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March 17 – 5:30pm Bible Study
on Zoom

March 21 - In-person worship
at **9:30am** in sanctuary
11am -Adult Sunday School
Via Zoom

March 24 - 5:30pm Bible Study on
Zoom

March 28 – Palm Sunday
In-person worship
at **9:30am** in sanctuary
11am -Adult Sunday School
Via Zoom

March 29-April 2 – Holy Week
Community Services at
Noon at Trinity Lutheran
Church at **noon** each day.

April 1 – Maundy Thursday
7pm In-person Worship



... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his
caregivers and medical staff.
...for **Christina Griswold**, undergoing
chemotherapy.
... for **Jim Eager**, for health and well-
being. Receiving treatments for a form of
blood cancer.
...for **Ginny Murphy and Rosemary
Humphrey**, for health and well-being.
... for the family of **Kathy Neave**.
Kathy crossed over into her heavenly
home on March 6.
... for the family of **Toni Horton**. Toni
is now in her heavenly home, having
passed away on March 13. Visitation is
Tuesday, **March 16 from 5pm -7pm** at
HPW and the service will be at HPW at
1pm on March 17. You may watch the
service live-stream at the HPW site.
... for **Carbon Brown** who broke two
bones in his left arm.
... for **Rosemary Humphrey's** daughter
Tina, who is recovering from a recent
stroke.



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HOLY VESSELS *Broken into Beauty* March 21, 2021

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch
“Holy Vessels: Treasured”
Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday
Message by Pastor Greg Fitch
“Holy Vessels: Cleansed”

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

Worship will be in-person at 9:30am and on Facebook Live at 9:30am and later on
Sunday morning on our webpage and YouTube.

March 28 and April 4, 2021

*Easter
Offering*
a special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund



EASTER OFFERING 2021

*A Special Day Offering of the Disciples Mission Fund –
Supporting the General Ministries of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

Your gift supports college students in leadership
development programs, global mission partners,
health and social service ministries, the formation
of new congregations, and so much more!
Offering envelopes available in the sanctuary.

BUSY BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box remains extremely busy! Items placed in the box do not remain there long. There is great need in our neighborhood and community. Praise God that not only have you as a congregation, but also many members of the community remain faithful supporters of this ministry. Thank you and God bless you for supplying the much needed items. Our actual box has endured the rough winter. It is still a sturdy, safe structure for the many donated items. Thank you to Steve Spicher for sharing his carpentry skills and for the team that helped put the box in place. It continues to serve us well.



Our current needs:

Toothpaste	Body Wash
Deodorant	Warm Socks
Toilet Paper	Disposable Razors
Sanitary Products	Dish Soap
Shampoo	Laundry Detergent
Bath Soap	Non-perishable food

Items can be placed in the barrel near the Pastor M.J's office. Contact Pastor MJ or Steph Line to arrange a drop-off or pick-up as needed.

Take what you need. Bring what you can. Be blessed.



Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you for your cards, generosity and kind words with the passing of m mother, Marilyn Swegle. Alzheimer’s is a disease that allows loved ones to mourn long before they go on to be

with Jesus. She is missed but her favorite statement was “Be kinder than you need to be” and I will try, with the help of Jesus, to continue that in her honor.

~Candi Moulton and family



Dear church family,
Some of you may have been wondering how the church offerings and finances have been holding up since we went so long without meeting in person. Well, here is an update. In the fiscal year 2019-2020,

we had budgeted an average monthly offering to the general fund from envelopes and plate offerings of \$14,469/month. We did not do a stewardship campaign and new budget last spring because of going to remote worship, but just continued operating under the old budget.

At the beginning of the pandemic and remote worship, we didn’t do too bad: General fund offering from envelopes and plate offerings averaged \$13,956/month from January 2020 to June 2020 and was never less than \$12,000 in any of those months. However, for the period from July 2020 through February 2021, the general fund income from envelopes and plate offerings has averaged only \$9890/month and February’s total was only \$6812. During this same period, our average personnel expense, alone, continued to be \$10,843/month. Last summer, we had the blessing of a Federal PPP loan/grant, which was used to make up the shortfall. But now, that reserve is exhausted. The church does have some other income sources: interest from the Mildred Miller Trust is used to pay some property expenses (utilities, property insurance, etc.); there is some interest from smaller funds, and occasional gifts that are often designated for special purposes. However, it is very concerning that our regular general fund offering has been less than our payroll for the past few months.

If any of you had pledged to support First Christian Church in the previous year or had been giving regularly; but have forgotten or neglected this support because you have not been attending in person, please remember: The church exists because of the regular tithes and offerings – gift of love and thankfulness to God – and you are the one who give it to make it all happen! I know that many have been faithful in continuing their regular support, and for that, we thank you!

Chris Mowrer, Vice Moderator of Church Board

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