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10 – Wanda Andrews, Bill
Jewsbury
16 – Mack Glass
21 – Hope Nelson
25 – Erik Galvin
28 – Dave Nalley
29 – Brady Warner, Randy Schauer

... for **Mary Gehring** as she continues
cancer treatment.

... for **Shannon Edwards** and her
children.

... for **Pastor MJ** who is having surgery
on her hand, removing a cyst, on March
23.

... peace from violence in our country.

... for New City Church, Mbandaka,
Congo.

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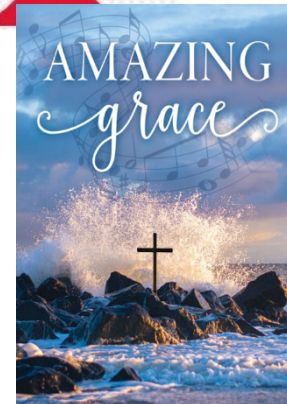
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March 26, 2023

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“Amazing Grace: The Worst of the Worst”

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

April 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

“Amazing Grace: Back from Denial”

Scripture: John 21:15

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



EASTER TULIPS

Order by Sunday, April 2nd

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 Sunday, April 2nd**. No later 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!

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY ~ April 2nd

Celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection.
Easter Special Offering received
8:45am Coffee House Theology Sunday School
Worship at 10am
11:30am Disciples Sunday School



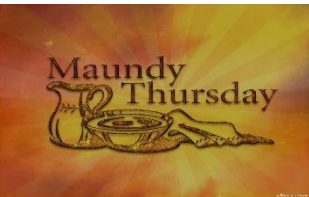
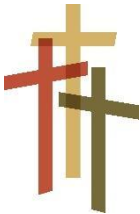
COMMUNITY NOONDAY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

AT TRINITY LUTHERAN ~ Kellogg & Ferris Streets

Monday, April 3rd – Good Friday, April 7th

Preludes daily at **11:45am** ~ Services daily at **12:05pm**

On Good Friday: Pastor MJ brings the meditation during the 2nd word (12:30pm) and the choir will sing during the 3rd word.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 6th at 6pm in the large fellowship hall

This is the day commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples and the initiation of communion. We will gather around tables for a simple soup meal together

and then remember the events of that night Jesus had His last supper with His disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 7th at 7pm in the sanctuary

Our Tenebrae Service of darkness will remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.

HEARTSEEKERS WEEKEND
March 24-25 at Bethel Baptist Church
Karen Abercrombie - Speaker
\$75 for the whole weekend
\$35 Friday only
\$50 Saturday only

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

March 26 – Diaconate Serving: Aaron and Kim Barton

Lead in Communion: Pastor

Offering Message: Misty Stecher

Prayers: Carolyn Spratt

Greeters: Aaron Barton and Kim Barton at North St.; Karen Bjorkman at Broad St.; Brandy Hossain at canopy door

April 2 – Diaconate Serving: Chris Wood and Marla Wood

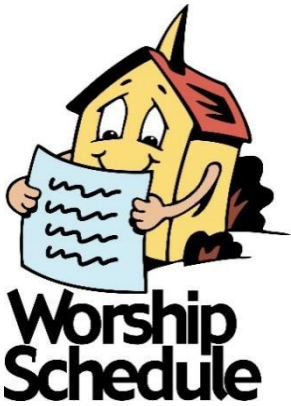
Lead in Communion: Donna Flicek

Offering Message: Tina Burns

Prayers: Pastor

Greeters: Chris Wood and Marla Wood at North St.; David Wilt at Broad St.; Leslie Wilt at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Neill Unger and Renee Galvin



available at the door. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, and a \$15 family maximum. Proceeds will be used to support much-needed pro-life efforts in our area.

Knox County Right to Life
Pancake, Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale
On **April 2**, Knox County Right to Life will be hosting its annual Pancake, Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1556 E. Fremont St. Serving time will be from **8am until 1pm**. Tickets will be available at the door. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, and a \$15 family maximum. Proceeds will be used to support much-needed pro-life efforts in our area.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes
	<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>	
2 PALM SUNDAY 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship – Celebrate April birthdays 10am – Worship 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School	3 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter week	4 1:30pm – Caring Ministers 4:30pm – Yoga (parlor)	5 9:30am and 5:30 Bible Study No Youth group 7:30pm – Choir
9 EASTER 9am – Easter Brunch 10am—Worship Special Easter Offering No Sunday School	10 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous	11 4:30pm – Yoga (parlor)	12 5:30pm – Youth group No choir
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EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

APRIL 2 & 9

We Are Witnesses – Acts 10:39

On Easter, we rejoice in the good news that God's love is more powerful even than death itself. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples witness to that good news. General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) witness to God's love through – relationships with global mission partners, health and social service ministries, mental health resources for pastors and congregations, leadership development programs, stewardship education, new congregations worshipping in a variety of languages and worship styles, support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world, and so much more.

We are witnesses to the power of God's love, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. For more information, visit disciplesmissionfund.org. Offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on **April 2 and 9**.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Youth group meeting dates for the remainder of the school year are: March 22, March 29, April 12 and April 19 (final).

There will be no youth group on **April 5th** for Spring Break. We'll see all of you again on **April 12th** from 5:30-7pm.



Pastors Greg and Martha-Jean will be on vacation **April 10 to April 17**. On **April 16**, Chris Mowrer will bring the message. If you have a pastoral need during the week, please call the church office or your shepherding elder.



EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 9th
The glorious celebration – He has risen!!!
Worship at 10am
Easter Brunch at 9am – no Sunday School
Please bring a brunch dish or two to share.
Table service & drinks provided.

WOMEN'S LENTEN SERIES

Were You There? A Lenten Reflection

With Traditional African American Spirituals

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am in Large Hall

March 22 – “Do Lord, Remember Me” Speaker: Lisa Cato-Crider

March 29 – “Were You There?” Speaker: Semanya McCord



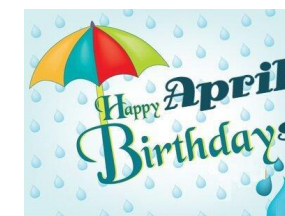
BOOK CLUB – APRIL 1st

Our Book Club will be discussing “*A Farewell to Arms*” by Ernest Hemingway on **April 1** at Hardee's. Please note this updated time of **11am (not 11:30am)**. Hardee's menu items are available for purchase. See you then ... **REMEMBER 11AM!**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS – APRIL 2nd

During Coffee Fellowship on **April 2**, we will celebrate April birthdays. If you have a birthday in April, you are invited to bring treats to share.



Thanks to all who came to our “Spud Dinner” Baked Potato Bar and for all the good help. We were able to contribute \$276 to the Disciples Mission Fund. – Jan Luallen