



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
April Newsletter

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NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
April 1, 2023

Pastor's Note

Our Lenten Journey ends this week as we move through Holy Week and on to the joy of Easter. I hope Lent this year has been meaningful for you and I also pray the joy of Easter will bring a deep and abiding sense of peace in your life as we celebrate once again "Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!"

Easter Flowers for outside cross - please remember to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday to use in decorating the cross in front of the church.

Looking ahead for April:

Sunday, April 2 - Easter Offering for Disciple Mission Fund

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service - 6pm

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Service - 11am

Easter Offering for Disciple Mission Fund is Sunday, April 2nd. The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church. General Ministries serve across the United States and Canada, and around the world. General Ministries also partner in ministry with a variety of far-reaching and unique organizations.

Looking for additional ways to serve?

1. **The DWF** sponsored monthly Trash to Treasure sale is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are appreciated to help staff the sale and/or to help keep Room 3 clean and ready with new donations. Please check with Ida or Judee on ways you are able to help out. The monthly sale proceeds go directly to support various local charities whose missions we support.
2. **ACTS** relies on volunteers to help them bring their mission to action. A current listing of volunteer needs can be found on their website www.actsofaiken.org by clicking the “Volunteer” link or call 803-649-3800.
3. **Walking Tall Ministries** serves the homeless population in the Gloverville area. They rely on volunteers to prepare food and lunch packs as well as other tasks. Their number is 803-226-6579 and their website is www.walkingtallministries.unaux.com.
4. **Walking Tall** supplies about 280 sandwiches a week through their meal distribution program. These sandwiches are provided by volunteers. We would like to host a “sandwich making party” at the church for anyone who would like a good time making sandwiches. At this point we are soliciting interest - if you’d like to participate, please let Irene or June know. Once we have determined level of interest, we can schedule the date and organize the experience.

DWF News

April 15 - Trash to Treasure

UPDATES

DISCIPLE MISSION FUND OFFERINGS

To date our Congregation has collected \$1,202.00 for the Week of Compassion Offering. This is a TREMENDOUS display of the love that First Christian Church has toward helping others in their time of need. Thank you to all who participated for your generosity and support!

Creation of New Church Directory

We have begun the new Church Directory!

We will be setting up appointments for you to come to the Church to have your picture taken, or if you have a favorite photo of yourself, it can be submitted and a picture of the picture can be used for the new directory.

It will also be necessary to confirm your information, such as name, address, phone numbers, birthday and anniversary dates in order to have current and correct information for use in the new directory.

We hope everyone will be available to help with this as it is an important tool that we use to stay in touch with each other.

Choir Practice Returns

You are invited to join the choir! If interested, please join Isaac and other singers for rehearsal Sunday after church in the Sanctuary.

Missions Opportunity

To make it easier to donate to **ACTS** and **Walking Tall Ministries**, we will be placing a basket for each ministry in the Sanctuary. These baskets will also be gentle reminders of our on-going commitment and connection to these two local ministries.

ACTs donation for April: Canned beans

Walking Tall donation for April: Umbrellas, men's white socks and 39 gallon trash bags (ongoing need)



Happy Birthday to:

Laura Kraft - April 8

Elaine Johnston Hargis - April 14

Caroline Hale - April 29

Prepare now - Coming in July 2023

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

General Assembly 2023: Save the Date Social Media Copy

Edited: May 25, 2022 Theme: Kindom of God: Within Us, Among Us Scripture(s): Genesis 11:1-9; Luke 17:20-21; Peter 1:3

Campaign Summary

The theme for the General Assembly of the Christian Church for July 2023 is based on Luke 17:20-21, Genesis 11:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:3. The focus of the theme is “Kindom of God within us, among us.” This theme is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship to God in both individual and communal ways through an expansive in person and digital gathering of the church in Louisville.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family of Frank Boule, Kelly Jones, Paul Wilson, Laura Kraft, Christian Boening, Caroline Hale, Chuck Johnston, Elaine Johnston, Julia Dyer, Tyler DeLosantos (Lynn’s grandson), those impacted by gun violence, for the Ukraine, those experiencing effects of tornadoes, winter storms and other natural disasters.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: *Bryan Malone, Paul & Pam Owen, Susan Poster Ullmann, Pastor Irene, Millie Clarke, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Linda Cheadle, Tom and Connie Moomjy, Wanda & Jerry Doleshall, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Eliza Husser Cave, Dr. Walter Allen, Elsie Smith, Connie Santee, Austin and Sharon Moede, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar our Regional Church, those in public service, military service and for our Country.*

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