



### **Lenten Ideas**

The Lenten season really is about the practice of disciplines. Here are some activities that can enrich your spirit during Lent:

- Ask God to help you focus on the true reason for Easter, (after all, it wasn't the Easter bunny who rose from the dead). Pray for an increased awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Confess whatever thoughts or actions are hindering your intimacy with God, and ask Him to forgive you and send you the grace you need to live a better life.
- Thank God for all the resources He has given you - time, money, energy, talents, skills, etc. Then think and pray about how you can best use those resources to serve God. Commit to start doing so more than you have in the past, and write a plan of some specific ways to get started.
- Deny yourself something you enjoy to divert your attention to others and grow in maturity. Fast for one meal or one day, then donate the money you would have spent on the food to a food pantry or soup kitchen. Skip your favorite television show and use the time you would have spent watching it to pray or do a favor for someone in need.
- Forgive someone. The Holy Spirit will enable you to do so if you rely on God's power. Write the person a letter, call, e-mail, or visit in person to offer your forgiveness.
- Keep a daily journal to record current ways God is working in your life.
- Consider the discrimination that Christ suffered on earth, and ask God to show you the ways you discriminate against people who are different from you. Take some time to get to know someone who's different (perhaps someone from a different generation, culture, or economic status), and try to build a genuine friendship.
- Become an advocate for justice. Contact your elected representatives in government and corporate executives to express your convictions on a topic that's important to you.
- Serve your community. Choose one or several projects. Possibilities include helping elderly people with home repairs, reading books to children, and visiting people in your local hospital.

Pastor Zane

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, March 8, 2020</b>	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Church)	10:45 am-11:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
<i>Middle School Youth @ FPC</i>	<i>12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>High School Youth @ FPC</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 11, 2020</b>	
<i>Kids 4 Christ @ FPC</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Group @ FCC</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Bible Study in the Parlor</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Bell Choir</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>March 13th &amp; 14th</b>	<i>Mission Possible Youth Retreat</i>
<b>Sunday, March 15, 2020</b>	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Church)	10:45 am-11:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
<i>General Board Meeting</i>	<i>Following Service</i>
<i>Middle School Youth @ FPC</i>	<i>12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>High School Youth @ FPC</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>Monday, March 16, 2020</b>	
<i>Trustees' Meeting</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 18, 2020</b>	
<i>Kids 4 Christ @ FPC</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Group @ FCC</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Bible Study in the Parlor</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Bell Choir</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>

Thank you to everyone who helped with Nancy Heckman's Celebration of Life. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Zane Whorton for his blessings at Nancy's burial in Jacksonville. Sincerely..... Bill Heckman and Sons



Please consider signing up for 30 minutes of quiet, personal thought and prayer by participating in the Chain of Prayer on Friday, April 3rd. Time slots are available from 6:00 am through 8:30 pm (ending at 9:00 pm). In addition, please consider serving as a "host" for the prayer participants. These are 2 hour shifts. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex.



## Spring Cleaning for a Rummage Sale.

The Outreach Committee will host a rummage sale the first week of May. Please keep us in mind as you "spring clean." Remember that your junk might become someone else's treasure!

Notecards are now available in the office to accompany anything donated from our church. A couple of examples are people calling on our shut-ins or volunteers dropping off a casserole for the Teen Meeting at Our Safe Place. Please feel free to stop in and get one so our church will be recognized as the caring, loving church that we are.

## TO ALL SENIORS OR COLLEGE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church has awarded this scholarship each year since 1986. We are hoping to reach every high school senior and college student who is eligible to receive this scholarship.

Scholarship applications may be requested from the church office. Office phone 573.581.4628 or email Shellonda Mann at smannfcc77@gmail.com.

All applications must be returned to the First Christian Church Office by April 5, 2020.

Each scholarship application will be scored by the committee in the following manner. Each item will be graded from 1 through 5 with 5 being the highest.

- Participation in First Christian Church of Mexico, Mo.
- Length of membership in First Christian Church, by the applicant.
- Applicant's employment.
- Participation in the Mexico Community.
- Applicant GPA and class rank.
- Post-secondary educational program applicant plans to attend.



*First Christian Church  
Scholarship Committee*



## As of March 2, 2020

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,334  
Year to Date Expenses: \$39,047

Average Weekly Income: \$3,501  
Income vs Expenses: -\$7,532

Year to Date Income: \$31,515



## Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

**Sunday, March 8, 2020:**

**(Second Sunday in Lent)**

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;  
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

**Sunday, March 15, 2020:**

**(Third Sunday in Lent)**

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11;  
John 4:5-42



Thank you to everyone who came and supported the youth Sunday at lunch. Your generous donations will help them have a great experience on this year's mission trip to Iowa. They will experience what it's like to serve others in God's name.

We are joining in on a Community Wide Chili Cook off on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at First Presbyterian Church. If you want to enter a Chili for celebrity judging please contact Sara Bright ASAP! The chili cook off opens to public at 5pm that day for popular voting with quarters. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids.

The Jeopardy Doo Dah Trivia Challenge begins at 6:30pm. Get your team together. You can have up to 8 players at your table for \$25 or \$4 a person. All funds raised at the chili cook off and trivia will go towards youth mission trips for First Christian and First Presbyterian. Contact Sara Bright with any questions or to get signed up or tickets for either event.

Mission trip Forms are DUE! Get them in. We will be going to Newton, Iowa July 6-11<sup>th</sup>. Open to all youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Sara Bright—Youth Director*



**Nancy Heckman**

*Bill Heckman (S)*

***S) indicates Scholarship fund***

### Save the Dates

April 3	Chain of Prayer
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Maundy Thursday— 7:00 pm Service
April 10	Good Friday—Community Service Noon / St. Luke's United Methodist
April 12	Easter Sunday— 8:15 am breakfast in Fellowship Hall & 9:30 am Service



Everyone is invited to purchase a Lily in honor or remembrance of family or a friend. The lilies will be displayed for the Easter Service on Sunday, April 12th. If you would like to share in purchasing a lily from the florist, please contact the church office by April 5th (so florist has time to order). If you call the florist to place your order or bring your own, please let the office know by April 7th, so your honoree gets listed in the bulletin. You may take the lily home at the completion of the Easter service.



Daylight Savings Time **BEGINS**  
Sunday, March 8, 2020.  
Remember to  
Spring Forward an hour!



Weekly  
Bible Studies

Pastor Zane will be hosting a Bible Study Class in the parlor weekdays on Wednesday at 6pm. The class will start Wednesday, March 11th. It will be 5 weeks, so the last class will be on Wednesday, April 8th. We would love to see you there.

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)  
307 West Jackson St.  
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The next General Board Meeting will be held March 15th,  
immediately following worship.

## **Sunday, March 8, 2020**

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

## **Sunday, March 15, 2020**

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.



## **Sunday: March 8, 2020**

**Elders:** Carla Tanzey and Stephanie Owings

**Deacons:** Team 1

Jordan Bright, Lori Brandow, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Scott Miller, Lori Osbourn, Debra Trabue. Jr. Deacons; Andrew Stephens, Jessica Stephens

**Deaconesses:** Catie Bledsoe and Heather McBride

**Candles:** Landon and Onna

**Liturgist:** Doug Thomas

## **Sunday: March 15, 2020**

**Elders:** Ed Stephens and Bill Azdell

**Deacons:** Team 2

Sandy Black, Martha Hagan, Gus Moody, LeeAnn Paladin, Alan Street, Connie Street. Jr. Deacons; Alex Paladin, Katie Paladin

**Deaconesses:** Catie Bledsoe and Heather McBride

**Candles:** Ella and Ian

**Liturgist:** Jane Houf