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**From the Preacherman....**

The season of Lent draws near, and with it, opportunities to quiet the soul and see where God is at work in our world. I did not grow up with the discipline of this, or any, season of the Christian year. We did Christmas and Easter and that was it. Not seasons, but days mattered. Lent is ancient and odd and unusual, perfect for us and different from anything else we can imagine. This is the season that reminds us how much we lack in understanding and behavior, and how far God is willing to go to cross that chasm and reach us. I love Lent.

The season starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continues all the way up to Saturday, March 31. It lasts for 40 days, plus the 6 Sundays of each week. 40 is a rich number in biblical stories, with all kinds of implications. Each Sunday is a “little Easter” celebrated in worship and prayer. This year we are in the central part of Mark, chapters 8, 9 and 10, for sermons in worship on Sundays. In our newsletter, you will read about other opportunities for worship on Tuesdays at DWM Lenten Devotionals and Salad Luncheons at our church and Wednesdays at sister churches in our community. Opportunities abound. Come and see what God is up to in our midst.

The question often arises “What are you doing, or not doing, for Lent?” Perhaps you are giving up or sacrificing something, and that is commendable. One of my daughters gave up television one year for Lent, just so she could have more space in her life to hear God. However, the parameters for Lenten discipline have grown much wider. People still give up things, but sometimes they add a discipline or practice for the season. I have a friend in another church who for Lent one year wrote 40 letters of gratitude to people who had blessed him in his life. It took some thought and effort, but he followed that practice for the entire season and it changed him, which is the essence of Lent, isn’t it? To change from our normal, accustomed ways, to the way of God in this world.

The most important thing to do, however, is this: start. Just start. Wherever you are, whatever your struggles or problems might be, just start. On the first Sunday in Lent the Worship Committee will offer you a simple, small stone to carry for the season. A rock for your pocket to remind you of all of the difficulty in being a disciple of Christ, and the hope that we have in the One who calls us. Come and see what God is doing in this place. It is odd, but wonderful.

Peace....Chris

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ) Owensboro,  
Kentucky Mission Statement**

*“Our mission is to manifest Christ’s love by empowering all to compassionate service.”*

**Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Mission Statement**

*“We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”*

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# NEWS



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On January 28, we welcomed Dick & Mary Yerington into our Church family. The Yerington's reside at 3025 Waterside Way, 42303.

We are glad you are here!

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Mary H. Robertson who passed away February 2.

## To all at FCC who provide for the Backpack Ministry,

No words can express the thanks needed for what you guys do for our kids. Putting food on so many tables week after week for so many years – blazing a path teaching others in Owensboro *how* to start the weekend backpack program up. I am in awe of you guys and always thankful to you.

Much love & best wishes in 2018!!

Shannon Rafferty,

Cravens Elementary Family Resource Center

## Volunteers with Sewing Experience Requested!

There are 14 ladies in our Faithful Sewing class learning how to sew. If you know how to sew and would like to help teach our friends, please contact the church at 270-684-8879, or speak with Nancy Connor or Ginger Norris. The class meets 9:30 – 11 AM on Tuesday, February 13, Wednesdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



## More Than We Can Imagine

### February 18-25, 2018



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. The Week of Compassion offering will be taken on February 18.

## Community Lenten Series: The Way of Resistance

All are invited to the community Lenten worship services held each Wednesday during Lent. Two services are planned for Ash Wednesday, February 14, one at noon and another at 6:30 pm. Meals begin at 5:30 pm with the worship service starting at 6:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (12 and younger). Offering will be donated to Working Hands.

Date	Speaker	Location
2/14/18 (noon)	Kathy Goodwin	Settle UMC
2/14/18	Randy Jones	First Presbyterian Church
2/21/18	Jane Rothman	Third Baptist Church
2/28/18	Micah Spicer	Century Christian Church (DOC)
3/7/18	Chris Michael	Woodlawn UMC
3/14/18	Keith Switzer	Trinity UMC
3/21/18	Betty Sivis	First Christian Church (DOC)

## DWM Lenten Devotionals and Salad Luncheons

DWM Lenten Devotionals begin on Tuesday, February 20, at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary. The theme for this year's devotionals is "Encounters with Jesus: Challenged". All are invited to attend, and stay for the delicious DWM Lenten Lunch shared by church members. The tasty salad lunch buffet is \$7 per person, with all proceeds going to DWM ministry projects. The devotionals continue each Tuesday from February 20-March 20 at 12:10 pm, followed by the lunches. DWM members and all interested church members are invited to share their culinary salad creations for the lunches. Come and invite your friends to an inspiring Lenten mid-day service.

Date	Speaker	Liturgist	Music
2/20/18	Rev. Cheryl Russell	Kaye Farmer	Ann Jeannette Pierce
2/27/18	Chris Gaddis	Cate Gaddis	Shirley Overfield and First/Third Quartet
3/6/18	Rev. Bonnie Brown	Carroll Laswell	Beverly Chelgren
3/13/18	Pam Woodward	Martha Lee	Ann Miller with Mike Tichenor, soloist
3/20/18	Brian Hedges	Alpha Jo Luallen	Angela Bruce

## Serving in Worship

### February 11 ~ Transfiguration ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Leslie Carlisle**  
 Serving Elders: **Wayne & Gloria Goodaker**  
 Acolyte: **Colin Ruckdeschel** Bell Ringer: **Addie Slone Travis**  
 Elder of the month: **Amy Fredrickson-Wilkey**  
 Deacons: **Nancy Barnard, Emily Baur, Brian Belcher, Leslie Carlisle, Joy Emerson, Larkin Hayden, Carroll Laswell, Brende Lott**  
 Youth Deacon: **Miles Baur**  
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Rev. Cheryl Russell**  
 Choir Message: *Make This Church a Welcome Place*  
 Prelude: *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
 Offertory: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*  
 Communion: *Here, at Your Table, Lord*  
 Hymns: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed; I Want Jesus to Walk with Me; Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread; I Come with Joy*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by  
 Carroll & Larkin Hayden to the glory of God and  
 in honor of Marie Abell and Marie Hayden.*

### February 18 ~ Lent 1 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgists: **Rev. Bonnie Brown**  
 Serving Elders: **Vicki & Tab Quisenberry**  
 Acolyte: **Daniel Lott** Bell Ringer: **Colin Ruckdeschel**  
 Elder of the month: **Amy Fredrickson-Wilkey**  
 Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Andy Goodaker, Sale Gordon, Sally Ham, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Cathy Midkiff, Forrest Roberts, Sandra Roberts, Janet Tichenor**  
 Youth Deacon: **Hannah Kate Divine**  
 Worship & Wonder Story Teller: **Cate Gaddis**  
 Special music: **Sunday School Singers** *Jesus Is the Answer*  
 Message in Music Solo: *Strange Way to Save the World*  
 Prelude: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
 Offertory: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*  
 Communion: *Lamb of God*  
 Hymns: *My Hope Is Built; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; We Come as Guests Invited*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, February 11

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 11:30 am Cub Scouts  
 12:00 pm Pitino Shelter  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, February 12

1:00 pm Decoration Meeting  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

### TUESDAY, February 13

9:30 am Faithful Sewing  
 5:15 pm Board Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, February 14

#### Ash Wednesday

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 12:00 pm Ecumenical Lenten Service -Settle Memorial UMC  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal at First Presbyterian Church  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service- First Presbyterian

### THURSDAY, February 15

2:30 pm Food Pantry

### SUNDAY, February 18

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 11:30 am Education Team Mtg.  
 5:00 pm FCC Kids!  
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, February 19

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

### TUESDAY, February 20

12:10 pm DWM Lenten  
 Devotional and Luncheon

### WEDNESDAY, February 21

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 9:30 am Faithful Sewing  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal at Third Baptist Church  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service - Third Baptist Church

### SUNDAY, February 25

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am Farewell Reception  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CYF Youth Grp  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Pitino Shelter Volunteers February 11

Teresa McKinley Cathy Maddox Sally Ham  
 Anne Carlisle Leslie Carlisle

### Request for Help Office Donations

During the month of February, the DWM is collecting items for the Help Office. Please drop items off in the donation box located in the entry hall. The most needed items are: Razors, Deodorant, Beans – Baked, Lima, Northern, Pinto (**not** Green), Soup, Saltines, Canned Fruit, and Cereal

**Chrismons** -Want to help create Chrismons (Christian ornaments) for our beautiful Christmas tree? Call Francy Miller at 270.929.9281 or Martha Lee at 270.929.9049 to assist in decorating ornaments. No experience needed. We plan to start the fun in early February.



**Board meeting** – Tuesday, February 13, at 5:15 pm in the FaHoLo classroom. All are welcome to attend.

**It's Not Too Late to Support the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build** - The Apostles Build is an ecumenical build sponsored and built by a group of churches. First Christian Church has always been a partner church and we would like to see this partnership continue through a commitment of financial resources and manpower. The Legacy fund will donate \$1,000 and the Outreach Committee challenges our congregation to match that pledge. Please make donations payable to FCC and write Apostles Build in the memo section.

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

Psalm 127:1



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### Kum-Ba-Ya Dates 2018

Young Disciples	6/1 - 6/3	Grade 3
Junior	6/4 - 6/8	Grades 4 - 5
Discovery	6/8 - 6/10	Grades 1 - 2
CYF Sailing	6/11 - 6/15	Grades 9 - 12
Chi Rho Sailing	6/18 - 6/22	Grades 6 - 8
CYF	6/24 - 6/30	Grades 9 - 12
Chi Rho	7/2 - 7/7	Grades 6 - 8

Dreaming of warm summer days? Make plans now to attend camp at Kum-Ba-Ya. Registration forms are available in the Church office.

### Listen to Worship Services Online



You may now listen to FCC worship services when you are traveling, on vacation, or unable to attend church by using your computer or smartphone to access

[www.mixlr.com/FirstChristianChurch](http://www.mixlr.com/FirstChristianChurch).

Worship services can be listened to live at 9:00 AM CT on Sunday mornings, or at a later time or day as several weeks of worship services are archived on the website - just click the newsreel items option and select a date.

The sound quality is amazing!

