

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
February 24, 2019

Sermon

“Wrestling”
Rev. Sue Knipp

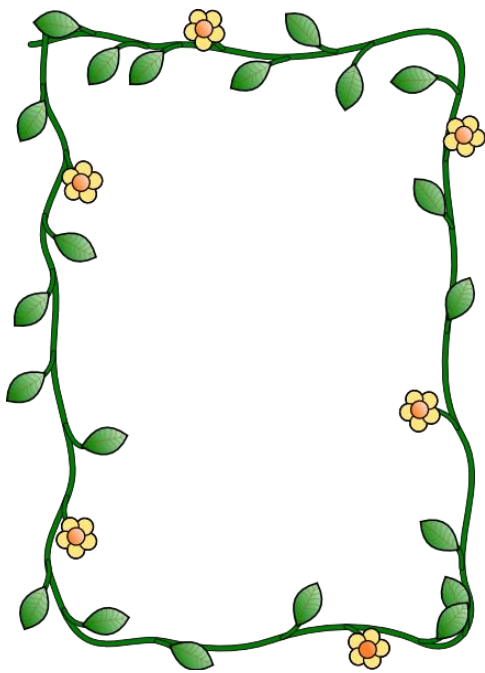
Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 2/7 - 7; 2/14 - 14
Sunday Worship: 2/10 - 47; 2/17 - 86

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There will be a **Baptismal Service** on **April 28** during the morning service. If you or your child would like to be baptized during this service, please contact the church office. There will be three Pastor’s Classes in preparation for being baptized and joining the church. These classes will take place on **March 3rd, 10th, and 17th** during Sunday school. Candidates will meet with Sue and Virgil in the Pastor’s office for all three classes.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROOSEVELTS!

Congratulations to Darrell and Wanda Roosevelt, who will celebrate 70 years of marriage on February 20, 2019. What a wonderful accomplishment! May the Lord continue to bless you!

Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday... March 6th

The pancake supper for Ash Wednesday will be March 6th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, and clean up afterward. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office...or you may see Gary Hargett if you can help in this special time of fellowship.

The Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7:00 PM.



POTLUCK DINNER

Transition Team Potluck Dinner

There will be a Transition Team Potluck dinner after church on **March 10th**.

The church will provide the meat. Please bring your favorite side dishes to share with the congregation. The purpose of this dinner is to allow the Transition Team to give an update on their progress and to answer questions

concerning the transition period. Please make plans to attend this informative dinner for updates and fellowship.

Barbie's Boutique Open-House Hours

Barbie's Boutique will be open on Sunday, February 24 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM and Friday, March 22 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM for those in need of formal attire and accessories. For questions concerning the boutique, please contact Barb Escobedo at (618) 240-2649.

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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: There is now a file holder attached to the glass window by the office door. Please feel free to use this for anything that goes to the church office after hours.

The Seniors enjoyed a trip to Evansville on Tuesday, February 6...Seventeen "young at heart" Seniors went to the Olive Garden for lunch and fellowship. If you enjoy good company, fun, and adventure, they would love to have you join them. The Seniors meet each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Sanctuary Straighteners

We are in need of volunteers to straighten the sanctuary during the week. This involves making sure a Bible is placed in the back of each pew, the pencils are sharpened and in pencil holders, each pew has a box of tissues, prayer and visitor cards are supplied to the pews, song books are in place, old bulletins are picked up, and in general, make sure everything is orderly. This is a one month commitment and is a ministry to the church. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window. Thank you!

We have an EXTRA-LARGE NEED

We are in need of **EXTRA- LARGE rubber bands** to place around the plastic bag sleeping mats that are given to the homeless. These mats are such a blessing to those in need, especially during these cold winter months. Please turn in the rubber bands to the church office for distribution. Thanks for your help!!





SERVING IN MARCH

Deacons: Gary Bellessa, Marilyn Bellessa, Lizzie Irelan, Lillian Foshee, Ben Ross, Shari Ross

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Doris Deputy and Esther Calverley

Acolytes: Ty Hipsher and Luke Hipsher

OFFERING - February 10, 2019

General	\$1,255.00
Fellowship Time	4.00
Sunday school	0.00
Memorial gift	100.00
Upper Room	40.00
New Sign	<u>20.00</u>
Total:	\$1,419.00

OFFERING - February 17, 2019

General	\$1,893.00
Sunday school	0.00
Week of Compassion	248.00
Website	200.00
World Outreach	8.00
Local use	20.00
New sign	<u>91.46</u>
Total:	\$2,460.46



The **Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction** on Sunday, Feb. 10 raised a total of **\$642.44** for the church youth. Ben Ross came in 1st place in the Chili Cook-Off, and Devan Swift came in 2nd place. A fun time was had by all participants and by those who got to eat the chili!



Eric Bramlet, Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Ray Culver, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Jason Fiero, 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, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Margott Beckerman, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Kevin Stiles, Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Rev. Brant Hazlett, Brenda Culver, Bev Williams, Phil Mendenhall, and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

***The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.**



The Thursday Around the Table (TAT) members and guests enjoyed a wonderful time of food and fellowship at El Gallito Mexican Restaurant in Albion on

Valentine's Day. There were fourteen in attendance this past Thursday. TAT meets in the Fellowship Hall each Thursday evening at 6:00 PM for a short Bible study, discussion, and Communion. Everyone is invited to join us.

Consider this:

We are quickly moving toward the last step in the process of seeking a settled minister(s). The Transition Team is completing their work and we will receive feedback on March 10. The final step will be a Search Committee (Pulpit Committee) appointed and approved by the Administrative Board, followed by several weeks of internal and congregational work. Then the Search Committee will begin the laborious task of interviewing and seeking God's call of the next settled minister(s) for First Christian Church here at Mt. Carmel. Folks, this Committee will need a great deal of daily prayers and support from the congregation.



Isn't it nice to know God sees the total picture? He is able to see and know our hearts and hear our prayers. Our hearts and prayers, if in tune with God, allow God to work among His children, both here at FCC and in the heart of the one, somewhere, who is seeking to minister through His will to this congregation. Yes, we are a part of the big picture God has for the future of Mt. Carmel FCC. Somewhere God is touching the life of a minister, or perhaps ministers, who will follow His call to be the next pastor(s) of this congregation, and be a part of the total picture. We need to trust God to handle His desire for us. Sometimes this takes longer than we may like, but remember God doesn't have calendars or watches. The Bible uses terms such as in due time or when the time came, to remind us He is in charge and if we seek His Will, the outcome is fantastic.

So we travel down God's path for us and wait for His Will, knowing the future will be exciting and outstanding. Keep calm and carry on!

Virgil