



Chalice Tidings

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service - March 25 at 10:30 am.

Maundy Thursday Joint Service with First Baptist at First Baptist - March 29 at 7 pm.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - March 30 at 7:30 pm.

Easter Egg Glow at Glenwood Park - March 31 at 7:30.

Easter Breakfast from 8 to 10 am, Easter Morning Family Activities 9:30 to 10 am.

Easter Service - April 1 at 10:30 am.

Kelly's Korner

In the movie *Good Morning Vietnam*, Robin Williams plays a DJ named Adrian Cronauer. In his attempt to bring humor to the troops, he would use a variety of sayings. One that stands out is when he would ask, "What time is it?" Instead of giving the actual military time of 0600, he'd just say "Oh my God it's early!"

That's a bit how I feel about Lent this year. That it's early. It has sneaked up on us, almost out of nowhere. We are now rallying to catch up. Having experienced Ash Wednesday, it's time to give up something for faith or to take on some intentional action. We are hoping to draw closer to Jesus and God in these 40 days.

Our theme for Lent is Faith on the Move. Each of us has room for growth. No matter our past failures or successes. We haven't been perfect yet, and we aren't called to perfection now. We are called to intentional faith growing. We mustn't remain stagnant. If we are to fulfill our Lenten mission, we will grow our faith...one step or three steps or five steps. Thus, Faith on the Move guides us to deeper connections with God and deeper understandings of Jesus.

So, whether you are praying more or reading more scripture or journaling or giving up caffeine or sweets or performing random acts of kindness, **be intentional**. Remember Jesus' life. Feel the presence of God's spirit with you. Have a renewed faith.

The whole of the sermon series for Lent is listed below. Read the passages prior to coming to worship, maybe. This could be a Lenten discipline that could follow you into the Easter season. Hope to see you soon!

Peace,



Faith on the Move Scriptures and Sermon Titles

February	March	April
18—Genesis 9:17 Promised Faith	4—John 2:13-16 Driven by Faith	1—Easter Mark 16:1-8 Faith Rises
25—Mark 9:2-4 Faith Transfigured	11—John 3:16-21 Love. Light. Faith.	
	18—John 12:20-26 Serving Faith	
	25—Palm Sunday Mark 11:7-11 Faith on Parade	

STEPHEN MINISTRY



The Stephen Ministers met February 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. with 5 present and 2 were ill. Jean Vaughn opened the meeting with prayer.

We gave a report on our visits with our care receivers. We made 12 phone calls, sent 13 cards, made 6 visits, and made 3 contacts this month. We also went over the prayer list to up-date their progress.

We agreed to pay for half of the new window blinds for the Stephen Ministry room. Jean will take this to the Property meeting.

We also discussed how to help our care receivers if they receive bad news about their illness. Sometimes we have to talk to their immediate family also. We are working to be positive and to be good listeners. We are going to order more copies of "Journey Through Grief" books. They are very helpful if anyone has lost a loved one and we also have a book about Cancer. If we can help, contact Jean Vaughn.

The Stephen Ministers will meet March 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Thank you, Donna Bainter

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton

The Disciples Women are starting a busy Spring season. There will be a light Lenten dinner served on Feb. 21 by Tim and Sue Adams, Feb. 28 Sue Cooper, March 7 Susan Cangro, and March 21 Char Carden, Thanks to all of you for providing these meals.

The **Easter Breakfast** will be April 1 from 8 to 10:00 am in the fellowship hall, all the delicious breakfast foods and drinks will be served, everyone is invited.

The **DW Ladies Night Out** will be April 10 The menu has not been decided yet. There will be a very entertaining singing group. More details will be in April's news letter.

The Disciples Women's Ministry Leadership Team of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin is having a gathering Saturday May 5 10 am -3 pm at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Ill. There will be a collection of Blessing Bags, some of them will go to our 24 hour Peace cupboard. All women of the Church are encouraged to attend.

The First Christian Church of Blandinsville is having a BeYOUtiful Day on Saturday April 21 at 2:00 pm. This event sounds like a lot of fun, contact Karen for more information.

The Disciples Women provide meals for those in need due to illness, accidents, hospitalization, etc. If you would like to prepare a meal or contribute a dish for this worthwhile meal ministry, please contact Judy Graves or Karen Chatterton.

THINK ABOUT THIS---Where does the time go? Remember yesterday, dream about tomorrow and live for today because the years pass quickly!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

Exciting News:

Our new 3rd-5th grade Sunday School Class is up and running well. We have a wonderful line-up of teachers and parent helpers who are helping to make this a very positive experience for these youth. We have a **new Sunday School/Music/Children's Church Schedule**. Our children will meet from 9-10 am Sunday mornings. There will be no Children's Church during the worship service. The children will instead go out to Music with our intern, Allie, and her helper. Children's Church will then resume during the summer months.

Plans are being made for the **Junior JYF Group** (ages 3-2nd) to visit another nursing home for a resident/child egg hunt and craft. Many thanks to Anne Ingersoll for her faithful work with **JYF (3rd-5th)**.

Adult Classes have two classes to choose from, Dean Hansen's *The Present Word* study, and Tim Adams' continued study of the book, *Faithful*. Both of these classes meet on the lower level of the Education Wing from 9-10 am on Sunday mornings.

Plans are being finalized for our 2nd **Annual Egg Glow** on March 31st, and our **Easter Morning Family Activities**.

In addition to planned activities, CE is beginning the **renovation of our 2nd floor Education Wing**. Already, kidney-shaped tables and wooden chairs have been purchased! Come up and take a peek!

FCC BOOK CLUB

Norma Kentner

Our FCC Book Club thoroughly enjoyed a visit by Monmouth author, Susan Van Kirk, in February. She discussed our upcoming read. A mystery ***Three May Keep a Secret***, which is part of her Endurance novels. On Thursday, March 1st at noon, the group will discuss Susan's book. Our next read for Thursday, April 5th at noon is ***Boys in the Boat***, By Daniel James Brown. This is the story of nine Americans and their epic quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. There are still copies available if you wish to purchase a book (used, \$5) and come join the group. Or, if you would just like to be in on our discussion, please join us. We love having new members and friends in the community join at any time.

PROPERTY

Larry Loop

The emergency cupboard has some problems with leakage during this rainy weather. We are working on a solution for this issue.

Cable has been run to the soundboard in the balcony and wifi is now available throughout the entire church.

Blinds have been ordered for the Stephens Ministry room. They should be received and installed in the next few weeks.

The concrete leveling project at Samaritan Well has been scheduled for April 19.

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

“Ladies & Gentlemen! Take your places!!!” **Destination Indianapolis** is staged for **March 11 – 15th** – the annual **FCC intergenerational mission trip** is headed to inner-city Indianapolis to serve in a variety of capacities. We’re slated to work in a food distribution warehouse, a hospital hospitality house, a clothing distribution center and help beautify the city with tree plantings. All work & no fun, you say? Never fear! Kelly & Jan have planned some yummy food experiences & wild speedway fun! (What would be a trip to Indianapolis without a visit to the 500 track?!) Sign up is currently in the Parlor with an informational meeting after church March 4th. Youth 6th grade through adults 96 & younger may apply.

FCC Emergency Cupboard is up and running! If nearly **14,000 hits on Facebook** are any indication, it seems to have created quite a stir in our community & abroad! The latest success has been the announcement that the Regional churches throughout Wisconsin and Illinois women will be offering donations as part of a mission focus in May at a day long training in Springfield called **The Gathering**. Already a number of FCC women are planning to attend and will represent FCC by accepting the donations. There’s room for many more gals.

Around 20 people spent **Super Bowl Sunday** preparing delicious **spaghetti dinners** for the grateful people at the jail, first responders, our Samaritan Well residents, & shut-ins. There was good fellowship and food for all. Thanks to those who helped the Elders & Outreach committee with this annual event!

Thanks to the **Martin Luther King Day of Service at FCC**, several areas of the church and the kitchen at the Samaritan Well Men’s Shelter have taken a fresh look. Many hands made light work!

March 3rd is a busy day in Macomb! Several events coincide. Be sure to support especially the following:

Samaritan Well Blue Dress Gala 6-9 at the Elks is a fund raiser to complete renovations at the Men’s Shelter and do more at the Women’s Shelter. Call the shelter if you’d like to donate or attend. Dinner, silent auction, dance performance and Karaoke are part of the evening.

IAM Youth Writing Contest winners will be announced at the **WIU International Bazaar**. Over 30 entries were judged for best of age categories with 1st – 12 graders writing on “What Peace Means to Me”. Support the students’ efforts between 5:00 & 6:00 in the WIU Union. Enjoy the food & entertainment from around the world!

REMEMBER!! There will not be an Outreach and Action meeting this month on March 12.

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples men will meet at The Old Dairy
March 3, at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men’s Group will **NOT**
be meeting this month of March
due to spring break and the Mission Trip

TRUSTEES

Dean Rockwell

Trustees meeting is March 19 at 5:30 pm followed
by the Church Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

NEW FCC MEMBERS

Please welcome Gary and Cheryl Dunham!

Gary is retired and taught elementary school for 33 years
(30 of them in Macomb)! He enjoys being outdoors and all
sports. He even coached HS girl’s basketball for 4 years.

Cheryl is also retired. She worked as a financial adviser for
over 20 years. She loves being with their grandchildren.

They have been married for almost 32 years! (May 24)



*Hello
March*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Sue Cangro
- 6 Donna Bainter
Kathryn Weghorst
- 12 Luan Barry
- 17 Kimberly Sparks
- 18 Elizabeth Bailey
Jim & Jonelle Schauble - Anniversary
- 21 Samantha Adams
- 25 Dean Hansen



DO NOT FORGET!

MARCH 11 is Daylight Saving Time



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MARCH ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH (grades 6-12), JYF (grades 3-5), AND Jr JYF (Preschool-2nd grade)

Youth 6 - 12 Grade

- 4** 5:00 pm Call Me
- 11** 5:00 pm Mission Trip
- 18** 5:00 pm Cluster Gathering
- 25** Trampoline Park in Springfield
- 31** Egg Glow at Glenwood Park

JYF 3 - 5 Grade

- 4** 5:00 pm Group Time
- 18** 5:00 pm Luck or Faith
- 31** 7:30 pm Egg Glow at Glenwood Park

Jr JYF Preschool - 2 Grade

- 25** 3:00 pm Egg Hunt/Craft at Grand Prairie
- 31** 7:30 pm Egg Glow at Glenwood Park

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