

The Christian Visitor March 2020



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

Our Life Together in March

2020 Lenten Schedule

Community Lenten Services

Theme: *"Vital Teachings of Jesus"*

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

6:00 pm Soup and Bread Supper

6:30 pm Worship

March 4th	First Presbyterian Church Jesus & Scripture
March 11th	American Lutheran Church Jesus & Prayer
March 18th	United Methodist Church Jesus & Paradox of the Gospel
March 25th	Anchor Lutheran Jesus & Loving Your Neighbor
April 1st	First Christian Church Jesus & Forgiveness
April 8th	New Beginnings Jesus: The Body & the Blood

Looking Ahead

Palm Sunday April 5th

10:15 am—Worship Procession of Palms

Good Friday April 10th Office Closed

Easter April 12th



Saturday, March 14th

7:00—11:00 am

Disciples Men's Pancake Breakfast

Come out and enjoy all you can eat pancakes and sausage. There will also be plenty of coffee, tea, 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!

Thursday Small Group Bible Study

The new Thursday Small Group meets every other week at 6:00 p.m. We begin at the church with a study from 6-7 pm followed by a social outing from 7-8 pm. This month's meetings will be on March 5th and March 19th. This small group is geared towards young adults and families. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact the church office or Pastor Mat to request childcare.

"Rise" Middle School Youth

Our middle-school youth group called "Rise" meets every Wednesday with a light meal at 6:00 and youth group at 6:30. All middle-school students are welcome!

Monday Small Group Bible Study

The new Monday Small Group meets each week at 6:00pm. This small group is open and welcoming to anyone who wishes to study God's story together.

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March Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Angie Barnard

Sunday, March 1st

Greeters: *Jeff & Cheryl Elder*

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

Deacons: *Katy Neal, David DeWall, Kristine Medler
Jeff Elder, Ruth Neal, Emily Elder*

Worship Leader: *Sharon Higgins*

Communion Preparation: *David DeWall*

Home Communion: *Sharon Higgins and David DeWall*

Sunday, March 8th

Greeters: *Clyde & Mary Alice McRae*

Elders: *Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, Angie Barnard*

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

Worship Leader: *Sarah Higgins*

Communion Preparation: *Janet Iverson*

Home Communion: *Angie Barnard and Janet Iverson*

Sunday, March 15th

Greeter:

Elders: *Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly, Carol Hutchcraft*

Deacons: *Sue McClard, Beth Tabor, Leah McClure
Jay Kristensen, Gary Reiners, Ruth Reiners*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Jay Kristensen*

Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Jay Kristensen*

Sunday, March 22nd

Greeter:

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

Deacons: *Katy Neal, David DeWall, Kristine Medler
Jeff Elder, Ruth Neal, Emily Elder*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Ruth Neal*

Home Communion: *Melanie Warfield and Ruth Neal*

Sunday, March 29th

Greeter:

Elders: *Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, Angie Barnard*

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

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Adam Kincaid*

Home Communion: *Sue Walker and Adam Kincaid*

Elders Breakfast

March 8th

Host: Carol Hutchcraft

Men's Group

March 1st

Host: Dennis Higgins

Disciples Women's Ministry

Tuesday, March 17th 7:00pm

Hostess: Ruth Neal

Location: Church

Study Leader: Sharon Higgins

Hustlers

Sunday, March 22nd 7:00pm

Host/Hostess: Clyde & Mary Alice McRae

Co-Hostess: Karen Long

Grape Juice

Gifts of Welch's grape juice to be used in communion are always welcome.

Outreach

Food Pantry: 36 items were received in the month of February for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2020 year to date: 59 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: March 1st

Greeters / Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in the coming months. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

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

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	2 6:00 PM Monday Small Group	3 9:30 AM Prayer	4 6:00 PM "Rise" Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Choir	5 6:00 PM Thursday Small Group	6	7 8:00 AM City Recycling
8 8:00 AM Elders Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	9 6:00 PM Monday Small Group	10 9:30 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	11 6:00 PM "Rise" Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Choir	12	13	14 7-11:00 AM Men's Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM Food Pantry
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**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
March 2020**

- 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



Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school classes for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and adults beginning at 9:00am every Sunday morning.

Note Time Change

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Set clocks forward by Sunday morning,
March 8th

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

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