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### Wednesday, April 13

5:30-7pm Youth & Children's Groups  
7:30pm Choir

### Thursday, April 14

9am staff Mtg.  
10:30am D.W. Council Mtg.  
11:15am Gordon Behrents  
2pm Knox Co.  
5:30-9pm Sorority in small hall  
7pm Financial Peace University

### Saturday, April 16

**145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church**  
8am-4pm Life Line Screening

### Sunday, April 17

#### **Blessing Box Dedication**

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

### Monday, April 18

5-7pm A.S.H.A. in small hall

### Tuesday, April 19

6am Men's Breakfast at Hy-Vee  
7pm Trustees Mtg.  
7-9pm "Weekend" Cluster Mtg.

### Wednesday, April 20

9:30am Ruth Circle  
9:30am Bible Study  
5:30pm Youth & Children's Groups  
7:30pm Choir

## SERVING SCHEDULE

**April 17, 2016**

### 8:30am Worship

**Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad**

**St. and Serve Out if Needed:** Alanna  
Nalley & Candi Moulton

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

Travis & Misty Stecher

**Offering:** Neill Unger

**Communion:** Cindy Andrews

**Prayers:** Pastor

**Phone:** Larry Thurman

**Transportation:** ?

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad**

**St., Serve Out if Needed, Serve**

**Communion, \*Acolyte:** \*Brenda Fell &  
Ruthann Smith

**Greet at North St., Prayer Cards,**

**Offering, Serve Communion:** Carmen

De Voss & Marge Patterson

**Elder Serving In:** Ellen Anderson

**Elder Serving Out:** Neill Unger, Bruce

De Voss, Chris Mowrer, Cindy Andrews,

Ellen Anderson

### April Coffee Hosts:

### Coffee House Class



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

# THE CRUSADER

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch**

*"Giving God My Spiritual Gifts",  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7, Matthew 25:31-40*

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

*"The Generous Mr. Lovewell"*

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

**10am** Sunday School

**11am** Worship: Choir sings, *"For the Least of My Brothers"* by Dolores M. Hruby

## GREAT BANQUET

The Men's Great Banquet in Peoria, IL begins April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Attending as candidates from our church are: **Rick Anderson,  
Mack Glass, Tom Maleck, Don Mundy, David Nalley and  
Richard Stanley.** Pastor Greg and Ed Barragan are also  
attending as leaders.

The Women's Great Banquet begins April 21<sup>st</sup>. Attending as  
leaders are **Pastor Martha-Jean and Alanna Nalley.**

Please keep them all in your prayers for a spiritually rewarding retreat.



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

... New City Church in Mbandaka, Congo.  
... CCIW Prayer Calendar – CC Villa Park, FCC Walnut, Sunn6yland CC Washington.  
... **Al Bower**, recovering from hip replacement on April 11. Blessings and

healing.

- ... **Bill Jewsbury**, surgery on April 13. For a successful surgery and healing.
- ... My dear friends **Tom & Susie**. Tom was just put on Hospice.
- ... **Ethan and Will** (great-nephews of Linda Bramlett), for recovery after a serious car accident.
- ... For a friend who just lost their 12-year-old son in a 4-wheeler accident.
- ... Prayers for a family member's health.
- ... The **Global Ministries** prayer request for this week: **Amelia Casillas & Pedro Muniz**, Paraguay Mission Personnel.



Sympathy & comfort to **Martha Boro and family** on the recent passing of her mother, **Shirley Graham**. A memorial service is being planned at a later date, here at the church.

### SPECIAL PROJECT FOR APRIL

FCC's special project for April is to volunteer serving meals/clean up at the Community Kitchen on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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 12<sup>th</sup>!!!** Oh, and yes, you get to eat!



### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S GROUPS

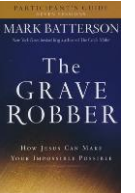
Groups meet in April on Wednesday evenings from **5:30-7pm** on **April 13, 20 & 27**. Invite a friend!



**CHICAGO STAFF BAND**  
**SALVATION ARMY ~ IN CONCERT**  
**Saturday, April 16, 7pm** at the Knoxville High School Auditorium **and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am** at First Presbyterian Church. Public welcome!

### THE NEXT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**"The Grave Robber"** by Mark Batterson  
Begins **April 20<sup>th</sup>** on **Wednesdays at 9:30am & 5:30pm!**



### 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.

### APRIL DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETINGS

- April 14**    **10:30am** Council Meeting
- April 20**    **9:30am** Ruth Circle at the church
- April 28**    **1:30pm** Lydia Circle at the church



### APRIL MEETING

- April 12**    **6pm** Council of Ministries, **7pm** Ministry Teams
- April 19**    **7pm** Trustees Mtg.

## BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 2015

\$268,495.61

Anticipated Bills \$4,009.59

Actual Giving \$2,910.60

Short \$1,098.99

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

Year-to-Date Giving: \$194,503.70

Need Year-to-Date to meet Budget: \$211,698.58



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>**! 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 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	June 26 - July 2	\$350/ \$175 your portion
Beginners	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	July 3 - 6	\$190/ \$95.00 your portion
Chi Rho	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	July 3 - 9	\$350/ \$175 your portion
CYF	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	July 3 - 9	\$350/ \$175 your portion

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

8am-4pm in Large Hall

For those who are interested:

To schedule an appointment and to receive a

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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). Join in the fight against vascular disease!

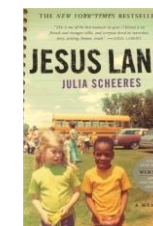


## DIACONATE MEETING

There will be a diaconate meeting on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **10am-12noon**. It is **very important you attend** as some things are being changed!

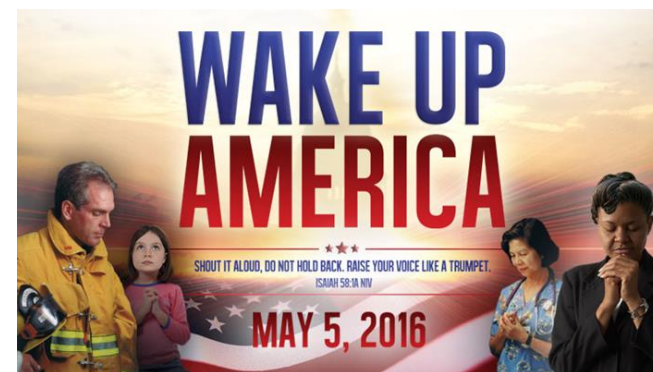
## BOOK CLUB UPDATES

**Jesus Land** discussion will be held on **April 23, 10am** at Hardee's on Main St. Looking ahead – our early June book will be **Three May Keep a Secret** by Galesburg native, Susan VanKirk. Our August book will be **The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto** by Mitch Albom.



## NEW PHONE INSTALLATION

On **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, we are having new phones installed. There is the possibility we may not be able to receive calls while they make the transition. If you have an emergency, please call the Pastors on their cell phones: 368-5337 for Greg and 368-5338 for MJ. Thank you!



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERINGS

Thursday, May 5

12-1pm @  
Central Congregational Church  
&  
7-8pm @ the new  
Lincoln Park Gazebo

Whether you are a prayer warrior or not, it's time to come together and make a difference. How often do you have the opportunity to come together with great diversity and be a part of an inspiring time of prayer??

We'll advance God's kingdom on our knees. Our nation needs us, the people of prayer, to ask for God's intervention. This is not political in any way. We simply come together to pray for the leaders of our country, leaders of business, media, government, military, education, family, and the church.



## MEMORIAL GIFT RECEIVED

Our MEMORIAL FOUNDATION is very pleased to report the receipt of a gift of stock valued at \$10,000.00. The gift is in memory of **INEZ BRIGGS**; long an active member of First Christian.

We appreciate so much the family's generosity and thoughtfulness in providing this gift. It will be invested by our Memorial Foundation with the income generated available for church projects for years to come!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24th**  
**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**  
**“Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity”**  
Lifting our financial pledges to God.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
**“Fashion with Passion”**  
**Sisters in Christ Dinner**  
**Tickets \$10**

More information will be available on Sunday during worship.  
Tickets available during coffee hour.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY**  
**BOWLING PARTY**  
**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm**  
**Northgate Lanes**  
Cost and other details soon!!!



## FROM THE CO-PASTOR

The hymn writer Frances Havergal gave several reasons for attending church—especially on rainy days.

1. *God has blessed the Lord's Day, making no exceptions for stormy days.*
2. *I expect my minister to be there. I would be surprised if he stayed at home because of the weather.*
3. *I might lose out on the prayers and the sermon that would have done me great good.*
4. *For important business, rain doesn't keep me home; and church is, in God's sight, very important.*
5. *Bad weather ... will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to keep an appointment.*
6. *Those who stay home from church because it's rainy frequently miss on fair Sundays too. I must not take one step in that direction.*
7. *Christ said that “where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).*
8. *I don't know how many more Sundays God may give me. It would be poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to have slighted my last one on earth.*



I really appreciate Ms. Havergal's comments and pass them along to you in the hope that you will be inspired, and also to help you in your conversations to encourage others to come to gather together every week as God's people and God's church.

Shalom,

*Pastor Greg*