



# FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWS

April 2026

*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.*

## UPCOMING events

April 5 Easter

April 12  
Board Meeting 9:30

April 13  
Women's Bible Study and  
Lunch 9:30/11:00

May 10  
Mother's Day

May 17  
Honoring Graduating Seniors

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## Minister's Message

Doug McDonald

The Love of God!

*And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16*



God is love, and it is the responsibility of the one doing the loving to communicate that love to the one being loved! Do we know and believe the love that God has for us? This seems to me to be a good starting place to advance the most important of personal relationships. To know and believe that the Father sitting across the table from me is loving me to the fullest, loving me perfectly and loving me to the end (to infinity and beyond), comes as a shock! This "love that God has for us" has nothing to do with my performance or lack of same with behaviors, works and duties. It does, however, have everything to do with how I love Him back, how I come to love myself and how I approach loving others. Imagine for a moment you as the prodigal son. You've just returned home to your Father after having wasted it all and blowing it completely. You came home looking to throw yourself on His mercy, begging to be made a servant and expecting a possible three hots and a cot with bunkhouse accommodations and a life full of chores as payment and payback. What you found was an expecting, accepting and adoring Father... full of love, ...for you! Full restoration into the Father's imagined idea for you including sonship, full acceptance without restitution, and an immediate celebration without reservations upon your return was not what you were expecting. And just what is this celebration all about? This is an eternal celebration of, well... you and Him and all that He has made! This is a celebration of your long awaited return, of the now unhindered face to face relationship, and of all that the Father has always had in mind for you and Him. When you consider what the prodigal expected for a homecoming and what he received, this is like going from feeling the shame of "what a worm am I!" ...to off the charts acceptance and "I am the apple of His eye!" Is this what we know and believe about the love that God has for us? If not, we are selling the love of God out cheap. People talk about "cheap grace" but if our concept of God's love for us is anything less than this description, we are talking about cheapening the love of God and cheating ourselves out of exactly what we need the most. The love of God and the God of love. God forgiving me is known when I forgive myself and then become able to forgive others! God loving me is known by me when I begin loving myself and then become able to love God back and love others as myself. I will end by this quote from one of my favorite theologians.

"May we always run the risk of overemphasizing grace, for it is a risk that will never be realized."—Robert Capon

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This month, we will be looking at the story of Jacob and Esau. Beginning on page 65, the chapter is titled, *Twins, Tricks, and a Tragic Hero*. Join us as we continue to discover how all the stories we read in the Bible are woven together to reveal God's story and the plans He has for our lives.



**Join Us, Monday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m.**

**With lunch to follow at 11:00 a.m.**



♥congratulations♥

- ♥ Lykin Pierce arrived Friday, March 13 at 1:45 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.
- ♥ Congratulations to Danielle and Colten and also to proud grandmother, Marilyn.
- ♥ We are so happy to have Lykin as part of our church family.

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, LUNCHEON AND EGG HUNT**



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 please send pictures or information on  
 achievements, births, awards, or anything  
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- 04/05 Alice McDonald
- 04/12 Gilbert Anderson
- 04/14 Betty Fowler
- 04/18 Marilyn Chamberlin
- 04/23 Kim Tingle

04/22 Andy and Kristie Dimock

**MONTHLY PANTRY ITEM FOR APRIL - Canned Fruit**

This month we will collect canned fruit for our Food Pantry item. Items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall or as you enter the sanctuary. Collected items are being donated to Grace Bridge in Celina. **Thanks** to those who are so generous in their support of this program.



Please keep the following in your prayers for strength, healing and comfort.

Heather Carter, Sandra Zimmerebner, Gayle Strange, Amy Davey, Tessa Kautz, Scott Tingle, Scott Franklin, Janet Rippey and family, Les Massey, Cameron Dimock, Jeannie Greenwald, Mike McGarrah, Ivy Latham, Raygan Mida, Barbara and Joe Underwood, Don Polk.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - February**

**Income**

Sunday Offerings:	\$7,843.00
Building Fund Offering:	.00
Memorial Gift Fund:	.00
Special Offering:	.00
Building Use:	.00
Interest:	309.65
Miscellaneous:	101.90

**Total Income: \$8,254.55**  
**Total Expenses: \$9,755.75**

**Expenses**

Salaries:	\$5,136.00
Utilities:	598.29
Supplies & Food:	326.90
Insurance:	2,880.03
Taxes:	.00
Maintenance:	447.99
Miscellaneous:	365.54
Council Outreach	.00
Local Outreach:	100.00