

November 2024

No Oct Newsletter

Due to some office issues, the October Newsletter was not printed for distribution and we apologize for that. The newsletter was available online. FCC will continue to connect with people through various means and we hope you enjoy the Harbinger!



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Special Offerings

FCC Missoula currently is not planning any major events in November as we prepare for Advent starting on December 1st. However, we do want to make you aware of special offerings during the Month of November. November 3 is the last day of the annual fund campaign by the Northern Lights Region (our Region). Funds will help support the work done around the region, including our Regional Minister, Mission Works and Faith Formation (Like Church Camps). You can donate by visiting the Northern Lights website (northernlightsdisciples.org) or you can send money to FCC and we can send it to the Region.

Thanksgiving is the Special Offering for Higher Education Ministries which allows Disciples Colleges and Seminaries to offer substantial tuition discounts to Disciples students, keeping with our historic ties to education and development of people. Please consider supporting the special offering

“Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”

John 13:34b NRSVUE

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Program (Formerly Christian Ed) at FCC Missoula is actively working on various Faith Formation activities, but we need some volunteers to

help us lead the Faith Formation Program. We are seeking some motivated individuals to help set the direction and focus of our Faith Formation Programming. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Mat or look for a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

HURRICANE RELIEF

The Hurricanes have caused over \$160 Billion in Damage to our friends and neighbors and there is a lot of work ahead in the recovery efforts. If you would like to support efforts to help, we recommend donating to Week of Compassion, the Mission branch of the Disciples of Christ. 100% of donated funds designated to the Hurricane will go towards relief efforts through Week of Compassion and its partners. www.weekofcompassion.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wayne DeMinck, Combs Family, Marie Hall, Charlotte Hanger, Linda Richards, Hayden Tucker, Karen Whipple, Tricia, Phillip, Jasper, Sandy, Shelia, Isobel (Trudy's Daughter), Hayley, and all who are suffering through natural disasters and war in this world

If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, please email newsletter@fccmissoula.org.

RECIPE SPOT

Stuffing for Poultry

*From "A Loving Helping of Christian Hospitality" by the FCC Christian Womens Fellowship 1987
(Copies of this cookbook are available in the office)*

~Ingredients~

1 qt corn bread crumbs	2 qt ligh yeast bread crumbs	¾ c fine copped onion
1.5 c finely chopped celery	1 tbsp dried, chopped parsley	1 c margarine
Salt to taste	¾ tsp pepper	½ tsp ginger
1 tsp tyme	1tsp sage	1 tsp marjoram
1 tsp poultry seasoning	Giblet stock	



Heat stock. In large skillte, melt margarine. Add onion and cook on medikum till transparen. Add as many crumbs as will go in the skillet and brown vevry lightly. Have stock ready. IN huyge bowl, add all ingredients, except stock and salt. Add ½ cup stock, gradually sprinklin gover and mixxing in very lightly. Add more as needed just till stuffing starts to mold to spoon, still falls off. Salt to taste.

Submitted by Jill Lear

MATTHEW 25 PROJECT



FCC's Matthew 25 Project is still active in our community, caring for all. Our Monthly Come and Be Fed Program is serving over 15 people every month (and 6 of them are kids!). The Fill the Lunchbox Campaign supported over 160 meals and our food and clothing donations are supporting people and programs here in Missoula. Please consider donating time or funds to help FCC continue to *Love, Serve and Walk with our Neighbors.*

COFFEE HOUR

Below is our wonderful people helping with Fellowship time.



Nov 3	Tricia W
Nov 10	Jean G
Nov 17	Beth M.
Nov 24	Patty P.

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



Churchy Word of the Month

I.N.R.I.

You may have seen these initials in various places (like the cross at the front of the sanctuary). It is an abbreviation of the Latin Inscription placed above cross of Jesus: *Jesus Nazarenus rex Judaeorum* (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews).

It is said that there is a record of little kids who did not know Latin stating that INRI stood for "Iron Nails Ran In".



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p	2 FVCC: 6p	3 Girl Scouts: 6-730p	1 Al Anon: 12-130p	2 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p
3 Worship: 1045 Coffee: Tricia W. FVCC: 3p	4 Venture Scouts: 630p	5 TOPS: 730-1130a Garden Club Scouts: 630p	6 FVCC: 6p	7 Girl Scouts: 6-730p Mineral Society: 7p	8 Al Anon: 12-130p	9 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p
10 Worship: 1030 Coffee: Jean G. FVCC: 3p	11 Venture Scouts: 630p	12 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p	13 FVCC: 6p	14 Girl Scouts: 6-730p	15 Al Anon: 12-130p	16 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p
17 <i>Board Meeting</i> Worship: 1045 Coffee: Beth M. FVCC: 3p	18 Parkinson Support Venture Scouts: 630p	19 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p	20 FVCC: 6p	21 Girl Scouts: 6-730p Mineral Society: 5:30p	22 Al Anon: 12-130p	23 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p
24 Worship: 1045 Coffee: Patty P. FVCC: 3p	25 Venture Scouts: 630p	26 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p	27 FVCC: 6p	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Girl Scouts: 6-730p	29 Al Anon: 12-130p	30 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p

Elders	Worship Leader	Birthdays
3-Jim S. 10-Tricia W. 17-Debbie B. 24- Doreen B.	Doreen B.	3- Donna D. 25-Kristine T.



*Pastor Mat,
Retreat in AZ in 2024*

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MINISTER REFLECTION

We enter the season of Thanksgiving. As this Holidays fast approach, I have taken some time to pause in reflection. I am so thankful to this congregation for the Love you share with each other and community when you are called upon and I am so grateful that you have been willing to put up with me as your minister for 3 years now. I am also so thankful for my many friends and colleagues around the Region and US as the conversations we have had have been so important to my continued growth as a minister and a follower of Christ.

I must also say that I am thankful that the annoying ads will soon stop. We have been living in tense times, and luckily things have not been as bad here as in other places, but I wanted to offer up something in my note hear (and will also offer this up in my sermon on Nov 3). In our life and times, when there is tension in the world, and perhaps within us, we must remember that Christ is journeying with us. No matter what happens in the our government or in our world, the work of the Church does not change. We are always called to love God, our neighbors and ourselves. So let us be thankful this year that no matter what, Jesus lives and calls us to live with him.

Love,

Pastor Mat

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