

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
April 7, 2019

Sermon

“The Beloved Disciple”
Kim More

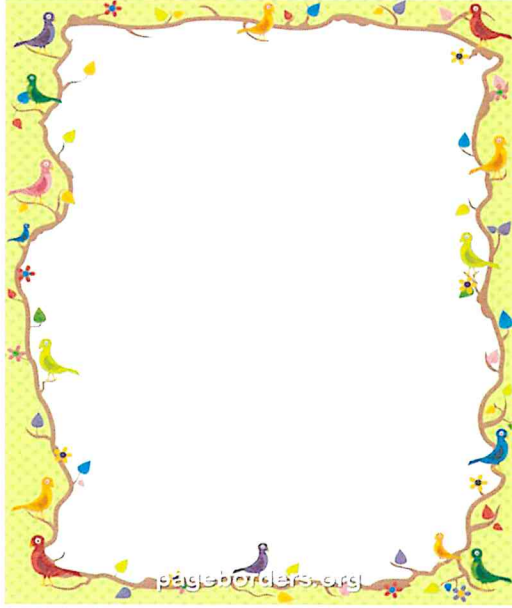
Scripture: John 19:23-27

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 3/21 - 5; 3/28 -no TAT
Sunday Worship: 3/24 - 72; 3/31 - 93

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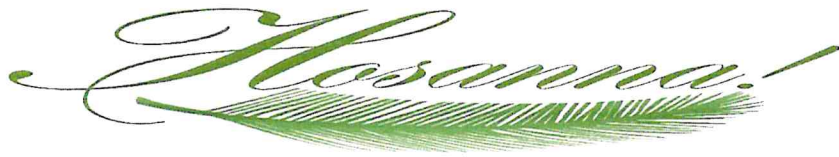
April 3, 2019

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2019

- April 7, Lesson
- April 13, Camp Work Day! We will leave the church no later than 7:30 a.m.
- April 14, We will be stuffing eggs for the Easter Party and helping set up for Encore.
- April 20, Easter Party at the church starting at 10:30 a.m. If you are able, come and help hide eggs, and play games with the younger kids!
- April 21, **EASTER SUNDAY, NO youth**
- April 28, **NO youth group.** Jessica will be out of town.



...Our Interim Pastors, Revs. Virgil and Sue Knipp are out of the office for the next three weeks. They are in Louisiana taking care of their “grand pup” and getting some much needed rest. The Pastors check in regularly and plan to be back with us for the April 28th Sunday Service. We have several individuals covering the pastoral duties in their absence. If you have a need, please feel free to call the church office at (618) 262-7331. **Virgil and Sue would like to share their best wishes to all and let you know that they miss being here!**



A Very Special Thank You to Karin Kelsey, owner of K'Blooms, for providing our Palms for Palm Sunday, April 14th. Karin provides the palms free of charge to churches each year. **THANK YOU, KARIN!** May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity!

And **THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to help with the church wide clean-up day March 30! Your help was appreciated!!



SERVING IN APRIL

Deacons: Linda Gill, Bill Hackler, Kim Reilly, Kim More, Mike Reilly, Rhiannon Anderson

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Communion Preparers: Roxanna Seybold and Rosanna Peterson

Sanctuary Straightener: Eudine Tyler

Acolytes: Emma Mayhue and Shelby Mayhue

OFFERING - March 24, 2019

General	\$2,579.00
Website	100.00
Sunday school	10.00
New Sign	135.00
Easter Flowers	130.00
Blessing Basket	41.38
Week of Compassion	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$3,095.38

OFFERING - March 31, 2019

General	\$1,217.00
Sunday school	19.00
Blessing Basket	5.75
Initial Offering	1.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Website	100.00
Upper Room	<u>14.00</u>
Total:	\$1,406.75

EASTER CANDY

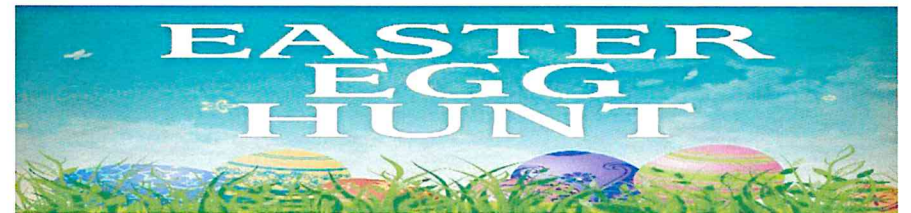
Christian Education Committee is requesting donations of Easter Candy to fill Easter eggs for the Children's Easter Party. We need small wrapped candy which will fit in plastic eggs. Please drop your donations by the church office by Friday, April 12 to allow us time to fill the eggs.



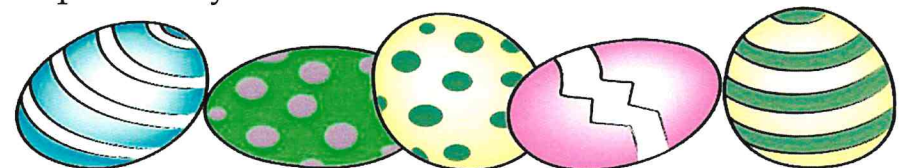
Eric Bramlet, Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Ray Culver, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Jason Fiero, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Mary Faye Wyatt, Don Mann, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan

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, April, Mike Gidcumb, Ruth (Case) Dick, Egan Beuligmann, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, 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 Annual Children's Easter Party will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 10:30 a.m. here at the church. All children, toddlers through 5th grade are invited to join us for games, cookies and an Easter egg hunt. Please bring a basket for the egg hunt. Youth and adult help with this special event is appreciated. We hope to see you there!!



LENT 2019

This Lenten Season finds your pastoral leadership in Louisiana, fulfilling a promise made a year ago. Our mission was to care for our son's aged dog, Trixie, as our son and daughter-in-law travel to celebrate their 30th year wedding anniversary with 30 days in Australia, and so it is. All's well here, but we do miss you all. Even so, we all continue to celebrate the 40 days of Lent.



Our theme is "Walking with Jesus".

During this season, those of us, new and longtime Christians, together hear the call to draw nearer to God. We do that by walking with Jesus through His final days, the ones we have entered, days historically full of the disciplines of prayer and fasting. These are the same disciplines, followed for hundreds of years, as a means by which new converts use to prepare for baptism. These means are initiated by God, and whatever He brings us to, He'll see us through it. We are loved by a loving God, sent by a loving God to be loving to others, and embodied by a loving God to do His will.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "So, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" 5:18, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;" 5:19, "that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us." 5:20, "So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 5:21, "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

And we walk on in Jesus' footprints, living the life He has blessed us with, doing our part in our corner of God's world to make

it better in His name. Because we care, we remain calm and carry on the tasks He has given us, with thanksgiving. We attend worship, pray for all whom He has given, help those in need, listen and pray with others.

Bless us as we prepare to baptize several into Your kingdom. Give us a caring heart, a listening ear, hands and feet ready to love all whom You send our way. Where You lead us, we will follow.

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of Your redeeming love. Help us to stand on Your eternal Word knowing that **Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life** and our **only** door to Heaven through salvation in Him! It is in Him we pray, Amen!

*Join us as we welcome new members on April 28th during
worship.*

Because He lives, Sue



Splinters from the Board – March 20, 2019

Property Committee: New North doors were installed, the furnace boiler unit recirculation motor was repaired, and steel handrails were installed near the 8th Street entrance.

Worship Committee: April 14 is Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday is April 18 - the Living Last Supper will be presented. On Good Friday, April 19, church doors will be open for set hours to allow individual prayer in the sanctuary. Easter is April 21. There will be no Sunrise Service this year. Baptism Sunday is April 28. May 5 begins Christian Family Week.

Christian Education: Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. will be the Easter Party/Egg Hunt. Donations of individually wrapped candies and goldfish/whales for the pre-school hunters are being accepted. Vacation Bible School will be June 10-13 with the theme, "To Mars and Beyond!"

Membership: Fellowship Time goodies are provided by different members, with the donations being earmarked for planned purchase of the electronic sign. Women's Banquet is planned for Sunday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. with the meal provided and the theme, "The Lessons of the Apron." Sunday Morning Greeters: Back door - Sandy Schuh and Eudine Tyler; 8th Street entrance – Pat Williams. Funeral Dinners responsibility is being shared by several individuals.

Evangelism: A party will be held honoring those who are baptized on April 28.

Administration: Changing the name of the Administrative Board to the "Church Board" will be considered at the May meeting. This is to alleviate confusion with the Administrative Committee, which will retain its title. Lori Roberts submitted her resignation as custodian on March 6, 2019, effective immediately. Duncan Janitorial Service has been hired.

World Outreach: Bequest Requests approved:

*Church Finance Council	\$ 250.00
*Church Mission Trip	250.00
*Week of Compassion	200.00
*Camp Walter Scott	1,000.00
*Easter Offering	<u>500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>

Christian Action: Bequest Requests approved:

*Southeastern Illinois Center for Pastoral Counseling	\$2,000.00
*WEDS Child (<u>Wabash Emergency Dental Services</u>) (<u>\$500-Regular Fund, \$500-Special Fund</u>)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

Youth Director: Friday, March 29, approximately ten students, plus adults, will be taking a day trip to St. Louis. Camp information is being distributed. Jessica will be counseling at Camp Walter Scott July 7-13. A lock-in is planned. Jessica is reaching out to those youth who previously attended. Karissa Anderson will co-sign checks for the Youth account, along with Jessica. Melvin Hocking commended the Youth for doing a great job cleaning the church bus, which was undertaken as a mission/service project. Kudos for the willing and helpful spirit shown by the actions of these young people.

Others: Karissa Anderson continues to update the One Call data. Please give your current information to Kim in the church office.

Old Business: The second 3-month renewal of the original contract with the Interim Ministers, Reverends Virgil Knipp and Sue Knipp, was approved.

New Business: The 2019 Scholarship Committee consists of Alison Mayhue, Paula Street, and Stacey Swift. Scholarship details are available in the church office. The Policies and Procedures as compiled and presented by the committee chairs were approved.