

FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER

March 13, 2019

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



The congregation welcomed in the second service this past Sunday morning new member Brian Betts who brings his membership into our fellowship by transfer/reaffirmation. He came forward with his lovely granddaughter Adisynn. Brian has many previous connections to this church and so we welcomed him home officially on Sunday. Please take the opportunity to welcome him at your earliest convenience!

YOGA! YOGA! YOGA! -NOT TOO LATE

YOGA Classes for Beginners started this past Saturday, March 9, with approx. 13 participants. Classes will be held the next three Saturdays and cost \$12 each. Participants are asked to bring a YOGA Mat if possible. The instructor is Tori Arnone, who first knew she wanted to teach YOGA after her own first experience. Tori's passion is when she can put everything else on hold and connect to her inner self. As she continues to discover herself through the practice of YOGA, it continues to draw her to the mat. Her passion is to share the positive effects of YOGA that it has had upon her life with others. Tori says, "our bodies are our best teachers, as an instructor I am there to open the door to all – then it's up to you to walk through."

Modifications are always offered to make her class accessible for everyone. It starts on the mat but what happens next, she shares, is amazing!

Tori has 500 hours as a trained YOGA instructor, has experience with all ages and restrictions. You will enjoy her positive nature and appeal.

If you would like to join in please call the Church Office this week, and if you have any questions please contact Rev. Moore or the Church Office.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING NEED TO PAY FOR ALL THE WEEKS THEY WILL PARTICIPATE THIS COMING SATURDAY!!! (For example, if you are going to be in the next 3 sessions – please plan to pay the entire amount of \$36 !)



Upcoming Events

March Outreach: Buddy Bags & Bright Futures

Wednesday, March 13th

5:45 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Board Meeting
7:00 PM Adult Choir

Thursday, March 14th

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday, March 15th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, March 16th

12PM YOGA

Sunday, March 17th

8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
6:30 PM CYF @ George & Kelly
Tucker's

Monday, March 18th

6:30 PM Edna Ricks Circle @ FCC

Tuesday, March 19th

6:30 PM Soup & Devotion
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

****The church office will be closed on Friday, March 15th!****

JEFF'S JOTTINGS...

The Adult Choir has been rehearsing the moving anthem entitled “Via Dolorosa,” for several weeks now. The tune is haunting, the words powerful – and in singing it, I find that I go back to our recent trip to Israel where our group walked the Via Dolorosa and visited the various stations of the cross.

It was not what I expected it to be – not that I had any idea what it might look like, or feel like as we travelled the route of Christ to the cross. And yet, I supposed, “incorrectly,” that it might be set aside as a spiritual and meditative walk for Christians on pilgrimage to this sacred land.

As we squeezed into a narrow alley, complete with cars and trucks and even tractors, brushing shoulders with other pilgrims and local townsfolk, we found ourselves immersed in a busy commerce laden street, complete with shops and vendors and all kinds of merchants. Many of the stations of the cross had structures where we would enter, along with several hundred other individuals – each hoping to find a small spot to stand and soak up the spiritual significance of such a place.

As we entered the final church where both Golgotha and the cave where Christ’ body was laid are found, we were instantly in a mass of several thousand people jockeying for key positions of viewing and picture taking. There was little room for prayer and meditation, and while the volume of noise was minimal, there was still a significant drone of noise from conversation and movement that made the experience less than ideal.

What I hoped for was not possible – a quiet place of restful thought and prayer, but then I realized something very significant. Certainly in the day of Jesus this busy alleyway that led to death was no less busy – likely filled with caravans of folk in the city for Passover, shopkeepers and others selling their wares to the pilgrims of faith who came to view this spectacle before them of a man carrying a cross to his end.

For me I always want this holy season to slow down so that I can immerse myself in its mystery and awe, and yet each year the calendar is filled with services and programs and activities that illustrate the meaning of Lent. Out of the busyness that embraces all of us each and every day, I do hope that you will take the time to reflect, meditate, read, pray and seek to experience the spiritual power of Lent that will remind you again of Jesus’ power, Jesus’ love – and Jesus’ grace.

Pastor Seth and I will be in our places this Sunday and we hope to see you in yours.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

CHOIR ROBE FUND – BUY A ROBE IN MEMORY!

The Adult Choir has started a “new” Choir Robe Fund, which already has some \$2800 made available thanks to some very generous donations. In addition, the choir will sponsor a “Brunch” on Sunday, March 31st, following one service that morning at 10 am. This brunch, to serve up tasty breakfast items, will be by donation with all monies received to go towards the purchase of new robes replacing the current ones that are approx. 30+ years old. If you would like to purchase a robe (approx. cost is \$100) or contribute to this fund, please make your contribution to the church, marked Choir Robe Fund. It is hoped that new robes will be in place for next fall’s choir season. If you have any questions, please see Cathy Whitworth, or Pastor Jeff.



MARCH OUTREACH
BUDDY BAGS & BRIGHT
FUTURES

Remember when your mom said something like “the world is your oyster, or your dad said “you can do that!” They were right, partially because we could try for success instead of worrying about food

or beds or shoes!

Take those worries for our children by giving to Buddy Bags & Bright Futures!

\$290.00 was collected last week-Let’s top that!



Member
Spotlight



GLENDA MARTIN

Where were you born? Louisiana, MO

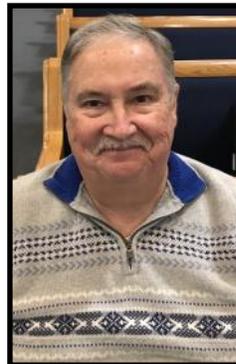
Immediate Family: spouse Garry, 1 brother, 2 nieces

Occupation: Retired Verizon Director of Human Resources

What are your hobbies? travel, interior decorating

If you could ask God one question right now, what would it be? Am I the person you hoped I would be?

Tell us a FUN FACT that others would not know about you: Before Verizon, I taught at the University of South Dakota extension campus, now a security prison. After retiring, I managed several Curves fitness centers for women in Virginia.



GARRY MARTIN

Where were you born? Warrenton, VA

Immediate Family: spouse Glenda; one brother & 2 sisters (*all older*)

Occupation: Retired Verizon Logistics Coordinator

What are your hobbies? Landscaping, Golf & being involved in church

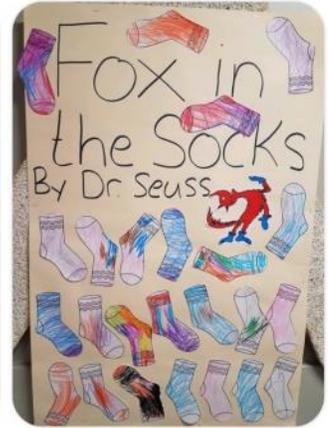
If you could ask God one question right now, what would it be? Are my parents with you?

Tell us a FUN FACT that others would not know about you: Former OATS bus driver which allowed me to learn the area and meet some great people.

NEWS FROM FIRST STEP PRESCHOOL...

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2nd, so it is always fun to have a Dr. Seuss theme throughout the preschool. There were lots of books read and lots of rhyming going on! The children enjoyed a variety of engaging and hands on activities throughout the week. They ate green eggs and ham, had crazy sock day, hat day as well as movie theater and pajama day. One of the many books they read was "Oh, the places you'll go" and then the children dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up. What a week they had full of fun adventures!

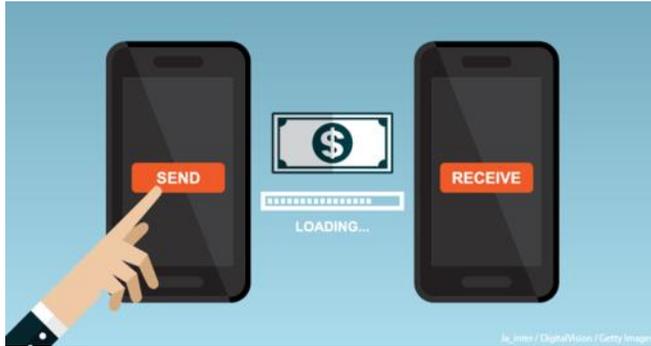
~Jaime Simms, FSP Director



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

“From Fear to Love” are Lenten 2019 devotional booklets, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, that are now available in Kathy’s Kafé and the church foyer. These devotional booklets will serve as reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and will be a wonderful addition to your Lenten studies this year, as we walk the journey together toward Jerusalem!

GIVING WITH VENMO APP



Do you struggle to remember your checkbook on Sunday mornings? Do you remember to give to the church in the middle of the week but forget on Sunday mornings? Do you wish there was a way to give to the church even if you miss worship?

If you relate to any of these questions, then we are excited to share a new giving opportunity with you. The church will soon be a Venmo user, accepting donations

through the Venmo App. If you have never heard of Venmo Google it or check out venmo.com. Basically, Venmo is an app which allows you to send money from a bank account, debit card, or credit card to other Venmo users. No checks needed. You can give any time of the day or night; even if you miss worship.

If you are interested in giving with Venmo, please talk to Pastor Seth. He can help you set up your Venmo account and walk you through your first donation.



THINKING AHEAD...

It's that time of year again! Edna Ricks Circle will be sending out college boxes early April. Please call the church office or email your child/grandchild's address to be sure they receive a box of goodies!

2019-20 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of collecting/taking new photos for the church directory & for the church family wall in the hallway. Our goal is to have directories printed by the end of March! If you have address, phone number changes, etc. please let the church office know! If you have a current photo you would like to use, please email to Sherri @ fctroy@fctroy.com. **Terri Gibson will be available on Sunday March 24th during the Sunday School hour if you need a photo taken!** We would love to have photos of everyone!:)

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Offering: \$ 12167.00

Buddy Bags: \$ 290.00

Week of Compassion: \$ 174.82

Choir Robe Donation: \$150.00

Coffee Donation: \$65.00

Community Breakfast: \$159.00

Attendance: 180

KEEPING UP YOUR TITHE/OFFERING

This winter has been incredibly difficult for our congregation and so many others, in that many of our serious winter storms have arrived either on Saturday or Sunday morning of the weekend. Forced to close twice, and this past Sunday with a limited attendance because of impending weather, the church does struggle because staff and utilities, in addition to snow plowing still have to be paid. If you would remember the church and those Sunday(s) we have missed in keeping your offering up to date – it would be gratefully appreciated. Let us hope and pray that spring is just around the corner!



LENTEN SOUP AND DEVOTION SERIES TO START THIS WEEK

The Lenten holy season will soon be upon us, and as we used that special time for devotion and fellowship over the past couple years, we shall do so again this year with our annual “Soup and Devotion Series” to begin on Tuesday evening, March 12th, beginning at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary with a 30 minute worship service led by Pastor Jeff and Pastor Seth – music will be provided courtesy of Pam Hall. Following the service will we adjourn to Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy hot sandwiches and soup to approx. 7:30 pm. The first night Pastor Jeff will provide the soup, but after that, everyone will have a chance to sign-up to bring their own special soup and/or dessert. The “Soup and Devotion Series” will continue through the last Tuesday in Lent – during Holy Week. Plan to be a part of this special opportunity for Lenten study and fellowship!

Prayer Concerns: Rowan Colbert, The family of Snookie Turbull’s sister-Susie, Norma Saale (Kurt Saale’s sister), Diane Tessler (friend of Barb Burlison), Sadie Trout (friend of Jill Calvin), Mary McCann, Darrel Schlichting (friend of Delma Mallett), Denise (daughter of Ron & Donna Raeman), Skylar Kay (grandson of Donna Loughridge), Brenda Collins (Cindy Finley’s sister-in-law), Glenda Martin, Pastor Jeff, Ryan Pollard (FSP teacher, Ms. Renauta’s brother), Myla Grace Lindsay (newborn niece of Nick & Leslie Lindsay), Danny Alexander (Renee Martin’s brother-in-law), The family of Edgar Buhain (friends of Jeff & Na’s), Mick Mehler (Jennifer Mehler’s father-in-law), Pam Schlote (friend of Debbie Colbert), Amanda Champion (niece of Betty Guzenski), Dottie Westermann, Gerald Atchley (friend of the Bockhorsts), Kerrey Black (friend of Betty Guzenski), Doug Miller (Cindy & Terry Finley’s son-in-law), Bill Monse, Logan Moriarity (friend of Ann Schuette), Colt Comer (friend of the Bobeens), Adrienne Nelson, Marilyn Heidbrier (Greg Heidbrier’s mother), Pam Hall, Michael Bennett, Greg Westermann, Nick Allen, Dennis Damron (Norma Guyot’s brother), Suzann Koehler, Marilyn Box, Patricia Ohmes (Friends & Family of Tammy Fox), Bob & Ava Hall, Mary Jo Boschert (friends of Cindy & Shane Bertels), Ralph & Linda Williams, Tricia Stagner (Brenda Monse’s sister), Sullivan Menne & family (friend of Jeff & Naomi), Cole Folkman (Bob & Ava Hall’s Grandson), Marianne Largent (friend of Annette Walton), Bill Lagemann (Debbie Colbert’s brother-in-law), Bill & Jeannie Carr (Cathy Whitworth’s sister & brother in law), Cindy Stumpe, Edward Stumpe, Bernard O’Donnell & Angie Gralnick (family of Mary McCann), Georganna Lister (Delma Mallett’s sister-in-law), Helen Bowen (Annette Walton’s sister), Mary Beth Lenzini (friend of Clarence South), Nancy Chilton (Donna Loughridge’s sister), Ed Huckelman, Brett Mossotti. Nursing Home, Assisted Living, & Home Bound: @Troy Manor: Nellie Bruce (Rob Bruce’s mother & Chris Stark’s grandmother); @ Troy Nursing & Rehab: Barb Burlison @Home: Donna Lewis. Please Pray for Our Troops: Tony Abbott (grandson-in-law of Pete & Shirley Collier), Bill Damron (friend of Shane & Cindy Bertels), Ryan Dussold (Kelly & George Tucker’s nephew), Nicholas Hutton (Grandson of Norma Campbell), Jake Jones (friend of the Lacey’s), Caleb Eisenbath, Patrick Taylor. *Please let staff know if you want a name or event added or removed from the prayer list.*

CLASS of 2019

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

A special service for recognizing our graduating high school seniors will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary. The Praise Team will present special music, and gifts will be presented by the church family. Everyone is encouraged to be present for this important step in the life of our young people.

PARENTS OF SENIORS: Please send 10-15 photos of your child to Mary Saale @ saalem@troy.k12.mo.us or to the church office fcctroy@fcctroy.com no later than FRIDAY, MARCH

22nd! Please call the church office @ 636-528-7322 to RSVP that your child will be participating in the service!
THANK YOU!

FCC TO HOST WESTERN CLERGY CLUSTER NEXT WEEK!

Pastor Jeff and Pastor Seth will host a meeting of the Western Clergy Cluster of the Mid-America Region this next Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 am. Several ministers will be in attendance, in addition to Rev. Dr. Penny Ross-Corona, Regional Minister. Please be in prayer for your pastors – local and regional.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

SERVED 62!

The monthly Community Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, March 9 in the Fellowship Hall served 62 people. Many thanks to the wonderful crew who helped set-up, cook, serve, and clean-up. All went smoothly – and donations received were \$159.00

2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 20-24th

Des Moines, IA

**Registration forms are available on the table across from Kathy's Kafé OR you can register online! Let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Seth know if you are interested in attending!*

NEW CHOIR ROBE BRUNCH

March 31, 2019

11:30 AM – 1 PM



The Adult Choir will provide a delicious brunch for the congregation and friends following the combined 10 AM worship service March 31st. Choir members and spouses will offer tasty breakfast items and contributions by donation will benefit the new choir robe fund. Each of the robes will cost approximately \$100.00. The fund has already received some gifts, but more is needed. For more information, please contact Choir Director Cathy Whitworth or Pastor Jeff.

NEOLA Summer Camp Schedule

Try-It Camp

(PreSchool-1st grade, must be accompanied by an adult family member)

June 14-16

Covenant Point
Holts Summit, MO

CYF

(completed 9th-12th grade)

June 23-28

Camp Jo-Ota
Clarence, MO

Crazy Camp

(completed 2nd-3rd grade)

June 24-28

Covenant Point
Holts Summit, MO

Junior Camp

(completed 4th-5th grade)

July 8-12

Covenant Point
Holts Summit, MO

Chi Rho

(completed 6th-7th grade)

July 15-20

Camp Jo-Ota
Clarence, MO

Night Owl Camp

(completed 6th-8th grade)

July 29-August 2

Covenant Point
Holts Summit, MO

That Camp About God and Sex

June 17-22

(completed 8th grade)

Covenant Point

Holts Summit, MO

For more information and registration:

<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer/>

Contact Pastor Seth if you have any questions!

FCC FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY
INVITES ALL FAMILIES OF ANY KIND TO:

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

NOAH

Recording of Sight and Sound Theatre Production

Saturday, April 13 @ 12:55 PM

Regal O'Fallon Stadium 14

\$5 per person

Please RSVP to Pastor Seth or the office by April 7

Families can ride the church bus or meet at the theater.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM WORSHIP

Serving March 17, 2019

ELDER: Joy Faires

DEACONS: Ann Schuette & Amy Young

HALL MONITOR DEACON: John Lacey

GREETERS: Jim & Nancy Smith

MUSICIANS: Pam Hall & Cathy Whitworth

AV: Jan Burlison

SONG LEADER: Jim Burlison

ELDER: Darrell Faires

DEACONS: Jessica Marshall & Cindy Finley

HALL MONITOR DEACON: Tracey Bruce

GREETERS: Ron & Donna Raeman

MUSICIANS: James Bertels, Denny Gibson, Andrea

Lallis, Brett Mossotti & Chris Stark

AV: Bryan Falls

Serving March 24, 2019

ELDER: Joy Faires

DEACONS: Donna Raeman & Amy Young

HALL MONITOR DEACON: John Lacey

GREETERS: Jim & Nancy Smith

MUSICIANS: Pam Hall & Cathy Whitworth

AV: Rollin Heaton

SONG LEADER: Jim Zuroweste

ELDER: Darrell Faires

DEACONS: Jessica Marshall & Cindy Finley

HALL MONITOR DEACON: Tracey Bruce

GREETERS: Ron & Donna Raeman

MUSICIANS: James Bertels, Denny Gibson, Andrea

Lallis, Brett Mossotti & Chris Stark

AV: Nori Rasmussen

Preparing Deacon: Amy Young

** If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and notify the church office.*