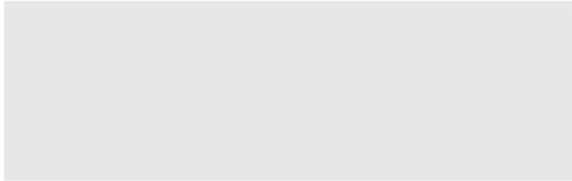




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SERVING THIS WEEK OF April 27

- Worship Leader:** Anne Ingersoll
Elders: Mike Drake (bread), Janet Shank (cup)
Diaconate: Josh Butcher, Elise Cangro, Roselyn Chown, Ron Vaughn, Jonelle Schauble, Sue Cangro
Balcony: Collin Reed, Shannon Reed, Rich Cangro
Preparatory: Monill McClure, Barbara Markley, Cindy Moon
Greeters: **Front** LouAnn Herriman
Central East Karen Chatterton
Balcony South Jeanna Montgomery
Elevator Les Herriman
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Gail & Joyce Randall
Children's Moment: Sherri Wagner
Children's Church: Peggy West
Soundboard Tech: Eric Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time: Heather Craig-Bailey
Hospital Caller(s): Mary Stipanowich
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Dorothy Loop

- Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director
 Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor
 Sydne Speziale,
Nursery Assistant

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WATCH THE KENTUCKY DERBY WITH FRIENDS AT CHURCH MAY 3, 5:00 P.M.

Membership will sponsor a Kentucky Derby night on May 3, 5:00 p.m. We will watch the Kentucky Derby and play games - there will be prizes! Wear your decorated Derby hats. Prizes will be given for decorations! Please plan to bring your favorite snack also.



Kelly's Korner

Last Sunday was the official end to Lent and the beginning of the Easter season (or Eastertide) in the Christian calendar. We leave the pinnacle events of the cross and resurrection and prepare to consider the ways of...doubting. Say What? Having a glimpse of new life and grace, shouldn't we be preparing to share these gifts with others? It does seem a bit odd that the next story is about Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Thomas says *Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.*

Now, that's a bit gross. The touching and the feeling, I mean, not the doubting. The doubting part is quite normal.

There are plenty of doubters. The obvious doubters call themselves atheists. They cannot fathom anything but science. The ways of the spirit are too ethereal. Faith is about trust and acceptance and suspending 100% knowledge. Atheists demand facts and proof.

If faithful people are honest, they will admit to having doubt at some point in their faith journey. There is nothing wrong with this. In my opinion, a time of doubt can assist in strengthening one's belief. It may seem odd, but I think it to be true. Think of how many people gave up sugar or chocolate during Lent. As Easter baskets were emptied, these same people remembered just how wonderful these sweets really are to them. The "down" parts of our faith journey help to make the "up" parts that much sweeter, more significant, more precious.

After his baptism—an up experience—Jesus is taken to the wilderness which is always a downer, biblically speaking. He is tempted by Satan—definitely a downer. Jesus goes from hearing the voice of God to being all alone with the tempter. As we go from the resurrection to doubt, let us listen for the voice of God, the ever-present voice of God leading us on our fantastic journey of faith and life. Complete with valleys...hills...doubt...assurance.

Peace,



Saturday, May 3

7:00 AM DM @ Old Dairy

Sunday, May 4

opens/closes church
drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM JYF (grades 3-5)
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion
Elders: Jack McKinnon,
Char Carden
Deacons: Gail Randall, Nancy Reed
5:00 PM Youth Group

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 11

opens/closes church
drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM Youth Group

Birthdays and Anniversaries

27	Lois Clanin Hanna Runner Phyllis & Sam Shields (a)
28	Marilyn Walker
May	
1	Jonelle Schauble

Sunday, April 27 Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Unless I See
Scripture: John 20:19-31

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
I Peter 1:3-9

Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
I Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



CHANGE OF VENUE FOR DISCIPLES MEN'S MEETING

Starting on May 3, the Disciples Men will meet the first Saturday of the month at the Old Dairy. We will change the starting time to 7:15 a.m., order our food and proceed to a small room just to the left of the entrance. Wait staff will bring the food to that room.

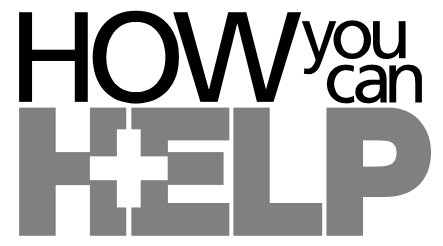
First Christian Church will recognize our 8th grade, high school, community college, and university graduates during Graduation Sunday, May 4. We will celebrate with a cake during Coffee Fellowship Hour and hold a short ceremony of congratulations during our regular worship time. If you or someone you know in the church will be reaching this important milestone, please contact Peggy West (313 3362) or Annetta in the church office (837 6473) as soon as possible so they can be honored.



We were so happy with how the spaghetti dinner went. We could not have done it without you. Thank you for being so nice throughout the process, allowing us to use your space, and always being helpful.

We are very grateful!

WIU Best Buddies



MAY RESPONSIBILITIES AT LOAVES & FISHES

During the month of May, First Christian Church is scheduled to manage the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Parlor bulletin board asking for volunteers to help stock the shelves for one week in May.

For those new to the task, a committee member will be on hand each day to explain what needs to be done. The sorting of any food that is received through collections or drives during May will be the responsibility of our church.

Please consider helping for a few days during the month.

Christian Action & Outreach is in charge of this responsibility and they need a lot of help during this assignment month!

Sign-up and commit to help as soon as possible. Thank you.



Service of Remembrance

The Stephen Ministers and Rev. Kelly Ingersoll would like to invite you to a Service of Remembrance on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Families who have lost loved ones from our First Christian Church community since March 20, 2013 will be our special guests. Disciples Women will host a reception following the service.

Junior Youth Fellowship will wrap up the year with an outing to Ball Fore on Sunday, May 4, following worship. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a "picnic lunch", then ride the van to Ball Fore for putt putt, batting cages and a picnic dessert (weather permitting). Youth fees at Ball Fore will be covered. The van will be available to drop the children at home by 2:00 p.m. JYF families and friends are welcome to join us for this outing at their own expense!

