

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Those serving in the Military and as Law Enforcement Officers, May Lou Alexander (Ashwood), Jerry Allen (Mariane Braden), Raymond Aubrey, Nancy Ball, Ann & Joshua Banta (Judy Richards), Jackie Barney, Maria Bartholomew, Julia Blackburn (Tom & Eleanor Penn's granddaughter), Sue Boden, Bill & Linda Brown (Lee Ann Snelling), Ron Burgess, Chet Care, Katie Hecker Carney (Sun Spirit Fallis), Walter Chism (Judy Richards), Polly Coblin (Jane McCord), Elizabeth Conway Family (Gina Williams' Niece), Phyllis DiCapua (Priscilla Barnes), Bill Eggin (Sue Tutt), Teri Elliot (Sun Spirit Fallis), Davey Fallis, Eulane Fortune, Cheryl Gayhart, Mary Ellen Graves (Eleanor Penn), Bill Grugin (Dixie Grugin), Jill Hayes (Janice Clark), Ann Hester, Richard Hite (Nancy Miracle), Tyler Howard (Ann Howard), Lynda Jalbert, Alex Jensen (Ann Winn Vansant), Elizabeth & Addison Judy, Ethan Lewis (Eva Ellis), Bob and Patricia Lippert, Reva Sherman-Matthews (Whitney Sherman), Jerry Mayes (Fred Lee), Jim McWilliams, Chuck Mitchell (Fred Lee), Don Mitchell (Valerie Ramsey's father), Margaret Moman (Eva Ellis), Sally Monroe, Michael Pemicario (Linda Davis), Bob Pullen, Sue Ramsey (Larry Cox), Mary Rhodes (Jerry & Sandy Rhodes), Jacob Roberts (Lynda Jalbert), Anne Robbins (Judy Richards), Ilse Rogers, Kathy & Rebecca Ryan (Jayne Arnold), Chester & Ann Snelling, Casey Sparrow (Valerie Ramsey), Angel Dugger Subbert (Misty Judy), James Tandy (Judy Richards), Betty Thurman, Stephen Tutt (Sue Tutt), Riviera Uellschi (Sun Spirit Fallis), Doris Versey (Fred Lee), Tony Versey III (Fred Lee), Judy Walden (Donna Fiero), Glenn Webster (Dixie Grugin), all victims of disaster & violence in our world.

**CONDOLENCES** to Sharon Curmutte and Francis Tileston with the death of their sister, Susan Tileston, Sue Care's daughter. Susan passed away March 27.

**CONDOLENCES** Our condolences to Larry and Nadine Cox with the death of Larry's sister, Phyllis Yocum. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**THANK YOU** To my church family, it was wonderful to know that you were praying for my mother and family during her short illness and passing. Your love and support were like a great big hug! The many cards and the donation to the Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your kind words and hugs upon my return to church. Your words and deeds remain close to my heart. Jennifer Opsata

**THANK YOU** Dear Friends, I want to thank my church family for the cards, texts and food following my recent surgery. Jeff and I appreciate and are so grateful for your concern and thoughtfulness. Love and Blessings, Nancy Miracle

**THANK YOU** Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with our annual Sanctuary Cleaning Party. This was our best year yet! Beekie Glander

**THANK YOU** On behalf of the CWM and The Hospitality Ministry, please accept our sincere appreciation for your donations; your willingness to come when called to set up tables and bring stuff down; your perseverance in unloading boxes and marking items; your taking money and adding all those quarter tags; your shopping and buying; your presence in the snow/rain/sleet to get the room back to normal for church and for the laughs and stories and time together. We raised \$1,860 for the Ministry that feeds and shows love and care for so many! A blessing indeed!

**PASTORAL CARE** The Frankfort Regional Medical Center can no longer release the names of patients to the elders and pastors. We do want to be able to bring pastoral care to those in need. Please contact the church directly if you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, or call the church office if you know of someone in need of pastoral care. If on the weekend, contact Dr. Opsata or Rev. Siler directly.



The NEW First Christian Church Nursery is open today, April 1st for our Easter Services! Children birth through 3 years old should now be dropped off/picked up on the 3rd floor in Room 300 (near the elevator).

**KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE 2018**

April 21 at First Christian Church, Henderson

Kara Kleinschmidt Foster, Minister, First Christian Church, Madisonville is preaching

April 28 at First Christian Church, Frankfort

Shelia Spencer, Assistant to the President and Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation with Disciples Home Missions is preaching

There will be socially relevant workshops, Bible studies and spiritual discipline workshops at both conferences.

Registration forms on the Welcome Center counter.

**SAVE THE DATES Spring Academy** - We're going to try something new with the Spring Academy! We'll be meeting on Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27. Please put those dates on your calendar. Class info to come.

**L.I.F.E. HOUSE FOR ANIMALS NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Please bring your newspapers to the church office and place in the basket that is marked accordingly. They will be taken each week to the shelter.

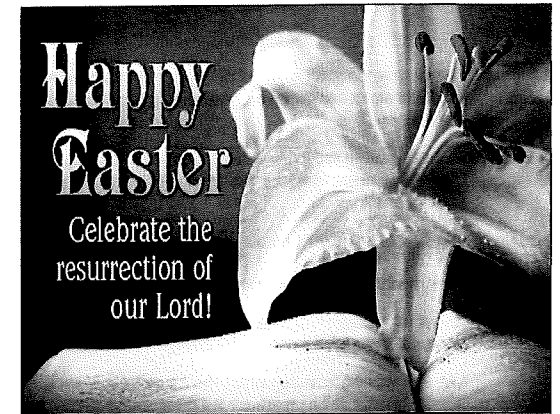
<b>Sunday, April 1</b> 8:30 Chapel Service 9:30 Faith Formation 10:15 Family Faith Fellowship (CCLC) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 5:00 Coffee House (FH)	<b>Wednesday, April 4</b> 4:00 Little Acorns 5:00 Children's Choir 5:30 Fellowship Meal (CCLC) 6:15 Book Group—Chapters 5 & 6 Kid's Corner (Ms. Elle) JYF (Ms. Maurya)* Chi-Rho (Ms. Trina) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal *JYF meets on the 3rd Wednesday
<b>Monday, April 2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>Thursday, April 5</b> 9:00 Newsletter 3:15 Sheri Locke (Rm 309) 3:30 Nan Rickerts (Keystone) 6:00 Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday, April 3</b> 11:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Al Anon (Keystone) 5:30 AA Meeting (Keystone)	<b>Saturday, April 7</b> 9:00 Seventh Day Adv. (Chapel)

<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday Friday	8:00 am—3:00 pm 8:30 am—3:00 pm 8:00 am—3:00 pm Closed
<b>DEADLINES</b>	Messenger Deadline Bulletin Deadline	Tuesday by Noon Thursday at 9:00 am

# Welcome

*"At First Christian Church our mission is to be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth." To be a faithful church demonstrating true community, deep spirituality and a passion for justice."*

April 1, 2018



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Dr. Carl Smith, Chancel Choir Director  
Dr. Robert Blair, Organist  
Bonnie Reeves, Coffee House Music  
Beekie Glander, Admin. Assistant/Facilities

Donna Ritchey, Administrative Assistant  
Janice Jackson, Administrative Assistant  
Trina Koontz, Director, Youth Ministry  
Elle Travis, Director, Children's Ministry  
Maria Bartholomew, Children's Music

April 1, 2018

10:45 AM

Please silence all cell phones. Thank you!

\*Please stand and remain standing if able

Our Nursery is located on the 3rd Floor, Room 300

Prelude Dr. Bob Blair

Special Music "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Disciple Ringers  
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski Lee Cowherd, Director

\*Hymn of Celebration "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #216

\*Greeting and Gathering Chorus "He Lives" #226 (refrain)

\*Gathering Litany Gina Williams

Leader: Women, weeping in the garden, bringing spices they'd prepared.  
People: Saw the stone now rolled away, an empty cave's what they found there.

Leader: Women, waiting in the garden; nary a man has yet arrived;  
People: "Why do you seek him, he has risen; he's not here," the angels cried.

Leader: Women, listening in the garden, "Remember what the Lord has said."  
People: Mary and the other women, found he was no longer dead.

Leader: Women dancing in the garden, dance for joy, at what you heard.  
People: Jesus, the Messiah's risen; Christ of God, the Living Word.

Leader: Women, running from the garden, find the others and proclaim  
People: Christ is risen as he promised; tell the world and shout his name.

\*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (unison) Gina Williams

Holy One, whose resurrecting power we remember today, be with us as we celebrate the mystery of Your love. For You, and You alone, bring day out of night, spring out of winter, life out of death. You, and You alone, bring hope to the hopeless, faith to the faithless, power to the powerless. As we lift our hearts and voices in grateful amazement, pour out grace, pour out peace, pour out forgiveness. Where we have doubts, receive them as faith. Where we have questions, receive them as hope. Where we have fear, receive it as love. This we pray in the name of Jesus, whose rising has opened the door to abundant life:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Glória Patri #35

Special Music "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" Chancel Choir  
Robert J. Powell Dr. Carl Smith, Director

Scripture Reading Psalm 145 Gina Williams

Special Music "On the Third Day" Chancel Choir  
Allen Pote

Children's Blessing Elle Travis

Children welcome in the name of Jesus. Children welcome in the name of love.  
All are welcome in the name of Jesus. All are welcome in the name of love.

Special Music Children's Choir  
Maria Bartholomew, Director

"Christ Is Risen; Sing Alleluia"  
Anna Laura Page

"On Easter Morning"  
Larry E. Schultz

(Children go to appropriate class)  
Worship & Wonder (CWW—ages 3-K) Room 305  
Following Jesus (FJ—grades 1-3) Room 306  
Junior Youth Worship (JYW—grades 4-5) Room 308

Invitation to Christian Stewardship Rev. Meredith Siler

Offertory "What Wondrous Love Is This" Disciple Ringers  
arr. Lloyd Larson

\*Doxology #48

\*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Siler

Special Music "Coronation" Chancel Choir  
John Avent, Saxophone

Scripture Luke 24:1-12 Dr. Opsata

Sermon Sight Unseen Dr. Opsata

Invitation to Discipleship Dr. Opsata

\*Hymn of Discipleship "Go My Children, with My Blessing" #431  
If you have been visiting at FCC and have found a spiritual home here, during this hymn you are invited to make your commitment known by coming forward to be received into Christian fellowship.

Morning Prayer Rev. Siler

Celebration of the Lord's Supper #638  
Communion Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"  
Invitation to Communion Dr. Opsata  
Words of Institution and Prayer Grant Satterly  
Eleanor Penn

Partaking of the Lord's Supper  
Please receive the bread and cup as it is passed and partake. You are welcome at the Lord's table whether you are a member of this congregation or not.

Benediction Dr. Opsata

\*Sending Forth "Go Now in Peace" #437

\*Postlude Dr. Bob Blair

