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Tuesday, March 13

6pm Council of Ministries
7pm Ministry Teams

Wednesday, March 14

7am Men's Breakfast-1st Pres.
9am Women's Lenten Series
5:30pm Youth & Can-Do Kids
5:30pm Bible Study
7:30pm Choir

Thursday, March 15

9am Staff Mtg.
1pm Bible Study
5:30pm Men's Night Out @ Pizza Ranch

Saturday, March 17

"Weekend" Entertainment Comm. Here
9am Worship Leader Training

Sunday, March 18

8:30am Worship
9:30am Coffee time in small hall
10am Sunday School
11am Worship
4pm Pastors Class

Monday, March 19

7pm Men's Bible Study
7pm Yoga in the parlor

Tuesday, March 20

9:30am Bible Study
Ruth Circle at Seminary Estates
4pm Brownie Troop in small hall
6:30pm Trustees Mtg.
7pm "Weekend" Cluster

SERVING SCHEDULE

March 18, 2018

8:30am Worship

Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Serve Communion: Chris and Marla Wood

Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. & Serve Out if Needed: Karen Bjorkman & Cindy Andrews

Offering: Chris Mowrer

Communion: Pastor

Prayers: Hope Nelson

Phone: Larry Thurman

Education Bldg. Greeter – Janet Christiansen

11:00 a.m. Worship

Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad St., *Acolyte, Serve Out if Needed:

*Larry Thurman & Don Mundy

Greet at North St., Prayer Cards, Offering, Serve Communion: Renée Galvin & Earlene Crouse

Elder Serving In: Steph Line

Elder Serving Out: Neill Unger, Chris Mowrer, Bruce De Voss



March Coffee hosts:
Northern Lights Class

**3rd Sunday
of the Month
Congo Coffee**



The Crusader

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

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Bookkeeper – Lynda White fcclwhite@gmail.com Custodian – Bob Conley

Co-Pastors: Gregory S. and Martha-Jean Fitch pastorgreg02@gmail.com & pastormj02@gmail.com

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WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

Wednesday mornings at **9am** here at F.C.C.

Guest speakers are: March 14th – Naomi Law, March 21st – Barb Devena



Sunday, March 18

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"Gifts of the Dark Wood: The Gift of Temptation", I Corinthians

8:30am Worship

Quest Band plays, "My Tree"

9:30am Coffee time in Small Hall

10am Sunday School

11am – Worship

Choir sings "I Lay My Sins on Jesus",

Arr. by Wallace Engelbrekt



EASTER LILY/TULIP order form will be in this Sunday's worship bulletins. Tulips are \$10 each and Lilies are \$7 each. Deadline to order is **Tues., March 20th** and payment is needed at time of ordering. You can also phone the church, 343-9960, and place your order with Terri.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Actual Income - \$19,317.75

Actual Expenses - \$17,767.29



MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS

All men are invited to the Men's Lenten Breakfasts at First Presbyterian church. Dates remaining are **March 14** and **21**. Breakfast is at **7am** (dismissal no later than **7:40am**) and a donation of \$6 is payable at the door. Make reservations each week by noon on the Monday preceding the breakfast by calling 342-1200.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Thursday, March 15th at 5:30pm

Calling all men – join us at the Pizza Ranch for an evening of food and fellowship. We'll have a short devotion as well. All are welcome and each pay for their own!



MARCH DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETINGS

Tues., March 20 - Ruth Circle at Seminary Estates

Thurs., March 22-1:30pm Lydia Circle

MARCH MEETINGS

Tues., March 13 - 6pm Council of Ministries,

7pm Ministry Teams

Sat., March 17 – 9am Worship Leader Training

Tues., March 20 – 6:30pm Trustees Mtg.



Our Mission Statement: *Growing Spirit-filled, committed disciples of Christ.*



IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Karen Campbell Nelson** – Indonesia Missionary.

... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

... New City Church in Mbandaka. Prayers for Oscar's daughters who lost all their belongings to thieves.

... Continued prayers for **Scott's** treatments. Prayers also for Larry VanVelsor's uncle who is on Hospice.

... **Rena Miller** who fell and broke her leg and is currently hospitalized.

... Safe travel for **Lauren & Garrett** on vacation; prayers for **Faye Napier**, prayers for all who are ill, prayers for our Pastors.

... Prayers for **Darrell Fields** continued recovery, prayers for **Joyce, Vicky and Mel** who all have breast cancer and are going through treatment.

... Prayers for **Mory's** continued healing and recovery after her hip replacement and for God's blessings on us.

... Prayers for my brother's dog, Punkin, sick and at the vet.

... **Dave**, boyfriend of Roberta Wood, who is hospitalized in Peoria and anticipating his leg being amputated after they get blood clots under control.

“CAN-DO KIDS” & YOUTH GROUP FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHEDULE

Youth group and Can-do Kids will meet on **Wednesdays from 5:30-7pm on March 14th, and 21st.** No meeting on March 28th.



BOOK CLUB



Our next book is by Backman, and it is called **A MAN CALLED OVE**. This novel is “...the New York Times bestseller that has taken the world by storm! Meet **Ove**. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of **man** who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse.” (Amazon) Nevertheless, I think you'll grow to love him!

RESCUE MISSION & WOMEN'S SHELTER GARAGE SALE

Fri., April 6 from 7:30am-4pm & Sat., April 7 from 9am-1pm

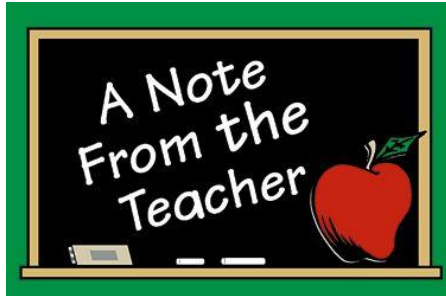
This is the first garage sale of the year!



WELCOME BACK BOB CONLEY

Bob Conley is back to work as our custodian! We want to give a special thanks to **Mack Glass, Chris Mowrer, and Larry Thurman** for taking on those duties while Bob was away following his surgery. We appreciate all the work you've done ☺

**WELCOME
BACK!**



“KING CORNER” ... *Featuring weekly news from the teachers at King School.*

Greetings, First Christian Church
Folks! My name is **Semenya McCord**. I am currently teaching music, K-5 at the King School. I grew up in Galesburg, was a Music Education major at Knox College, and then left the area for nearly thirty years, spent mostly in New England. I made the most of many opportunities there to perform,

singing spirituals to jazz, and also teaching jazz voice at several schools, and presenting school assemblies about the history of jazz and the history of gospel music for over sixteen years.

I came back to Galesburg to assist my mother in 2003. She complained that I was "always around" and told me to go back to school, so I got my Masters in Music at Northern Illinois University in 2006. Then I got into District 205, originally at Churchill Jr. High for a year, then Lombard Middle School for eight years. With the cut backs in the Arts, since 2009 my work has been part-time up until this year at King. The experience has been challenging and stimulating, as these are the youngest students with which I have ever worked. My only significant classroom experience includes teaching History of Rock 'n' Roll and History of Jazz classes at the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth for twelve years before moving back to Illinois.

The King School has a unique place in the Galesburg community, with a wonderfully diverse student enrollment, and creative teachers that are obviously committed to their students. It has been a terrific education for me as well, and I am feeling very blessed to be here.

Certainly, the interest and the gifts that First Christian Church consistently gives to the school are welcome and much appreciated by everyone. I do want to add my thanks as well. Please do keep our students and their families lifted in your prayers.



PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25th

Easter Special Offering received
Worship at 8:30 and 11am
10am Sunday School



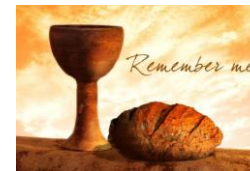
COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 26 – 30, Trinity Lutheran Church

Preludes daily at **11:45am**

Services daily at **12:05pm**

Rebroadcast daily at **5:45pm** on WGIL.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

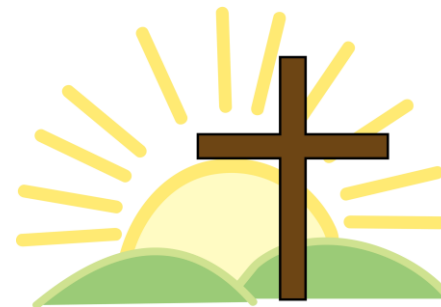
Thursday, March 29th at 7pm

Here at First Christian Church

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 30 at 7pm

Here at First Christian Church



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1st

Easter Special Offering Received

8:30am Worship

9:45am Baptisms

10am Easter Brunch in Large Hall

Please bring a brunch item or two to share.

Table service and drinks provided.

11am Worship