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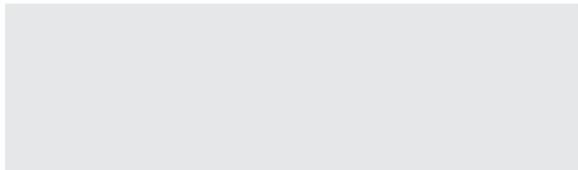


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF February 14

Worship Leader: Grant Reed
Elders: Janet Shank (bread); Patti Jones (cup)
Diaconate: Larry Ellis, Sherri Wagner, Gail Randall, Phyllis Rogers, Jeanna Montgomery
Balcony: Aaron Meunier, Marissa Meunier, Anne Ingersoll
Preparatory: Judy Bland, Carolee Sellers, Barbara Houck
Front: Dave Kentner
East Door: Joan England
Balcony South: Norma Kentner
Elevator: John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Bob & Betty Sherwood
Children's Moment: Patti Jones
Children's Church: Tad Goldner & Norma Kenter
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: Myrna Osborn
Acolyte: Jeanna Montgomery
Hospital Caller: Grant Reed
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Debra Abernathy,
Administrative Assistant
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister
 Hannah Goodman,
Nursery Supervisor
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mia Iliopoulos,
Childrens/Youth Choir Director
 Morgan Ochoa,
Nursery Assistant

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March 13-17
 Camp Wonderland
 Lake of the Ozarks

Christian Action & Outreach Committee is organizing an Intergenerational spring break mission trip. We will be going to Camp Wonderland, Lake of the Ozarks to help with maintenance, repairs, painting, etc. It is a non-profit summer camp for developmentally delayed children and adults established by the Missouri Jaycees. We will be leaving Sunday, March 13 and returning Thursday, March 17. Those attending will pay \$25 to cover food and transportation for the week. A \$10 deposit must be made by Sunday, February 21.

For more information, see Jan Rockwell.

Kelly's Korner

Lent has begun. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Ash Wednesday. Many people attempt to do away with unhealthy habits starting on Ash Wednesday. Some might give up chocolate or soda. Others may try to eat more vegetables and fewer desserts. Still yet, some may refuse to eat fast food and give that money away to a better cause. Why is so much centered around food and diet during Lent? Aren't there other things we could give up? How about using city transit and not driving the car one day a week? Can one actually live 40 days without social media?

The idea behind giving something up for Lent is tied to what Jesus gave up for us. You know, that cross experience. Is giving up chocolate or soda or computer time an adequate response, at true sign of gratitude for what Jesus has shown to you about life and faith? Don't get me wrong. I'm ok with people doing what they need to do to connect with God and faith. I just sometimes wonder if self-denial is the right approach.

Call it semantics if you will, but if we took something on during Lent as opposed to giving something up, might we find the same intention? How about writing one important note a day to remind someone (or 40 someones) why they are important to you? What about more prayer time or Bible time or intentional faith conversation with a friend? What about raising money for a pantry or mission? Would the world around you look differently if you practiced one random act of kindness for 40 days? Maybe you would look different to the world.

Our Lenten theme is *Rise Up!* Worship services and sermons and Wednesday evening studies will all be influenced by this theme. We will seek to rise up to faith in Lent. We will seek to prepare for Easter and Jesus' rising. May God guide us well during this holy season that we find faith, no matter what our Lenten practices might be. See you Sunday!

Peace,



Sunday, February 14

Dave Kentner opens/closes church

Dave Kentner drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lenten Study in
the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 21

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Eric Reed drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

5:00 PM Youth Groups

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12 Halie Runner
- 13 Linda Dace
- 14 Paul Huff
Mary Stipanowich

Sunday, February 14 First Sunday in Lent

Sermon: Rising by Saying No

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Sunday February 21 Second Sunday in Lent Week of Compassion Begins

Sermon: Not Running, Rising

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Filipenses 3:17-4:1

San Lucas 13:31-35

San Lucas 9:28-36, (37-43a)



**ATTENTION:
CHOIR MEMBERS**

Because of Lenten studies on February 17 and 24, March 2 and 9, choir rehearsal will begin at 6:00 PM.



Lenten Studies

- February 17
- February 24
- March 2
- March 9 @ 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Service

March 24 @ 7:00 PM
at First Baptist Church

Good Friday Tennebrae Service

March 25 @ 7:00 PM

Easter Breakfast

March 27 @ 8:00 AM

Children's Easter Party

@ 9:00 AM

Morning Worship @ 10:30 AM



Week of Compassion works through a remarkable network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures that our response to humanitarian needs in the world is efficient, effective and faithful. Through these partnerships Disciples are able to join a tapestry of caring that brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world.

Every five seconds, someone is displaced by violence, natural disasters, or human-made disasters. Communities are being displaced by catastrophes of war, famine and natural disasters. The church is called to reclaim the spiritual discipline of solidarity and Disciples are answering the call.

The Bible tells the story of Ruth and Naomi in the book of *Ruth* and as we recall Ruth's statement to Naomi: "*where you go I will go...and your people will be my people and...*", we know that God has called us to be advocates for those who are displaced by circumstances beyond their control.

The Week of Compassion Offering will be accepted by FCC on February 14 and 21. Please begin thinking about your contribution to help put compassion into action!

**Thanks for
Caring**



To our Macomb First Christian Family,

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for the outpouring of love and caring during the recent sadness and loss in our lives.

From the timely help of Kelly and Rod Burg at a critical time, to the many cards and e-cards during Joan's three weeks at St Johns and at her death, to the many memorial gifts to Loaves and Fishes and FCC, and to Kelly and those who shared kind words and flowers or helped in other ways at her beautiful remembrance services, we can only say thank you to all for showing how much she was loved.

The Hansen Family,
Dean Hansen, Diane Herche, Denise and Curt Anderson

A huge thank you to all who assisted with the spaghetti dinner Sunday afternoon. Around 80 dinners were delivered to the Police, Sheriff, and Fire Departments, plus the Samaritan Well homes. As always it was a great afternoon of fellowship and much laughter. With youth and seniors working together, everyone was able to get home in time to watch the Super Bowl.

Myrna Osborn, Chairman



**LENTEN
STUDIES
WEDNESDAYS**

On February 17 and 24, March 2 and 9, we will have a Lenten Study from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts and drinks will be served.

All are invited to this intergenerational time of dessert, discussion and discernment.

Please plan on joining us for these studies.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on February 18. We hope you can come and participate in casual conversation. Feel free to invite a friend.