



Chalice Tidings

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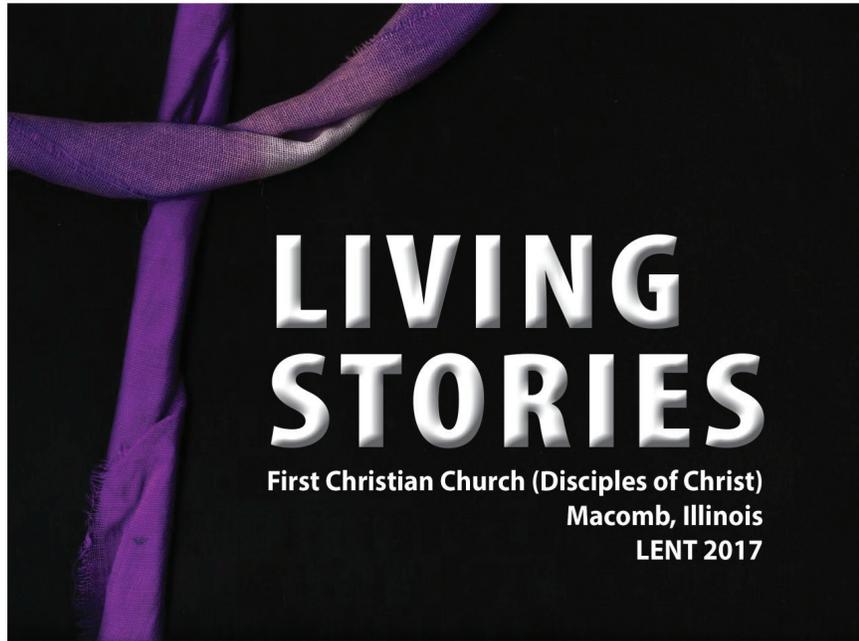
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Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service April 9 at 10:30 am.

Maundy Thursday Joint Service with First Baptist at FCC April 13 at 7 pm.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 14 at 7:30 pm.

Easter Egg Glow at Glenwood Park April 15 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Easter Breakfast from 8 to 10 am, Children's Party 9 to 10 am.

Easter Service April 16 at 10:30 am.

Kelly's Korner

I'm supposed to talk about Easter, but—

Just this week: hearings have begun for a new supreme court justice, congressional hearings concerning elected officials, terrorist attack in England with 3 dead and 20 injured. All point to a disconnect in our world. Politicians (and their supporters) clash just because they call themselves by a different name. It seems we have forgotten that we are all Americans. Other titles are secondary. Power and control seem to mean more than the well-being of our country.

The terror attack in England is ongoing as I write. There is nothing yet to support the reason for such violence. And yet, such violent attacks are often religiously motivated. I expect that the threats against many Jewish community centers and temples in our own country are religiously motivated. I assume so many threats against Islamic mosques are religiously motivated.

Such acts of violence and threats go against religion—any religion.

Religious motivations must result in different actions.

I was involved in a lunch today. Members of our church broke bread with members of the Islamic Center and First Presbyterian Church. This lunch occurred as an action of our board. When deciding how to best remember the 15 year anniversary of 9/11, the board empowered the Christian Action and Outreach committee to see if there was interest in interfaith experiences with other religious entities in town. Invitations were extended. We shared lunch and a few dreams—dreams of relationship and patience and love and understanding and conversation and opportunities. The result of that lunch is more food. Our three faith traditions decided to share a meal. I am hopeful you will attend. There will be more in the way of publicity, but I hope you will want to join for a potluck meal in the park on April 29 at 4:00 p.m. We see this as an opportunity to share faith and friendship and hospitality with one another. Will there be more gatherings? I don't know. I hope so. Will you join us?

May this religiously motivated meal bring peace to our community.

Possibly—quite possibly—this is what Easter people do.

Peace,



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn



Stephen Ministers personally benefit from the life skills they learn in their training - the listening skills, the use of reflective questions, and attentiveness to someone else's needs. Learning those skills helps our Stephen Ministers in so many areas of life, and they really grasp the idea that when we serve "the least of these" - our brothers and sisters who are suffering - we're serving Jesus. This gives Stephen Ministers a practical, tangible way to express their faith as they connect with others in a caring relationship.

I love to see our Stephen Ministers' passion and excitement for caring ministry. I see them growing in kindness, compassion, a focus on others, faith and trust in God, an awareness of the opportunity to serve, and the ability to connect and relate to people. I see all of that and much more.

Wouldn't you like to join this Ministry? Wouldn't you like to benefit from the life skills that are gained from the training? Wouldn't you like to feel good about caring for others? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

A training class for new Stephen Ministers will be starting soon.

EVANGELISM

Norma Kentner

Sharing God's Love

As one can see from reading this newsletter, the month ahead is full of evangelism promises and opportunities - spiritually rewarding Lenten and Easter activities, a family night, a community-wide Egg Glow, the Ladies Night Out program...the list is long. Please continue to greet and welcome your church family, embrace those who might be new to you, and invite friends or even someone you might "bump into" to church activities and programs.

In writing this note, I am looking forward to having our Evangelism Committee share an activity with the Youth Group-Bread in a Bag. We are getting together to make little loaves of bread to take to our First Time Visitors at church. However, it's more than the bread...it's the time we are planning on spending together, doing a small something for someone else...we are a continuing part of **Sharing God's Love**.

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 1pm in the FCC Library. We have many nice shawls available now. Please let someone in the group know if a friend or loved one would like a prayer shawl.

FCC Book Club

FCC Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 6th at noon to discuss The Education of Little Tree in the Fellowship Hall. The following month we will watch the DVD of this book.

Please join us for an always-good discussion time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble

Christian Education would like to announce what we hope will become an annual event. The Easter Egg Glow hunt. It will be held on Saturday, April 15th starting at 7:30 pm. Registration will begin at 7:15 pm. It is being held at Glenwood Park. This is a rain or shine event. The age groups are Pre K- 6th. There will grand prizes in each group and smaller prizes awarded also. The Easter Bunny will be there also with a booth for photos. Come join us for a night of fellowship and fun. There are sign up sheets in the parlor for those of you who would like to volunteer. We are going to need a lot of help.

We will be hiding 600 eggs- yes, you read it correctly-600 eggs. We are hiding 200 for each age group. In order to fill that many eggs the committee is asking for donations of candy. Small candy bars, tootsie rolls, etc. Please remember they have to fit inside of the eggs. Also, NOTHING with nuts or peanut butter please. There will be a tub in the parlor starting April 2nd for those of you wishing to donate. Then on Friday, April 14, at 1 pm we will meet at the church in fellowship hall to fill these eggs. Please come join us.

April 30th during worship service we will be saying farewell to our Youth Minister, Tad Goldner. We will honor him during service and a small reception will be held immediately following worship in the parlor. Please let Tad know how much we appreciate what he has brought to the youth of our church and wish him well.

It is that time of year again, time to honor our graduates. Graduate Sunday will be May 14. We are aware of the following graduates: Brianna Meunier, Elise Cangro, Aaron Meunier, Zeek Magic, Emily Bennett, Emma Bozarth, Tad Goldner, Jeff and Esther Young. Please let Jonelle Schauble know by April 30th of any graduate from 8th grade, 12th grade or College.

By the time you are reading this we will have had our Family Clay night. We are hopeful for a nice crowd. Our committee is looking forward to movies in the parking lot starting in May. We hope that you will join us for these and other activities we have planned for the future.

ELDERS

Jan Rockwell

During the recent vespers service in March, one of the two centenarians living at the Everly House joined the worship. She was an inspiration to us all! Her faith story started as a young married woman who found unconditional love from a sister-in-law. Through that relationship, she came to know the Lord. Through a hard life, she developed strength (she uses the stairs rather than the elevator). Through a positive attitude she has a great outlook on life. We all agreed with the saying, "The woman you want to be when you are old, you best be when you are young."

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP

The intergenerational mission trip to **Camp Wonderland** was a huge success by all accounts. Wonderful friendships were forged among those who went to the Lake of the Ozarks over spring break. Deep appreciations were fostered, among the FCC crew, for the new camp director and the two maintenance people in charge of the several acres facility, and for the courageous campers we helped (unmet) as we prepared the camp. But the most **WONDERFUL** part of the trip was the chance to intentionally see God's presence among us. Thanks to Pastor Kelly for sharing so effortlessly his time, skills and love of the Lord. Ask one of the team for more stories: Rod Burg, Brianna Cangro, Karen Chatterton, Kelly Ingersoll, Kentner, Aaron Meunier, Marisa Meunier, Jan Rockwell, & Griffin Taylor.

SAMARITAN WELL BLUE DRESS GALA

Jennifer Diggs, the director of Samaritan Well, decided to try a new approach to raise awareness and money for the shelters. March 25th marked the first Blue Dress Gala at the VFW. The event's proceeds will be used for several upgrades and repairs at the men's shelter (the building next to our parking lot which FCC provides rent-free).

MAY 4 INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 4th. Our own Kelly Ingersoll will be the keynote speaker. (This would be a great event to bring someone to from outside our church.) The breakfast will be held at the Spoon River Community Center east side of town. Doors open at 6:30 am with serving by Whytehouse Catering beginning at 7:00 am.

Our church filled 2 tables last year; let's at least double that. You may buy your tickets from Patti Jones or Jan Rockwell on Sundays or drop by the church office. Seating is limited to 200 so get yours as soon as possible. Tickets are between \$12.50 to \$15.00 a person depending on if entire tables of 8 are filled. Find 7 others to join you and you can save \$2.50, just about enough for a Dairy Queen!

MAY IS FCC MONTH AT LOAVES & FISHES

Plan to share some time in May to help stock shelves weekday mornings at Loaves & Fishes. May is also when extra food donations from the college and mail deliverers arrive. Many hands make short work! A sign-up sheet will be in the parlor bulletin board.

PROPERTY

Larry Loop

The AC unit has been replaced by Arnold Brothers. It was determined that the HVAC system was originally installed in 1992, so we can expect to be replacing more units in the near future.

Ongoing projects include: the lighting project was approved by Ameren, materials have been re-ordered, and we will schedule installation with the electrical contractor once received. We are getting bids on restriping the parking lot to facilitate more handicapped parking spaces. Schmitz Plumbing will install an additional on demand hot water heater to resolve the problem with the dishwasher.

WORSHIP

Anne Ingersoll

Worship Committee is still searching for people to help create new banners for the sanctuary to be used during special services throughout the year. If you are creative and/or artistic, we would love to have your input! In addition, those who sew are also needed. Please contact Anne Ingersoll if you are interested at anneingersoll@gmail.com or 309-421-0540.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tad Goldner

With March behind us, we have plenty to look forward to in April. We have youth Sunday on April 23. Rehearsals for Youth Sunday will be held April 2, 9 and 22. This will be a great event for our youth.

As always, thank you to everyone who helps make these programs possible. I'm looking forward to a fantastic April!

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton

The Disciples Women are planning a very busy April. We will start with Lenten studies, March 22, 29 and April 5. The Itoka Maeda Group will provide a light meal, March 22, and Martha Shemwell group will serve on March 29, with both groups serving the meal April 5. Ladies Night Out will be April 11, with salads, chicken salad and desserts served at no charge. Everyone is invited to attend and invite guests. Pat Hobbs will be talking about and displaying her paintings. This will be a wonderful experience, please try to attend. Disciples Women will be serving the Easter breakfast April 16, from 8 am to 10:00 am. No Fellowship in parlor. Church members will be contacted for food donations and assisting with preparation and cleanup.

Something to Think about!!! Regardless of my age, I can serve the Lord.

Like FCC Macomb and a Member of Facebook? Write a review!

We have noticed in recent months that our Facebook account seems to be getting some attention. So, why not add to it!? If you are a member on Facebook, visit the [fccmacomb.org](https://www.facebook.com/fccmacomb.org) page and write a review. You will see a menu on the left hand margin. Once you click "Reviews", you will be prompted to rate FCC on a five star scale and then asked to comment. Wouldn't it be nice to share with others in the community what you think about our church?

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples men will meet at The Old Dairy
April 1, at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group meets at Rocky's
April 20, at 7:30 pm.

TRUSTEES

Donna Bainter

Trustees meeting is April 17 at 5:30 pm.

Church Board meeting is at 7:00 pm.

A LOOK AHEAD AT APRIL:

1. 8:00 am Disciples Men at The Old Dairy
3. 7:00 pm Spirit Sisters at Rocky's
4. 7:00 pm DW Executive Board Meeting
5. 5:30 pm Lenten Light Supper
- 6:00 pm Lenten Study
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6. 12:00 pm FCC Book Club
10. 5:00 pm Property
- 6:00 pm Outreach and Action
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 pm Christian Education
11. 6:00 pm Ladies Night Out
12. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
13. 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
14. 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service
15. 7:30 pm Easter Egg Glow Hunt
16. 8:00 am Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
17. 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Board Meeting
18. 5:00 pm Pastoral Support
19. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
20. 7:30 pm Third Thursday Men's Group at Rocky's
23. 8:00 am Youth Sunday
24. 5:00 pm Evangelism
- 6:00 pm Worship
- 7:00 pm Elders
25. 9:30 am Disciples Clergy
- 1:30 pm Martha Shemwell
- 6:00 pm Itoko Maeda Dinner
- 7:15 pm Itoko Maeda Group Meeting
26. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
30. Fifth Sunday Food Drive



Birthdays and Anniversaries

3. Nita Burg
- Bill Froom
6. Dixie Rouse
12. Marissa Meunier
13. Leslie Trone
15. Rich and Sue Cangro's anniversary
19. James Shank
- Chris Dace
- Sherri Wagner
20. Josh Butcher
27. Sam and Phyllis Shields anniversary
- Hanna Runner





First Saturday of the month: Disciples Men meet at The Old Dairy at 8:00 am. Please join us April 1st for a morning of fun fellowship.

First Monday of the month: Spirit Sisters, which is one of our church social groups, will meet at 7:00 pm. We meet at Diamond Dave's for refreshments and chips, and you are welcome to eat dinner there as well. We chat about a given topic in a safe environment, share our experiences, and learn a bit more about each other. You are always welcome to bring a friend! Come join us April 3rd!

First Thursday of the month: FCC Book Club will meet at 12:00 pm. Please come join us April 6th for a morning of fun.

Second Tuesday of the month: Prayer Shawl will meet at 1:00 pm. Come join us April 11th for a lovely social hour.

Third Thursday of the month: Men's Group will meet at Rocky's at 7:30 pm. Come join us April 20th.

Fourth Tuesday of the month: Disciples Clergy will meet at 9:30 am. Come join us April 25th.

Last Tuesday of the month: Martha Shemwell group meeting will meet at 1:30 pm, Itoko Maeda dinner will meet at 6:00 pm followed by a meeting at 7:15 pm. Come join us April 25th.

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