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Thursday, March 7th

8:00 Staff meeting
9:30 Bible Study
2:00 Worship at Knox County Nursing Home
7:00 Worship committee

Sunday, March 10th

8:40 Coffee House Theology Sunday School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Disciples Sunday School

Monday, March 11th

6:00 Council
7:00 Elders

Wednesday, March 13th

9:30 Women's Lenten Series
3:00 Worship at Hawthorne Inn
5:30 Youth Group
5:30 Bible Study
7:30 Choir Practice

Thursday, March 14th

8:00 Staff meeting
9:30 Bible Study

Sunday, March 17th

8:40 Coffee House Theology Sunday School
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:30 Baked Potato Bar



... for **Roy Ewalt**, anticipating a heart valve procedure on March 12.
... for **Dixie Davis-Sharp**, who is now on Hospice care.
... for **Mary Gehring, Jimmy Ellis, Pam Whittom, Mary Davis, and Kim Barton's father, Eddie**, in their cancer treatments.



EASTER TULIPS

Order by Friday, March 8th

The tulips are **\$10 each**. Payment is needed at time of ordering and order forms must be received in the office **no later than Friday, March 8th**. 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!



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Message by Pastors Greg & Martha-Jean Fitch

March 10, 2024

"Convicted: Obstruction of Justice"

Scripture: John 18:28-38

March 17, 2024

Message by Pastors Greg and Martha-Jean Fitch

"Convicted: Rebellion"

Scripture: Matthew 27:15-26

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

"SPUD DINNER" ~ BAKED POTATO BAR

MARCH 17, 2024 ~ 11:30am in Large Hall

You are invited to the annual St. Patrick's "Spud Dinner" Baked Potato Bar, **Sunday March 17th, at 11:30am** in our very own Emerald Isle – otherwise known as Large Fellowship Hall. The menu will be regular and sweet potatoes with lotsa toppins' along with dessert and drink. A free will offering will be taken.

Make your reservations now by calling the church office **by Monday, March 11th**. We guarantee you'll have a jolly good time with all your "Irish" friends!





2024 WOMEN'S LENTEN SERIES

Words that Last Forever

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am in Large Hall

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. Each session will also be streamed on Facebook Live if you are unable to attend.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT MARCH 21

Ladies' Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, March 21** at Jimmy's Pizza. All ladies from the church are invited to attend. Come join the fun!



MEN'S NIGHT OUT MARCH 21

Men's Night Out will be at **5:30pm Thursday, March 21** at Pizza Ranch. All men of the church are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Everybody pays their own way.

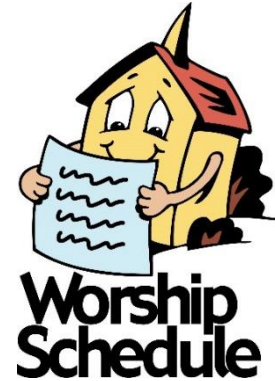


HEARTSEEKERS WEEKEND

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. We also have registration brochures in the office.



WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

March 10 – Diaconate Serving: David and Leslie Wilt

Lead in Communion: Steve Jackson

Offering Message: Leslie Wilt

Prayers: Pastor

Greeters: David and Leslie Wilt at North St.; Brenda Fell at Broad St.; Marnie Herring at canopy door

March 17 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes

Lead in Communion: Tracy Jackson

Offering Message: Pastor

Prayers: Cindy Andrews

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Sharon Carnes at North St.; David Wilt at Broad St.; Leslie Wilt at canopy door

Elders Serving Out: Chris Mowrer and Misty Stecher

CCIW DISCIPLES WOMEN

SPRING GATHERING

APRIL 13, 2024

CCIW Disciples Women Spring Gathering: *Ties that Bind*, will be on **April 13** at Peoria First Christian Church, 6440 N. University St., Peoria. The registration fee is \$60 per person and due by **March 22nd** and can be done at cciwdisciples.org/events. Cost of the event includes batting, thread, and backing materials for the quilts as well as continental breakfast, a soup and salad lunch and other event expenses.

The theme, “*Ties that Bind*,” will consider quilting as a metaphor for the spiritual life. The morning session will be a history of quilting and how the act of quilting helps build community and the afternoon session will be a joint effort to cut, piece, and sew quilts that will be donated to the Linus Project in Central Illinois. No experience with sewing or quilting is necessary as individuals of all skill levels can participate. Each registrant is asked to bring one yard of cotton or cotton flannel fabric with a children's theme in green, yellow, or purple.





PALM SUNDAY ~ March 24th

Celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection.

Easter Special Offering received

8:40am Coffee House Theology Sunday School

Worship at 10am

11:30am Disciples Sunday School

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 28th at 7pm in the sanctuary

This is the day commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples and the initiation of communion. We will gather around tables, much as the disciples did in the upper room and partake of communion together.



MAUNDY THURSDAY



Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

March 29th at 7pm in the sanctuary

At our Tenebrae Service, "Facing the Shadows" we will hear from those who were near the cross that day that Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. It will be a time of communion, Scripture and song.

COMMUNITY NOON DAY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

AT TRINITY LUTHERAN ~ Kellogg & Ferris Streets

Monday, March 25th – Good Friday, March 29th

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

A community choir which includes several of our FCC choir members will perform during the 1st word at 12:05pm and Steve Jackson will perform during the 3rd word at 12:55pm on Good Friday, March 29th



EASTER SUNDAY ~ MARCH 31ST

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.

EASTER OFFERING

On Easter, we celebrate the power of the resurrection together with the whole body of Christ as one united church in multiple places with many gifts and languages. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) share the good news from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth 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.

For more information, visit disciplesmissionfund.org. Offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on **March 24 and 31**.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 10th**