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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM

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First Christian Church—Republic, MO

From the desk of Pastor Lee

If you have been following along with us this Lenten season then you already know that Instead of the idea of "giving up something" you love (such as chocolate or sugar or carbs), we are considering "getting up to something" for the sake of something you love (like people, the planet, even ourselves).

Being "up to something" doesn't have to be anything big, or life-changing, or unnecessarily piled onto an already-busy schedule. Finding "practices" that elevate our spirit can sometimes simply be a more intentional minute of reflection about something that shows up already in our lives. To be "up to something" may be simply raising up our awareness of what is important, what is precious, what is necessary for a life that feels gratifying. It can also mean raising our awareness of those things that don't feel life-giving and giving them up "for good."

We ask our friends, "what are you up to these days?" It is a playful question when we ask it this way. "Up to" sounds a little sneaky. "They are up to something!" Like orchestrating a surprise or creating something wonderful without making it a big deal. It is like having a project that only you know about. Lent is a little like that. It is a time when we go inward to assess "what's up" in there so that the outward-facing life we lead is fueled and supported by a deep inner spiritual well. And sometimes what we are up to out in the world has positive or negative effects on that inner world. Being up to assessing those dynamics is also a key component to a Lenten journey.

Of course, the snarky response to the question "what are you up to" is "oh, about 5'5"!" We are a measuring kind of species. How tall? How accomplished? How important? How popular? But in this Lent season, being "up to something" isn't about "measuring up." It is quite the opposite. It is important that we ourselves define what is worth our heightened attention — not try to reach some height that someone else set for us.

That's what we are up 2, this Lenten season as we journey towards Easter. What are you up 2?

God Bless.

Pastor Lee



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Coming Up:

- o March 24 Children's Palm Sunday Program
 - Children's Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31 Happy Easter!! No SundaySchool

or Children's Church

- May 26 Happy Memorial Weekend! No Sunday School or Children's Church
- o July 15-19 Vacation Bible School!!
- o July 21 VBS Program

March is an exciting and busy month for our kiddos and our lives together downstairs!

- On the 17th we will have Sunday School in the Sanctuary where we will practice for our program on the 24th. Then Children's Church and Nursery will be in the Fellowship Hall because some renovations will be happening downstairs, and we can't wait to share our new look with everyone on April 7th!!
- The 24th is Palm Sunday!!! During Church, we will get to show you all the hard work the kids have put in for our little program...guaranteed to have some "Ms. Erica tears" with this one (shocker!!)! After Church, the kids and their families are invited to join us for lunch and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Have a blessed month!

In His Name,

Erica



MARCH Birthdays

- 1 Kathy Johns
- Clint Gerlek
- 3 Barbara Grantham
- 3 Greg Short
- 4 Thomas McPhail
- 6 Doug Tuter
- 9 Jaime Garbee
- 10 Margie Parker
- 12 Tim McPhail
- 15 Debbie Corner
- 17 Debbie Ray
- 18 Alex Fuhr
- 18 Brad Henson, Jr.
- 27 Sue Cummins
- 28 Bonnie Quessenberry
- 30 Randy Corner
- 30 Kevin Corner
- 30 Jeannie Stark
- Anniversaries
- 1 Jimmy & Catherine Johnsen
- 10 Mike & Natasha Lowry
- 23 Joe Bob & Rose Dunn
- 29 James & Elaine Cox

Thank you 1st christian Church for the gift at christmas and the cards I receive during the year. I enjoy playing for you and pray it is a blessing for you choir, everyone else - thank you for the gifts at Christmas. TANE PEARSON

FCC family,

Thank you for your prayers, the flowers and reaching out to me while I recovered after surgery. You put a smile on my face and made me feel loved and appreciated.

~ Karen Allcorn

/ M	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
DERS	Greg Short	Kevin Corner	Randy Richesin	Sandy Richesin	Jim Burks
ELDI	Kerri Corner	Lisa Blumenstock	Debbie Ray	Jackie Barger	Kim Notz
S	Kyle Quessenberry	Russ Allen	Bonnie Williams	Mady Giacin	Kyle Quessenberry
ONS	Keith Glenn	Toni Allen	Janel Young	Debbie Stocker	Keith Glenn
Q	Janet Thompson	Brad Henson, Sr.	Yvonne Bilyeu	Catherine Johnsen	Janet Thompson
DEA	Lea Ann Quessenberry	Doug Tuter	Glenn Hastings	Heather Thompson	Lea Ann Quessenberry
	Karen Trusler	Ally Glenn	Carol Hastings	Abby Fuhr	Karen Trusler
	Brad Henson, Jr.	Marla Wallesen	Jaime Garbee	Chance Wallesen	Brad Henson, Jr.
\	Suzann Routh	Lyndon Thompson	Matt Thompson	Terry Thayer	Suzann Routh

Attendance

Feb	4th ~ 83
Feb	11th ~ 100
Feb	18th ~ 109
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Fern Hall Jerry Gavisk 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

Matthew & his son, Camden Osterhage

Joe Stonich (Rita Osterhage) the family of Amy Goodnight (Kim Notz) Mary Ann Wittkopp family the family of Pat Smith (Jaime Garbee's grandma) the family of Wayne Routh (Suzann Routh's

the family of Linda Mallory (Kathy Johns) Ed Young (Pastor Lee's dad) Renly (Lee & Janel Young) Frank Lorenz (Cathy Bethurem) Lena Peterson (Cathy Bethurem) Carl Easley (Cathy Bethurem) Emma (Jerry & Pat Gavisk's granddaughter) Marlyn Byrokland (Linda Hay) Jennifer Murray's daughter (Mike Lowry) Penny Goodwin (Greg Short) Vialet's best friend & family

(Stan & Rita Osterhage) Carter Doran (Lisa Blumenstock) Martha Odem (Pat Gavisk) Ava (Janel Young's co-worker's daughter) Mildred (Janel Young's grandma) Esther Brockman (Joe Bob & Rose Dunn) Lana & family (Matt Thompson) Monika (Yvonne Bilyeu's sister) Rodney Barakman (Suzann Routh) Marilyn Patterson (Kathy Johns) Harold Johnston (Kathy Johns)

Luke (grandson of Perry Wolfinbarger) Craig Wray (Erica Glenn) Tammy Watkin's brother, Todd Frank Weaver (Ginger Davis's brother-in-law)

Mary Pullen (Linda Pullen)

Louise (Jimmy Johnsen's cousin) Louise & Jerry (Keith Glenn) Bryan Davis (Amanda Fitzgerald) John (Roberta Reustle's brother) Ann Gilmore (Kathy Johns) Lisa Blumenstock's mom Joe Swafford (Suzann Routh) Betty Murphy (Roberta Reustle's mom) Lee Ann Quessenberry's brother Jerry Williams (Lea Ann Quessenberry's dad) Florence Ray (Ray, Glenn, Thompson families)

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

through our church website: (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!)!

March Menu

6 - BBQ Sandwich **Baked Beans**

Chips

20 - Goulash Salad

13 - Chicken Pot Pie Salad

27 - Ham

Scalloped Potatoes **Green Beans** Hot Rolls

French Bread

FINANCES FOR JANUARY Income & Expenditures Comparison

January	2024 monthly	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	ended Dec 2023	ended Dec 2024	ended Dec 2024
Income	budget					over/under
Regular Income	17,083.33	24,006.68	24,780.81	24,006.68	24,780.81	774.13
Total Income	17,083.33	24,006.68	24,780.81	24,006.68	24,780.81	
Expenditures						
Personnel	11,532.30	10,918.77	11,875.74	10,918.77	11,875.74	956.97
Administrative	733.33	669.33	860.01	669.33	860.01	190.68
Christian Education	591.67	213.03	1,191.63	213.03	6,429.80	6,216.77
Worship	197.92	150.00	34.97	150.00	2,056.23	1,906.23
Evangelism/ Membership	614.58	256.77	702.86	256.77	8,794.71	8,537.94
Outreach	1,541.67	2,400.67	2,478.08	2,400.67	5,837.05	3,436.38
Property	2,691.67	3,588.99	3,200.33	3,588.99	45,430.75	41,841.76
Total Expenditures	17,903.13	18,197.56	20,343.62	18,197.56	81,284.29	63,086.73

March 2024

SATURDAY	2 8:30 - 11 am ~ Lacrosse Pancake	م 7 am ~ Billings Food Pantry	16	23	30		
FRIDAY		Ø	15	22	29 Good Friday	our Prayer Vigil	
THURSDAY		7 9 - 10 am ~ Senior Food Distribution	4	21	28 5 - 8 pm ~ Stations of the Cross	9 pm - 9 pm ~ 24 hour Prayer Vigil	
WEDNESDAY		6 pm ~ CWF 6 pm ~ Dinner 6:30 pm ~ Youth 7 pm ~ Prayer &	13 6 pm ~ Dinner 7 pm ~ Elders	20 6 pm ~ Dinner 6:30 pm ~ Youth	27 6 pm ~ Dinner 7 pm ~ Board		
TUESDAY		5	12	19	26		
MONDAY		4 6:30 pm ~ Education	11 6:30 pm ~ CWF	18 Meal at Rare Breed	25 6 - 8 pm ~ Main St. meeting at First Christian Church		
SUNDAY		M	10 Daylight Saving Time	11	24 ~ Children's Program ~ Easter Egg Hunt	Palm Sunday	31 Easter