids to enjoy trick or treating. They were very appreciative of our efforts!

