



The MESSENGER



Easter Services & Activities

Palm Sunday April 9

Children's Choir & Handbell Choir will participate at 9:00 AM service
Children will process with palms

Maundy Thursday Service April 13

At First Christian Church
With Centennial Christian Church
Dinner served @ 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall
Worship @ 7:00 PM in Sanctuary

Good Friday Service April 14

At First Christian Church
Combined with Wesley UMC, First Baptist, and Second Presbyterian Churches
Worship @ 12:10 PM in the Sanctuary
Message by The Rev. Adam Davis, First Baptist
Combined Choir
Lunch immediately following in Major Hall

Easter Egg Hunt & Games April 15

10:00 AM for preschoolers and children

Easter Sunday April 16

7:30 AM Sunrise Service



8:00 AM Breakfast throughout the morning in the Centrum
You are invited to come @ 8:45 AM and place flowers (provided) on the Easter cross before 9:00 AM worship in the Sanctuary
10:15 AM One and All service in Fellowship Hall

During Lent

➤ *Coloring Pages*



Look for a new page to color each week in the Centrum or Fellowship Hall and use this as a prayer exercise on Sunday morning or any time you are in the church building.

➤ *Facebook & Twitter*

To help us keep *A Season of Prayer* during Lent, Jim Warren is providing us with daily "prayer prompts" on our church's Facebook page & Jim's Twitter account (@PastorBLMFCC).

➤ *Study Group*

Jim Warren is leading a Lenten study group titled *Listen: Hearing that Still Small Voice and Finding Your Own* on Wednesdays through April 19, 5:30 PM, in the Conference Room. Each session includes a video, scripture, and time to ask questions.

➤ *Lilies*



If you would like to provide a lily for the Sanctuary on Easter, please complete and return this form with \$12 per plant.

Name: _____

Given in memory/honor (circle choice) of:

___ In lieu of a lily, I would like my donation to be given to the Easter offering.

➤ *Pictorial Directories are Here!*



If you had your picture taken, please pick up your copy at the Information Center.

➤ *Combined Sunday School*

Due to school Spring Break, our children/youth Sunday School classes will combine and meet in Major Hall at 10:15 AM this Sunday, April 2.

➤ *Warren Family*



As many of you know, Sharon Warren is receiving treatment for a recurrence of cancer. To help the Warren family, we will be accepting donations of any amount to help pay for house cleaning twice each month. You may give cash or write a check made payable to FCC with Warren family on the memo line. Thank you for helping support the Warren family during this difficult time. -- Kathie Chapman, Faith Russell, Jill West

➤ *Gifts for Another Table*

Non-perishable food items brought to church during the month of April will be kept in the church office for those who stop by needing food.

➤ *Seeing your Dentist Soon?*

Beg some toothpaste & dental floss to give away at our Block Party August 12 😊

➤ *Brown Bag Bible Bunch*

Jim Warren is leading a study on the book of Revelation on Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 PM, in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

➤ *Disciples Women's Ministries*

Our Thursday, April 6, meeting will be at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. Sue Brumme will bring the program on *Jezebel*. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship and to hear more about this interesting "Woman of the Bible."



Our Spring Tea will be Thursday, May 4, at 1:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall. The program will include information from three community service organizations: Baby Fold, Boys and Girls Club, and Children's Home and Aid. Delicious desserts and coffee/tea will be served. A sign-up sheet is at the Information Center. Plan now to attend and bring a guest. Everyone is welcome.

➤ *Volunteer(s) with Green Thumbs*



John Hensley has done a marvelous job keeping the garden on the east side of the parking lot looking beautiful, but now he needs to hand the rake and shovel over to someone new. Please contact John Dailey johndailey@frontier.com or Ryan Newton rjssnewton@hotmail.com if you are interested.

➤ *Grief Journey Support Group*

This group meets in the Conference Room on Thursdays, April 6 & 20, and May 4 & 18, 5:00-6:30 PM (no fee). Leadership by Ed Taylor, Compassus Hospice Bereavement Coordinator

➤ *Christian Speaker at Eureka College*

Jim Wallis will lecture on contemporary issues at Eureka College on Friday, April 7, at 1:00 PM. The event is free, but you need to obtain a ticket by April 4 by going online to cciwdisciples.org. Contact Jim Warren if you would like to carpool.

➤ *American Red Cross Blood Drive*

Give blood. Help save lives. Tuesday, April 18, 2:00-6:00 PM, in Major Hall. Sponsored by Wholistic Health Council. Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card or two other forms of ID. Free refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the Church Office or Information Center.

➤ *Congregational Meeting*

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 AM, in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing Officers/Ministry Stewards

➤ *Youth Group Pool Party*



Witness of the Faithful

Attendance: 3/19: 164, 44 3/26: 139, 31

Offering: \$14,874

Prayer Concerns

Hospice: Darlene Bethel, Marsha Reeves, Virginia Warren
Advocate BroMenn: Richard Anderson

OSF St. Joseph: Betty Birckelbaw, Eugene Hunter

Aftercare: Betty Beer, Lori Craig, Mickey Drexler, Gene Fowler, Mary Helen Haskell, Mary Smart

Treatment: Dave Eyman, Sharon Warren

Assisted Living: Alma Samuels (at Taylors' home)

Nursing Homes: Judy Feezor (Aperion); Merle Murray, Virginia Warren (Heritage, Blm.); Sonna West (Heritage, El Paso); Harold Goyen, Joe & Jan Violano (Heritage, Normal); Corena Meyer (Liberty, Clinton); Niola Daily, Dave Dungan, Lois Murray (Martin Health); James Fry, Marilyn Kopp (McLean Co.); Roberta Blomgren (Sugar Creek)

Military: Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA); Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)

Sympathy to: family & friends of Fred Robb on his death March 19

Thank you notes received from: Helen Joyce Barclay, Lori Craig, Mickey Drexler (health); Sam Arvik, Luke Pool, Logan Robb (Love Box)

See website for
April Calendar

WHAT TIME IT IS...
IT'S BAKE SALE TIME



LADIES & GENTS,
BEGINNERS & EXPERTS

START YOUR OVENS 2 SUPPORT



2017 BLOCK PARTY
4 SCHOOL KITS

NEED everything fr COOKIES 2 CAKES
2 PIES & BROWNIES & EVERYTHING
IN BETWEEN

Bring items to FCC FRIDAY,
MAY 12, Between 7:15a - 12:45p
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Sign-up sheet & instructions on Information Desk

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Bloomington's Oldest Continuing Congregation - Founded 1837

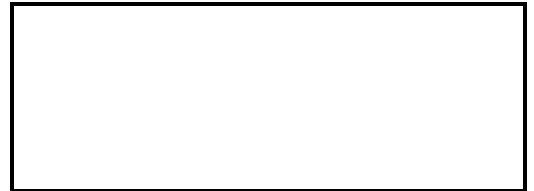


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Serving Sunday, April 2

Acolytes: Ellie Chapman, Ethan Rocke
Child Care: Trish Logan, Corin Chapman
Deacons: Justin & Kim Cox
One and All Deacons: Tom Crutchley, Holly Rocke
Jr. Deacons: Austin Metz, Emily Varner
Driver: Frank Lipscomb
Elders: Gregg Kiesewetter, Marla McElroy
Homebound Elders: Faith Russell, Brenda Phillis
Fellowship Time Hosts: Cindy Rousey, Wannie Beard
Fill Candles: Kathie Chapman
Greeters: Justin & Kim Cox, Doug & Stephanie Reed
Information Center Hosts: Ron & Nancy Gramley
Recycle: John & Debbie Schultz
Scripture: Marla McElroy
Sound Tech: James Nussbaum
Time for Children: Heather Damery
Video Tech: Nate Damery
Worship & Wonder Greeters: Patti Jamerson, Jessica Davis
Pulpit: John Libert – Psalm 130:1-8
"Confession: So Much Better Than It Sounds"

Mailed: March 29, 2017

Serving Palm Sunday, April 9

Acolytes: Bethany Warren, Mason Janvrin
Child Care: Trish Logan, Kathie Chapman
Deacons: Stacey Erickson, Liberty Nussbaum
One and All Deacons: Holly Rocke, Robyn Loftin
Jr. Deacons: Abby Logan, Bryce Reed
Driver: Ryan Newton
Elders: May Jackson, Art Taylor
Homebound Elders: Gregg Kiesewetter, Marla McElroy
Fellowship Time Host: Doug Reed
Fill Candles: Kathie Chapman
Greeters: John & Kathy Dailey, Nate & Heather Damery
Information Center Host: Nancy Guither
Recycle: John & Debbie Schultz
Scripture: Patty Thompson
Sound Tech: Dave Phillis
Time for Children: Camille Taylor
Video Tech: Todd Chapman
Worship & Wonder Greeters: Naomi Kosier, Corin Chapman
Pulpit: Jim Warren – Luke 22:39-46 "Can We Pray Like Jesus?"

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM
One and All Worship 10:15 AM
Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM
Youth Groups..... 5:00 PM

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