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February 17 – Ash Wednesday

Worship service – recorded
and available by **6pm** on
Facebook, our webpage, and
YouTube

No Bible Study this evening

February 21 – In-Person Worship

at **9:30am** in sanctuary

11am – Adult Sunday

School via Zoom

February 24 – 5:30pm Bible

Study via Zoom

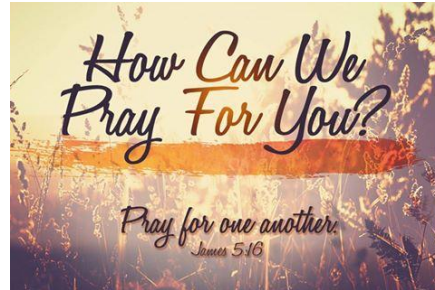
February 28 – In-person worship

at **9:30am** in sanctuary

11am -Adult Sunday School

Via Zoom

March 1 – 6:30pm Elders on Zoom



... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his
caregivers and medical staff.

...for **Christina Griswold**, undergoing
chemotherapy.

... for **Kathy Neave** on Hospice.

... for **Jim Eager**, for health and well-
being. Starting treatments for a form of
blood cancer.

...for **Carolyn Spratt and Rosemary
Humphrey**, for health and well-being.
...for Candi Moulton, as she grieves the
death of her beloved mother **Marilyn
Swegle**. A celebration of life will be
held in the summer.

... for **John and Tom Sandberg**, in the
death of their mother and long-time
member, **Margaret Ann Sandberg**.
There will be no services held at this
time.

... for **Chris Mowrer**, who had COVID
and now has pneumonia and a small
blood clot in his lung.



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HOLY VESSELS Broken into Beauty

February 21, 2021

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch
“*Holy Vessels: Through the Waters*”
Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

February 28, 2021

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“*Holy Vessels: Safekeeping*”
Scripture: Matthew 8:5-13

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

Lent begins on **February 17** with Ash Wednesday.
Lent is the 40 day (not counting Sundays) season of
preparation prior to Easter. Our Ash Wednesday service
will be recorded and available for you to watch by **6pm** on
Facebook and the webpage. *In preparation for the
service, you will want to gather a candle, some bread and
juice, a small bowl of dirt or sand (if possible) and a little
cup of water....items that will be used in the service.*





BUCKETS OF LOVE

Each \$10 donated to our **February 20th** event will fill a bucket with household products! We will show love to our neighbors by hosting a non-contact drive-up event the morning of **2/20 at 10am**. Through your monetary contributions we will supply cleaning supplies in a bucket. These items cannot be purchased with a LINK card and are often requested by

folks who visit our Blessing Box. Sponsor as many buckets as your heart desires. Send your check to the church office at 301 N. Broad Street marked “Buckets of Love”.

We are also looking for folks to supply Valentines, notes, or drawings to add to each bucket. This is a great way to get all ages involved.

Can you spare an hour or two the morning of the 20th? Contact Steph Line to volunteer!



WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING February 21 & 28

Let Love Flow!

*“Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun,
shelter from the wind, For the Compassionate One
guides them, takes them to the best springs.”*

— Isaiah 49:10

When you give to Week of Compassion, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world. Through sustainable development projects, our partners help provide life-giving water and other critical resources that help communities reinvent and reimagine what is possible. When water comes to a village, people are safer, healthier, and more free to pursue learning and growth opportunities. **Let Love Flow**, and share more than just water!

You can give your gift at weekofcompassion.org OR bring your offering to worship, where an offering envelope will be available; or mail your offering in to the church, along with your tithe.



I am really getting excited! Sunday’s forecast for February 21, is at least 37 degrees warmer than it is today!! Well, yes, there *is* snow predicted! BUT the weather forecast says “Not as cold”! Hallelujah!

But the other reason that I am excited about Sunday is that the forecast at First Christian Church is: no more cold and empty pews BUT a warm sanctuary, filled with brothers and sisters in our church family worshipping together! I cannot begin to tell you how much I am looking forward to seeing your face and hearing your voice, especially as we sing together and pray together!

Now I realize we won’t have the whole family there yet – many will choose to stay home, waiting for conditions to be better in the pandemic or until they get vaccinated. Some of you have physical conditions that will prohibit you coming; and by all means, if you are feeling ill, you *must* stay home. But I am hoping to see many of you who are able to come! (And watch worship on Facebook Live or the webpage if you can’t come!)

It will be different, for sure. We will be sitting 6 feet apart – in masks. We won’t have our time of “coffee hour fellowship” and we won’t be able to linger and socialize – we’ll need to come in and out fairly quickly. But we can greet one another and hear each other’s voices – and most importantly – pray and worship together.

As we anticipate beginning our Lenten season together, there are any things I believe we need to do as a church family:

- 1) **PRAY!** We are in great need of praying for our church – that we can be reunited and restored and focused on our mission of growing faithful and Christ centered disciples of Christ! And pray for an end to the pandemic!
- 2) **BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT!** We will not be going back to “normal” – but will be doing things differently. We need to be patient with each other with the changing times and flexible as we determine how best to worship together safely. We will be having only one worship service for awhile which will be “blended” in sense of style of music. Listen for the message of music, that gives glory to God – and be patient and willing to find inspiration with music that may not be like you are used to having in “your service”. Listen for God and give Him the glory!
- 3) **CHECK ON EACH OTHER!** We have been apart from each other for several months! We need to check on each other and find out how they are doing – and encourage them to return to church, when they are able. Pray for one another!
- 4) **INVITE!** People are looking for what can bring hope and light in the midst of these uncertain times. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you in worship! Share with them the good news of our Savior, who walks with us and gives us hope and peace!

So glad to be your pastor – and so looking forward to seeing you soon! **Pastor MJ**




Anniversaries

5 David & Leslie Wilt
26 Walter & Karen Bjorkman

Birthdays

1 Cameron Line
2 Linda Mowrer
7 Alanna Nalley, Mattew & Nathan Unger,
Pam Whittom
9 Shannon Edwards, Bonnie Glass, Denny
Napier
11 Chuck Boydston
19 Tami Eager, Divinity Galvin
23 Judy Krueger, Marla Wood
24 Carstin Fuller
27 Leslie Wilt
28 Kathy Neave

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:30 Caring Ministry	3 5:30 Bible Study On zoom	4	5	6
7 Worship 9:30 In-person Adult Sunday School zoom 11:00	8 6:30 Elders	9 6:30 Council of Ministries	10 5:30 Bible Study On zoom	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:30 In-person Adult Sunday School zoom 11:00	15 7:00 Trustees	16	17  5:30 Bible Study On zoom	18	19	20
21 Worship 9:30 In-person Adult Sunday School zoom 11:00	22	23	24 5:30 Bible Study On zoom	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30 In-person Adult Sunday School zoom 11:00	29	30 5:30 Bible Study On zoom	31 5:30 Bible Study On zoom			