

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

SUNDAY SERVICE
March 11, 2018

Sermon
“All About the Love”

Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: John 3: 14-21

Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: Feb. 22: 7 March 1: 7

Sunday Worship: Feb. 25: 87 March 4: 94

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2017-2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2017-18 First Christian Church Directory is printed and ready for pick up. Booklets are assembled in alphabetical order on the table by the 8th Street entry. If you cannot find yours or if you have need of an extra copy, please see Debbie in the church office. This project was a work of collaboration, coordination and cooperation within the church family. Stacey, Debbie, Jim & Jackie, the Membership Committee, the congregation ... all contributed to the final result. Thank you, everyone, for the amazing teamwork.

Marilyn Hocking, Membership



EASTER CANDY

Easter Candy is needed to fill Easter eggs. We need small wrapped candy which will fit in plastic eggs. Please drop it by the church office by Wednesday, March 28 to allow us time to fill the eggs.

TIME TO ORDER LILIES

Enclosed in this issue is an order form to donate lilies for Easter. The price is \$10.00 per lily and orders need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, March 18th.



COMMUNITY SEDER MEAL

Find out what it was like at Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. On Wednesday, March 28, during Holy Week there will be a community Seder meal from 6-8pm. This is sponsored by the Wabash County Ministerial alliance and will be held at the Heartland Worship Center Beacon bldg. Cost is \$10 for adult, \$5 for 18 and younger, no more than \$30 for a family. Reservations must be made by Tues., March 20 by calling the church office (rides are available).

ELDERS MEETING

The next Elders meeting is Sunday, March 11 at 10:35 in the chapel. We will discuss our prayer partners and the role of Elders in the church.

MEALS NEEDED

Anyone able to prepare a meal or send food to the FCC Youth Program on Wednesdays during the school year please contact Lesley Hipsher. Items may be purchased and charged at the local grocery store or donated. More details and questions can be answered at (618) 263-8101.

SAFE HAVEN DONATIONS NEEDED

Our local women's shelter is in need of trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels and laundry detergent. Donations may be taken to Safe Haven or brought to the church. Safe Haven also needs volunteers and is looking for a new board member.

COUNTERS NEEDED

You still have an opportunity to sign-up to count. The months available are: July, October and November. If you haven't been a counter and would like to learn more, contact Janice Alka 262-3852 or ask Debbie in the church office.

SANCTUARY STRAIGHTENERS NEEDED

Thank you to the CCF for straightening the sanctuary for the month of March. Other months are open and volunteers are needed to help keep our pews looking nice for worship.

BARBIE'S BOUTIQUE HELPERS NEEDED

Saturday April 14th 9 AM - Noon

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"Faith through stewardship asks: "How much?"
- never, "How little?"



CAUGHT DOING GOOD.....
Melvin Hocking sealing cracks in the church sidewalks.

SERVING IN MARCH



Deacons: Verlin Snow, Trish Snow, Lizzie Irelan, Lillian Foshee, Darla Brooke, Duane Lewis
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Esther Calverley & Doris Deputy
Sanctuary Straightener: CCF
Elder on Call: Janice Alka
Acolytes: Talon Rafferty & Shelby Mayhue

OFFERING - Feb. 25, 2018

General	\$2,630.00
Sunday School	11.00
Fellowship Time	35.61
Week of Compassion	124.00
Website	100.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$2,908.61

OFFERING - March 4, 2018

General	\$3,478.00
Sunday School	22.00
Blessing Basket	3.00
Fellowship	39.00
Memorial Fund	75.00
Outreach	8.00
Loan	<u>400.00</u>
Total:	\$4,025.00

WOMEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway for the Fall Women's Retreat Sept. 28-30, 2018. Mark your calendar now! It is held at Camp Walter Scott. Our keynote speaker is Victoria Wick, a Disciples Divinity House Scholar at Chicago Theological Seminary.



Ray Culver, Tracy Deckard, Bob Chapman, LuAnn Lemke, Evelyn Frick, Julius, Jason Fiero, Charlene Daniels, Paul Wilson, Greg Urbanski, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim

Warmoth, Mary Faye Wyatt, Don Mann, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Bob Onyett, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

***The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be put back on.**

CAMP WORK DATES

Who's interested in a beautiful day at Camp Walter Scott? Join us on April 28th and May 19 to help prepare for the summer camping season. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP - EARLY BIRD MARCH 16

The Church Camp Dates are available for summer 2018. On-line registration is now open. When you register online, please put that you are paying by check and put the church e-mail, fccmc803@gmail.com, as the payment e-mail. If you have questions or need help filling out the form or computer access, please stop by the church office for assistance. Early bird deadline is March 16 and final deadline is April 20. (some late registrations may be accepted as space permits at the camps)

Camp Walter Scott

Camp Acts- June 3rd-9th

CYF- June 10th-16th

Senior- June 27th- 29th

Grandparents and Me- July 8th-11th

Beginners July 11th-14th

Chi-Rho-July 15th-21st

Chi-Rho/JYF- July 22nd-28th

Post High- August 3rd-5th

ONLINE CAMP REGISTRATION

On Wednesday, 14th there will be an open computer registrations from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Parents, please bring your information for the camp forms.

ADULT SUMMER CAMP

"Leviticus 6:15" (June 17-23, 2018) will be a week-long summer opportunity at Camp Walter Scott. *"fire-tending"* skills (exploring how to stop, look, and listen to life for personal transformation). Embrace time to "Pause & reflect – Pray & Refresh – Play & Renew. Graced time to allow your soul to catch up with you. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Contact the church office for more details!



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Cane Ridge Shrine, Inc. Gifts such as yours help us to tell the Cane Ridge Story and welcome future generations of visitors as well. We hope to see all of you here in the near future, whether visiting for the first time, returning or coming to offer your physical labor.

Thank you again, James H. Trader II, Curator

CCIW PRAYER CALENDAR

During the week of Feb. 25 to March 3 our church was on the prayer list through the CCIW region. We received three very nice letters from congregations that they were lifting us up in prayer. We received letters from: Lynnville Christian Church-Lynnville, IL; First Christian Church of Bloomington, IL and First Christian Church of Rushville, IL.

CALLED, CONNECTED & CHARGED FOR CHRIST

Interregional Disciples Women's Leadership Event at Culver-Stockton College, June 22-24. This is a chance for women to meet for renewal and revitalization. It will include mission, inspirational worship, empowering Bible study, workshops and leadership training. Cost before June 1 is only \$130.00 per person for a shared room.

Tiny breeze or mighty wind,
swirling round as God commands.
Hats go flying. Branches bend.
Little seeds spread through the lands.



God Almighty makes the wind;
great big gusts can shape the sands.
Awesome is the power of God,
when even wind obeys his plans.



TIME FOR EASTER

LILIES AGAIN!

It's once again time to order Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary. The price is \$10.00.

The orders must be in the church office by March 18th, in order to be ordered and placed in the Sanctuary by Easter Sunday. Please fill out the order form and place it in the offering tray or leave it in the church office.

Name of the donor _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Gift _____

Checks should be made to the First Christian Church