Letter from the Elder Chair

Dear Church Family,

It looks like fall has finally arrived and winter is on the way. Thanks to all those who donated candy and food for our Trunk or Treat. It's been great to see so many "pitch in" to help with donations. A special thanks to those who are decorating a vehicle and handing out candy this Sunday night from 5:00-7:00 pm. We're providing a fun, safe place for families to celebrate Halloween and we're expecting a good crowd for this community outreach event. Come join us!

Our guest minister this week will be Jim Warren and his message is entitled "Masks". Karen Mitchell will be our guest minister Nov. 7th and 14th and Jim will return on Nov. 21st and 28th. We are so blessed to have these wonderful supply ministers while we continue the process of securing a new minister.

Congratulations to Clayton and Alix Summers on their new position as camp hosts at Camp Walter Scott. Camp Walter Scott will be in good hands!

We're hosting coffee hour again this Sunday. Please join us for conversation, food and fellowship beginning at 9:00 am.

Blessings, Sue Larkin, Elder

Regional Youth Event: Virtual Summit!

Summit 2021 is a virtual gathering for CCIW Youth in 6th to 12 Grade as well as for adult sponsors. Register online for FREE by completing the <u>online registration form</u> before Monday November 15, 2021 11:59 PM CST. Registered CCIW Youth will receive a free sticker pack in the mail, while supplies last. Zoom links and additional details will be shared via email with all those registered. Registration is free but required for participation. Only one registration per person is needed in order to attend any of the nights and while participation for individual nights and events is optional, we encourage all youth to participate fully. We'll also have giveaways during our events. For more information, check out the information <u>here</u>.

For this event, Clayton will be hosting a gathering of our youth in the basement of the church building so we can be together, even while the event is virtual. If you interested in volunteering to be an adult sponsor for any of the evenings, please let Clayton know. The schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:30 PM to 9:15 PM Nacho Libre Movie & Discussion
- Friday November 19, 2021 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Bingo Night & Bible Study
- Saturday November 20, 2021 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Games, Keynote, & Communion

Communion

If you would like to receive communion from the church at this time, please contact Sue Larkin.

Dave Segneri (309)-532-8400 Sue Larkin (309)-531-2396

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Masking Recommendation

[Regional Church Leadership] encourage our congregations to follow the latest public health advice. The current advice is wearing masks indoors, and vaccinations for those who are able...It would be wise to protect each other.

Choir Update

The choir has been rehearsing again! While they will not currently be singing in worship (if this changes, we will let you know), they will be practicing for the Christmas Cantata! All are invited to join for the rehearsals on the dates listed!

<u>Choir Rehearsals</u> Nov. 3, 17 Dec. 1, 8, 15 Choir Sunday Anthems Nov. 7, 21 Dec. 5, 12, (Cantata) 19

Fall Children & Youth Programming

Crew and Cohort are chugging along for the fall! Crew and Cohort will be taking place this Wednesday, November 3rd. Crew is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, and Cohort is for youth in 6th-12th grades. Crew will take place from 6:00PM-7:00PM and Cohort from 7:00PM-8:30PM every Wednesday from Sept. 8th – Dec. 8th (with the week of Thanksgiving off). Crew will be using a curriculum called "Celebrate Wonder" while Cohort will be discussing "The Basics of Faith". Both groups will play games, do crafts, learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and have a lot of fun doing so. For the time being Crew will be meeting virtually and Cohort will be meeting in person with an option to join online.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032540122

FRB (Growing Hope Globally) – Postponed!

Antique Plow Day has been postponed due to the possibility of rain this Saturday. Instead it will be on Saturday, November 6th from 8AM-2PM. It will take place on Jim Schwoerer's Farm at 3823 W. Ziebarth Road, Bloomington, IL 61705. Tractor Registration (1959 models or older) begin at 8:30AM, plowing begins at 10:00AM, lunch at 11:30AM with plowing resuming afterwards. The Entry Free donation is \$10/plow but free admission to spectators. Donations are accepted at the lunch stand, and all proceeds from all aspects of the event go towards Growing Hope Globally (formally known as Food Resource Bank). Dorothy L. will be letting us know where to drop off donations of pies. For additional information, contact Ron Zook at 963-4947 or 825-0925.

Coffee Hour

This Sunday (October 31st) come for coffee food at fellowship starting at 9AM. If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church Narthex or contact Sue Larkin.

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Volunteer Opportunity: Camp Workday!

The next Camp Work Day is Saturday, Nov. 6 at Camp Walter Scott from 9AM-4PM. Our Associate Regional Minister for children and youth will leading the workday, Rev. Eli Rolón Jeong. There will be tarp removal from the sleeping structures, cleaning out the camp host house, along with other possible activities of organizing supplies, fixing potholes in a gravel road, and more! Lunch will be provided and you are welcome to stay overnight on Friday at the camp grounds for free. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Clayton Summers or Rev. Eli directly. Camp Walter Scott is located South of Effingham, IL at 15290 E 300th Ave, Dieterich, IL 62424.

Sunday Worship

This week's worship will be in-person. On Sunday evening/night the worship recording will be put out virtually for access via the church's <u>Facebook page</u> and the <u>church website's worship</u> <u>page</u>. In addition, Sunday morning the church service can be listened to live on the radio around Carlock by tuning your radio to 105.9FM at 10:00AM.

Partners in Healing: Acute Rehab Unit

In 2021, Carlock Christian Church will be taking part in the Partners in Healing initiative with Carle BroMenn Hospital. As part of this program different faith communities in the area are assigned a hospital medical unit to lift up in prayer. These are prayers of support, healing, and well-being. In return the Chaplains and staff of the Spiritual Care department at BroMenn will lift up our church in prayer as well. This year we have been assigned the Acute Rehab Unit. This is a department in the hospital that provides care for patients needing extensive rehabilitation from head, spine, and other traumatic injuries and illnesses. Please keep these people, and the staff that cares for them, in your prayers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct. 29^{th} – Debbie Quain Nov. 1^{st} – Wanda Myers Nov. 6^{th} – Crystal Larkin Nov. 6^{th} – Hope McReynold's Nov. 6^{th} – Mary Ellen Miller Nov. 9^{th} – Trinity Wynn Nov. 11^{th} – Seth McKeon Nov. 14^{th} – Isabelle McKeon Nov. 17^{th} – David Geshiwlm

- Nov. 17th Carol Montoya
- Nov. 17th Marc & Debbie's Anniv.
- Nov. 19th Stephanie Brown
- Nov. 20th Jason McKeon
- Nov. 22nd Kevin Neblock
- Nov. 22nd Stacey Boots
- Nov. 24th Marcia Stauffer
- Nov. 24^{th} Wesley Fortner

Trunk or Treat

Carlock Christian Church will be hosting Trunk or Treat this year! It will be taking place on Halloween, October 31st, from 5-7PM. We need people who are willing to decorate their trunks and we are in need of donations of candy. Candy can be dropped off in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Contact Sue Larkin if you are unable to bring it on a Sunday to work out an alternative drop off. Signups for the trunks will be on a sheet in the Narthex or by emailing Sue or Clayton.

Joys and Concerns

As a community of Christians, we find meaning in prayer and praying for our community. Below is our current list of prayer concerns and joys. Each concern will be kept on the list for four weeks unless requested again. If you have a joy or concern you would like to share with our community of faith, we ask you to email <u>Clayton</u> so it can be added to the next week's Weekly Update.

- Please keep in prayer those standing up against racism and other interlocking injustices
- Please keep in prayer all those suffering from Covid-19 and its effects: health, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic
- Please keep in prayer Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- We keep in prayer Marshall's sister Doris after being her house has been hit by several severe storms in Iowa
- We keep in prayer the Garrison family following the death of their father
- We keep in prayer Aaron and Staci Dunmire Miller's family on the death of Aaron's brother Eric
- We keep in prayer Janet S. as she is in transition, living in a new home and needing love and prayers
- We keep in prayer Allie's friend from high school following the death of her infant
- We keep in prayer Crystal's dad Ray with the back issues he is experiencing and possible surgery
- We keep in prayer Owen Arvin's family after his granddaughter's husband died
- We keep in prayer Sue's brother Doug and his wife Kim, praying for healing
- We keep in prayer Linda and Kiri Klawitter on the death of Ron
- We keep in prayer Michael Fortney on the death of both his parents Mike and Hope Fortney
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for the ways in which this community of faith supports their clergy
- We offer up joy for our guest preachers
- We offer up joy for Lou's brother Andy moving to a nursing facility in Gilman and his improved health
- We offer up joy for Jen's grandkid's feeling better after RSV
- We offer up joy for the new role Clayton will be taking with our regional campground in January
- We offer up joy for Clayton's grandmother's move to rehab after knee surgery

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Food Pantry

For the month of November, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting potato products for the food pantry. Please bring your potato products (or other food donations) to the church building and place them in the tubs in the lower narthex or take them directly to the food pantry in Danvers. The Carlock-Danvers Food Pantry provides essential food for anyone in the community who is needs a meal. Whether you are looking to help out or are in need of food, for the most recent updates, please check their <u>Facebook</u> page. To give a monetary donate to the Carlock-Danvers Food Pantry, a check can be sent to the address on the following page:

First Presbyterian Church of Danvers 201 E. Main St., Danvers, IL 61732 Memo: Food Pantry

Giving

Financial tithes and offerings can be mailed to the church's P.O. Pox Address to continue to help support the ministries of the church. Even if separated by physical distance, together we are still reaching out to be the body of Christ in our community. Everyone who has given back to God in whatever form, you are furthering the work of God's Realm.

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Links

All the links from each week's Weekly Update will now appear in a section at the end of the document for your convenience:

Church Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/cccdoc1/</u>

Church Website Worship Page: http://carlockchristianchurch.org/worship/

Food Pantry Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Danverscarlockcommunityfoodpantry/

Midwest Food Bank: https://www.midwestfoodbank.org/

Find a Blood Drive: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

Ministry Across Generations Faith at Home Resources:

https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/untitled-cdwm

Email Clayton Summers: mailto:clayton.wwjd@gmail.com

As always, we ask everyone continue to stay in touch, to reach out to each other and the church staff should needs arise, and to stay safe.

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