

The Church Bell

March 2024



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 to, this Lenten season as we journey towards Easter. What are you up to?

God Bless,

Pastor Lee



Children's Ministry

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Coming Up:

- 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

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	9 Jaime Garbee	18 Brad Henson, Jr.
1 Clint Gerlek	10 Margie Parker	27 Sue Cummins
3 Barbara Grantham	12 Tim McPhail	28 Bonnie Quessenberry
3 Greg Short	15 Debbie Corner	30 Randy Corner
4 Thomas McPhail	17 Debbie Ray	30 Kevin Corner
6 Doug Tuter	18 Alex Fuhr	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. JANE 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

DEACONS
ELDER

Mar 3

Greg Short
Kerri Corner

Mar 10

Kevin Corner
Lisa Blumenstock

Mar 17

Randy Richesin
Debbie Ray

Mar 24

Sandy Richesin
Jackie Barger

Mar 31

Jim Burks
Kim Notz

Kyle Quessenberry
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

Kyle Quessenberry
Keith Glenn
Janet Thompson
Lea Ann Quessenberry
Karen Trusler
Brad Henson, Jr.
Suzann Routh

Attendance

Feb	4th ~ 83
Feb	11th ~ 100
Feb	18th ~ 109
Feb	25th ~ 93

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
Easter						

8:30 - 11 am ~
Lacrosse
Pancake

7 am ~ Billings
Food Pantry

9 - 10 am ~ Senior
Food Distribution

10 am ~ CWF
6 pm ~ Dinner
6:30 pm ~ Youth
7 pm ~ Prayer &
Praise

6 pm ~ Dinner
7 pm ~ Elders

6 pm ~ Dinner
6:30 pm ~ Youth

6 pm ~ Dinner
7 pm ~ Board

Good Friday

5 - 8 pm ~ Stations
of the Cross

9 pm - 9 pm ~ 24 hour Prayer Vigil