

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
March 10, 2019

Sermon

“Running”
Rev. Sue Knipp

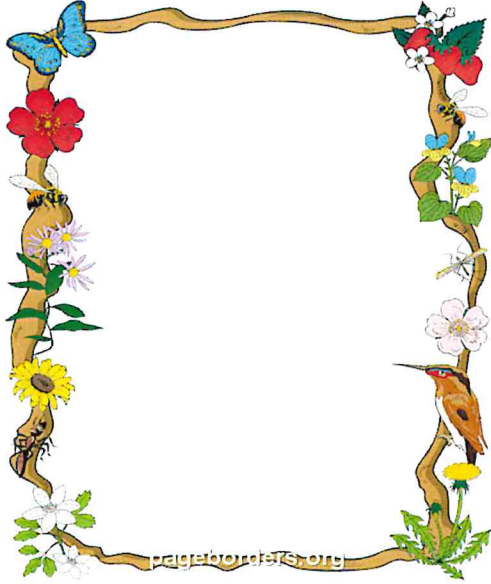
Scripture: Exodus 2:11-23

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 2/21 - 9; 2/28 - 7
Sunday Worship: 2/24 - 93; 3/3 - 68

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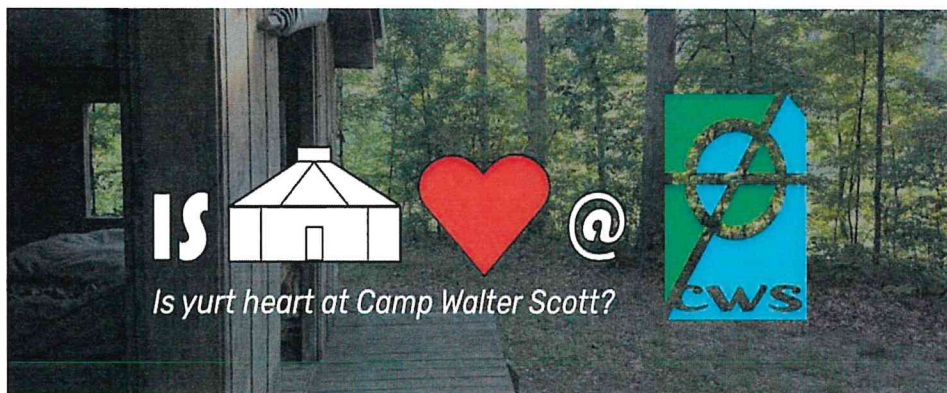


DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS **AHEAD 1 HOUR**
SATURDAY NIGHT

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH. DON'T FORGET TO
TURN YOU CLOCKS FORWARD ONE
HOUR.**

Camp Walter Scott Matching Grant Campaign Update



Thank you to all who have already donated to the Camp Walter Scott Matching Grant Campaign! Currently, the grant has already surpassed \$32,000- WOW!!! Camp Walter Scott is such a special place for so many people within our Region, and we hope that with the proposed improvements, more people will come to love and enjoy Camp Walter Scott. Our task force will be meeting soon to discuss next steps so that our campers can start to enjoy these improvements, some even this summer!

The matching grant campaign will continue until March 29, 2019, with the Region matching up to \$100,000. After that time, you can still donate to these improvements, but why wait when the Region will match your donation now!

Thank you, church family, for your constant generosity!! We have now received all the giant rubber bands that we needed for the plastic bag mats that are distributed to those in need. You are such a blessing!



CHURCH BOARD MEETING



There will be a Church Board Meeting on March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All board members are encouraged to attend.



Pancake Supper Today 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. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!

The Lenten service will begin at 7:00 PM.



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

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.



POTLUCK DINNER

OFFERING - February 24, 2019

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| General | \$2,918.00 |
| Website | 100.00 |
| Sunday school | 18.73 |
| Youth | 20.00 |
| Talent Project | 105.00 |
| World Outreach | 16.00 |
| Week of Compassion | <u>75.00</u> |
| Total: | \$3,252.73 |

OFFERING - March 3, 2019

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| General | \$2,706.10 |
| Sunday school | 17.00 |
| Initial Offering | 1.00 |
| New Sign | <u>23.25</u> |
| Total: | \$2,747.35 |

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, April, Mike Gidcumb, the family of Amy Cornell, 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.



A thoughtful "Thank You" was received from the daughters of Betty Taylor for the wonderful home going service by pastors and for the meal that was prepared for the family following Betty's service. They were very grateful for the kindness provided to them on behalf of their mother. Betty was a long time member of First Christian Church. We also received a big **THANK YOU** from the Southeastern Illinois Center for Pastoral Counseling for our support, help, and use of the

Fellowship Hall during their spring fundraiser pasta dinner in February. A special thanks was offered to those members who prepared the drinks and cleaned up afterward!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

March 10, 2019

Lesson

March 17, 2019

Lesson

March 24, 2019

No youth group; enjoy Spring Break!

March 29, 2019

Day Trip to St. Louis...More information to come

March 31, 2019

Lesson



Join the Youth Group



SPRING BEGINS MARCH 13TH... THE PERFECT TIME FOR NEW LIFE, REFRESHING, GROWTH, AND THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION! **It's also**

a time for spring cleaning... Saturday, March 30, will be the next all church clean-up day. We need your help to make the House of the Lord shine! Please bring buckets, rags, and cleaning supplies. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. if you can help. **THANK YOU!**



Walking with Jesus

We are quickly entering the Holy Days of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the placing of the ashes of repentance on the foreheads of participants, and the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19b) are spoken. It marks the beginning of Jesus’ walk to the cross, His death, and resurrection. This is a walk we will take with Him in remembrance. We at First Christian Church honor the tradition of repentance by attending the Lenten Service and receiving and wearing the ashes of palms as a sign of our repentance of past behaviors, and a renewing of our faith. We want to be closer to Jesus, so our walking with Him continues through the 40 days of Lent.

How? Knowing that our Lord is near, let’s begin by renewing our commitment to “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:6-7 NRSV) Indeed, the beginning is praying!

Wrestling is the next step. Think about it; all of life is a struggle. Being born, growing, learning life’s lessons in social graces, dealing with all of the experiences of

growing older, each one presents its own challenges. Each and every experience comes with opportunities, and hopefully, we can put into practice the knowledge we gain from living through all the stages of life. "For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Eph. 2:10 NRSV)

Jesus, Himself, struggled to contain His “being about my Father’s business” at the age of 12, and again at the wedding in Cana. Not until He spent 40 days in the wilderness, truly wrestling with the Devil and conquering, did He rise to His God-given potential. We too must wrestle with the world, and let it go by. “Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world – the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches – comes not from the Father, but from the world.” (1 John 2:15-16 NRSV) Keep wrestling, learning, and growing closer to our Lord Jesus.

And we walk with Jesus, day by day, year after year, sometimes our walking is slow, but He is near and keeps pace. Sometimes we run, seeking His presence as life literally pushes us about. Sometimes, when we are weak and weary, He carries us and His footprints are deep and noticeable. Through it all He whispers, “I am here”. Oh, how to sweet to walk with Jesus. Lift your heads, greet the Son each day, keep walking, stay calm and carry on in His will.

Faithfully yours, Sue



TIME FOR EASTER FLOWERS AGAIN!

This year we are offering the choice of a lily or spring flowers.

It's once again time to order Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. The price is \$10.00 for a Lily OR for the spring flowers.

The orders MUST be in the church office by March 31st, if they are 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 _____

Easter Lily _____ Spring Flower _____

Checks should be made to the First Christian Church.

