

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2019

Elders:

7th Bruce and Nancy Hutchinson
14th Bruce and Nancy Hutchinson
21st Bruce and Nancy Hutchinson
28th Bruce and Nancy Hutchinson

Stand-by Elder and Outside Greeter

Gladys Kemp

Deacons: **Jr. Deacon*

April 7th and 28th

Richard Bell Delores Turrentine
Elizabeth Raines Trinity Turrentine*

April 14th and 21st (Palm Sunday and Easter)

Richard Bell Barry Phillips
Ramona Burgess Elizabeth Raines
Andrew Crawford* Delores Turrentine
Leanna Dixon Trinity Turrentine*

Worship Leaders:

7th Hale Stancil
14th Randy Alvord
21st Lindsay Griffin
28th Glenda Harper

Greeters:

7th Miles Stevens and Grant Stevens
14th Shelly Zahn
21st Glenn Schore
28th Andrew Crawford and Lillie DeTorres

Acolytes:

7th Kaitlyn Alvord and Jayden Harris
14th Nate Stevens and Aaron Burgess
21st Zackary Harris and Trinity Turrentine
28th Rett Stevens and Gabriel Harris

(Schedule subject to change)



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Holy Week Activities



Palm Sunday, April 14th

10:30 AM Worship Service



Maundy Thursday, April 18th

Our annual Maundy Thursday observation will be held at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. In memory of Jesus Christ, we will share in the Lord's Supper. Then we will participate in a Tenebrae service, the service of shadows, as the observers of Christ's passion relate their stories. Scripture, drama, and music enrich this Lenten experience. Come, share, worship.

Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 20th

10 AM -12 Noon - Everyone young and old is invited to attend our annual Easter celebration. The children will hear the true Easter story, enjoy Easter activities, and of course, engage in hunting Easter eggs. Please plan to bring friends, family, and neighbors for this special event sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry. Donations of wrapped candy are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt and may be placed in the box in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise Service at the Garden of the Crosses Memorial at 7:00 AM
Breakfast at 8:00 AM in Memorial Hall (prepared by Disciples Men's Fellowship)
Easter Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the envelope located in the church pews. Include \$6.00 for each Easter Lily your order.

Deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 14th.

Rev. Terry Harps...

Time to plant the gardens again. David Linvill is already nurturing tender bean plants in the church "Feed the Need Garden". Evidence of garden work is everywhere. The fields are dark green with wheat; an open car window invites in the smell of fresh plowed dirt; every week different varieties of flowers are blooming, and those cold mornings are fewer and fewer. I simply love this time of year.

It seems to me that garden planting is an act of faith. You dig everything up trusting that you will have something to show for your work in coming months. You drop little seeds in the ground and cover them up and wait for God to work his little miracle of germination. You throw on a little water, some fertilizer and maybe erect a trellis for the climbing things. Then you wait.

Sometimes I lose faith and just have to dig up a couple of those corn seeds to see if they are really growing. That's when I am reminded that seeds grow down before they grow up. Seems important to set a good foundation, establish a strong root before stretching your branches toward the sky.

After the little plants begin to appear, the real work begins. There are weeds to pull. Weeds can rob your vegetables of vital nutrients. You must make sure the garden gets just the right amount of water. Too much and the roots will rot. not enough and the leaves will shrivel and die. It seems every little crawly thing needs food and every one of them in the world has decided to eat from your garden. What will you do about bugs? Sometimes the crop even needs to be thinned. Corn especially seems to need its own space to grow.

Harvest will be the pay-off. The day will come when you can start picking the fruit of your labor. Praise will be on your mind because you know that your garden wouldn't have grown on its own or only with your labor. There was another hand at work.

I really do love all the things that go into gardening. I think I'll let my brief description stand on its own. However, we are printing this in the CHURCH newsletter. I hope you will take a moment to reflect on how the images of Garden can be applied to what we do as church. I bet you have some images to add to mine with symbolic meanings all their own. As church, may we be about the work of the Master Gardener this Spring.

Pastor Terry

In Need of Prayers

Among our people: Diana Baril, Jim & Ramona Burgess, Dolly Dixon, Claire Gauthier, David Gilbert, Marene Guare, Renn Hinton, Ty Hinton, Dottie Hoffer-Ross, Barbara Hunter, Bill Kerns, Mary Kay Kerns, Basil Komar, Carolyn Largin, Pat Largin, Jon Macleod, Dick Marr, Jeannie Marr, Lois Philbrick, Bob Schrepferman, Bill Smedley, Harold Stancil, Loretta Troutman, Bob Vermillion, May Wakelin, Rob Windischmann, Andrea Wright, Eileen Zimmerman

In retirement/rehab residences and homebound: Marian Cope (Ocala Health), Claude Cray (Haven House), Marie D'Orsi (Hampton Manor), Richard Lane (Timberridge), Donna Lee (The Lodge), Grace McDaniel (Oakhurst), Bob Quackenbush (Brentwood)

Among our friends: Eric Brombacker (Judy Brombacker's son), Donald Chase (Esther Hinz's son), Sheree Edie (Terry Harper's sister), Virginia Edling (Donna Lee's sister), Dakota Fisher (Ashley Fisher's brother), Gary Gauthier (Claire Gauthier's son), Frank Griswold (friend of Bill Smedley), Kitty Hamm (Ruby Moore's sister), Edward Hazelton (Kaye Sullivan's son), Delanna Hess (Mary Kay Kerns' sister), Tom Hinds (Maxie Hotz's brother), Randy Hinz (Esther Hinz's husband), Anne Hovendon (Kathy Yates' sister), Jennifer (Judy Brombacker's niece), Bob Keith (Chuck Keith's brother), Tony Kerns (Bill and Mary Kay Kerns' son), Lisa McGill (Ronnie Sutton's niece), Richard Myers family (friends of Ben and Helen Hayes), Allen Polon (Lola Duncan's nephew), Wayne Riggs (Ruby Moore's brother), Michelle Semke (Lola Duncan's relative), Da Swivczewshi's sister, Geraldine Williamson (Daryl Williamson's grandmother), our military who are serving and those in harms way

(Please call the church office if someone needs to be placed on or removed from this list.)



Sundays at First Christian Church

Meditation Time
8:30-9:00 AM

Elders' Prayers in the Library
8:45 AM

Fellowship Time
9:00 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM – (Nursery available)

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Closed for lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Church Leadership and Staff

Minister Rev. Terry Harper
Moderator Randy Alvord
Visitation Minister Kathy Yates
Administrative Assistant Lorraine Daniels
Director of Music Rev. Lori Lynn Wachter
Church Musician Cindy Warringer
Sunday Staff Jim Burgess
Nursery Orlene Parks

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Disciple Women's Fellowship News...



CIRCLE MEETINGS

- **Phoebe Circle** will NOT meet on Monday, April 1st.
- **Lydia Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 1st, in the Oden Building.
- **Galatians Circle** will meet on Monday, April 8th at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Miriam Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 11th, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEETING

The DWF Board will meet on Monday, April 22nd, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

DWF Spring Enrichment Day

The Florida Disciple Women's Spring Enrichment Conference is Saturday, April 6th, at the Deland Christian Church from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. If interested in attending this conference the cost is \$20. Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the office. Please make payment to The Retreat at Silver Springs.

Blessing Box money is to be turned in at this Conference.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 21st, at 7:15 PM. A carry-in dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Please email your Board Reports to Leanna Dixon by Tuesday, May 14th.

Cabinet Meeting

The next Cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7th, at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Yard Sale Donations

Donations for the Men's Yard Sale on June 15th are now being accepted. Just a reminder, we only accept paperback books and hardcover books for the sale. If you bring any linens (sheets, bedspread, comforters, etc.) please pin a note onto the item noting its size (twin, double, etc.). Items may be brought to the storage building on Sunday and Tuesday mornings between 8:00 AM and 12 noon. For pick-up of large items please call the church office.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like something printed in the next newsletter please email or drop off your information to the church office by Tuesday, April 23rd.

Stewardship Meeting

The Stewardship Ministry Team will meet on Monday, April 8th, at 9:30 AM in the Oden Building.

Lenten Lunches Continue

Our Lenten lunches continue every Tuesday through April 9th, at 12 noon in Memorial Hall. There will be a short presentation by a guest speaker and then lunch will be served. We will be providing a light lunch and desert.

Guest speakers are:

April 2nd - Gail Holcombe

April 9th - John Holcombe

Memorial Services

Memorial services for Henry Dennis will be held on Thursday, April 4th, at 2:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church.

A Memorial Service for Ellen Peters will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary followed by a service at The Crosses to scatter her ashes.

Thank You...

Many thanks to Linda Schultz for taking over the responsibility of sending out cards from the church. I appreciate all her help.

Thank you also for all the cards, calls and well wishes after my fall in December, and to Kathy Yates for all of her visits.

Dottie Hoffer-Ross

Join the Celebration!!

Howard Mautner is going to be 95!!!

We are celebrating with a birthday lunch at Mojo's Grill on E. Silver Springs Blvd on Saturday, April 27th, at 11:30 AM.

Please RSVP by phone to Linda Schultz by April 21st or see her at church.



WORK DAY
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CHURCH

Come lend a hand!

Saturday, April 6th

7:45 AM - Coffee and donuts
8:00 AM - Begin work

Weeding, Cleaning Office Atrium
Pressure washing sidewalks
Washing windows
Many other miscellaneous jobs

Red Hats

Red Hats will meet at Mimi's, on Wednesday, April 17th, at 11:30 AM. Please call Linda Schultz if you are unable to attend.

Time to turn in your Blue Pig Donations

Blue Pig money (to support Interfaith's Back-pack Program) will be collected on Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, April 14th. Please look for Marty Ragland or Susan Phillips before and after worship in the library.

Interfaith Serving Schedule

April 25th Galatians Circle
 May 23rd Phoebe Circle
 June 27th . . . Disciples Men Fellowship



Easter Special Day Offering

Collected April 14th and 21st

This special offering is supporting general ministries around the world. Ministries ranging from the Board of Publication to Disciples Women to the Pension Fund.

Thank you for your support.

Morrow Scholarships

Applications for the Morrow Scholarship are now available in the church office. The following are eligible to apply for scholarship funds and will be considered with preference in the following descending order, as funds are available:

- 1) Active members of the First Christian Church of Ocala (Disciples of Christ) planning to attend an accredited Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) related college, university, or seminary
- 2) Active members of the First Christian Church of Ocala (Disciples of Christ) planning to attend an accredited college, university, or seminary,
- 3) Children of active members of the First Christian Church of Ocala (Disciples of Christ) planning to attend an accredited college, university, or seminary. Children shall be defined as natural born offspring or adopted. The spouse of an adult child shall also be eligible if they are a church member.

Deadline for returning COMPLETED applications is June 29, 2019. Final transcripts for 2019 graduates must be turned in by June 29, 2019. Awards will be announced in July.

Leanna Dixon, Scholarship Committee Chairperson



Summer Camp 2019 Dates

All camps will be held at The Retreat at Silver Springs, the conference center of the Florida Disciples Regional Church.

Family Camp	for the whole family	February 1-3 and May 25-27
Young Adult Camp	H.S. Grad & older	May 31-June 2
CYF Conference	Grades 9-12	June 9-15
Midway Camp	Grades 6-8	June 16-21
High School Canoe Camp	Grades 9-12	June 23-29
Junior Camp	Grades 3-5	June 23-28
UNO Camp	Grades K-2 (with a loving adult)	June 28-30
Elementary Equestrian Camp	Grades 3-5	July 7-12
Spiritual Arts Camp	Grades 6-12	July 7-13
Middle School Outdoor Adventure Camp	Grades 6-8	July 14-19

Summer Camp Scholarship forms are now available in the church office and in the back of the sanctuary. Forms must be postmarked or faxed by April 15th to be considered by the Scholarship Committee. Summer Camp registration forms are due my May 15th to receive a \$50 discount!

Soldier Care Packages

Christian Action has an opportunity to send support to our enlisted men and women. The program is similar to one Georgeanne Schore used to organize. We have "adopted" a group of soldiers and a care package will be sent in early April. If you would like to send a letter (thanking them for their service, Easter cards, card to let them know you are praying for them, etc.) please put it in the box located in the sanctuary or drop it off at the church office.

If you would like to donate items for the "goodie bags" we will be sending them, here is a list of wanted items:

- Treat bags like you might find at Dollar Tree for birthday parties
- Nuts in individual serving packages
- Non-chocolate candy (individual packs, especially Jelly Beans)
- Chap Stick
- Chex Mix in individual serving packages
- Playing cards



APRIL Calendar

- 1 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
7:00 PM Lydia Circle (Oden)
- 2 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch (MH)
- 3 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 4 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
2:00 PM Henry Dennis Memorial Svc
- 6 8:00 AM All Church Work Day
9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
9:30 AM DWF Spring Enrichment Day
- 7 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
11:45 AM Cabinet Meeting
- 8 9:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
10:30 AM Galatians Circle (FH)
12:00 PM Evangelism (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 9 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch (MH)
- 10 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 11 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
10:00 AM Miriam Circle (FH)
- 13 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 14 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 15 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 16 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)

- 17 10:00 AM Retired Teachers (FH)
11:30 AM Red Hats at Mimi's
2:00 PM Ellen Peters Memorial Svc.
5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 18 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- 19 ~~ Office Closed for Good Friday ~~
- 20 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 7:00 AM Sunrise Svc at The Crosses
8:00 AM Sunrise Breakfast (MH)
- 22 9:00 AM DWF Board Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 23 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
Newsletter Deadline!
- 24 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 25 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
5:00 PM Serve at Interfaith
6:00 PM Order of Arrow (FH)
- 27 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (Scout)
11:30 AM Howard Mautner Birthday
Celebration (Mojo's Grill)
4:00 PM Nolen Wedding Reception
(FH)
- 28 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 29 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 30 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)

Please check your Sunday bulletin and E-Life as calendar is subject to change.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL Birthdays

- 2 Maxie Hotz
Delores Turrentine
- 4 Bob Quackenbush
David Gilbert
- 5 James Wright
- 6 Ann Linvill
- 9 Steve Turrentine
- 10 Jim Burgess
- 11 Ralph Cope
- 14 Terry Harper
- 15 Ivy Chin
- 17 Marene Guare
- 18 Karl Windischmann
Fay Schrepferman
- 20 Abigail Harris
- 21 Meda Roberts
Leo Roy
- 22 Rett Stevens
- 24 Ric Smith
- 27 Taylor Dixon
- 28 Howard Mautner

APRIL Anniversaries

- 26 Ben and Helen Hayes

MAY Birthdays

- 3 Leslie Linton
- 4 Susan Kemp
- 5 Ramona Burgess
- 9 Kay Marks
- 12 Larry Reaves
- 17 Angie Porter
Christopher Doyle
- 21 Erika Windischmann
Ryan Turrentine
- 23 Judy West
Ryan Wakelin
- 27 Kelsie Smith
- 31 Minnie Speight
Sue Chmielewski

MAY Anniversaries

- 5 Gene and Lois Kutun
- 10 Matt and Vicky Smith
- 11 Ted and Jodie Dietz
- 25 Bob and Janice Cole
- 26 Jim and Lynne Shelton
- 28 Ralph and Marian Cope

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present several Vivaldi pieces on Sunday, April 7, at 3 PM at the Reilly Center. Included are the inspiring Magnificat and Gloria. Mary Jo Shelton and Connie Combs are in the Chorus. Tickets are available at the Reilly Center.