

October 2022

Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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Church

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Family Ministry Night Wiener Roast



Sept. 11, the rain went away, the sun came out and it was a beautiful evening for our Family Ministry Night Wiener Roast! Hotdogs were roasted, marshmallows were toasted, football was played, the fire was perfect and fun was had by all! Thanks to all who brought dishes to share and helped with set up or clean up! The new pavilion was the perfect setting for our event. It was great using the new picnic tables too! We had families and friends of all ages, enjoying the fall weather and the fire! It was great to kick off the Fall season with Family, Fellowship, Food and Fun! Check out page 5 for details on our next event, Oct 23rd at 5:30 PM, we will be decorating Halloween pumpkins!



Join us in worship October 9th at 9am as we get to hear a candid conversation between Pastor Steve and Ukrainian refugee and recent U of Illinois Springfield student, **Ignat Striletskyi**, as he shares his story of family, faith and his hope for the future.

We've been praying for Ukraine since the onset of the war, come and hear one person's perspective and what we can do to put our prayers into action.

Steve Mason: Pastor
Emily Douglas: Office Coordinator
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Rick Coulter: Building Supervisor
John Davis: Director of Music
Gretchen Fuller: Organist

Praying Our Lives

*Beginning in
October!*



Stories.
Listening.
Healing.

This month begins our small group ministry, “Praying Our Lives.” In my last newsletter I described the broad strokes of why we’re doing this: because our stories matter, they are the ways God’s love and grace are poured out into the world and because one of the greatest gifts we can offer is to share with honesty and vulnerability and trust that we will be fully heard, understood and given grace by our neighbors.

But lately, I’ve heard quite a few questions that I want to address so that you not only know WHY you want to do this ministry but HOW it works.

- These are short term groups. Each week, two people will share their story. We’re hoping groups will be 8-12 people, meaning the group will last 4-6 weeks. Find a group that fits your schedule so you can commit to being present for these sessions. The goal is that everyone gets to share and be done before Thanksgiving.
- Sometimes things have to happen organically. There may be a week where it feels a little quiet or the story isn’t connecting. That’s okay—this is more of a “feeling” than “doing” kind-of-ministry. As long as the group honors the storyteller’s vulnerability and they can pray together, it is a success.
- The story: everyone has one and we’re asking everyone, when it’s your turn, to put it down in writing before the group. It should be no more than 1 page and if you need a prompt for your story, consider one of the following:
 - When was a time that you relied on your faith and how did it help you?
 - When did you know you wanted to follow Jesus and why?
 - What’s a meaningful moment, relationship or experience in your life?

I’m excited to see what new stories and feelings will come out of these groups and to see how we can experience the Holy Spirit together. And, a big thanks in advance for our wonderful facilitators!

—Pastor Steve

Groups to Choose From:

Bruce Edwards and Janet Krulac’s group: Tuesdays at 7pm at FCC, starting Oct. 18

Michelle Spiva and Steve’s group: Sundays at 5pm at FCC, starting Oct. 16

Caitlin Mason and Grant Stephenson’s group: Sundays at 5 pm at the Mason’s house, starting Oct. 9th—childcare provided

Doris Taylor and Steve’s group: Wednesdays at 10 am location TBD, starting Oct. 12

You should have received an email inviting you to sign up for one of these groups. Either fill out the Google Sheet attached to the invitation, contact the church to sign up for a specific group or fill out the sheet outside the sanctuary on Sunday.

Help the Outreach Team envision our Mission Trip

We're exploring doing this mission trip that takes us to Kansas City to learn and serve in KC so we can apply lessons back home. We'd be exploring themes of hunger, housing, schools and justice. If you're interested in participating in a mission trip next summer, please not only save the date, but **come to the next Outreach committee meeting, October 11th at 5pm in Rm. 104 and we'll discuss what this trip might entail.**

If you can't come to the meeting but think you would be interested in the trip, please contact Pastor Steve!

FCC MISSION TRIP

July 16-21, 2023

Kansas City

with Disciples partners



ALL ages and abilities welcome; affordable; with opportunities to learn and serve that will help support our ministry in Canton



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WOMENS BIBLE STUDY
JOIN US

ROB BELL
THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
LOVE WINS
A BOOK ABOUT HEAVEN, HELL, AND THE FATE OF EVERY PERSON WHO EVER LIVED

Come join the women of G.E.M.S. **Thursdays at 10am** as they study Rob Bell's book "Love Wins" about heaven, hell and God's eternal love.

STUFF the truck

MOVING & JUNK REMOVAL

Region Wide Diaper Drive
Saturday, October 1 | 8-3
Canton HyVee Parking Lot

LOVING BOTTOMS
DIAPER BANK

WANT TO ADD YOUR VOICE? JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR:

WE REHEARSE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
AT 7PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

*Rehearsals start
Sept. 7th*



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YOUR WEEKLY
MINUTE AT FIRST

Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.

Find information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.

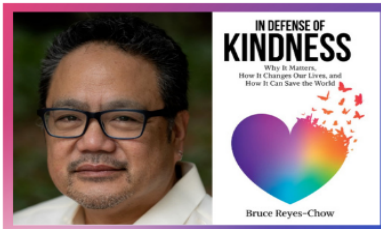
Watch, like and share!

SAVE THE DATES

October 14 - 15, 2022

CCIW & CCMR Regional Assembly

"IN DEFENSE OF KINDNESS"



Mark your calendars to attend this year's Regional Assembly. We will hear from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow during Friday's worship service. He will also be leading one of our workshops on Saturday, along with many others you can choose from.

Plan to join us either online or at one of our local hosting churches!



Now is the time to share any great ideas you have on how to make out community better! Grants will be awarded to proposals that address a community need or support a new community service project in the Canton area.

Deadline for applications is **November 11, 2022**. Grant applications can be found at www.cantonfcc.org/grants.

Learn more and apply today at: cantonfcc.org/grants



Family Ministry Night
 We will be having a pumpkin decorating party on Sunday, October 23rd at 5:30PM in Fellowship Hall. Come join us to decorate pumpkins to take home for this Halloween!! All are Welcome. Bring your favorite fall treat to share!



We are looking for a few volunteers to help manage the bounce houses and hand out meals and treats on October 31, from 4 pm-7pm. Please contact Amy Allard directly at 309-357-3493 if interested.





Please Continue To Pray For:

Bill Kemper; The family and friends of Teresa upon her death (Bruce Edward's sister); The family and friends of Crystal Robinson Nelson upon her death; Mark Reneau; Steve Moore; Betty Tracey and Family; Elaine Putrich with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Bob Stockham; Harriett Schleich; Tracy Snowman; Lloyd Eldon Leezer (friend of Allen Smith); Kay Bricker; Cora Murphey; SueEllen Stephenson; Cory Reneau (nephew of Mark & Marla Reneau); Crystal Grabel (Denny D's niece); Journee Vineyard (Doreen Shaw's friend); Allard Family; Sarah Eskridge (friend of Alan Coleman); Melody with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Brenda Lybarger (Melissa Dean's mom); Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Blaine Hardy; David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore); and Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler).

My heart is overflowing with blessings from your support during my recent health crisis. I thank all who offered prayers, visited me in the hospital, sent flowers, sent cards, called and texted to brighten my day. Special thanks to Pastor Steve for his visits at OSF St. Francis. I am hopeful that I will be able to be back in church soon.

-Harriett Schleich



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Baldry	3-Oct
Laura Taylor	3-Oct
Dwayne Bernard	4-Oct
Colette Krulac	4-Oct
Lynette Stanko	4-Oct
Grant Baldry	5-Oct
Darryl Schrodt	10-Oct
Bill Kemper	13-Oct
Alan Coleman	14-Oct
Oliver Crossland	15-Oct
Jean Edwards	15-Oct
Susan Perez	22-Oct
Diane Bell	24-Oct
Tyson Smith	26-Oct
Janet Stone	29-Oct

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Paula Grigsby	14-Oct
Chuck & Denise Jarvis	24-Oct
Steven & Marsha Moore	31-Oct

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates

Mildred Weber; Margaret Wright

At Red Oak Estates

Betty Kost; Tom Neill

At Renaissance Care Center

Curtis Krock; Angie Slater; Shirley Harris

At Sunset

Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Raymond Lindsey

The Loft Nursing Home - Jeff Zehring (Lorraine Neill's son), Suzanne and Diane Freeman

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

October 2, 2022		October 9, 2022	
Scripture	1 Cor. 12:14-19, 26-27	Guest Speaker	Ignat Striletski
Greeters	Bea & David Meeker	Greeters	Doris Taylor
Ushers	Mike & Susan Walters	Ushers	Wanda Carmack
CtW Reader	Lyn Snowman	CtW Reader	Video
Scripture Reader	Amy Allard	Scripture Reader	Lori Coleman
Children's Moment	Amy Allard	Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman
Children's Church	Darryl & Kim Schrodt	Children's Church	Janet Krulac & Jan Taylor
Invitation	Kevin Dearing	Invitation	Alan Coleman
Prayer	Chuck Taylor	Prayer	Mike Walters
Counters	Daryle Coleman & Vinnie Cufaude	Counters	Don Heller & Jen Miller
Coffee Fellowship	Bruce & Jean Edwards	Coffee Fellowship	Don & Connie Heller
October 16, 2022		October 23, 2022	
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	Guest Speaker	Tyler Edwards
Greeters	Chris & Ashley Jump	Greeters	Sheila Dye
Ushers	Liz Clark	Ushers	Chuck & Denise Jarvis
CtW Reader	Diane Schrodt	CtW Reader	Video
Scripture Reader	Randy Weaver	Scripture Reader	Don Heller
Children's Moment	Grant Stephenson	Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva
Children's Church	Eugenia Warden & Becky Wilcoxon	Children's Church	Judy & Josh Kemper
Invitation	Mike Krulac	Invitation	Tammy Weaver
Prayer	Tammy Weaver	Prayer	Alan Coleman
Counters	Chuck Taylor & Trygve Meade	Counters	Bruce Edwards & Jen Miller
Coffee Fellowship	Tammy Weaver & Liz Pollitt	Coffee Fellowship	Judy Leitze
October 30, 2022			
Scripture	Eph. 4:1b-7, 11-16	Children's Moment	Caitlin Mason
Greeters	Doris Svob	Children's Church	Rhonda Morgan, Mike & Trygve Meade
Ushers	Nancy Cluts	Invitation	Daryle Coleman
CTW Reader	Amy Allard	Prayer	Trygve Meade
Scripture Reader	Trygve Meade	Counters	Alan Coleman & Chuck Taylor
Coffee Fellowship	Paula Grigsby		

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	3 Elders Meeting 6:30 P.M.	4	5 Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	6 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	7	8
9 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	10 Worship Meeting 6:00 P.M.	11 Outreach Meeting 5:00 P.M. Room 104	12 Minutes Packet Deadline Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	13 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	17 CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Cabinet Meeting 7:00 P.M.	18 Newsletter Deadline Card Club 2:00 P.M.	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom FMN - Pumpkin Party In FH at 5:30 P.M.	24 Property Committee Meeting 4:00 P.M.	25	26 Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	27 G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	28	29
30 Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	31 FCC Trick or Treat Night - 4-7- P.M. Food and Candy					