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THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Faith Adventures Camp CAMP RALLY 2024

Sunday, April 14th Camp Galilee 3:00pm-6:00pm

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we prepare for 'Linked By Love' summer camp!

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April 14 Elder: Diana Rich	der: Don Malan Greeter: Judy Taylor acon: Judy Daniel & Sally Bremer Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl oril 14 State St				
April 21 Elder: John Daniel Deacon: Kathy Wood & Pe April 28 Elder: Chuck Lewis Deacon: Don Cole & Gary	Anniversary 18 Everett & Phyllis McBrayer 20 Jerry & Kathy Wood				
Commo Music Director: Carol Sound Techs:					
	BUDGET <u>February Income</u> \$6,958.37				
Date	In-Person Worship	Online *	February Expense \$10,060.00		
2/25	24	7	YTD Income		
3/3	39	7	\$27,208.37		
3/10	34	5	<u>YTD Expense</u> \$18,976.77		
3/17	35	6	You may view a complete financial report in the church office.		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

This April, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with donations of *personnel hygiene products*. Examples: Individual toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap/ bodywash, shampoo/conditioner, denture products, disposable razors. Bring donations to the church throughout the month. Thank you!

"Ketch-up" Campaign

The Stewardship Committee is starting a "Ketch-up" campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund, which was needed throughout 2023 to cover basic operating expenses. In order to



cover the deficit, we are asking for your help to reach our goal of \$20,000. Currently, we have raised \$4,098. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Ketch-up" campaign. Thank you for your continued support!

IMPORTANT DATES

- DISCIPLES WOMEN Tuesday, April 2
 @ 6:30 pm
- <u>ELDERS MEETING</u> Sunday, April 14 after worship
- <u>COMMUNITY CAFÉ</u> Tuesday, April 16
 @ 5:30 pm
- BOARD MEETING Sunday, April 21 after worship

FAITH ADVENTURES YOUTH CAMP

Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs Missouri



Rally 2024 Sunday, April 14th from 3 pm to 6 pm (for all youth grades 3rd - 12th)

Camp 2024

Try It (grades K - 2nd); July 25 - 26 JYF (grades 3rd - 5th); July 22 - 26 Chi Rho (grades 6th-8th); July 22 - 26 CYF (grades 9th - 12th); July 22 - 26

Contact the church office for a camp registration form. All forms need to be returned to the church office by June 1st.

<u>VBS</u>

Dates: July 17 & 18 Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Grades: 4 years of age through the completion of 5th grade



- YOUTH GROUP Wednesdays @ 6 pm
- CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Current & Ongoing

 Polly Allen, Greg Bartimus, Patricia Boyles, Eunice Cobb, Caroll Dodds, Brian Drebes, Shelby Duffield, Linda Fairman, Louise Foster, Vickie Fowler, Floyd & Winifred Gaston, Carolyn Ghys, Lona Grosshart, Marilyn Halliburton, Caleb Hoffard, Darcy Hoffard, Bill Hulsey, Mary Irvin, Lori Koepsel, Lois McCormick, Dan & Barta Milligan, Debbie Powell, Nancy Schneider, Megan Scrivner, Jesse Stalker, Mary Ann Thornton, Nick Vaughn, and Roger Watts.

<u>At Home</u>

- ♦ Julie Lewis
- Linda Wix

Currently Serving in the Military

- ♦ Jordan Lopez
- Jordan Olson
- Rick Warren
- Matt Thompson









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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2 6:30pm Disciples Women	3 6PM YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	4	5 9am – 12pm Son Shine Ladies	6	
7 9:30am Worship 10:30am Life Group	8	9	10 6PM Youth Group 7PM Choir Practice	11	12 9am – 12pm Son Shine Ladies	13	
14 9:30am Worship 10:30am Life Group Elders Meeting	15	16 5:30pm Community Café	17 6PM YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	18	19 9am – 12pm Son Shine Ladies	20	
21 9:30am Worship 10:30am Board Meeting	22	23	24 6PM YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	25	26 9am – 12pm Son Shine Ladies	27	
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am LIFE GROUP	29	30					

Upcoming Sermons

April 7 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14 (RCL: 1-11, Ascension, all years; 6-14, Easter 7, Year C)

Theme: Jesus' ascension

Title: "...to the ends of the earth"

What I was thinking: Acts begins where Luke ended: the disciples are with the risen Jesus, then he gives them some final instructions before leaving them.

April 14 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

Theme: Peter heals in Jerusalem

Title: "Notice"

What I was thinking: Peter and John encounter a disabled man begging. They have no money but give him something infinitely more valuable.

April 21 (4th Sunday of Easter) Scripture: Acts 17:1-9 Theme: The beginnings of the church in Thessalonica Title: "Turning the world upside down?" *What I was thinking:* Paul and Silas travel to Thessalonica, where they find several converts and a lot of resistance.

<u>April 28 (4th Sunday after Epiphany)</u> Scripture: Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (RCL: 1 Corinthians, Epiphany 3, Year A) Theme: The start of a fractious church Title: "Has Christ been divided?" *What I was thinking:* There is something about the Corinthian church that leads Paul to have to write several times to straighten them out. What is it?

First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes March 17,2024

Board members present: Deacons-Judy Daniel, Jennifer Schmehl, Peggy Thomas, Gary Coffman, Bob Thomas. Elders-John Daniel, Carol Roberts, Diana Rich, Don Malan, Shawn Quick, Chuck Lewis. Voting Member, Carol Lewis. Others present-Rev. Sharla Hulsey, Carol Ann Winburn, Phyllis McBrayer, Everett McBrayer.

Shawn Quick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1039. He then gave the prayer.

After review with no changes or additions, the agenda was unanimously approved after a motion by Diana Rich that was seconded by Judy Daniel.

The minutes of the February 18, 2024 meeting (included in the board packet) were reviewed by the members present. A motion was made by Chuck Lewis, seconded by Diana Rich, to approve the minutes which were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports—

The Profit and Loss Report for February was reviewed by Carol Lewis who stated that Income for Feb. was \$6,958.37 and that Expenses were \$10,060.00. She stated that Offerings is budgeted at \$11,179.00 for the month and we received \$6,778.00. We are still ahead year to date but that won't continue if Offerings remain below the budgeted amount. She also mentioned that the "Ketchup" fund is at \$3,728.00. The Balance Sheet was reviewed with the notation that a donation of \$245.00 was received for the Outreach Fund. A motion to accept the Financial Reports was made by Chuck Lewis, seconded by Diana Rich and approved unanimously.

Minister's Report—

Reverend Hulsey reported that she had to miss several meetings in Feb. due to assorted appointments and illness. She did have several phone calls, text messages and in-person conversations and attended the Disciples Women group and the Elders meeting. She continues with her daily morning prayers on Facebook Live and has participated in the weekly Lenten services. Next Lenten service is Wed, March 20 for which Rev. Hulsey will give the sermon. Good Friday services are scheduled for March 29 at 5:30 at the Ohio Street Methodist Church.

OLD BUSINESS-

North Wall—Chuck Lewis asked if "Anyone noticed?" The north wall has been painted! Carol Roberts noticed some bubbling in one area, but Chuck stated that the painter had left the remaining unused paint so we can patch if we need to. But Chuck stated that this project is done !

Kitchen mats—Everett stated that someone had left 2 small mats in the kitchen. Jennifer Schmehl stated that she was able to get them at such a low price that she bought them to be used temporarily until appropriate sized mats could be obtained. Sharla said she would check to see if we could find some online.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—

No reports from committees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, John Daniel made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Coffman, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1105.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Schmehl, Sec.





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"Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

-John 20:8-9

