

The Christian Visitor March 2019



We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.

Our Life Together in March

2019 Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday
March 6th

At American Lutheran Church

9:00 am Community Continental Breakfast

9:30 am Program: Rev. Ed Taylor

Community Lenten Services

Theme: *"Finding God in Uncommon Places"*

Each Wednesday evening during Lent area congregations will host a simple meal and worship.

6:00 pm Soup and Bread Supper

7:00 pm Worship

March 13th	First Presbyterian Church
March 20th	American Lutheran Church
March 27th	No Service -- Spring Break
April 3rd	New Beginnings
April 10th	United Methodist Church
April 17th	First Christian Church

Looking Ahead

Palm Sunday April 14th

10:15 am—Worship Procession of Palms

Good Friday April 19th Office Closed

Easter April 21st

Note From Mat

To the Family of First Christian Church,

Greetings church family! We hope you are staying warm during what we have heard has been a harsh winter. Elizabeth and I are very thankful and excited for the opportunity to serve the family of First Christian Church. I wanted to write you to give you a brief update on Elizabeth and I's move, but first I want to extend all our gratitude for everyone's patience during this process. After facing the perils of what it means to hastily move across the country last May, we were leery to move with such a hurriedness that my effectiveness as a Pastor and friend would be compromised. What feels like forever in the short will actually prepare Elizabeth and I to hit the ground running in hopes of sustaining a long-term, life-giving relationship and effectiveness. So with that said, I thank you deeply for giving us this time to prepare for the big move. Elizabeth and I are closing on our home March 15th. I will then be in Gibson City permanently and will see you at church on the 17th and 24th. I will be flying back to Houston to drive up with Elizabeth during the weekend of the 30th. Then our family will be here completely ready for day one of work. Once again, thank you so much for all your patience. This has been a huge blessing to Elizabeth and I. I pray you have a great couple weeks and I will see you all VERY soon!

Blessings,

Mat

Youth Sunday

The youth will be acting as worship leaders on Sunday, March 10th. Come and support our youth and their faith formation!

Fellowship

There will be a fellowship hour following church on Sunday, March 10th as a thank you to the Search Committee for the effort they put in throughout the search process.

Church Directory

The church's pictorial directory will be updated over the next few months. We are asking everyone to provide a recent family photo and current contact information to be used in the update. These items may be sent to the church's email address or brought in to the church office.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

March Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Angie Barnard

Sunday, March 3rd

Greeters: *Ron & Melanie Warfield*

Elders: *Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes*

Deacons: *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

Worship Leader: *Barb Meyer*

Communion Preparation: *Ryan Iverson*

Home Communion: *Marilyn Tjardes and Ryan Iverson*

Sunday, March 10th

Greeters: *Youth*

Elders: *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*

Deacons: *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

Worship Leader: *Youth*

Communion Preparation: *Lori Rinehart*

Home Communion: *David Hagan and Lori Rinehart*

Sunday, March 17th

Greeters:

Elders: *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*

Deacons: *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall
Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

Worship Leader: *Sue McClard*

Communion Preparation: *Kristine Medler*

Home Communion: *Sharon Higgins and Kristine Medler*

Sunday, March 24th

Greeters:

Elders: *Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes*

Deacons: *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

Worship Leader: *Angie, Brecke, and Alex Barnard*

Communion Preparation: *Mary Alice McRae*

Home Communion: *Barb Meyer and Mary Alice McRae*

Sunday, March 31st

Greeters:

Elders: *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*

Deacons: *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Leah McClure*

Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Leah McClure*

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the Tjardes Family upon the February 21st death of Marilyn's son-in-law, Eric Noyd.

Hustlers

Sunday, March 24th 7:00pm
Host/Hostess: Don Eberly & Sallie Hutton

Disciples Women's Ministry

Tuesday, March 19th 7:00pm
Hostess: Carol Hutchcraft
Location: Carol's Home

Men's Breakfast

March 3rd
Host: Dennis Higgins

Elders Breakfast

March 10th
Host: Sue Walker

Outreach

Food Pantry: 35 items were received in February for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2019 year to date: 62 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: March 3rd

Filling the Pulpit in March

March 3: Jim Boswell

March 10th: Beth Rupe

March 17th: Herb Knudsen

March 24th: Herb Knudsen

March 31st: Herb Knudsen

Note Time Change

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Set clocks forward by Sunday morning,

March 10th

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
 gcfcdoc@yahoo.com
 fcdocgc.com

March 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1	2 8:00 AM City Recycling
3	8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Jim Boswell	4	5 9:00 AM Prayer	6 Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM Choir	7	8	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry
10 1st Sunday Lent	8:00 AM Elders Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Beth Rupe 11:30 AM Fellowship	11	12 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	13 6:00 PM Lenten Meal & Worship at FPC 7:00 PM Choir	14	15	16 8:00 AM City Recycling
17 2nd Sunday Lent	9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Herb Knudsen	18	19 9:00 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM DWM	20 6:00 PM Lenten Meal & Worship at ALC 7:00 PM Choir	21	22	23 9:00 AM Food Pantry
24 3rd Sunday Lent	9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Herb Knudsen 7:00 PM Hustlers	25	26 9:00 AM Prayer	27 7:00 PM Choir	28	29	30 7:00-11:00 AM Men's Pancake Breakfast
31 4th Sunday Lent	9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship -- Herb Knudsen						

LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
March 2019

- 4 Dennis Jordan
Mike Finis
John and Nancy Westfall '12
- 5 Irene Schaefer
- 7 Karen Long
- 9 Rick Rinehart
- 10 Nan Clements
Devin Back
- 11 John Westfall
- 14 Jacob Mott
- 15 Melanie Warfield
- 18 Pat Provin
Eleanor Baize
- 21 Will Provin
- 23 Eric Tjarks
- 29 Ida Wahls



Saturday, March 30th
7:00—11:00 am
Disciples Men's
Annual Pancake Breakfast



Come out and enjoy all you can eat pancakes and sausage. There will also be plenty of coffee, orange juice and milk. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall.

A freewill offering will be received with proceeds supporting a variety of youth and mission projects.

Invite family, friends, and neighbors.
All are welcome!

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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