

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

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Our Mission

*God calls us...
And the Holy Spirit
empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*



Palm Sunday Services, 9th- 8:30a.m.& 10:40 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, 13th-8:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, 14th 6:00 p.m.-Pot luck Meal to Share in CLC
7:00 p.m.-Movie in CLC**

16th-8:30 a.m. Easter Praise Service

9:30 a.m.-Sunday School-All ages

**10:40 a.m.-Easter Service with Baptisms
and Coffee Fellowship to Follow**

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

Next Newsletter

April 11.



Saturday, April 29

Registration begins at 9 a.m. First United

Methodist Church

Walk begins at 10 a.m.

(See Kathy Ramser for more details.)



I'm writing this from sunny Scottsdale, AZ. Vyrdel & I just got home from the Angels/Royals spring training game. We saw one other; Royals vs. the Diamondbacks. By the way, the Royals lost both games. We saw an old high school buddy, a long-lost cousin of Vyrdel's, and got to spend time with a niece whom we haven't seen in a long time.

The weather was very hot at the start of the week, but has been very nice the last few days. We spent a good deal of time in Old Town Scottsdale, which is a lot of fun. We fly out tomorrow (Monday) at 7:35 am & get in about noon with the time difference. It's been a great get away but, as always, it will be great to be home. I had to go to a "quick med" office when we first got here but am finally feeling better.

I want to share with you a meditation from the devotional magazine, The Upper Room. It was written by a lady from Tennessee: Food for thought.

Lessons of Love

My 87-year-old father enjoys feeding birds and small animals. One day, I was visiting him after he had thrown scrap food into the woods for the wild animals. Instead of attracting the normal entourage of critters that live in the woods around his house, the food brought a large number of loud, annoying crows. I complained to my dad about throwing out food and attracting crows to the house. His answer was short and to the point: "Even the crows have to eat."

I learned a valuable lesson that day. Sometimes, when I am trying to help someone who is being difficult, I remember my father's words. Many people in my life are lovable; but deep down, I know that people who are not easy to love deserve the same care. Jesus taught us that love is not always easy to love. Jesus taught us that love is not always easy.

My dad understands that one day his bird feeder will bring him the joy of seeing a beautiful redbird or a colorful finch. And then, when he least expects it, along come noisy crows to feed on our scraps. His love for the birds and animals is like God's love for us: benevolent and unconditional.

Blessings,

Pastor Jerry

Thank You!

I want to thank Pastor Jerry for coming to the hospital to see me. I want to thank everyone for their visits, phone calls and the cards.

Thank you very much!

Donna Hays

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I want to thank everyone that brought pies to the ham and bean supper, they were all greatly appreciated and thanks to Jane Russell and Bredna Dooley for helping me with cutting and serving. Millie Burton.

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To Our Church Family,

Thank you for the pretty carnations devivered by Donna & Larry Elliott for our 50th anniversary. We enjoyed their visit.

Also thanks for the Anniversary cards, as well as the get well cards we received.

Lee & Mary Ann Younce

The Johnson County Food Center needs the following items this month:

Hamburger helper, canned fruit, Pork and Beans, Cereal and Pasta, especially noodles.

Thank you,

Charlie Fair



Bells Playing!

April 23, 10:40 a.m.

"Christ Is Alive!"



April 2 - 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

April 9 - 2:00 p.m. Visit Care Centers

April 16 - No Meeting - Happy Easter!

April 23 - 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

April 30 - 2:30 p.m. Spring Party



Several years ago, Ruth Newton, a member of First Christian Church, bequeathed a scholarship trust fund to our church "to provide scholarship grants for deserving students to attend a college or university as undergraduates." The amount awarded annually is determined by the interest on the trust fund and the number of applications.

The applicant must have been a member of First Christian Church for three years with good moral character who has had regular attendance and participation in church activities.

Application forms are available in the church office for the 2017-2018 school year. The application and required attachments must be turned in to the office by May 7. Funds for the second semester each year will be awarded when the scholarship committee is advised in writing by the recipient of current semester grades and his/her intention to register for the following semester.

Applicants may reapply, but awards will not be made for more than eight semesters. Students applying for subsequent years do not need to resubmit letters of recommendation.

Recipients will be notified no later than May 28. Checks are distributed in August and January if application criteria are complete

Calling All Graduates!

Please let the church office know of any graduates in your family. We will be recognizing our high school graduates in May sometime and want to make sure we include everyone.

We also would like to know of other graduates within the circle of First Christian so we can also list and congratulate them.



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Everyone is Welcome!

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m. in CLC
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m. in CLC
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in CLC

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Lin Welch
 Helen Simon
 Joyce Speas
 Jennison Family(Vicki's Uncle Jerry)
 Andrew Simon (Melvin's father)
 Tornado Victims
 Our Children
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
 Those with continuing health concerns



April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

15-Greg Cobb	10-David Elliott	21-Harland Osborne
5-Karen Tutera	11-Vicki Granger	21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid
6-Sarah Crate	13-Gimmy Bruch	21-Janice Wolff
8-Pat Sterling	13-Hanna Stillwell	22-Deke Alkire
9-Nancy Huff	17-Elizabeth Shumard	23-Martha Smarr
9-Chuck Owings	18-Connie Baldwin	25-Joh Frandsen
10-Sharon Cochran	18-David Schroeder	25-Brayden Godrey
		29-Don Albert

Happy Anniversary

10-Greg & Shannon Cobb
 20-Duane & Pat Sterling