The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois & Wisconsin

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## Regional Minister's Moment

## A Word about God, the Church and Covid-19

*First,* I have returned from sabbatical early. I never knew how important it would be to keep "Perspective: Calm within the Storm." Al and I were graced to make it home from a once in a life-time journey before the shelter in place order. We self quarantined. And, like you we are staying home to help flaten the curve.

*Second*, my office is at home and in my car---as is the rest of our pastoral staff. Our contract staff also work from home. They have been working alongside you---our Pastors and congregations to provide the very best information and support for this unprecedented time. Our clergy clusters have been meeting by Zoom---our team acting as hosts and facilitators of conversation.

*Third,* you are amazing! I've been watching you. On Facebook Live, on YouTube, daily, weekly. It has been a wonder. Your heroic efforts to learn new technology in order to care for your people has been a gift to behold. So, were not perfect at it. So, we've learned that you must hold the phone camera horizontally. So, there have been a few bumps along the way. You have kept at it and learned and grown. And, who knew the audience would grow?!
Still others have made it a point to use good standard communication tools---like phone calls, postcards, mailing sermons, making DVD's and MP4's. Thank you for caring for each other in such profound ways. You are making this time of pandemic meaningful because you care.

*Fourth,* what also makes meaning in a crisis is coming together. It's what the church does and is. Jesus called his disciples into a new community formed by Love---God's love for the whole of creation. (John 3:16-17) This is why we are here.

*Fifth*, we will come out of this. It may take time. Covid-19 will be with us for years. As your Regional Minister, I want you to know that our decisions will be guided by the very best advice of public health officials, and Jesus' concern for the most vulnerable. We must be guided by an ethic of Love---it is the one commandment.

*Last,* we need to be thinking about how we will come out of this---because we will not be the same. You know this. Let's not miss the learning opportunity in this moment. We are better together. We are in one household of God---what happens to you happens to me. I suggest reading an article like this one: https://kenbraddy.com/2020/04/18/20-questions-your-church-should-answer-before-people-return/?fbclid=IwAR08QnWoXaGofhGxMGWW1ahoYDyI3mV5G2_c02hq01ce6wiQsTJ7YWSu0s
We will host a conversation in the coming weeks about this last concern.

In the meantime, we have a morning prayer time available to anyone. (See related article). And, I invite you to practice with me "Perspective: Calm within the Storm."

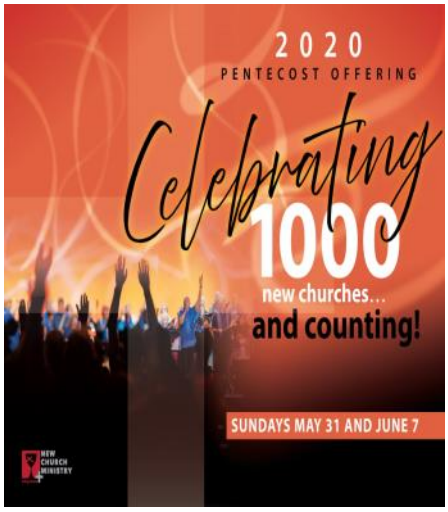


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# 1000+ New Churches: Thanks to YOUR generosity!




**Celebrating 1,000 New Churches**… and Counting! In 2001 the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embraced a bold vision: to start 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020. And we did it! We started 1,000 new churches… and counting! Today, we have welcomed 1,034+ new faith communities into the Church. The Table around which we gather has grown in language, diversity, and life experience. Our church has been transformed by the movement of the Holy Spirit and an audacious vision to start new churches. Celebrating 1,000 new churches… and counting! Courageous leaders have answered the call to grow the Disciples family through the new church movement. They have given their hearts to reaching the underserved, welcoming new neighbors, and creating communities of love. And we, as a church, have committed to supporting those who have stepped out in faith to start new churches. We celebrate these brave leaders and recommit to continuing to support their call. Because, together, we started 1,000 new churches… and counting!

**Participate in the 2020 Pentecost Offering**.

Express your gratitude for what God has done and contribute to the continued work of starting more churches. Each year, half of what you give stays in your Region to support and sustain new churches near you. The second half helps train, equip, assist, and nurture leaders across the United States and Canada through New Church Ministry programs. Your gift to the Pentecost Offering will help the movement continue. Celebrating 1,000 new churches… and counting! For more Pentecost Offering resources, including a brief video, visit: http://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost.

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## How is the Pentecost offering used?



### To help our new church movement continue to take root!

Each year, half of this offering stays in the local Region or Area where it's collected to start and uphold new churches.

The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call … to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples.

Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit … and grow more Disciples every day!

# 1000 New Congregations!!!!



We did it! The Disciples nurtured 1000 new congregations in the last two decades. The CCIW will celebrate its contribution to this success sometime this year.

As we head into Pentecost a short video of some of new congregations in our region will be released. Catch the video release and keep in touch by following @jeffz cciw and @cciwnew on Facebook and @cciwnewchurch on Instagram. The upcoming Pentecost Offering supports the work we have started that reaches folks where they are and establishes additional new worshiping communities.

The CCIW region nurtured twenty-six potential new congregations. Nine of the twenty-six possibilities were added in the last three years. Not included in this number are two others who are discerning whether they are called and ready to become a church planter. Jeff Zimmerman, CCIW Minister for New Church/Ministries is in conversation with them.

Of the twenty-six potential new congregations in the region, four congregations are now chartered. Eleven are still at some point in the process and the remaining eleven did not make it, or are no longer Disciples. Many of these eleven did not proceed beyond the preparation stage. Also in the past two decades, the region lost 45 chartered congregations.

In a Disciples' New Church summit two decades ago, our denominational institutions planned how to meet the challenge of starting 1000 new congregations in the last two decades. This summer another New Church Summit is planned to discern what our next goal will be.

Contact Jeff Zimmerman at jeffz@cciwdisciples.org for more information or with any questions you may have.

The NCMT supports new and affiliating congregations, and particularly seeks to partner with worshiping communities doing and being church in bold and creative ways and which reflect the diversity and wholeness of God's Kingdom.



# A Word of Hope

As you struggle with the impact of COVID-19 on your life, focus on what you do know;
Focus on the love and compassion of God, known through Jesus.
Focus on what is good and right and what is true and just.

Be kind to yourself and others,
Take care of yourself and others

In solidarity with one another, we are stronger,
In solidarity with one another, we represent the diversity and wholeness of God's Kingdom.

Jeff Zimmerman

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# We are Connected

For many years I have said that "I come from a beautiful place, and one day I will return to a beautiful place." My name is Teresa Ellen, a "harvester of light" from the dunes of the Sleeping Bear, beside the waters of Lake Michigan (Michi Gami), and the flowing river called Muskegon, where once the white pine was heard in the wind, and the rainbow trout shimmered with life, and the lake effect snowfalls sheltered life until the Spring lilacs breathed forth new revelation.

We are all connected in one household, oikumene in Biblical Greek---one household of God. Even if the mountain, body of water, river we come from are not the same.

Science tells us that molecules, atoms in relationship, continue to experience that relationship even when they are broken apart. For example, if you were to remove an atom from a molecule and move it to the other side of the earth, and then begin to test, experiment, heat or interact with the remaining molecule, the part (atom) that is nowhere near, would respond as if it is still in relationship.

As I write this, there is a virus making its way through our human community. Whether we like it or not, we are all one household even in a quarantine. What we do or leave undone has consequences---whether we experience those consequences firsthand---someone or some part of creation does. It is past time that we acknowledge the wholeness of all that God calls good. (Genesis) And name the sin that is indifference to this Holy gift.

We are all connected. Everything is connected.

Ancient peoples lived by these connections and relationships. They watched the stars (think Magi), paid attention to the ocean currents, noticed the migration of the birds and whales, and discerned the message they were bearing, (Like Noah and his doves not returning) there is life beyond our shores.

The Maori set out in "waka," small boats, to follow the birds, whales, winds and currents to find those new lands. They discovered Aotearoa (New Zealand). When they came ashore, they found a bird sanctuary. With no mammals, no predators present the birds evolved in ways that made sense. No predators. Wings became unnecessary, birds became flightless. A mystical bird ecosystem became a story of terrible consequence brought on by human intervention. Our species brought rats, mice, cows, goats, sheep, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, possums, and stoats. Moa are extinct---a huge ostrich like bird. Kiwi whose feathers have become fur-like are endangered. They have no way to defend themselves or fly away. (VisitZeelandia.com)

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In our own time, the Great Lakes have endured invasive species transported in to this precious, naturally protected fresh-water sanctuary.

# Perspective Sabbatical Journal #2,



This is another story of our human short-sightedness' and reckless endangerment of twenty percent of the world's fresh water supply, and the creatures who once lived in them with balanced harmony. I suggest reading "Death and Life on the Great Lakes" by Dan Egan for more of this story.

Unfortunately, the governing bodies bordering the Great Lakes have not come together to keep other invaders out, such as zebra mussels and quagga mussels, which are altering the eco-systems. The cost of this invasion is ongoing. Municipalities are spending millions and millions of dollars to stop the mussels from closing off water intake pipes. The ever more clear, blue waters, caused by the mussels filtering out all the microscopic life forms, look beautiful but are starving other species to death. The lakes are becoming life-less.

We are all connected. Everything is connected.

The Great Lakes zebra and quagga mussel problem has now spread by way of trailering pleasure boats to lakes, streams, and rivers throughout the Midwest. They are even now is Lake Mead, AZ. The irony of this is that Western States, to protect their water resources, will stop and search any boat being transported. There are severe fines if mussels are discovered. And, still the Great Lakes governing bodies do not use their power to truly regulate ballast on ships coming into this life-giving system.

We are connected in one household. There are consequences, blessings and curse, that come from our actions or non-action. Awareness of the unique, precious gifts of creation and culture bless us. The role of governance is sacred---stewarding the life that has been prepared for us will bless the whole household.

The Maori introduce themselves by the location of their birth. It is a way of naming their family in relation to the earth that gives them life. They know the birds, whales, winds, currents, forests, land as life-givers. They know ongoing life depends upon mutual respect, giving and receiving blessing.

My name is Teresa from the dunes of the Sleeping Bear, beside the waters of Lake Michigan (Michi Gami), and the flowing river called Muskegon, where once the white pine was heard in the wind, and the rainbow trout shimmered with life, and the lake effect snowfalls sheltered life until the Spring lilacs breathed forth new revelation.




That's my connection. I ask you, "what is yours?"







# Camp Walter Scott
# Summer Camp Schedule Changes

Friends of Camp Walter Scott,

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and to ensure the health and safety of campers, staff, volunteers, and all persons related to Camp Walter Scott, we have decided to reschedule our May and June programming until later in the summer. We are still planning for summer camps but we want to do so in a manner that is faithful, safe, and prudent. We continue praying as we monitor developments and pay attention to the advice of health officials and we will make promptly updates if there are any further changes.

~~Memorial Day Family Camp: May 22-25~~ **CANCELLED**
Camp Acts (Service Week Camp): ~~June 7-13~~ **POSTPONED, New Date TBD**
CYF (9th to 12th Grade): ~~June 14-20~~ **July 12 – 18**
Grandparents & Me: ~~June 21-24~~ **July 5 – 8**
Beginners (K to 3rd Grade): ~~June 24-27~~ **July 8 – 11**
Chi Rho (6th to 8th Grade): July 12-18
JYF (3rd to 5th Grade): July 19-25
Post High: August, TBD
Labor Day Family Camp: September 4-7

Visit www.**cciwdisciples.org/camp-program** for the latest updates, information, and registration.

Our temporary adjustments to registration cancellation, and refund policies are still in place and we hope that they can ease planning and registration. Parents, guardians, and churches may register their campers without sending payment immediately. Simply complete the online form and select the "Check Payment" option during checkout. This will ensure we have the camper's registration in our roster; later, our office will be in contact to arrange payment prior to the beginning of camp. Additionally, there will be no late registration fee, meaning the cost for camp will not increase after May 17. Lastly, any paid registration cancelled at least one week before camp starts will be refunded without penalty (a small processing fee might apply). The registration deadline is two weeks before the beginning of each camp. Our office will be in contact with you directly if you have already registered for a camp that will be rescheduled.

We are committed to fostering an environment that is attentive to the well-being of anyone and everyone associated with Camp Walter Scott. We will continue to pray for God's strength and wisdom as we navigate these uncertain and challenging times. May God bless you and keep you safe.

In Christ,

Pastor Eli

## Changes for Disciples Women

Friends,

Most of us have heard one or more version of the joke about change in the church where the punch line includes the statement, "We've never done it that way." We groan, we laugh and somewhere deep inside we acknowledge that in the joke there is a kernel of truth. The truth being that for many, repetition comes easy. It seems safe; it seems predictable. And so, we tweak the programs that we have offered before, we change keynote speakers, order of events, etc. We fall back on the old adage that we don't need to reinvent the wheel.

Well friends this last month, all of us have entered into a new reality where "we've always done it that way" doesn't work. For this is a new reality, none of us have experienced living through a pandemic that has had the consequences of the coronavirus. A new reality where we are challenged to find ways to stay connected despite the truth that best way to demonstrate that we care for the most vulnerable people in our society is to maintain social distance. A new reality where we are called to consider how we have valued, honored and compensated food staff, store clerks, bus drivers, garbage collectors in the past must now be evaluated as we call them essential workers. A new reality where the church no longer gathers in buildings on Sunday mornings but are ministering from homes, apartments, and is dispersed and integrated in the community. A new reality -

What I find comforting is that God's people are often into new realities where they are asked to adjust and find new ways to fulfill God's purposes in new places in the midst of changing circumstance. What I find comforting about this is that Disciples Women are good at coping and changing course. Over the past month, I have heard of Disciples Women who are now making protective masks rather than quilts with brightly colored quilt grade cotton. I have heard of Disciples Women who are making sure that those who are isolated, receive cards and a smile and a wave through nursing home windows. I have heard of Disciples Women who are dropping off grocery bags on front porch stoops for those who are afraid to leave their homes. I have heard of how people who were technologically challenged are now adapting to coffee fellowship through Zoom meetings.

No, we have never done it that way before! We didn't have to! While concerns and anxiety are a part of this new reality so is innovation and creativity. God created us to be in relationship with one another and people are continuing to reach out and connect, showing that they care even as they remain 6 feet apart. Once we return to "normal" we will need to integrate our understandings of this new reality into how we move forward. We will need to process how ministry in time of crisis teachings us to carry the good news of Jesus Christ into an ordinary day.

The first quarter of 2020 has been a strange year; it has ushered us into a new reality. In realizing that we can't just do what we have always done, the Disciples Women Ministry Leadership Team made the decision to postpone the May 2 Gathering. This was a hard decision. Those who participate in this event value the opportunity to come and share fellowship and information and to just be together. It was a decision that was not made lightly, and it is the right decision for this time.

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### Pray and Play Days

**June 13**
**Pontiac, First CC**

**August 15**
**Galesburg, First CC**

**Sept. 12**
**Chicago, Park Manor CC**

**All events:**
**1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Registration will be available on www.cciwdisciples.org soon or email Beth Rupe at bethr@cciwdisciples.org**

### You are Invited

**Women's Fall Retreat**
**Camp Walter Scott**



**Sept. 25-27**
**More details to come**




## Changes for Disciples Women, con't

We are uncertain what the postponement of the event means for the rest of 2020. The DW Ministry Leadership Team will be gathering in early May to consider where we are in light of the coronavirus. We will be discussing our options in light of the reality that we have never had to do this before.

At this time we are planning on moving forward with our Pray and Play events. The first one is scheduled for June 13 in Pontiac. Of course this is subject to recommendations and advancements in testing and treatment for the coronavirus. We are monitoring this closely and will let you know through the website, our Facebook page, and other regional publications about these events.

As I have said, we have never done this before. And knowing that, I believe that in the midst of this new reality, God continues to move among us and for us. I believe that the Spirit of Creation is breathing into us the breath of creativity and innovation as we connect and give testimony to the good news of Jesus Christ, Risen. Alleluia.

Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe
Interim Minister of Disciples Women in CCIW

## Regional Youth Council New Member

The CCIW Regional Youth Council is excited to welcome Bella as our newest youth leader.

Bella is a sophomore who enjoys playing violin, soccer, acting, and show choir. Bella is very active in church, fun-loving, and always hopes to help people feel good in their own skin!

Bella joins Zeek, Aaron, Nora, Emaily, Rhiannon, Elizabeth, Tim, Anne, Chris, and Jessica.

If you're a CCIW youth and would like to be a part of RYC, contact Eli at eli@cciwdisciples.org.



## New Church in IL-WI

The CCIW New Church/Ministries effort is lead by Rev. Jeff Zimmerman. Rev. Hyoung Chel "Tom" Yang, CCIW Minister for NAPAD Ministries, is an important partner in the ministry of nurturing and supporting new and affiliating congregations. Jeff also leads the New Church/Ministry Team comprised of both lay and clergy folk.

The team meets an hour a month by Zoom and three to four times a year for longer meetings to build relationships with the pastors who are developing new worshiping communities in our region. We receive support from Pastor Terrell McTyer, Minister of New Church Strategies, in Indianapolis.

If you have a heart for new church and desire to be a part of this ministry in some way please contact Jeff Zimmerman at jeffz@cciwdisciples.org or contact the CCIW regional office at 309-828-6293.

This may look like receiving an occasional email update, being an advocate for new church in your congregation, praying, volunteering professional services, serving on the team, or making a financial or planned gift.



Rev. Tom Yang



Rev. Jeff Zimmerman

## More CCIW New Church Good News

Even during this incredibly difficult and liminal pandemic time filled with waiting and apprehension, there is good news. Another new creative worshiping community is now in the early stages of development. The work of Parker Palmer and his Circles of Trust is a primary influence. This church will take root in central Illinois.

These seeds of new life bring hope to people in a parched land. This is possible because of your support. It is appreciated and not taken for granted. Thank you. The Pentecost Spirit is alive and well in our region.

Jeff Zimmerman,
Minister for New Church/Ministries

Parker Palmer



## What Would Happen If We Prayed Together?




Praying together can be very meaningful, even transforming. Prayer helps us connect with God and one another, gain insights into our life of faith and provide a deep peace we find few other places. The spiritual practice of prayer is foundational for many believers – it's life-changing.

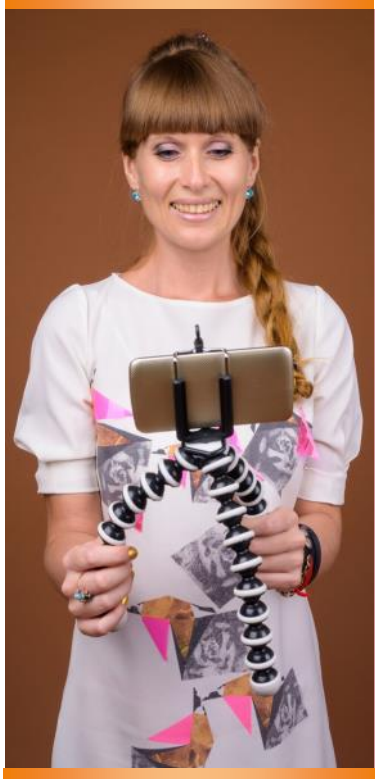
In these days of the coronavirus crisis, it is important to connect. Since we can't be together face-to-face, let's get together by conference call. Every day, starting Monday, April 6, a group will gather at 7:15 am to listen to someone offer a prayer. In the past we have experienced a great variety of prayer styles and have been blessed by our time together.

Here's your invitation to **Daily Prayer Time**, a new adventure on your spiritual journey. When you can, as often as you can. Dial (712) 770-5505 and access code: 224930#

If you would consider the role of leader on one or more days, we would welcome you. We ask you to bring a prayer (or some brief thoughts and then a prayer). Do what fits you and seems appropriate to the group. We normally take about 5 -10 minutes total.

Email us at prayer@cciwdisciples.org to ask any questions about Daily Prayer Time and to get information on how you could sign up to share in leadership.
We look forward to praying with you and so many others in the Regional church!

## The Communications Ministry is here to help you.



The Communications Ministry is here to help as you continue connecting online. We want to share some recommendations given conversations we have had with colleagues:

***Concern: Not being able to make personal connections while live-streaming or your live-stream is being interrupted?***
***Recommendation:*** Try pre-recording your message. Schedule it as a Premiere Video on Facebook and invite people to watch in on Sunday. This allows you to respond and chat with those who are viewing the video with you. You have an opportunity to ask questions and get responses. You can also encourage visitors to inbox you with prayer requests etc. This helps to open dialogue as well. It also solves for live-stream interruptions.

***Concern: I am on YouTube, what is a way to get more viewers?***
***Recommendation:*** Below are a *few* ways to create more awareness of your videos:
***Promote across platforms*** – Use your other Social Media platforms to invite folks to tune in for your Sunday service or any other events you are having.
***Share small snippets*** – Try taking your Sunday video and cutting it down in small segments. Take those segments and post on your other SM channels. This gives people some insight into the messages they would get if they tuned in on Sunday.
***Review Title Descriptions*** – Consider changing the title of your videos from your church name. When people search on YouTube, they are looking for something specific. If they are new, they may not know your church name. They may be looking for "how my faith can help me through this pandemic". If your sermon is about faith, and you have that in your title, you have increased your chances for them finding your video. Rethink the way you are titling your videos. What is the key message of your sermon and how does that connect with what people may be looking for? Try integrating that in your title.

***Do you have questions we can help you with? Please email the Communications Ministry at communications@cciwdisciples.org.***

# Transformation 2020

Our new logo tells the story. A new year and a fuller approach to growing with God. **"Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?" Isaiah 43:19** (CEB) What will God do in this new season with you? Join us on a new adventure of transformation!

**Transformation comes in three areas –**

1. **Personal transformation** – changes within ourselves and our relationship with God



- Daily Prayer Time – every day at 7:15 am – happening now – everyone's welcome
- Explore spiritual practices – learn new ones – ways to draw closer to God

**2. Congregational transformation** – changes in our faith community to draw closer to God and to follow God's leading.



- Visioning and planning for your congregation
- Learning about thriving congregations and follow those lessons
- In a group setting – growing our spiritual practices

**3. Community transformation** – finding partners in our neighborhoods/towns cities to discover the needs and combine resources to meet those needs.



- Engaging in the community – listening to God, assessing needs, finding partners, taking action
- Talking to our mentors/advisors about how to get started

We are here to join with you on this journey of transformation. Watch for new opportunities along the way. **Where would you like to start? Tell us how we can help you.** Contact Scott Woolridge – scott@cciwdisciples.org




## Prayer with our GMP






The following churches and individuals have contributed to the 2020 mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Annual Fund, Undesignated Gifts to the Region, Gifts to the Camping Scholarship Fund, and to the Designated Camping Fund.

The Region gives thanks for the incredible support through prayers, hours of volunteering and the financial support that allows ministry for children and youth, leadership development, congregation consultation, ministerial search & call, and shared mission activities to occur. You do make a difference.




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Jane Cahill
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Arrowsmith Christian Church
Benton First Christian Church
Danvilel Central Christian Church
Pekin First Christian Church
Peoria Memorial Christian Church
Parkway Christian Church
Jacksonville Central Christian Church
Metropolis C.W.F. First Christian Church
Marion Christian Women's Fellowship

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Arrowsmith Christian Church
Blue Mound First Christian Church
Danville Central Christian Church
Canton, First Christian Church
Gibson City, First Christian Church
Illiopolis Christian Church
Lincolnshire, Community Christian Church
Lomax Christian Church
Niantic Christian Church
Petersburg First Christian Church
Sullivan, First Christian Church
Villa Park Christian Church
Hoopeston First Christian Church
Long Point Christian Church
Winchester First Christian Church

## Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Arlene Franks; Rev. Frank Hoss; Laura Williams, CWS; Wilfred Porche, brother-in-law of Rev. Edward Morris, Sr; Rev. Franshonn Salter; Rev. Jeanette Larson; Rev. Katherine Pershey; Michael and Jennifer Rixman, children of Revs. Max and Rob Rixman; Zach, son of Rev. Jared Reno

Prayers for CCIW Chaplains: Deann Anderson; Tracy Armstrong; Katherine Ball; Jon Bormann; Steve Brunelle; Joby Brown; Bryan Burris; Bonnie Condon; Victoria Fishel; Greg Fitch; Bruce Fowlkes; Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes; Susan Gullickson; Dan Horton; Larry Jackson; Jan Proeber; Mary Runge; Dawn Victor; Chase Wilhelm; Amy Brooker-Hirsch;

Deaths: Sara Rodriguez, wife of Rene Gallegos, Iglesia Cristiana, Milwaukee; Rev. Elaine Germeck, wife of Rev. Frank Hoss; Claudia Piper, widow of the late Rev. Jim Piper; Lois Bangs, wife of late Rev. Clarence Bangs; Wayne Elliott, father of Rev. Bryan Elliott; Jim Kerns, father of Rev. Bill Kerns; Jill Brown, mother-in-law of Rev. Jeff Zimmerman; Rev. David Seitz; Tim Reno, father of Rev. Jared Reno;

Pastoral Changes: Rev. Soniyyah Blue-Key to Parkway; Rev. Rebecca Kirby concluding ministry at Parkway; Rev. Larua Evans Mahn, concluded ministry at Princeton

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