



We are finalizing revisions to the church directory before printing. If you have not been contacted by your shepherding elder to update addresses, phone numbers, etc., please e-mail the church office any revisions that need made in your family.



First Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)
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THE CHRISTIAN CRIER
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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26. Once again, the Disciples of First Christian Church will be marking this season of preparation for Easter through a series of special worship services, times of fellowship, and take home devotionals. This time of discipline is designed to help us more fully appreciate the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be preceded by a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Debbie Crane is organizing a crew of volunteers to help with the cooking. In addition to our traditional pancake supper and bingo, this year we will be adding some new table and trivia games. There will also be some special activities for our youngest Disciples.

Another new part of the Lenten season is that we will be having a weekly time of prayer on Wednesday evenings. The sanctuary will be open from 5-7 p.m. for people to come and spend some personal time in Christ's presence. There will be candles to light, suggested Scripture verses to read, and quiet music playing in the background. It will be a time of individual communion with God. You can be as programmatic or informal as you would like to be.

Many Christians undertake a particular discipline throughout the Lenten season The Chalice Press Lenten devotional is a good guide if you would like to use this time to strengthen your prayer life. This year's writer is Leah D. Schade. She is the Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Her devotional reminds us of God's hand in the act of creation and invites us to consider ways that we might be better stewards of the beauty we have been given.

Finally, the season of Lent has historically been a time of preparation for baptism. Newcomers to the faith (traditionally called "catechumens") received intensive instruction (catechesis) on who Jesus is, what Christians believe, and how we are to live. This lives on today. Some people in our congregation grew up in denominations that required them to memorize this information (catechism) before they could become full members of the church. These candidates would then receive the sacrament of baptism on Easter, just as we have done in our church for the past several years. If you would like to be baptized this Easter Sunday please contact the church office.

I pray that this Lenten season will be a meaningful time of prayer and discipline as we prepare ourselves to commemorate Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter.

February
Serving Schedule

Elders: Debbie Ellinghouse & Eric Basham
Diaconate: Gregg & Melanie Miller (communion prep.), Brian Merritt, Parker Vanslyke

Greeter
Sue Christian
Welcome & Worship Leader

2-16 Parker Vanslyke
2-23 Kristi Booker

Acolytes:
Need Volunteers

Computer/Sound:
Need Volunteers

Open/Close Church:
Sean Vanslyke

March

Serving Schedule

Elders: Sarah Moore & Eddie Pope
Diaconate: Sandy Edwards & Donna Speck (communion prep.), Scott Kruse, Angie Duncan

Greeter
Susan Dungan

Welcome & Worship Leader

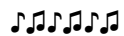
3-01 Sue Grobe
3-08 Larry Speight
3-15 Angie Duncan
3-22 Bob Barney
3-29 Debbie Crane

Acolytes:
Need Volunteers

Computer/Sound:
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Open/Close Church:
Need Volunteer

(If you will not be able to serve on the Sunday listed, please find your replacement and notify the church office who will be serving in your place.)



Please contact Jansen Williams if you would be willing to share your musical talents one Sunday!

PRAYER LIST— Bill & Dee Boesen, Addison Grace Carter, Carryl Clip-pard, Linda Collier, Amanda Corbet, Ann Dubrouillet, Sue Waggoner-Flowers, Louise Francis, Nina Geary, Juanita Gossett, Sue Grobe, Lori Hawkins, Raydean Hendrix, Josephine Hueckel, Noreen Hyslop, Elvena Martin, Betty & Bob Mayer, Brian Merritt, Carolyn Montgomery, Ron Morgan, Winnie Morgan, Lori Noyes (Sandy Steward’s sister), Darryl & Diana Orr, Olivia Pind, Betty & Randy Russell, Carrol Russell, Scott Russell, Terry Swinger, Ellen Vaughan, Bonnie Yersak’s son Tyler



CHURCH YARD SALE

This year the annual church yard sale will be held on April 2, 3 and 4. Drop-offs will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, March 29. Start gathering your items now to help make this event a huge success.

Have you ever tried 40 bags in 40 days challenge?

The object is to declutter your home by removing one bag per day during Lent. While you are decluttering, fill several of those bags for the church yard sale. Your clutter could be someone else’s treasure!!



February

SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH

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A visit, card or phone call would mean so much.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	10 6:00 Zumba	11 8:00 Prayer Group	12	13 6:00 Zumba	14	15
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 CYF	17 6:00 Zumba	18 8:00 Prayer Group 11:30 CWF Meets at Airways	19	20 6:00 Zumba	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 CYF	24 6:00 Zumba	25 8:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Fat Tuesday Celebration	26 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service in our sanctuary	27 6:00 Zumba	28	29
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