

## Our Mission

*God calls us...And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages.*
- *Explore and express a growing faith.*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

## Let's Celebrate Holy Week Together

- **Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Worship with us “Online” at 9am & 11am
- **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** – “**Grab & Go**” **Community Lunch** (partnering with UCM students)
- **Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - **Prayer Walk** in the CLC 3pm – 6pm
  - **Drive-Thru Communion** 6pm – 7pm (by main office)
  - **Online Service** – 7pm
- **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **Parent's Night Out** 6pm-8pm for ( 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under)
  - **Prayer Walk** in the CLC 3pm – 6pm

"How did the rose ever open its heart and give the world all its beauty? It felt the encouragement of light against its being; otherwise, we all remained too frightened."  
-Hafiz

God's light brings encouragement through the Holy Spirit that helps us to open up and show our beauty to the world. As we journey closer to the cross and the glorious celebration of our Savior's resurrection let us turn towards the light. God wants to reveal Himself to us more and more. Do not be afraid, continue to embrace the tools for the journey, and get ready to bloom into new life! - Gina

## April Birthdays

1-Casey Laws  
 3-Shea Williams  
 5-Greg Cobb  
 5-Karen Tuter  
 6-Sarah Crate  
 8-Pat Sterling  
 9-Nancy Eaton  
 9-Chuck Owings  
 10-Sharon Cochran  
 10-David Elliott  
 11-Vicki Granger  
 13-Ginny Bruch  
 13-Hanna Stillwell  
 17-Elizabeth Bell  
 18-Connie Baldwin  
 18-David Schroeder  
 21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid  
 21-Janice Wolff  
 22-Deke Alkire  
 23-Martha Smarr  
 25-Jon Frandsen  
 25-Brayden Godfrey

## April Anniversaries

1-Casey & Carrie Laws  
 10-Greg & Shannon Cobb  
 20-Duane & Pat Sterling



**Newsletter will be published**

**On April 13.**

**Please turn in information on**

**April 12 by 10 a.m.**

## Prayer List

- Praise for the positivity being less than 5%
- Praise for Pastor Gina's niece's recovery
- Praise John Gareth (Anita & Gary Grigsby's grandson) safely home from Kuwait
- Praise Micheal Darwin's wife's visa was approved
- Continued Prayers for healing and recovery in our nation
- Prayers for our homebound members

## Giving is Worship

Remember that giving is an important part of our worship life. We rely on your faithful stewardship to help keep the ministries and operations of the church healthy and vital. There are several ways you can give.

- Place your offering in the plate at worship on Sunday mornings.
- Drop your offering in the church mailbox right outside the office • Mail your offering to the church office, 101 E. Gay St, Warrensburg, MO 64093
- Initiate payment to First Christian Church through your bank. This is similar to paying a bill or utility online and generally has no fees associate with it.
- Log on to the website at [fccwborg.com](http://fccwborg.com) and click on the GIVE tab. This will lead you to our instructions and links to use "Tithe.ly" on online secure church giving system.

Thank you for your generosity! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. – Malachi 3:10-12

*"Lily of Life"*  
First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)



I wish to give a donation:

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From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name)

You may either purchase a Lily for the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday or donate to a local organization. Make your \$10.00 check payable to First Christian Church and designate it "Lily of Life." Please complete a form for each memorial and/or honorarium. Indicate your designation below and return this form and check to the church office.

\_\_\_ Food Pantry      \_\_\_ Survival      \_\_\_ Lily for Easter Sunday      \_\_\_ Nehemiah Food Program (Manna Harvest)  
\_\_\_ Minister's Disc. Fund      \_\_\_ New Beginnings Women's Center      \_\_\_ Homeless Shelters (Journey or Refuge)  
\_\_\_ Outreach/ Wed. Meal Program

## Special Day Offering of Disciples Mission Fund

### Easter Offering on March 28 and April 4, 2021

The Easter Offering reaches deep and wide by

- Developing Disciples
- Forming new faith communities
- Connecting with ministry partners around the world
- Serving God's people in need

Make checks payable to First Christian Church and in memo "Easter Special."

## EASTER PARTY & PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 2nd we will be having an Easter Party for kids 5th grade and below. It will be from 6:00-8:00. See the Children/Youth newsletter for more details & registration information. It will be LOTS of FUN! We hope to see you there!



Parents - Please remember to send your Palm Sunday videos to Toni by Wednesday night. Thanks!

## YOUTH NEWS

Sunday will be our last week of "Sticky Faith". We will meet from 5 - 7:00. We will be celebrating with a dinner after class.

Also, we need youth volunteers to help with the Parents' Night Out and Easter Party on Friday, April 2nd. If you are planning to volunteer, please let Toni know by Sunday, March 28th.

\*See the Youth Newsletter for more details on both activities.

### **Outreach Grab 'n Go Groceries**

- 1. Refried beans**
- 2. Water**
- 3. Desserts (cookies, bars)**
- 4. Large bags of chips (potato chips, tortilla chips)**
- 5. Sandwich size baggies**



You are invited to come to church on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday for a private and meditative walk in the Christian Life Center. You will follow a "stone path" to stations set up where you can reflect on your personal Lenten journey. Come to the CLC entrance on Maundy Thursday 4/1/21 between 3:00 and 6:00 pm or on Good Friday 4/2/21 between 3:00 and 6:00 pm to begin your short prayer walk. We will limit the number of people in the CLC to 10 and masks will be worn during this time of self-examination and prayer. Blessings!



### New Gallery Wall of Photo's

How long has it been since you were in the church? For some it has been nearly a year or even longer. The new gallery features items from all over the church, if you are able, I invite you to take a look and see if you can identify where the pictures were taken. We will post some of our photo's on Facebook over the next few weeks so all can enjoy.

### **A Note from CWF Anita Gosney, President**

As I write this, the sun is shining, and the forsythia has blooms—spring is here!

A big “thank you” goes to Dee Bodenhamer for a \$50.00 contribution to help with our ministry at FCC!

When our church once again reopens for Sunday services, we will also have our CWF meetings—possibly April! Our CWF callers will let you know.



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