



## **NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**

**March 2, 2021**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Family of Ruth Bradshaw, Family of Rudy Maes, Family of Sarah, Family of Stanley Gardzina, Raymond Turner, Maxine Pemberton, Maxine Wilson, Al Wilson, Ida Bassi, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, for those in law enforcement, for distribution of the vaccine and for God's peace and healing.*

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

*Wanda Doleshall, Paul & Pam Owen, Robin Brooks, Linda Cheadle, Sabrina, Susan Poster Ullmann, Millie Clarke, Eliza Husser Cave, Sally Clayton, Dan McAvoy, Connie Moomjy, our Regional Church, Dr. Walter Allen, Connie Santee, Kenneth Chatto, those in public service, military service and for our Country and all victims of the corona virus.*

### **Pastor's Note:**

Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. It invites us to be reflective, to ponder our walk with Christ, and challenges us to examine how we live our faith in ways that make a difference in our lives and in our community. Lent also invites us to remember and reclaim the power of forgiveness as we hear again the powerful story of Christ's sacrificial love for each of us. As with all matters of faith, Lent is part personal and part collective as we share in this Lenten journey together. I pray each of you has a meaningful season of Lent. I also pray you will join us for worship, whether in-person, on Facebook or the teleconference worship as we continue to stay safe with our Covid precautions.



**DWF INVITATIONAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:**

Wednesdays at noon in March, we will be studying Jesus' route to the cross, looking at stops along the way starting from the prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane to the point his body is placed in the tomb. This study will combine scripture, art and music and is open to all women and men of the church, and their family / friends.

**DWF SPRING WORKSHOP**

The Annual DWF Spring Workshop will be held virtually on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 am via ZOOM. The theme is "Regroup, Renew and Rejoice" and the cost is \$20.00. You can register through the Regional Office or contact the church office and we will forward a copy of the form.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP:**

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| Wednesday, March 31 | final Lenten Bible Study session 12 noon  |
| Sunday, March 28    | Palm Sunday Service (in-person & Facebook) 11:00 am   |
| Thursday, April 1   | Maundy Thursday Communion Service<br>(In-person and Facebook) 6pm   |
| Friday, April 2     | Good Friday Service (In-person and Facebook) 12n  |
| Sunday, April 4     | Easter Sunday Garden Service (in-person and Facebook) 8am<br>Easter Sunday Traditional Service<br>(in-person and Facebook) 11am |

**FLOWERS FOR OUR CROSS**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021**

Following our Easter Sunday Worship Service, we will be decorating our outside cross with fresh flowers, to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Everyone is asked to bring some fresh flowers which you can place on the cross. This has been an Easter tradition at FCC for several years. Containers with water will be located by each entrance door, where you can leave your flowers during the Worship Service. Thank you for your participation in this event as we demonstrate our joy to passing traffic and neighbors.



**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) EASTER  
SPECIAL DAY DISCIPLES MISSION FUND OFFERING**

On Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, you will have the opportunity to participate in a Disciple Million Fund Easter Offering. Money collected through this offering will be used by the general ministries of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, across the United States, Canada and around the world. The following is a listing of these general ministries:

Center for Faith and Giving \* Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries \* Communication Ministries \* Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry \* Disciples of Christ Historical Society \* Disciples Home Missions \* Disciples Women \* Division of Overseas Ministries \* Higher Education and Leadership Ministries \* National Benevolent Association \* National Convocation \* New Church Ministry \* North American Pacific/Asian Disciples \* Office of the General Minister and President \* Treasury Services

By giving of our fruits to tend to our church's ministries, we can care for, nurture and help “more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.” Please consider your participation. Thank you.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING 2021**



WOW!! Due to the Congregations love and commitment, to date \$1282.73 has been collected for the “Let love flow” Week of Compassion Offering. Thanks to each and everyone of you who contributed . Please know that this is a shining example of “The Loving Church with Jesus at Heart!” Thank you for your generosity and it is

expected that this total will rise as a few more contributions are on their way.

Thank you again. Caroline Hale

**ACTS DONATION FOR MARCH IS:** Mac and Cheese

**WORD OF THANKS**

Caroline and Don for putting up the cross

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 3	Lenten Study	12:00 Fellowship
March 6	DWF	11:00 am Fellowship
March 9	Board Meeting	6:00 pm Zoom
March 10	Lenten Study	12:00 Fellowship
March 14	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	
March 17	Lenten Study	12:00 Fellowship
March 20	Trash & Treasures Sale	9:00 am Room 3
March 24	Lenten Study	12:00 Fellowship
March 28	Palm Sunday	
March 31	Lenten Study	12:00 Fellowship

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