



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2019

Elders:

3rd Lola Duncan and Bob Lewis
 10th Lola Duncan and Bob Lewis
 17th Lola Duncan and Bob Lewis
 24th Lola Duncan and Bob Lewis
 31st Lola Duncan and Bob Lewis

Stand-by Elder and Outside Greeter

Bruce Hutchinson

Deacons: **Jr. Deacon*

Hayley Alvord* Barry Phillips (Prep)
 Kaitlyn Alvord* (10th) Susan Phillips (Prep)
 Jim Burgess (clean-up) Trinity Turrentine
 Ramona Burgess (clean-up)
 Elizabeth Raines-Duran (17th-31st)

Worship Leaders:

3rd Eileen Zimmerman
 10th Mary Jo Shelton
 17th Rick Marr
 24th Ron Sutton
 31st Leanna Dixon

Greeters:

3rd Trinity Turrentine and Hayley Alvord
 6th Marty Ragland (Ash Wed)
 10th Shelly Zahn
 17th Susan Kemp
 24th Rick and Mary Ann Harris
 31st Esther Hinz

Acolytes:

3rd Kaitlyn Alvord and Aaron Burgess
 10th Nate Stevens and Jayden Harris
 17th Zackary Harris and Gabriel Harris
 24th Rett Stevens and Trinity Turrentine
 31st Benjamin Wood

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Lenten Luncheons



Our Lenten lunches will begin on Tuesday, March 12th and 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:

March 12th - Myron Manasterski, Senior Chaplain Advent Health

March 19th - Michael Sinclair

March 26th - It's a surprise!

April 2nd - Gail Holcombe

April 9th - John Holcombe



Ash Wednesday Service

Don't forget to attend the Ash Wednesday Service
 on March 6th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Rev. Terry Harps...

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, the Worship Ministry Team has decided to follow the theme of "Water" on the Sundays leading up to Holy Week. We will be tapping into several of the symbolic meanings of water for our faith Journey.

We will consider how God creates order out of chaos as God tames the waters above the earth and contains the waters that are below. We will see how Jesus takes those chaotic waters of a storm and brings peace and calm.

We will talk about water as it becomes a symbol of God's Spirit. Our souls long for the Spirit of God much like the deer longs for cool flowing water.

We will consider what it is like when we decide to put down our roots on the banks of God's flowing Spirit. This is where our souls are nourished to satisfaction.

Then we will talk about the role water plays in cleaning things up that get dirty. As Jesus washes the feet of the Disciples, He gives us a powerful image of servanthood. Jesus also takes one of the parts of the body that gets very dirty walking down the dusty roads of life. If we can believe it, Jesus is able to clean up the dirtiest parts of our lives.

Finally, we will focus on the message Jesus gives to the woman at the well. If we drink of the water that Jesus gives, it will become like a spring welling up to eternal life.

Through Jesus, God calms the storms of our lives. God's spirit will satisfy all that we hunger and thirst for from the depths of our hearts. Jesus cleanses us from the inside out and opens the door for eternal life. Water is a big part of who we are as followers of Jesus.

Did you ever think about the fact that we are actually made up of about 60% water? Using water as an image of God's Spirit, Spirit makes up the greatest part of who we are as Children of God. When all is said and done, the greatest part of who we are returns to God, and the little bit that remains returns to the earth - ashes to ashes.

So, as we prepare to enter the season of Lent this year, allow your mind to ponder all the rich symbolism to be found in water. May God's Spirit flow through our hearts welling up to eternal life. The end of our journey will be an empty tomb where we proclaim, "He has risen indeed!"

God Bless you in this Lenten Season
Pastor Terry

In Need of Prayers

In hospital: Dick Marr (ORMC)

Among our people: Diana Baril, Suzi Robertson-Blomberg, Jim and Ramona Burgess, Dolly Dixon, Claire Gauthier, David Gilbert, Marene Guare, Renn Hinton, Ty Hinton, Esther Hinz, Dottie Hoffer-Ross, Barbara Hunter, Bill Kerns, Basil Komas, Carolyn Largin, Pat Largin, Jeannie Marr, Lois Philbrick, Bob Schrepferman, Bill Smedley, Harold Stancil, Loretta Troutman, 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 (Timberidge), Donna Lee (The Lodge), Grace McDaniel (Oakhurst), Bob Quackenbush (Brentwood)

Among our friends: Eric Brombaker (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), 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 meet on Monday, March 4th, at 1:00 PM at Kay Marks' home.
- **Lydia Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 4th, in the Oden Building.
- **Galatians Circle** will meet on Monday, March 11th at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Miriam Circle** will meet on Thursday, March 14th, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEETING

The DWF Board will meet on Monday, March 25th, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.



Potluck Dinner and Concert

Sunday, March 17th

Potluck Dinner after Worship

Concert at 2:00 PM

All are welcome!

Toiletry items to support the Homeless Children of Marion County may be placed in the Lil Red Wagon outside the sanctuary.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:15 PM. A carry-in dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Please email your Board Reports to Leanna Dixon by Tuesday, March 12th.

Cabinet Meeting

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

Elders Meeting

There will be an Elder's meeting on Sunday, March 31st, at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Deacons on Sunday, March 24th, at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary.

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, March 26th.

Stewardship Meeting

The Stewardship Ministry Team will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 9:30 AM in the Oden Building.

Thank You

Dear Church members:

Thank all of you for your continued prayers, cards, and phone calls following my December back surgery. After some setbacks I am glad to say I am now on my slow but gradual road to recovery. It is so nice to know that so many care and am thinking and praying for me.

Bill Kerns

You have a wonderful church home. Thank you for sharing through the silent meditation service. Peace and blessings to your congregation.

Ken Rowland

Erlanger Christian Church, Kentucky

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well wishes.

Kathy Yates

March 12-14, 2019

Senior Retreat

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alan Smith, Disciples of Christ Minister

Applications are available in the back of the sanctuary as well as online at <http://fldisciples.org>.

Charlie Dixon Music Festival

Thursday, March 14th, 6:30 PM
First Baptist Church

This is a yearly festival showcasing the county's elementary music program. It was named in honor of Charlie Dixon for his support of Music programs in the schools. Admission is \$5.00.



Red Hats

Red Hats will meet at Cal's Place, 11007 SE 66th Terrace, C25, on Wednesday, March 20th, at 11:30 AM. Please call Kaye Sullivan if you are unable to make it.

Interfaith Serving Schedule

March 28th Discussion Class
April 25th Galatians Circle

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 is due March 22nd and 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.



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 will be available soon!

Holy Week Activities



Palm Sunday, April 14th
10:30 AM Worship Service



Maundy Thursday, April 18th
7:00 PM at First Christian Church

Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 20th

10 AM -12:00 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 lily information will be available in the next newsletter.)



WORK DAY
at the
CHURCH

Come lend a hand!

Saturday, April 6th
8:00 AM - 12 Noon

8:00 AM - Coffee and donuts

Weeding, Cleaning Office Atrium

Pressure washing sidewalks

Washing windows

Many other miscellaneous jobs

MARCH Calendar

- 2 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 3 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 4 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
7:00 PM Lydia Circle (Oden)
- 5 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
- 6 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 7 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
- 8-10 CYF Assembly at The Retreat
- 9 9:00 AM Lions Club Train Show (MH)
9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 10 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
Daylight Savings Time Begins!
- 11 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)
- 12 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch (MH)
- 12-14 Seniors Retreat at The Retreat
- 13 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 14 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
10:00 AM Miriam Circle (FH)
- 16 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 17 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
2:00 PM Weavers & Believers Potluck
Dinner and Concert
4:30 PM Ashbrook Memorial Service
- 18 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)

- 19 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch (MH)
- 20 10:00 AM Retired Teachers (FH)
11:30 AM Red Hats
5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 21 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
- 23 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 24 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
11:45 AM Deacon's Meeting
- 25 9:00 AM DWF Board Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
- 26 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
12:00 PM Lenten Lunch (MH)
Newsletter Deadline!
- 27 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 28 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
5:00 PM Serve at Interfaith (Discussion)
6:00 PM Order of Arrow (FH)
- 30 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 31 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
11:45 AM Elders Meeting (FH)

APRIL 1-2 Calendar

- 1 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle
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)

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH Birthdays

- 4 Mary Beth Harper
- 5 Betty Trotter
- 6 Adele Averbeck
Ashlyn Averbeck
Glenda Harper
- 12 Bob Lewis
Tom Campbell
- 15 Esther Hinz
Barry Phillips
Anne Doyle
- 17 Ron Sutton
Vance Smith
- 24 Stephen Dixon
Rebecca McKinney
- 27 Kaye Sullivan
Trinity Turrentine

MARCH Anniversaries

- 16 Gus and Vera Agosta
- 16 Rick and Pam Foster
- 18 Joe and Cindy Warringer
- 21 David Gilbert and Hazelene Rea
- 21 Ryan and Dolores Turrentine
- 29 Ron Sutton and Glenda Harper

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



Daylight Savings Time begins March 10th!
Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour.