



Chalice Tidings

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Service—April 14 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday with First Baptist at FCC—April 18 7:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service—April 19 7:30 pm

Easter Egg Glow at Glenwood Park—April 20 8:00 pm

Easter Breakfast 8:00-10:00 am, Easter Morning Family Activities 9:30-10:00 am

Easter Service—April 21 10:30 am

Kelly's Korner

WDJD? What did Jesus Do?

On Easter we will close out our sermon series by remembering Jesus rose. There is a full list of opportunities during Holy Week (see p. 1) to close out Lent and welcome Easter. I hope you will participate in all of them. Jesus will ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and by Friday, he will hang on a cross and die.

But, Sunday will come. And we will remember. Life conquers death.

Holy Week is also called Passion. The range of emotions that 1st century believers must have experienced is difficult to imagine. The high of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. Their leader who would restore Israel to prominence and greatness by fulfilling the role of Messiah. (Did they even notice he rode on a donkey instead of a warrior's steed?) All the encounters in the temple put Jesus at odds with the religious authorities. He spoke new words at Passover. Early on Friday, Jesus was scared and prayed to God. While in the garden, he was arrested, tried, turned over to Roman authorities, beaten, and crucified. Alone on a hill, Jesus died.

Sunday came. What did Jesus do? He rose. And we now know. Life conquers death.

The stories of Holy Week are our stories. We are to rise and fall, to ride the roller coaster of emotions, just like those first believers. We are to know the heights of joy and the depths of sorrow. Experiencing only a part of the ride provides an incomplete Lenten journey—like we will miss out on something. For the journey to be complete, we must experience all of it, because...

Easter Sunday is coming again. Life conquers death.

Peace,



Sunday April 28

Paul Huff has been with us for **20 years!!!** We will honor him during the worship service with a reception to follow. Come celebrate and thank him for all of his hard work!!!



SABBATICAL REMINDERS

A committee of five parishioners and Rev. Kelly began meeting in February 2018 to submit a proposal for a grant to pay all the expenses for his sabbatical. This proposal was mailed to the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program (LECRP) at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN asking for \$49,584 on April 13, 2018. In August, we received a letter that \$49,584 had been awarded to our congregation. FCC received the check in September 2018 and the money was placed in the Trustee Checking Account under Special Funds. Rev. Kelly's sabbatical, from May 20, 2019, through August 12, 2019, will be paid in full from this grant.

Rev. Kelly has made it very clear that he is not looking for another church. Additionally, one of the many application details in the proposal for the grant, was that "the pastor and an authorized congregational leader needed to certify the pastor's intent to remain in the congregation at least one year after completing the program".

Lastly, no one from First Christian Church can be in contact with Rev. Kelly while he is on his sabbatical. This is a stipulation of the grant, not his choice. He can not come back to do funerals, weddings or baptisms. He cannot accept emails, text messages or cell phone calls. Funerals, weddings and baptisms will be done by the Senior Minister Intern.

Rev. Kelly serves a variety of roles in his position as minister. The responsibilities are continual and the pace and demands are relentless. He needs to replenish his own spiritual reservoir to regain energy and strength for his ministry. If you still have questions concerning Rev. Kelly's sabbatical, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Submitted by Jean Vaughn—Board Chair

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn

March 11, 2019



Stephen Ministry met Monday March 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with 7 present. Those present were Char Carden, Sue Cooper, Judy Bland, Sue Adams, Donna Bainter, and Jean Vaughn. We didn't meet in February because illness and slick roads.

We will have Recognition of Stephen Ministers Sunday with our Interim Minister in June.

We went over our prayer list. Our contacts for last month were 5 calls, 9 cards and 3 visits. Those who had care receivers gave a report.

We decided for each of us to give the lesson each month. Jean will still be in charge of the meetings. We will be working on the unit about "Crisis in Pregnancy and Childbirth" in April. The next book we will be using will be "Good Listener."

If you know anyone that might need a good listener, call Jean Vaughn at 837-4406 or anyone of the Stephen Ministers. Our next meeting will be April 8, 2019.

Donna Bainter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

WOW! This is the word I hear repeatedly when friends come up to the Education Wing and see our Renovation!

Renovation News

Christian Education should be in their "new" classrooms by April. The windows are still being decided upon. When the windows are in and window treatments have been installed, we plan to have an Open House to celebrate how wonderful our new Education Wing is looking. Thank you for all the hard work and willingness to change classrooms! Everyone has been more than flexible during what could have been a difficult time.

Easter Sunday News

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The Children and Youth are encouraged to eat at the Easter Breakfast with their families (8-10am) and gather in the Education Wing for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt/Craft Project at 9:30am.**

Egg Glow News

Egg Glow is coming up! Over 3000 Glow in the Dark eggs! **This will be held Saturday, April 20, 7:45 registration and hunt at 8pm, at the Glenwood Stone Shelter.** This will fall later in the Spring this year, so we are hoping for warmer temperatures. **We need candy to be delivered to the church in the boxes scattered and marked throughout the church, starting the 2nd week in April.** Last year, we had an abundance of candy brought thanks to our always-generous congregation.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO PURCHASE CANDY THAT HAS NUTS OR CANDY THAT HAS BEEN PROCESSED IN A FACTORY THAT PACKAGES CANDY HAVING NUTS. (You may want to take this list to the store.)

Suggestions for candy are:

Dots	Kit Kat	Starbursts	Hershey's fun size
Dum Dum suckers	Laffy Taffy	Swedish Fish	Skittles
Junior Mints	M and M's	Twix	Sour Patch Kids
Smarties	Milk Duds	Whoppers	Blowpops
Tootsie Rolls	Milky Way Bars	Rolos	Jelly Bellys
Crunch Bars	York Peppermint Patties		

We will sort through and package candies into bags on Friday, April 19 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to sorting candy into bags, we will be attaching glowsticks to the outside of plastic eggs this year to make the prep before the Egg Glow a little bit easier and the glowing eggs more visible. This sounds like a lot of work....we do need lots of people. Last year, we had easily 30 people show up to work on this and it's actually a fun time. We'll have tables set up and it's a "sit down" job that all can participate in. We don't even mind if a piece of candy sneaks its way into your mouth.

Pastor's Class started March 31st.

Graduation Recognition will be held on May 5th. PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAS SOMEONE GRADUATING FROM 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, OR OBTAINING A UNIVERSITY DEGREE.

Youth and Childrens' Sunday School will end on May 19th. The children will instead be receiving their Sunday School lesson during the church service in place of our regularly scheduled Church Choir.

CHRISTIAN ACTION & OUTREACH

Jan Rockwell

Loaves and Fishes

Rod reported that as of the end of January the balance for Loaves and Fishes is \$81,000. There was a total of \$12,000 donated from the Melissa Inman memorial and another \$6,709 in other donations in the month of January. The Felheimer Trust donation was \$13,000. A new refrigerator was purchased when the old refrigerator stopped functioning. Loaves and Fishes will move to the basement of the church this summer. The date for "Stuff the Bus" has not yet been determined. WIRC received a grant and donated 80 cases of food to Loaves and Fishes.

Prayer Shawl Group

Roselyn reported that the prayer shawl group continues to make blankets for the Linus project. They will meet tomorrow, February 12th. Hats and scarves made by this group were placed in the FCC Emergency Cupboard. These seem to be appreciated since they do not stay in the cupboard long.

FCC Emergency Cupboard

There were \$205.00 in donations from the "Souper Bowl" collection. JYF organized the Emergency Cupboard shelves and stocked the cupboard. A request was made by Jan and Rod for the FCC Property and Building Committee to look at the cupboard closing mechanism, when possible, since it is very difficult to operate.

Inter-Faith Alliance (IAM)

Youth Peace Writing Contest—Jan reported that with all of the days off school, there may not be a large participation in the writing contest. Norma Kentner will collect the entries from the school board office on Friday, February 15th and distribute to the contest judges.

Community Prayer Breakfast

The prayer breakfast is Thursday, May 2. Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets will be available at Citizens Bank soon.

Book Discussion

Janice Welch contacted Jan about a discussion series pertaining to the book *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo and Amy London. The discussion will be held in the Mary Lou Kent Room in the WIU library starting on March 28 at 1:00 p.m. for 4 consecutive Thursdays.

New Business

On the third Thursday of each month from 12:15 to 12:45 a Meditation Time has begun to be held in the FCC Parlor. This is a quiet time to meditate and talk with God. Everyone is invited.

FCC BOOK CLUB

One of our favorite books this year was discussed in March—*The Invention of Wings* by Susan Kidd Monk. Our next book, *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead, will be discussed Thursday, April 4th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We always have a good lively discussion from our good and lively group. Please see Norma Kentner if you would like a used book for \$5.

PROPERTY

Dave Kentner

Renovation plans are continuing along well. The Education Wing is painted and the flooring is completed. The new dry erase boards have been delivered and will be installed. Most of the new furniture has arrived. We hope to be back in the classrooms by April, if not before. We are continuing to look at plans and bids for the new elevator/lift and windows. The stairwell walls are completed. Flooring, painting of the metal railings and the rubber steps will be completed soon.

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl Committee delivered 17 knitted, crocheted, and fleece-tied blankets for the Linus Project to comfort sick children. These blankets were made by our Prayer Shawl members and friends/families of this group.



YOUTH

Ben Kersey

The month of March was full of activities. We made homemade pizza, went bowling, and started planning for youth Sunday! Two of our youth also went on the Mission trip to St. Louis. It was a great month, but with the warmer weather, we're looking forward to nice spring afternoons and summer nights!

**APRIL ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE AGE,
YOUTH (grades 6-12) and JYF (grades 3-5)**

College Age

14 - 8:00 pm
28- 8:00 pm

Youth - 6 - 12 Grade

7 - 5:00 pm *Tie Blankets*
14 5:00 pm *Youth Sunday Planning*
20 - 8:00 pm *Egg Glow at Glenwood Park*
21 - *Easter! No meeting.*
28 - *Youth Sunday*

JYF - 3 - 5 Grade

7 - 5:00 pm
20 - 8:00 pm *Egg Glow at Glenwood Park*
21 - 5:00 pm

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Char Carden

DW Executive Board met for the first time since November 2018 on March 5, 2019. We met in the Fellowship Hall at noon. There were eight present. Each officer gave reports to update us to the current date. Most of the time was spent on THE LADIES NIGHT OUT on APRIL 9TH.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR LADIES NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH. STYLIN'. A vintage style show to follow the delicious meal at 6:00 pm. \$10 per person. **RESERVATIONS IN NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ST.**

Next meeting will be April 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE...



A spring tradition that's observed in Germany, is the Easter egg tree. There are over 10,000 eggs on this tree. The tradition started with 17 eggs and has grown over the years to 10,000. He says not going for more eggs, this is it. Having been a part of the country's cultural heritage for hundreds of years, the tradition of decorating trees with colourful painted eggs is still very much kept alive, and can be seen while travelling across the country.

Another nation to celebrate *Semana Santa*, or Holy Week, is Spain. And in Seville, celebrations are especially striking. The Andalucian city's Easter processions attract thousands of people who line the streets to catch a glimpse of the intricately decorated floats, which depict the Easter story.

This year many American Christians will celebrate Easter — the oldest and most important holy day of the Christian calendar. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians believe Jesus was raised from the dead three days after his crucifixion some 2,000 years ago. Many Christians observe a period of fasting and confessing their sins in the 40 days leading up to the holiday. This time is known as Lent and comes from an old English word meaning "spring."

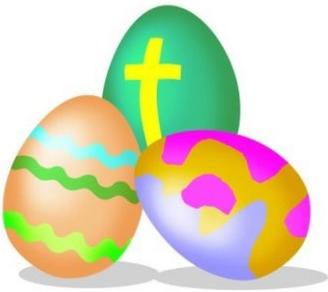
God sent his only son to take the punishment
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do.
Jesus gave his life because he loves us;
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.
On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior.
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
That is why we tell you, "Happy Easter!"
He secured our heavenly reward.



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