

# The Church Bell

February 2024



**SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM**

**WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM**

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First Christian Church—Republic, MO

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## From the desk of Pastor Lee

*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." — Mark 8: 31-38*

Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits. Rather than just "giving up" in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is "up to" and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can't do, or used to do, in a culture where "measuring up" to external standards seems impossible, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God's call in our place, for our time.

Being "up to something" can be construed as "you aren't doing enough." This year for Lent we are invited to see the small things we do, because small practices, are the only way that most big things happen! Being "up to something" isn't an invitation to pile onto our already-busy schedule, rather it is about finding "spiritual practices" that lift our spirit. It can be an intentional minute of reflection, or raising an awareness of what is important.

Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our Lenten journey with a service that evening at 7. During this service we will contemplate the essence and the substance of our lives. Do we spend time reaching for "must haves" that our culture says we need? Or are we storing up the things that bring us closer to God, the good things-the treasures-that fill us and others with well-being of body, mind, and spirit.

This Lent let us go inward and assess "what's up" so that the outward facing life we lead is fueled and supported by a deep inner spiritual well.

God Bless,  
Pastor Lee



# Children's Ministry

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## Coming Up:

- o February 25 - Begin Palm Sunday Practice During Sunday School
- o March 24 - Children's Palm Sunday Program - Children's Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt
- o March 31 - Happy Easter!! No Sunday School or Children's Church
- o May 26 - Happy Memorial Weekend! No Sunday School or Children's Church
- o July 15-19 - Vacation Bible School!!
- o July 21 - VBS Program

We will start practicing for our Palm Sunday Program on Sunday, February 25th during Sunday School (9:30). The program will be on Sunday, March 24th at the beginning of Church. Our kiddos and their families are invited to stay after Church for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!  
Have a blessed month!

In His Name,

*Erica*

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone in the church who remembered me with such lovely Christmas cards & gifts. They are dear to my heart.

Thanks also, to the Choir, Kim, Jackie, Brad, Lisa Payton & everyone else involved in the holiday music. I appreciate you & your hard work. You did a great job!

I wish everyone at FCC a Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year!!!

Kathy Johns



Ash Wednesday  
February 14th - 7pm

## February Birthdays

4	Stan Osterhage	13	Madison Giacin	20	Louann Giddens
5	Brenda McPhail	1/4	Mary Pullen	23	Marie Elise Garbee
11	Maclin Spence	1/7	Kris Goodman	27	Tim Henson

## Anniversaries

16 Jeff & Kathy Johns

*Dear FCC,  
Thank you so very much for the gift of appreciation! You all are so very kind! Thank you also for the opportunity to play for church. I enjoy it so much and love the opportunity to serve God in this way here + Blessings - Kim Lotz*

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
<b>ELDERS</b>	Randy Richesin Debbie Ray	Sandy Richesin Jackie Barger	Jim Burks Dan Blumenstock	Kevin Notz Linda Pullen
<b>DEACONS</b>	KYLE QUESSNBERRY Keith Glenn Janet Thompson Lea Ann Quessenberry Karen Trusler Brad Henson, Jr. Suzann Routh	RUSS ALLEN Toni Allen Brad Henson, Sr. Doug Tuter Ally Glenn Marla Wallesen Lyndon Thompson	BONNIE WILLIAMS Janel Young Yvonne Bilyeu Glenn Hastings Carol Hastings Jaime Garbee Matt Thompson	MADY GIACIN Debbie Stocker Catherine Johnsen Heather Thompson Abby Fuhr Chance Wallesen Terry Thayer

If unable to serve on scheduled date, please get someone to replace you and call your team leader. (Team Leaders in ALL CAPS)

## Attendance

Jan	7th ~ 81
Jan	14th ~ 57
Jan	21st ~ 81
Jan	28th ~ 96

# Prayer Concerns

the family of Bob Burks  
Barbara Burks  
Tim Henson

Janet Thompson  
Russ Allen  
Jennell Fredrick

Les Richesin  
Brad & Rebecca Henson  
Glenn & Carol Hastings

Cathy Bethurem  
Lee Ann Durbin  
Sheral Kay Steere

## Extended Family & Friends

Delbert Shiver & family  
Emma (Jerry & Pat Gavisk's granddaughter)  
Marlyn Byrokland (Linda Hay)  
Jennifer Murray's daughter (Mike Lowry)  
the family of Frank Webster (Ginger Davis)  
Carter Doran (Lisa Blumenstock)  
Martha Odem (Pat Gavisk)  
Ava (Janel Young's co-worker's daughter)  
Mildred (Janel Young's grandma)  
Co-worker of Ally Glenn  
Dave Cunningham (Pat Gavisk's son)  
Esther Brockman (Joe Bob & Rose Dunn)  
Penny Goodwin (Greg Short)  
Violet's best friend & family

Pat Smith (Jaime Garbee's grandma)  
Matthew & his son, Camden Osterhage  
(Stan & Rita Osterhage)  
Lana & family (Matt Thompson)  
Connie (Louann Giddens)  
Monika (Yvonne Bilyeu's sister)  
Rodney Barakman (Suzann Routh)  
Marilyn Patterson (Kathy Johns)  
Harold Johnston (Kathy Johns)  
Luke (grandson of Perry Wolfenbarger)  
Craig Wray (Erica Glenn)  
Tammy Watkin's brother, Todd  
Bryan Davis (Amanda Fitzgerald)  
John (Roberta Reustle's brother)  
Ann Gilmore (Kathy Johns)

Lisa Blumenstock's mom  
Joe Swafford (Suzann Routh)  
Louise (Jimmy Johnsen's cousin)  
Louise & Jerry (Keith Glenn)  
Betty Murphy (Roberta Reustle's mom)  
Jerry Williams (Lea Ann Quessenberry's dad)  
Lee Ann Quessenberry's brother  
Mary Pullen (Linda Pullen)  
Roy Knight (Tom Warren's friend)  
Florence Ray (Ray, Glenn, Thompson families)  
Frank Weaver (Ginger Davis's brother-in-law)

**Note:** If you or a loved one is on the list & no longer needs to be, please notify the office.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry, please call the office.

## Online Giving

You can give online through our church website:  
([www.republicchristian.org](http://www.republicchristian.org))  
as a one-time gift or on a recurring basis.



Giving can be made through credit, debit or automatic withdrawal (preferred method) from a bank account.

We certainly encourage all members to continue giving weekly as the offering plate is passed. However, this is another option for weekly giving to First Christian Church.

If you do take advantage of online giving, please consider doing so by automatic withdrawal from your bank account, as that option is less expensive for the church than credit card fees.

We hope the members of the congregation find this method of giving convenient. If you have any questions about this after visiting our church website, please do not hesitate to call the office for assistance.



Cost of dinner is \$5. In addition to needing volunteers to bring desserts, we need volunteers help with meal prep and with clean up each week (see Debbie Ray to sign up!)

## February Menu

7 - Breakfast

14 - Chicken Parmesan

21 - Pork Chops & Rice

28 - Beef Stroganoff

## FINANCES FOR DECEMBER Income & Expenditures Comparison

December	2023 monthly budget	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	12 months ended Dec 2022	12 months ended Dec 2023	12 months ended Dec 2023 over/under
<b>Income</b>						
Regular Income	15,416.67	69,694.88	57,576.64	211,474.46	238,634.41	27,159.95
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,416.67</b>	<b>69,694.88</b>	<b>57,576.64</b>	<b>211,474.46</b>	<b>238,634.41</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Personnel	10,737.68	11,788.68	12,398.00	123,957.93	131,775.55	7,817.62
Administrative	708.33	810.91	2,024.57	12,082.57	12,187.21	104.64
Christian Education	591.67	301.85	497.28	5,320.99	6,429.80	1,108.81
Worship	197.92	24.63	0.00	2,390.96	2,056.23	(334.73)
Evangelism/ Membership	614.58	1,360.04	1,264.38	9,105.01	8,794.71	(310.30)
Outreach	1,541.67	6,969.49	5,757.66	21,147.45	5,837.05	(15,310.40)
Property	2,650.00	2,774.70	4,131.30	43,764.08	45,430.75	1,666.67
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>17,041.84</b>	<b>24,030.30</b>	<b>26,073.19</b>	<b>217,768.99</b>	<b>212,511.30</b>	<b>(5,257.69)</b>

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					Offices Closed	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	6:30 pm - Education		10 am - CWF 6 pm - dinner 6:30 pm - Youth 7 pm - Prayer & Praise		Offices Closed	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6:30 pm - CWF		6 pm - dinner 7 pm - Ash Wednesday		Offices Closed	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			6 pm - dinner 6:30 pm - Youth 7 pm - Elders		Offices Closed	
25	26	27	28	29		
			6 pm - dinner 7 pm - Board			