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#### Anniversaries:

5 – David & Leslie Wilt  
16 – John & Janet Foster  
19 – Nathan & LeAnn Unger

#### Birthdays:

2 – Linda Mowrer  
7 – Alanna Nalley, Matthew &  
Nathan Unger, Pam Whittom  
9 – Bonnie Glass, Denny Napier  
11 – Chuck Boydston  
19 – Tami Eager  
23 – Marla Wood  
27 – Leslie Wilt



... for **Karen Bjorkman** whose brother, Charles (Chuck) Burdette passed away on February 19. Funeral services are pending.

... for **Donna Welty**, grieving her husband **Dick**, who went to be with the Lord on February 9. A private family service was held on February 15. Dick was a long-time member of our church and a Trustee Emeritus.

... for **Mary Gehring** and **Mary Davis**, cancer treatments.



#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS – MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>

During Coffee Fellowship on **March 3**, we will celebrate March birthdays. If you have a birthday in March, you are invited to bring treats to share.



# Crusader

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**Feb 25, 2024**

**Message by Pastors Greg and Martha-Jean Fitch**

*“Convicted: Treason”*

*Scripture: Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50*

*Matthew 27:3-8*

**March 3, 2024**

**Message by Pastors Greg and Martha-Jean Fitch**

*“Convicted: Perjury”*

*Scripture: Matthew 26:69-75*

*Worship will be in-person and on Facebook Live at 10am*

### EASTER TULIPS

**Order by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**



The tulips are **\$10 each** and order forms will be in the bulletins. You can also call the office at 309-343-9960 and give Lorraine your order over the phone. Payment is needed at time of ordering and orders must be received **no later than Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** No late orders can be taken. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church and indicate on your check that it is for Easter tulips.

Please remember to take your tulip home with you after the Easter services as no deliveries are available!



**WEEK OF COMPASSION  
OFFERING  
February 25  
*GIFTS TO LIVE ON***

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), **Week of Compassion** works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

100% of your offering to Week of Compassion helps bring relief and recovery for ministries such as these:

- Domestic Disaster Response & Preparedness: devastating tornadoes in Kentucky, repeated hurricanes in Florida, and catastrophic wildfires in Hawaii
- International Disaster Response: earthquakes in Morocco, drought in the Horn of Africa, flooding in Libya, as well as ongoing war in Ukraine and the Middle East
- Immigrant & Refugee Response: needs of refugees, evacuees, asylum seekers, and immigrants
- Sustainable Development: girls' education in Afghanistan

You can give your gift at [weekofcompassion.org](http://weekofcompassion.org) OR bring your offering to worship, where an offering envelope will be available; or mail your offering to the church.

**2024 WOMEN'S LENTEN SERIES**

*Words that Last Forever*

**Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am in Large Hall**

**Feb 21** – “*Today in Paradise*”

Speaker: Pastor Linda Mowrer

**Feb 28** – “*Why Forsaken?*”

Speaker – Rhonda McCracken

**March 6** – “*Behold Your Son*”

Speaker: Pastor Dorothy Lam

**March 13** – “*I Am Thirsty*”

Speaker: Rev. Deb Epley

**March 20** – “*It is Finished*” Speaker: Rev. Carrie Carnes

All women are invited to attend this inspirational series.



**HEARTSEEKERS WEEKEND  
March 22-23 at Bethel Baptist Church  
Pam Tebow - Speaker**

Pam Tebow will be this year's speaker at the Heartseekers Weekend on **March 22-23** at Bethel Baptist Church. Early bird registration of \$55 through March 12. Retreat and registration information are available at Brighter Life Bookshoppe, 72 N. Seminary St., Galesburg;

phone: (309) 344-3987; email: [heartseekers.inc@gmail.com](mailto:heartseekers.inc@gmail.com). We also have registration brochures in the office.

**WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE**

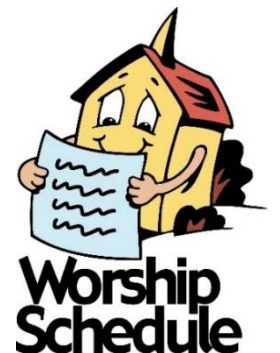
**Feb 25** – Diaconate Serving: Larry Thurman and Don Mundy

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Neill Unger

Prayers: Donna Flicek

Greeters: Larry Thurman and Don Mundy at North St.; Kim Barton at Broad St.; Aaron Barton at canopy door



**March 3** – Diaconate Serving: Brenda Fell and Marnie Herring

Lead in Communion: Pastor


Offering Message: Tracy Jackson

Prayers: Carolyn Spratt

Greeters: Brenda Fell and Marnie Herring at North St.; Larry Thurman at Broad St.; Don Mundy at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Steve and Tracy Jackson

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>8:40am</b> – Coffee House Theology Sunday School conference room <b>9:30am</b> – Coffee Fellowship – Celebrate March birthdays <b>10am</b> – Worship <b>11:30am</b> – Disciples Sun. School	<b>4</b> <b>5pm</b> – Narcotics Anonymous  <i>Newsletter week</i>	<b>5</b> <b>1:30pm</b> – Caring Ministers	<b>6</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Women’s Lenten Series <b>5:30pm</b> – Bible Study <b>5:30pm</b> – Youth Group <b>7:30</b> Choir practice	<b>7</b> <b>8am</b> – Staff meeting <b>9:30am</b> – Bible Study  <b>6:30pm</b> – Worship committee	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>8:40am</b> – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in conference room <b>9:30am</b> – Coffee Fellowship <b>10am</b> —Worship <b>11:30am</b> – Disciples Sun. School	<b>11</b> <b>5pm</b> – Narcotics Anonymous <b>6pm</b> – Council meeting <b>7pm</b> – Elders meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Women’s Lenten Series <b>3pm</b> – Hawthorne Worship <b>5:30pm</b> – Bible Study <b>5:30pm</b> – Youth Group <b>7:30pm</b> – Choir practice	<b>14</b> <b>8am</b> – Staff meeting <b>9:30am</b> – Bible Study  <b>2pm</b> – Knox County Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:40am</b> – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in conference room <b>9:30am</b> – Coffee Fellowship <b>10am</b> —Worship <b>11:30am</b> – “Spuds” potato bar	<b>18</b> <b>5pm</b> – Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:30pm</b> – Trustees  <i>Newsletter week</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Women’s Lenten Series <b>5:3pm</b> – Bible Study <b>5:30pm</b> – Youth Group <b>7:30pm</b> – Choir practice	<b>21</b> <b>8am</b> – Staff meeting <b>9:30am</b> – Bible Study <b>5:30pm</b> – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies’ Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	<b>22</b> <b>6:30pm</b> – Heartseekers Retreat at Bethel Baptist Church	<b>23</b> Heartseekers Retreat at Bethel Baptist Church – morning session begins at 9:30am; afternoon at 1pm
<b>24 PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>8:40am</b> – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in conference room <b>9:30am</b> – Coffee Fellowship <b>10am</b> – Worship – Special Easter Offering <b>11:30am</b> – Disciples Sun. School	<b>25</b> <b>5pm</b> – Narcotics Anonymous	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:30pm</b> – Youth Group <b>7:30pm</b> – Choir practice	<b>28</b> <b>9am</b> – Staff meeting  <b>7pm</b> - Maundy Thursday Service	<b>29</b> <b>7pm</b> – Good Friday Service  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 EASTER</b> <b>9am</b> – Easter Brunch <b>10am</b> —Worship Special Easter Offering <b>No Sunday School</b>					<i>Note: Worship services  are in-person as well as  Facebook Live</i>	<i>Note: Disciples Sunday  School and Wednesday  Bible Study are both on  Zoom and in person.</i>



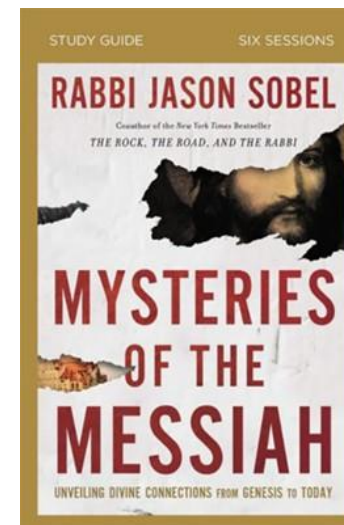


## TAKE SOMETHING ON FOR LENT!!

The season of Lent has, throughout history, been a time of reflection and devotion. Many decide to “give up” something for Lent as a way to sharpen their faith. Another discipline is to take “on” something as a special gift to God for Lent.

Jesus “took on” human flesh to live on earth for us and show us the way to God. He “took on” our sins to save us through his death on the cross. Why not “take on” some of the following ideas this Lent:

1. Take on 15 minutes a day for prayer and reading your Bible.
2. Take on eating healthy. Give up “eating out” for 40 days and donate the money you save to the church for the Easter Offering.
3. Take on tithing! God says in Malachi 3:10 to test Him to see how He will bless you when you tithe – give 10 percent of your income to the Lord. Tithe for 6 weeks and see the blessing!
4. Take on exercising – take care of your body so you can be in shape so you can better serve God.
5. Take on gratitude. Write a note of appreciation to people who have helped you on your journey of faith. Make time each day to write down what you are grateful for.
6. Witness to one person each week about who Christ is to you and invite them to consider Christ in his/her life. Bring them to church with you.
7. In addition to Facebook or e-mail, take up a pen and piece of paper and a stamp, and write a note to a teacher, a friend, a loved one, someone sick, or someone lonely.
8. Make a deal with God (covenant) to not miss a Sunday before Easter.
9. Do a 40 day purge of all your excess stuff and donate the best of it to the Rescue Mission, Purple Hanger, Goodwill or Salvation Army to benefit our neighbors in need.



## DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO BEGIN NEW STUDY

Beginning **March 3**, the Disciples Sunday School Class will be studying “*Mysteries of the Messiah*” by Rabbi Jason Sobel. In this study, Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel helps you understand how the Bible fits together as a *whole* to offer one complete picture of Jesus. In six sessions, you’ll discover what the Old and New Testaments reveal about who God is, how he relates to us, and what he is doing today in the world.

Disciples Sunday School meets at 11:30am Sunday mornings. All are invited to join! Books are \$10 ... if interested in securing one – let Pastor MJ know.

## BLANKET+ SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who donated to Blanket Sunday. The total for your giving was **\$275** which will buy 27.5 blankets. Isn’t that awesome (as kids would say)! This money will be forwarded to Church World Service to aid in its work throughout the world. Our prayer is that by supporting CWS Blanket Sunday program will bring hope to people who need a reminder that someone cares about them.

Thanks again to everyone, you are very much appreciated.. – *Disciples Women*



*Dear Christian Friends,*

*Thank you so much for your prayers of support and healing. Your cards, calls and meals were a blessing to me.*

*What a wonderful family to be part of. – Martha Gilson*