

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.*



Easter Week 9-16

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 25.



It was a fun evening when friends and neighbors gathered at the "Construction Site" at First Christian Church. Thanks to the many, many hard workers who made the evening a success. The soups were delicious and the pie makers made sure we had enough desserts.

The approximate income of the event of \$2,250 dollars will help fund several projects THANKS!

Christian Women's Fellowship



After a very busy few weeks, it's a blessing to be home and back to regular routines. I don't know about you, but I **like** regular routines. We had a great visit in Arizona with my brother and sister-in-law. We got to see the Royals play twice, see some long-lost friends and relatives, play some golf, and just kick back for a while. Then, after being home a couple of days, we headed north to be there as my brother, John, had prostate cancer surgery. Surgery went well and we're hopeful of a full recovery. Of course, the added bonus of that trip was being able to see granddaughter, Myla. Oh, and her mom and dad!

We now charge on toward Holy Week. On Thursday, April 13 we will have the Maundy Thursday "Service of shadows" at 8:00 p.m. in the CLC. We start this service a little later than usual so it is completely dark at the end of the service. This is always a very powerful service and prepares us for the majesty of Easter Sunday. On Friday, April 14, we will gather in the CLC for our annual potluck/movie event. This is always a fun event with great fellowship. Then, on to Easter Sunday morning on April 16, we will have 4 baptisms and a baby dedication. Those being baptized are: Ripley Laws, Brooke Williams, Henri Williams, and Evan Stuck. The baby dedication will be Reed Thomas Crate, son of Tom and Sarah and grandson of Debbie and Mike Haller.

We will once again take part in the CROP Walk on April 29. This is a huge fundraiser, raising money for hunger prevention here in Warrensburg and also out in the world. My thanks to Kathy Ramser for being our point person on this.

Pastor Jerry

Concert Invitation

You're invited to a concert featuring Bob Bennett on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran church, 607 N. Maguire St. Warrensburg, MO. (Free will offering) For more details, visit boobennett.com or blchurch.com.

Thank You!

Thank you for the cards, prayers and phone calls do to the loss of Janette's father Dennis Gillett.

*Janette & John Howard
And family*

Thank you to the property committee for the help of moving the sound equipment from the CLC to the balcony. You are a great team.

John, Allen & Shannon

Thanks to Donna Elliott for bringing the beautiful green carnation bouquet to celebrate my 80th birthday. We enjoyed her visit. And thanks for the many cards I received.

Noel Dougherty

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 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, have had regular attendance and participation in church activities, and exhibits good moral character.

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.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon

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

- Amanda Corbett
- Family of Dennis Gillett (Janette's dad)
- Jennison Family (Vicki's Uncle Jerry)
- Andrew Simon (Melvin's father)
- Our Children
- Our Law Enforcement
- Our Military
- Those with continuing health concerns



April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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| 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