

# *The Messenger*

*October 1, 2014*



## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

### **Celebrating World Communion This Sunday During Worship**

World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October on which ecumenical Christians around the world celebrate Holy Communion as an expression of their Christian unity and offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. Please join us this Sunday, October 5th for a very special World Communion Sunday service.



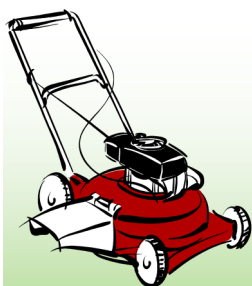
BUY A BRICK

Order forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time on Sundays for the next few weeks. Some of the inscribed bricks have already been installed along the new ramp on the south side of the church. We invite you to come and view them. Bricks can still be purchased in honor or in memory of a family or individuals as a lasting legacy. Each brick is \$100. For more information, contact either Kathleen Yant (972.496.0534, [kyant1@aol.com](mailto:kyant1@aol.com)) or

Eva McKannan (972.414.1737, [patevamck@verizon.net](mailto:patevamck@verizon.net))

### Yard Work Wanted!

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the youth and young adults are going to be in the community looking for yards to mow, weed, rake, or plant. Since this is our first time doing community yard work, we only have spots for about 3 yards. In the future, we will hopefully be able to do more yards. If you are interested in having us stop by to do some work on your yard, please contact Pastor Allison. Also, let Pastor Allison know if you have your own mower and other supplies.



### Elder On-Call Schedule

In addition to its pastors, FCCG is blessed with a number of spiritual leaders, called Elders. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, do not hesitate to call a minister or an Elder.

#### October—

Eve Sutton 580.443.6059

Kathleen Yant 972.496.0534

### DWM Circle Continues

The DWM October Circle meetings will continue our study program on "Women of the Bible: Seeking Justice." The second bible lesson will be about Bathsheba, presented by Mary Carroll. Please attend the Circle of your choice to hear an inspiring story and enjoy spending time with new and old friends. Morning Circle will be on Monday, October 6 at 9:30am, and the Evening Circle is Tuesday, October 7th at 6:45pm (childcare provided at Evening Circle).



### DWF Raffle and Bake Sale

From Brenda Crosthwaite . . . DWF is having a raffle on November 23rd with our annual Bake Sale for the holidays.

Donations of any craft items you make would be appreciated for the raffle. Artists might share their talent by donating art lessons. Our goal is to have 20 items for the raffle. Please notify Kathleen Yant if you can make a donation. Many thanks for your donations.

### Families & Professionals

#### *Drinks, Dinner & Discussions of Faith*

Friday, October 3rd, 7-9pm  
Fuzzy's Taco Shop  
3801 Lakeview Pkwy, Rowlett  
*Talk to Rev. Casey for childcare option*

### Couples Retreat Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars — November 7-9th will be your chance to get away for an incredible weekend with your spouse to strengthen your relationship and enjoy some rest and relaxation. More details to come.

## HOLIDAYS FOR THE HOMELESS

Believe it or not the holidays are right around the corner! Are you looking for a way to make a difference in someone's life this year? This is a simple but great way to give back and give thanks for the many blessings that have been given to you! The Families and Professionals group will be gathering donations for hygiene kits and Christmas packs for the homeless during the month of October and beginning of November; the group will meet in mid-November to put the kits together. The hygiene kits will go to the Good Samaritan House to be dispersed as needed and the Christmas packs will be handed out to the homeless by our group on a mission day during the month of December. You can help by contributing any of the following:



### HYGIENE KITS

- Moist wipes
- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Travel Size Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving Cream

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

- Anything that can fit in a gallon Ziploc. Ideas . . .
- Sunglasses
- Gloves
- Socks
- Hand Warmers
- Deck of Cards
- Puzzle Books
- Pen & pad
- Candy & Snacks



## Fall Festival



The temperature is cooling off and that means it is almost time for Fall Festival! As we prepare for the Festival on October 26<sup>th</sup>, we encourage all congregants to help out by donating candy to hand out at the booths and cakes for the cake walk. Our youth are working hard to make this a wonderful church-wide event with all proceeds going towards their mission trip. Candy and cakes should be in the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday School on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

## Prayer Requests

### Cup of Life:

Jeri Harrison

Marty Rogers

### Fishers of Families:

Blondell Lewis

### God's Messengers:

Syd McConnell

### The Grapevine:

Judi Archibald

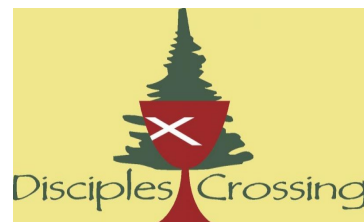
Dylan Godwin

### Hands of Faith:

Gary & Mary Carroll

## Chi Rho Fall Retreat: "The Hungry Games"

The Chi Rho Fall Retreat will be based on the popular book series The Hunger Games. During the course of the weekend, the Chi Rho youth will explore what it means to be hungry in our world. They will look at ways Jesus and His disciples tried to feed the hungry. We will worship together with over 100 kids from youth groups all over North and East Texas. As always, there will also be plenty of time for fun, including a few huge all-camp games, and of course, a little free time to explore our beautiful camp. Chi Rho Retreat is November 7-9<sup>th</sup> and open to all youth in grades 6 through 8 and their adult sponsors. The cost of the event is \$45 per person.



## CYF Fall Retreat: "Who Am I?"

The fall can be so busy with football, band, school work, and much, much more. This also means that fall is the perfect time to take a break, catch your breath, regroup and check in with God on Holy Ground. The CYF Fall Retreat will be the first retreat of its kind that will bring together high school students from all over East and North Texas. We hope to have over 150 youth gather at Disciples Crossing to worship, play, laugh and study together. We will discuss the question, "Who am I?" We'll try to figure out how living for Christ can give new purpose and direction to our lives. CYF Retreat is November 15-16<sup>th</sup> and open to all youth in grades 9 through 12 and their adult sponsors. The cost of the event is \$35 per person.

Both youth retreats will take place at Disciples Crossing, our denomination's church camp in Athens, Texas. Please talk with Pastor Allison about registering. To learn more about the camp, visit [www.disciplescrossing.org](http://www.disciplescrossing.org).



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