

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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Worship Time: 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Youth & Young Adults 10:30 am

www.firstchristianchurchmansfield.com

Check the website any day to look at the Newsletter, the Mid-Week-Updates, the Church Calendar and so much more

Resurrection! If one is to consult the Cambridge dictionary the following definition would be found: *'the act of bringing something that had disappeared or ended back into use or existence'*. We as Christians declare ourselves to be a resurrection people.

The Pastor's Peace

Sunday, April 6 will be the final conversation of the series "Imagine a World With More....." And, yes, we will discuss what it might mean to image a world with more resurrection, new opportunities, new possibilities, new life. I hope you will take time to join us in the lounge at 9:30 am over some light refreshments and engaging conversation.

A time of intentional interim ministry is all about helping faith communities imagine and envision what life giving and affirming ministries they may still have to offer. It is a time to evaluate and prayerfully discern where resurrection is visible and where it is attempting to spring forth.

Sometimes resurrection doesn't look like what we anticipated or hoped for. Resurrection doesn't necessarily mean having thoughts look exactly as they once did. May our conversations continue throughout the remainder of this Lenten season on where we would like to see and experience new possibilities, new opportunities, and new life here at First Christian Church in Mansfield.

Pastor David

Maundy Thursday Gathering—April 17th



We will be joining together with our friends at St. John's UCC.

The evening will begin at 6:00 pm in a Fellowship Supper (soups, bread, sides and desserts) followed by a Reflection and Meditation at 7:00 pm. We have been asked to let them know how many they can expect by Sunday, April 13th.

We will have a Sign-Up Sheet located in the hallway. Please let Sandy or Pastor David know if you would like to carpool from our church over to St. John's

First Sunday Conversations

On the first Sunday of each month Pastor David invites you to join him and other members of our faith community for some engaging conversations. We will meet in the Lounge at both 9:30am and again after worship. We will be basing our conversation time on a format from Disciples Mission Fund,

"Imagine a World With More"

April 6 - Imagine a World with More Resurrection

All Sunday Worship Services Zoom Call In Invite Numbers:

312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 281 630 1855 Passcode: 334189

For those wishing to call in, please know that you can dial either of the phone numbers listed above and when prompted, key in the **Meeting ID** and then again when prompted, key in the **Passcode** and then you will be connected.

You may talk and we will hear you; we just won't be able to see your smiling face(s)!!! We are set that the Phone numbers along with the Meeting ID and Passcode remain the same for each invite.

Those who have email, receive email invites each Thursday via Email ~ If you would like to join via email, send your email address to: Mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com and you will be added!!!!

OUTREACH:

Our Week of Compassion offering emphasis will continue through the end of March. Contributions can be made at any time, even after our current focus ends. In April, we will receive our Easter Offering. Thank you for supporting these Special Offerings.

Jane Stout, Outreach Chairperson



PRAYER GROUP:

A weekly prayer group is forming in our church. All are welcome. We will gather at 1p.m. and will usually conclude by 1:30. If you can't be present one week,, feel free to attend whenever you are available. Jane Stout will facilitate the group. This will be an excellent opportunity to pray for our church, ourselves, our community and our ongoing prayer concerns. We will meet in the Chapel.

Our New Path Forward

As our Lenten journey moves from a path of hills and valleys where we stop and linger, the inward/outward journey moves us to climb over sharp rocks and carefully consider our next step. We longingly look back at our past journey and wonder if we should turn back. We can see where the path is leading. Crosses are going up, the sound of nails driven and angry shouts can be heard in the distance. Do we stop to rest, do we carefully climb the rest of our Lenten way? The choice is ours.

Let us remember that God's love will be with us on this journey, just as God's love was with Jesus as he worked his way to the cross.

Rev. Jane Stout

DISCIPLE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Is planning a Strawberry Festival this year on **Sunday, June 8th**. We know that Ohio Strawberries are the very best in the 1st weeks in June. We will be planning a menu for the lunch following church. We will have a full menu and a sign-up sheet available three weeks before then, so we will know how much food to prepare.



Hygiene Kits ~ We are collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service

Beginning in March you may bring in completed kits or the items listed below:

1 hand towel (measuring 15"x28" or 16"x32") (March)

1 washcloth (March)

1 wide-tooth comb (removed from Package) (**April**)

- ♦ *Must be Sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth*
- ♦ *No Pocket Combs or Picks*
- ♦ *Rattail & Combs without handles are acceptable*

1 finger nail or toe nail clipper (removed from Package) (May)

1 Bath size bar of soap in original package (June)

1 toothbrush in original packaging (July)

10 standard size Band-Aids (August)

If you make the kits yourself, **DO NOT add toothpaste**. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.





Preparing Communion

Please see the sign up sheet posted to sign up to Prepare Communion each Sunday ~ Grapes and crackers are provided ~

Please see **Dominic Morris** for any questions.



June 19, 20 and 21

Time to get ready for the Spring Church Rummage Sale

You can begin to clean out your basements, garages, etc and bring them into Fellowship Hall and put your donations on the Stage

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be
Saturday, April 19th

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am
Serving **8:30 to 10:00 am** ~
Clean up to follow at 10:30 am.

Menu for April will be:
Scrambled Eggs & Toast along with Sausage Pattie, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, bowl of Grits and choice of a bowl of cereal plus a glass of orange juice and coffee or hot chocolate



Please sign up and come help at this rewarding ministry.

**Easter 24
hour Prayer
Chain Listing**
*This list is on
the table out-
side the Sanc-
tuary ~*
**Again this
year we will
pray in our
homes ~ If
you have any
questions
please contact
Laurie Parish**

Thursday, April 17th	Friday, April 18th
9:00 pm	9:00 am
9:30	9:30
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8:30	8:30
9:00 pm	9:00 pm

Laurie Parish

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EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

ORDER YOUR FLOWERS TODAY. Please fill out and place in the offering plate or mail to the church. The In Memory Of and In Honor Of acknowledgement will be in the Easter bulletin. **Please have your order form and money into the church no later than Sunday, April 6th**

_____ Lily(s) at \$11.00 each

Given in Honor of _____

Given in Memory of _____

By _____

Please Print

Calendar Reminders

All Church Activities/Meetings & Worship happening will continue via Zoom or Church Worship in Person in the Sanctuary

Each Worship Service Zoom invite will be mailed in the mid-week or the next month Quest Newsletter for those calling in on the phone lines & emailed on Thursday for those connecting via Computer

Church is open for worshipping on Sunday mornings, using the Front Door Zoom meeting/worship invites will be emailed prior to the meeting

The Elder's will be having a Worship Service at **Wedgewood** on **April 2nd, 2:30 pm** with music, worship and prayer.
And **The Waterford**
No Service This Month

Chat & Chew Quilt Club
Due to family & church activities at Easter, we will **meet Monday, April 28th this month.** Be sure & change the date on your calendar. Bring any items that need to be used for a station as we begin our new project for the shut-ins. Have a blessed & Happy Easter.

Men's Disciple Fellowship!

The Men's Fellowship will meet **Tuesday, April 15th**, at the Amvets on Fourth Street at Noon for lunch. All Men are invited. We are planning a Strawberry Festival this year on Sunday, June 8th. We will be planning a menu lunch following church. Sign Up Sheet to be posted

Sarah Group will meet Tuesday, April 1st! Study Leader will be Karyl Eckenwiler & Stacia Scott will prepare the light lunch ~ Cost for lunch \$5.00.

Euchre Card Party returns Friday, April 18th at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please See Dominic Morris or give him a call if you have questions at 419-989-5142 to sign up to be a Deacon &/or Deaconess to Prepare Communion (supplies are provided) and to Pass the Offering Trays each Month

Worship & Music Committee

- 1) Lenten Easter Lilies will be \$11.00 each. Order forms available in the Sunday bulletins.
- 2) The 24 hour Prayer Chain is begins at 9 pm on Thursday 17th and ends Friday, April 18th ~ It is set up in half hour increments ~ Please see the sign up sheet on the table outside the Sanctuary ~ If unable to get into church to sign up, call Sandy at 419-524-4813 and she will help you get signed up

Elder's Meeting
The Elder's will meet Tuesday, April 2nd, via Zoom, 7 pm

Church Board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9th, via Zoom, 7 pm



April

**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**



No April Anniversaries

2nd Sandy Woosley
5th Andrew Parish
15th Rev. Jane Stout
19th Peggy Boddy
23rd Kasey Gillen
29th Karyl Eckenwiler

*The Outreach Committee is happy to Wish each of You a very Happy Birthday **and to say "Thank You" for your contribution to the Birthday Fund which helps with the cost of our monthly Community Breakfast. We truly appreciate your support.***

Early May Birthdays:
3rd Marylyn Bradley
4th Dude Parish
5th Ethan Dudgeon

FLOWER FUND

April Showers bring May Flowers but our flower fund is getting a little sad. We have placed a "Flower Fund Bucket" at the back of the Sanctuary where we are hoping it will "rain" a little Change!! Thank you!



(and dollar bills if no loose change)

April Elders:

04/06 Missy Parish
04/13 Jill Danison
04/20 Stacia Scott (No Waterford 3 pm)
04/27 Laurie Parish

Lay Leaders

Teresa Lupton
Stacia Scott

Greeters:

April Front Door: Harold Troupe
May, 2025 Front Door: Melanie Sweat

(If unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

Preparing Communion March: Ray Mellick

Preparing Communion April: Peggy Boddy

Diaconates April: Joe & Stephanie Rice

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello April!!!



- ◇ *WOW we are entering April already!! That means we are 1/4 of the way through 2025!!*
- ◇ *We have Palm Sunday on April 13th and Easter on April 20th*
- ◇ *We have been invited to join St. John's United Church of Christ for a Maundy Thursday Service at their church on April 17th.*
- ◇ *Good Friday, April 18th the Euchre Card Players will get together in Fellowship to play Euchre and Fellowship*
- ◇ *Be sure to sign up for the 24 hour Prayer Chain beginning at 9 pm on Thursday, April 17 the ending at 9 pm on April 18th*
- ◇ *Then Saturday Morning we will host our neighbors and patrons for the Community Breakfast with set-up & prep beginning at 7:00 and Serving 8:30—10:00 am ~ Please see the sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary to sign up to help!!!!*
- ◇ *Attn: Community Breakfast workers ~ Please continue to make things easier for the Community Breakfast Shoppers by writing on the white board what supplies that are needed for the next month breakfast. The white board is on the door of the supply room!!!*
- ◇

Let whatever you do today be enough

Anonymous



February Numbers

			YTD
2nd	85	Income: \$ 6,230	\$ 12,474
9th		Expenses: \$ <u>15,340</u>	<u>\$ 27,848</u>
16th		Difference: \$ -9,110	\$ -15,374
23rd	<u>84</u>		

169 (includes visitors & Children)
Via Zoom, Sanctuary attendees
& Facebook Viewers

Sermons & Scriptures– April, 2025

Apr. 6th **“Reclining”**
Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12:1-8

Apr. 13th **“Sent”**
Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Apr. 20th **“At Early Dawn”**
Easter Sunday

Luke: 24:1-12

Apr. 27th **“Faith, Doubt and Belief”**
Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31



Please remember our Prayer Concerns

Sherry Bowman (Barb Kirkpatrick’s sister) experiencing serious health concerns;

Peggy Fisher (Joyce Beam’s daughter) diagnosed with Stage 4 inoperable cancer;

Christa Storch (Sandy Stout’s daughter-in-law) may have additional brain cancer;

Marie Luna (Ryley Luna’s Mom & Teresa Lupton’s daughter-in-law)

The Family of Erick Ryon (Teresa Lupton’s nephew) passed away and funeral arrangements are pending as he lived in Florida;

The Family of Brian Morris (friend of Harry & Beth Armstrong) as Brian passed away Tuesday, March 18th ~ Funeral arrangements are pending;

Ann Appleby (Jane Stout’s sister) is currently hospitalized in in a rehab facility for further tests and treatments;

March 15th Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the table beside the sign up sheets

“Thank You” to people in the neighborhood in helping to keep the church grounds clean
~ Rick McVicar

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell Glenn, Theresa Hilbert, Carl Weber, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Pat Gulley, Carolyn Hootman, Joe Schultz, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie Parish), Dale, Sharon Ryan, Jared Luna, Michelle Adams (Sandy Woosley’s sister-in-law), Robert and Delores Au & Troy and Krista Cramer family; Kennedy Evelyn Scott (great-granddaughter of Bill & Stacia Scott), Terry Hall,

Those serving in the Armed Services: Nick Bowman, Army; All current military serving here and/or abroad

