



**THE MAGNOLIA CHRISTIAN
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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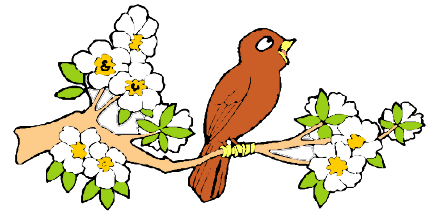
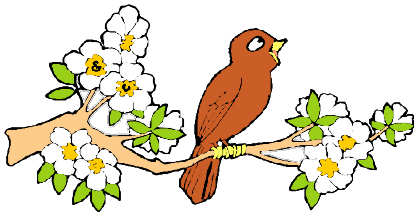
Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Services 8:58 am & 10:45 am

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MARCH/APRIL



Dear Friends,

As I write this, I'm listening to the front door of the Disciple Center door open and close as Wheeling Health Right welcomes clients again for the first time after several weeks of snow days. The school buses have been running up and down the street again, and, believe it or not, the sun is shining.

How quickly we return to "business as usual" in our lives. This Season of Lent calls us to step back a bit from our routines, to read more, pray more, study more, even fellowship more as we seek to follow Christ on His journey to the cross. What will we find along the way? What will we learn about ourselves and about our Lord? And more importantly, how will we live that life out in service to Him, not only during Lent, but after Easter as well?

As we look at the calendar for the coming months, may we find those opportunities where God will speak to us, encourage us, and guide us in our journeys of faith. Feel God's presence. Know that God is good.

In Christ's Peace,
Jayne

CHURCH WEBSITE

Some of you have found this already, we have a new website for our church www.nmfcc.com. The newsletter is uploaded to our website. If you have pictures that you would like to have as a part of the website, just send them via email to the church or drop them off and we will scan them to add to our website. We hope to add more to this site in the future! Let us know what you think!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

DID YOU KNOW? Contributions in the birthday envelopes are used to buy appreciation gifts for the staff. This is just one of the many things we do with your money.

DID YOU KNOW? Many contribute with not only money, but their time and extra contributions, for instance, it was asked if sack lunches could be made for some of the youth on a basketball team, people took it on their own and that request was filled.

These are just a couple of stewardship acts that go unnoticed. We have a church we should be proud of and if anyone wants to share a stewardship act, please contact your stewardship committee and they will try to bring it to the congregation's attention.

Thank you for all that YOU do.

Your Stewardship Committee

We will be making Easter candy again this year. Pound eggs in peanut butter and maple and bite size in coconut, mint, maple and peanut butter.

We need donations to make Easter candy. If we get the donations we can keep the price lower. We will need Domino powered sugar, Jif peanut butter, Parkay margarine, Eagle brand sweet milk. We will be putting up a sign up sheet soon and also an order sheet.

Verna



March 14th after late church service we are going to have a reception to celebrate my Mother's (Fay Ebeling) 90th birthday. Hope everyone will stop in for some cake and coffee.

Verna

**121st Regional Assembly
April 22-24**

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Weirton, West Virginia**

Featured Guests:

Rev. Dr. Todd Adams

Rev. April Johnson

Rev. Bruce Barkhauer

Rev. Darwin Collins

Nancy Pickell

Features:

Interest Group Gatherings

All-Assembly Banquet

Numerous Displays and Valuable Networking

CBP Book Display and Sale

Pre-Assembly Stewardship Workshop

Men's and Women's Luncheons

All-Assembly Choir

Re-connect with Regional Minister and Staff

Wonderful Panhandle Hospitality

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The last time we spoke, we had given the ministers we were talking with, the month of December to be with their congregation to celebrate the Christmas season. We agreed to this as we already had plans to meet with two ministers. Unfortunately, we are back to square one.

With that said, we want you to know we are not discouraged, we are renewed. We are determined to find the person God knows is right for us. Through our faith and prayers, we will continue to work with Him until we find what we need. Until that time, we ask for your prayers, patience and co-operation.

We also take this time to thank Jayne Chafin for her love and consideration for all of us. She and David have given countless hours over and above what we have asked. They both have ministered to our wants and needs and have given us the energy we need to grow in Christ. God has blessed us with their presence.

Penny Morris



Birthdays and Anniversaries



March Birthdays

- 1 Jenna Ferreebe
- 2 Alexander Ross Gilbert
- 3 Steven Zajdowicz
- 7 Zachary Cantrell
- 10 Chad Shepherd
- 12 Lloyd Miller
Nettie Mason
- 13 Kim Horner
- 15 John Barcus
- 17 Gussie Schmidt
- 18 Ethan Mitchell Coulter
- 19 Nelda Walton
Mary Lemasters
- 20 Beth Cantrell
- 21 Doris Swadley
Christina Coulter
- 24 Claudia Emch
- 29 Sandra Kay Hinerman
Robert Stackpole
- 30 Brandon Byard

March Anniversaries

- 3 Richard & Sandra Hinerman

April Anniversaries

- 4 Michael & Lori Hall
- 12 John & Patty Barcus
Ed & Janet Greene
- 15 Joe & Kim Horner
- 17 Frank & Amy Cibik
- 21 Butch & Lynn Barcus
Jim & Fawn Price

April Birthdays

- 1 Robyn Fitzsimmons
- 2 Lisa Booth
- 3 Tim Price
Jackie Piekarski
Russell Shepherd
- 4 Fred Emch
Mary Ferreebe
Debra Mason
- 6 Logan Hassig
- 10 Samuel Troy Shepherd
Cheryl LeMasters
- 11 Linda Hornbrook
Donna Horner
- 12 Nicholas Cochran
Amanda Nelson
- 15 Anna Lee Emch
Carl Anthony Berger
Minna Emch
- 16 Ernie Loy
- 17 Bob Coffield
Tom Emch II
- 19 Jim Isaacs
Benjamin Bridgeman
Beverly Underwood
- 21 David Todd Bates
- 25 David Jeffers
- 26 Clarice Huggins
- 27 Joel Potts II
Traci Mullins
- 28 Emerson Grace Barcus
- 29 Lynn Barcus
- 30 Butch Barcus



SERVING THE CHURCH IN MARCH

ELDERS

Don & Jackie Rigenbach

DEACONS

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Linda Stackpole | Cheryl LeMasters |
| Darla Steele | Trey Barcus |
| Ernie Loy | Jennifer Pugh |
| Leroy Cecil | David Emch |
| Bob Myers | Charlie Virden |
| Bill Hornbrook | Debbie Cochran |

SERVING THE CHURCH IN APRIL

ELDERS

Verna Mall and Rob Stackpole

DEACONS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Herb Rothlisberger, | Bob Bland |
| Jim Underwood | Rick Berger |
| Kim Berger | Kay Jeffers |
| Fawn Price | Myra Rine |
| Charles Huggins | Betty Huggins |
| Kathy Bridgeman | Dan Jeffers |

Preparing Communion for March

Bob Bland & Fawn Price
Myra Rine

Preparing Communion for April

Bob Bland & Fawn Price
Linda Stackpole

Opening & Closing Church for March

Jim Barnhart

Opening & Closing Church for April

Bill Ebeling

Holy Week SERVICES



March 28 through April 3 we celebrate Holy Week, remembering the final week of Christ's journey to the cross. Make sure you're a part of one or more of these events.

Sunday - March 28 - Palm Sunday Worship at **9:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

Monday - Wednesday, March 29, 30, 31 - Community Services at Trinity Presbyterian Church at **7:00 p.m.** Rev. Chafin will bring the message on Monday evening.

Thursday - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae at **7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, where we will remember the last days of Christ on earth.

Friday - 12:00 Noon, beginning at the City Building, a re-enactment of the Crucifixion.

Saturday - 6:00 a.m. to Sunday at **5:59 a.m.** our 24-hour Prayer Vigil will be held. Sign-up sheets will be at the church. Sign-up for a half-hour time slot to come and be in prayer for your church, community, and the world.

Easter Sunday: 6:30 a.m., Community Sunrise Service at the outdoor chapel at New Martinsville United Methodist Church. A shared breakfast will be held following the service. Churches are asked to bring a breakfast item with them (egg casserole, coffee cake, etc.) to share.

10:00 a.m. - Joint Service of the Resurrection and Easter Anthems. Come celebrate our Risen Lord with us in the Sanctuary!

The Easter Offering for the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be received on Sunday, March 21 and Sunday, March 28. These offerings support our collective general ministries across the wider church. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information on how these gifts are used.

Continuing Chances for Fellowship

Sisters Bible Study continues on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. (Except second Mondays when we will meet at Noon with a brown-bag lunch.) All women of the church are invited to come, study and share. Our next series will be "Unfailing Love - Growing Closer to Christ." Come join us!

Bread, Broth, and Bible continues on Tuesdays in Lent for anyone interested in learning more about "Why we Call Ourselves Disciples," and the ways in which we live, study, worship, and serve together through this part of Christ's church we call Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Two gatherings are offered this year, at 12:00 Noon and at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our Regional Staff will be leading us in these discussions.

VBS

Vacation Bible School, Baobab Blast, will be held June 20 through June 24, 2010. Helpers are needed in a variety of areas. See Misty Adams or come to the next planning meeting on Monday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. Planning meetings will continue every other week as we work to plan a wonderful VBS this year! Make sure to mark your calendar with the dates for this great time in the life of the church!

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EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter. If you wish to purchase a flower in honor/memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and give it to Holly Grandstaff, drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office along with your money. All flowers are \$7.00 each.

Lily _____ **How Many:** _____ **Total: \$** _____

Tulip _____ **How Many:** _____ **Total: \$** _____

Hyacinth _____ **How Many:** _____ **Total: \$** _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

As a gift for one of our shut-ins: _____

Given By: _____

THANK YOU

Thank you all for the prayers and calls and kind words we received during our times of illness over the past few months. God Bless You!

Lucille and Leroy Cecil

I would like to say thank you to my family, friends and church family for all the calls, prayers, flowers and food at the time of my surgery and recovery. Your love and concern is appreciated more than words can express. Melvin joins in our thanks.

Martha Moser.

I cannot find enough words to describe the wonderful NMFCC family and friends who have helped me so much in the past year during Jack's illness. Kindness, caring, compassionate and considerate come to mind initially, but the First Christian Church's congregation not only supports the church but carries out the true message that God cares for all of us. God uses us to implement his life lessons and to do his wishes. Our church is truly an instrument of God's design for us all. Our church does the "talk" and "walks" the true meaning of Christianity. God Bless our church and all of its members!

Thank you again for all the continued prayers, visits from Fran and Penny, communion, cards, telephone calls, monthly Love Dinners, Christmas poinsettias and so much more. I feel very privileged to be part of such a wonderful and "good" church. God Bless you all for your kindness to me and my family.

Michelle Smith

Thank you for the wonderful gift of coins at Christmas. It touched my heart. All our love back to you, Paula Detwyler and family

Thank you for the lily and ornament.

The Smith Family

We'd like to thank our church family and friends for your kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers during the loss of our mother. The flowers, cards and visits meant so much. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we continue to heal.

Nannette & Tom

Thanks to all the ladies for the beautiful Christmas flower. It is still pretty. I also enjoyed Frannie's visit. Love you all, Mary L.

My Friends at New Martinsville FCC,
Thank you so much for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. It kept me warm through my long hospital stay and brightens my spirits as I rest in my home. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness and hope each of you know how wonderful of a congregation you truly are.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Jayne,

I want to say thanks to you and your congregation for its support of the Timothy Fund at Bethany College.

In the coming year, Bethany will work to reinvigorate the Timothy program in order to better prepare students for church leadership in the 21st century. We hope you will continue to support us in that effort.

If Bethany can be of service to you in 2010, do let me know.

Grace and Peace, Larry

(Rev. Larry Grimes, Ph.D. – Director of Church Relations, Bethany College)

First Christian Church,

Thank you for the Christmas bonus, the cards and goodies that were sent my way! I have been overwhelmed by the care you have sent my way! I consider myself blessed to be a part of this church family!

Thank you all again!

Jayne

St. Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you....

May you be content knowing you are a child of God....

Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of you.