

**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

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

The month of March brings with it not only a time change and a change of natural seasons (hopefully) but also a new season in the time of our shared Christian experience, which is Lent.

The Pastor's Peace



This year we will begin our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on March 5. We hope you can join us for a light supper in the lounge area at 6:00 pm, followed by a short service in the Chapel. The imposition of ashes will take place during the service for those choosing to receive either the traditional marking of black ashes, or a variation that I have come to affectionately refer to as 'sparkle ash'. (You might even to

choose to receive both).

As our faith community prepares for a time of search and call, I invite you to a very intentional time of prayer for this congregation. As we journey to the new life we celebrate with the arrival of Easter, may we also be intentional of our journey toward what comes next and prepare for the exciting new life to be experienced with the one who God is calling to serve alongside First Christian Church here in Mansfield.



Pastor David

Second Sunday Speaker Series:

We will be welcoming Ms. Debra Wherry-Bey, with our local I-Connect program on March 9th. She will be joining me in sharing a morning message and will then remain afterwards for a time of fellowship and conversation. Several of us met with Debra back in December to learn about the senior programming they offer within our community. There may be possibilities for our congregation to connect with I-Connect (see what we did there). We hope you will join us.



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 Chapel 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"

March 2 - Imagine a World with More Beauty

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:

We will be receiving the Week of Compassion offering for the next few Sundays. How might sharing an offering assist our congregation and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada in hearing and seeing, showing up and acting in places and spaces overwhelmed by crisis and suffering? Paul invited the early Church to see, hear and to in their own way do what Christ would do. Let us be generous in our gifts for this special offering.



Jane Stout, Outreach Chairperson

Lent and Easter

Lent begins with on Ash Wednesday, March 5th

Lenten Devotionals are in and can be picked up as you come and pick up your Sunday Bulletin and Communion

Soup & Service

Ash Wednesday, March 5th: Worship & Music Committee along with Pastor David have planned a Soup & Service with Soups in the Lounge at 6 pm ahead of our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm in the Chapel



Our New Path Forward

I have traveled many miles across this great county. I have seen large cities. I have zipped along interstates seeing the same fast-food restaurants advertised. Some of my best experiences and often best food come at the "locals only" diner, where food and pie were served in generous portions and locals told of other sights that might be just down the road. When I had the courage to sit and listen and see their part of the world as the "best place to live and why they wouldn't live elsewhere", I was able to appreciate the pie and the suggestions. Traveling is about the journey not the destination. Enjoy the roads and stop in at a favorite diner like our own Buckeye Express and see what's on the menu. Take time to explore local shops and attractions.

We are on a journey as a faith community. Let's take time to sit and listen to each other and to our community. Let us explore our world of faith and trust that God will lead us on the right path, in God's time.

Still on a lifelong journey of faith.

Rev. Jane Stout

It is time to order Girl Scout cookies. All boxes are \$6. Orders can be given to Grandma Teresa Lupton, on behalf of Ryley Luna. Cookies can be paid for upon delivery the 3rd weekend of February and March.

Thank you for supporting Ryley in Girl Scouts.

Teresa Lupton, Ryley Luna, Jason Luna



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.

Thank you to the 16 households who shopped at Kroger during November 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 earning us a \$78.16 donation



If you would like to be one of the 16 who shop at Kroger and are interested in getting a Kroger number for First Christian Church, please see or contact **Stana Shogren!!!**

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be **Saturday, March 15th**

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

Menu for February will be:
French 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 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



During the week, ***Rick McVicar*** has been doing wonderful things around the church building including, dusting and mopping all of Fellowship Hall floor!!!

On our Sunny days, please note how much brighter the stained glass windows are; ***thanks to Rick McVicar*** first wiping them down to get the dust off and then actually washing each window!!!!



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 **March, 5th, 2:30 pm** with music, worship and prayer.
And **The Waterford** on **Sunday, March 16th, 3 pm**

Chat & Chew Quilt Club

We look forward to our meeting on **March 17th at 11:00 & lunch**. Bring fabric pieces so we can organize our next project. Also, bring any projects you have made to share.

Men's Disciple Fellowship!

The Men's Fellowship will meet **Tuesday, March 18th**, at the Amvets on Fourth Street at Noon for lunch. All Men are invited. We will pay for our own lunch (They are priced reasonably). If you don't want to eat, we would still enjoy having you meet with us.

Sarah Group will meet Tuesday, March 4th! Study Leader will be Stacia Scott & Jane Mellick will prepare the light lunch ~ Cost for lunch \$5.00.

Euchre Card Party returns Friday, March 21st 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) Ash Wednesday Soup & Service will be held March 5th!
- 2) The next Worship & Music Committee meeting will be held on March 16th in the lounge after our service. Hope everyone can attend.
- 3) Lenten Easter Lilies will be \$11.00 each. Order forms will be coming out soon. Deadline will be early April as we need to know how many to order.

Elder's Meeting

The Elder's will meet **Tuesday, March 4th, 7 pm** via Zoom.

Church Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 12th, via Zoom, 7 pm



March

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



March Anniversary

March 31st

Darrell & Bonnie Glenn will celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary

- 8th Ray Mellick
- 13th Connie Baker
- 16th Gordon Grogg
- 20th Diane Rice
- 22nd Betty Zartman
- 27th Greg Rogers
- 29th Harold Troupe
- 31st Jane Ann Hoffman

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 April Birthdays:
2nd Sandy Woosley
5th Andrew Parish

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)

March Elders:

- 03/02 Missy Parish
- 03/09 Scott Danison
- 03/16 Ray Mellick (Waterford 3 pm)
- 03/23 Jill Danison
- 03/30 Stacia Scott

Lay Leaders

- Stacia Scott
- Teresa Lupton
- Stana Shogren

Greeters:

March Front Door: Harold Troupe
April, 2025 Front Door: Need a Volunteer
(If unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

Preparing Communion March: Ray Mellick
Preparing Communion April: Need a Volunteer
Diaconates March: Need Volunteers

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello March!!!



- ◇ *Will March roar in like a lion or go out like a lion!! The weather in-between we hope to be better than February!!*
- ◇ *On March 9th we will learn more about Mansfield's connection to Ameri-Corps with Debra Bey from I-Connect. After the worship service, we are invited into the lounge for snacks and more conversation with Debra.*
- ◇ *March begins Lent on Ash Wednesday when we have Soup and Service at 6:00 pm for soup and 6:30 for Ash Wednesday service. Lent Devotionals are available to pick up with Sunday Bulletin and your Communion.*
- ◇ *March 9th we Spring Forward 1 hour with our Clocks so be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday.*
- ◇ *Monday, March 17th is for the wearing of the Green as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!!! Irish Proverb: "A Good Friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find, lucky to have."*
- ◇ *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!!!*



You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Anonymous



January Numbers

			YTD
5th	69	Income: \$	\$ 6,244
12th	101	Expenses: \$	\$ <u>12,508</u>
19th	85	Difference: \$	\$ -6,264
26th	<u>76</u>		

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

Sermons & Scriptures– March, 2025

Mar. 2nd	“On the Mountain to Pray” Transfiguration Sunday	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Mar. 5th	“Trembling” Ash Wednesday Service 6 pm	Joel 2:1-2; 12-17
Mar. 9th	“Famished” Second Sunday Speaker Series: <i>Friends from I-Connect of Mansfield</i> First Sunday of Lent	Luke: 4:1-13 <i>Micah 6:8</i>
Mar. 16th	“Warning” Second Sunday of Lent	Luke 13:31-35
Mar. 23rd	“Cut Down” Third Sunday of Lent	Luke 13:1-9
Mar. 30th	“A Change of Heart” Fourth Sunday of Lent	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Please remember our Prayer Concerns

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

All those affected by the storms and flooding in our Southern States;

February 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, Christa Storch (daughter-in-law of Sandy Stout)

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



Please forward prayer concerns & updates to Pastor David &/or Sandy