

**September 2022**

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



**First  
Christian  
Church**

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## Pavilion Project Nears Completion!

The Pavilion Project is coming to completion! It is ready for anyone to use and has just a few supporting steps for construction to be officially completed.

There's so many folks to thank: first, and foremost, Bill Kemper and the Kemper family who provided the lion's share of financial gifts and manual labor. We were able to provide 4 picnic tables for the community thanks to a contribution from the Disciples Women (CWF) fund and the memorials of Carolyn Woods,

Jim and Judy Wickert, Norm Pollitt and Don Taylor. Thanks to Josh Kemper and his team of CHS students in the Building Trades Program that helped put together the picnic tables. Mike Krulac also was able to "Bobcat for Jesus" and flattened out dirt that had piled up in the project. Thanks to Dan and Kara at KCI for their wonderful efforts, and Dan for wiring all the lights and fans in the pavilion. Paul Leitze has put down grass seed too, thanks!



Now it's up to you, your families and friends to enjoy this wonderful blessing!

**FCC FAMILY MINISTRY NIGHT:**

# **Wiener Roast**

AND FALL CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 @ 6PM**

*BYO chair and sharable dish  
we'll take care of the rest!*

*RSVP by Sept 4*

BECOMING  
DEDICATED

*Disciples*

*Passionate* **SPIRITUALITY**

*Joyful* **SERVICE**

*Inspiring* **GENEROSITY**

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**Gretchen Fuller:** Organist

I don't know how or when, but at some point, church calendars and school calendars started to sync up. Even though our budget and leadership years go January thru December, and our liturgical calendar of worship beings each year with the first Sunday of Advent (usually right after Thanksgiving), it always feels like this time of year is not only Back-to-School, but it's a fresh start for the church, as well. At FCC, we're beginning a new season of choir, children's church and we're trying a new ministry that has worked in the past to deepen discipleship in this church, one that was highlighted in every one of the "get to know you" conversations last year: **small groups!**

Small group ministry is just what it sounds like. While Sunday morning worship is vital to "growing in the Holy Spirit;" small group ministries help us in "becoming dedicated disciples" as we develop those essential prayer and devotional practices with a group of people that we share a common bond with. While I'm hoping we can make small group ministries a central part of our ministry in the future, I think it's always good to start small, try something out and then assess the results so we can see if these small group ministries could be beneficial for our community going forward.

To kick us off in these small groups, we'll try a model called **"Praying Our Lives."** This model does one of the most important things we can in church: empowering people to tell their story and discover God in the midst of it. We're hoping for groups of 6-10 people, meeting in homes or at church where each week a person from the group would share a story from an important time in their life and then the group will actively listen and help process the story. Each person will have an opportunity to share and to listen. I've found small groups and this specific model to be very powerful in connecting us with one another and with the Holy Spirit. These groups won't begin until October, but I hope you'll start thinking now about committing to a group.

For these next two months, you'll be hearing a lot in worship and in scripture about why small groups are so important! We'll be reminded that God made us with a desire to celebrate together, as one body with many gifts; that we are called to walk through life with one another, praying with one another, sharing and listening to each other's holy stories; and when we do these things, the Holy Spirit can lead us on God-sized adventures. So especially if you need some convincing that something amazing can happen when we show up for each other, I hope you'll join us for worship.



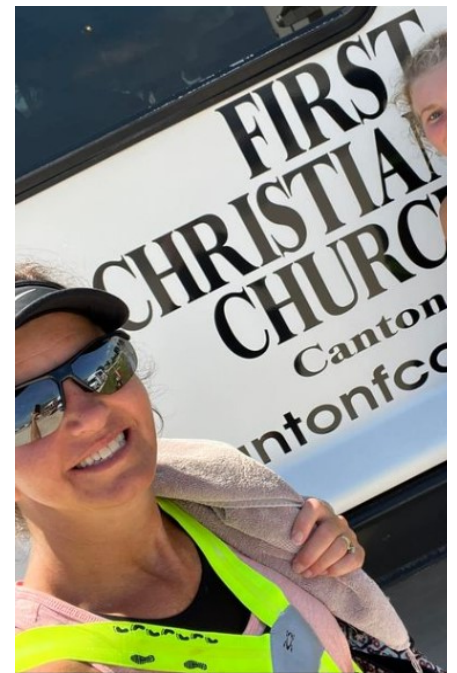
*I'm encouraging you to prayerfully consider joining a "Praying Our Lives" group—or if you'd even be willing to facilitate a group as host. Please contact me if you know you want to either participate or lead in this setting. I believe small groups and "Praying Our Lives" will help your faith journey and worth making a priority in your life. This may be something new for you, it may mean letting go of something else, but don't forget, now is a perfect time to kick off something new!*

—Pastor Steve



Well, it is Saint Jude run time. We are running from Canton to Peoria today! We are always trying to raise money to help the kids at Saint Jude. This year is no different. We have shared with all of you some of the stories like of Ava Leitze's journey with a rare, aggressive cancer AML. Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Ava was diagnosed July 2020 with AML 80% cancer in blood and bone marrow. With no other treatment options and no donors within the US, the family was very lucky to find a

donor in Harper, Ava's youngest sister. Harper bravely donated bone marrow to save Ava's life. The family spent seven months in Memphis at Saint Jude's, receiving treatment and recovery. We insistent to donate our time, money and this race to Ava and her family and Saint Jude. Through faith, the power of prayer, and the talented doctors and nurses at Saint Jude Ava is at home now feeling better and recovering. We need to help them out as much as we possibly can so that every child with cancer can be cured. I'm going to include some pictures of Ava as she went through her treatment. Thank you for all your donations to Saint Jude.



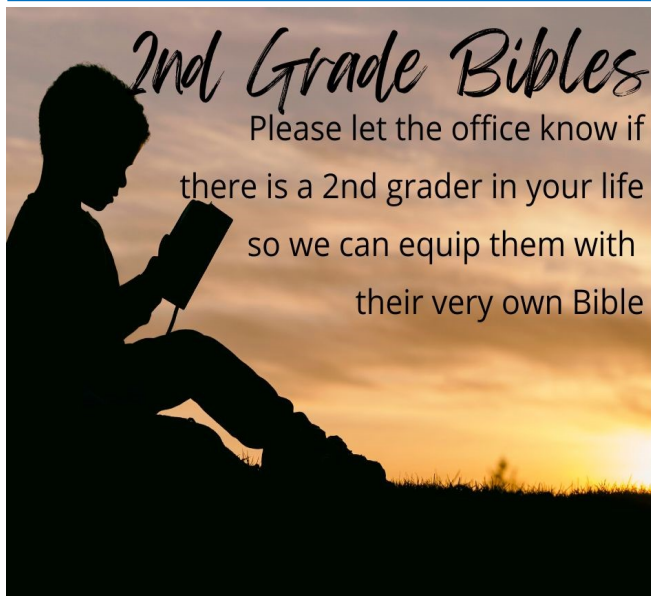
Inspiring  
Generosity  
Grants

Coming  
soon!

Our second year of IGG!  
Be thinking of any dreams you  
want to turn into a reality!

The Jarvis family invites you to join them in a fundraiser for their great-nephew, Elliot and other people who live with Prader-Willi at the 5th Annual **Live Life Full Fundraiser** on **Saturday, September 10th, 2021 from 12-5pm at Native Trails Winery in Lewis-town, IL**. The event, hosted by their niece, Lindsey, will feature live music wine tasting, live & silent auctions, raffles, and concessions. All proceeds will directly benefit The Foundation for Prader Willi Research (FPWR) to help further medical treatment and therapies for those living with Prader Willi Syndrome. At the 2021 event, more than 200 people attended and over \$12,000 was raised for PWS research.

**Tickets are \$10/adult (which includes 3 wine tastings) and all children are free.**



## 2nd Grade Bibles

Please let the office know if there is a 2nd grader in your life so we can equip them with their very own Bible



## BE HOSPITABLE...

### help lead coffee fellowship

sign up to bring treats and set up refreshments after Sunday worship (reimbursements available)

contact the office today!



Starting September 12th, Look for your Monday morning, **Minute at First.**

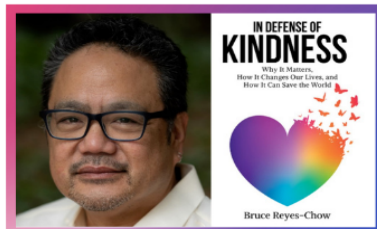
Find this good minute of information and spiritual formation in your email or on Facebook. Watch, like and share!

# 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!





***Take me out to the ballgame!***

What a fun time was had as FCC took a road trip to watch the Peoria Chiefs. A full church bus help bring over 35 FCC folks to fellowship and watch a great game, filled with extra innings and some fireworks! Thanks Bill Leitze for driving...and for the play by play, if you were sitting close enough to him! Thanks Nancy Clutz for organizing this and Amy Allard for another fun Family Ministry Night.

***SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE!*** Any full-time college or graduate students of FCC in good academic standing are applicable for a scholarship for up to \$700 each semester. Email Emily in the office if you need an application. They're **due Sept 30th.**

**Ingersoll Care Closet Drive**

This month, we'll be collecting goods for Middle School students in need of everything from snacks to pantry staples, toiletry items and clothing.

**Help by bringing:  
Non-perishable foods or  
toiletry items**

Please bring your offerings to the communion table and we will pray over them.

**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*





## Please Continue To Pray For:

The family and friends of Crystal Robinson Nelson upon her death; Mark Reneau; Steve Moore (husband of Marsha Moore); Betty Tracey and Family; Elaine Putrich with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Bob Stockham; Harriett Schleich; Tracy Snowman (Tom & Norma Snowman's Daughter in-law); Lloyd Eldon Leezer (friend of Allen Smith); Kay Bricker; Cora Murphey; SueEllen Stephenson & Family; 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; Lita Harris (daughter-in-law of Jim Wickert); David Maier (friend of Marsha Moore); and Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kara Fitzjarrald	3-Sep
Connie Heller	6-Sep
Natalie Spiva	8-Sep
Pheobe Raker	11-Sep
Curt Krock	16-Sep
Addison Allard	21-Sep
Finn Mason	24-Sep
SueEllen Stephenson	26-Sep
Judy White	28-Sep

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Aaron and Emily McLean	1-Sep
Darryl & Kim Schrod	22-Sep

## 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

<b>9/4/2022 - Outside Service</b>		<b>September 11, 2022</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Philippians 2:1-11	<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 15:1-10
<b>Greeters</b>	Bruce & Jean Edwards	<b>Greeters</b>	Kevin & Jan Dearing
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz Pollitt	<b>Ushers</b>	Marilee Casper
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Trygve Meade	<b>CtW Reader</b>	Video
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Amanda Stephenson	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Brian Spiva
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Randy Weaver	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jean Edwards
<b>Children's Church</b>	Eugenia Warden and Lyn Snowman	<b>Children's Church</b>	Jean Edwards and Jan Taylor
<b>Today this will be self-guided &amp; outside</b>		<b>Invitation</b>	Alan Coleman
<b>Invitation</b>	Kevin Dearing	<b>Prayer</b>	Bill Leitze
<b>Prayer</b>	Chuck Taylor	<b>Counters</b>	Bruce Edwards & Jen Miller
<b>Counters</b>	Chuck Taylor & Trygve Meade	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Judy Leitze
<b>September 18, 2022</b>		<b>September 25, 2022</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 24:13-19, and 27-32	<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 2:42-47
<b>Greeters</b>	Denny & Dee Doubet	<b>Greeters</b>	McLean Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Judy White	<b>Ushers</b>	Denny & Dee Doubet
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Kate Fitzjarrald	<b>CtW Reader</b>	Video
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Dee Doubet	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denny Doubet
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Caitlin Mason	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Mike Krulac
<b>Children's Church</b>	Michelle Spiva and Kathy Langlais	<b>Children's Church</b>	Alan and Daryle Coleman
<b>Invitation</b>	Trygve Meade	<b>Invitation</b>	Jan Dearing
<b>Prayer</b>	TBD	<b>Prayer</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Counters</b>	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver	<b>Counters</b>	Kevin Coleman & Doreen Shaw
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Caitlin Mason

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>5</b> Labor Day FCC Office Closed	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>8</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom FCC Wiener Roast Family Ministry 6 P.M.	<b>12</b> Worship Meeting 6:00 P.M.	<b>13</b> Outreach Meeting 5:00 P.M.	<b>14</b> Minutes Packet Deadline Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>15</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>19</b> CE Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	<b>20</b> Card Club 2:00 P.M. Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b> Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>22</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Room 104 & Zoom	<b>26</b> Property Committee Meeting 4:00 P.M.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.	<b>29</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>30</b>	