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Happening in March...

Congregational Information Session

Sunday, March 11, following worship
Plan to stick around after church to hear about some possible changes to our organizational structures. The bylaw revision team needs your input! Read more on page 2.



Walking with our Stars

This spring, our Health and Wholeness team is inviting all of us to take a walk — a 5,700 mile walk!

Each week we'll count up the miles we log exercising—jogging, walking, biking, swimming, playing outside — and together we'll make our virtual way around the country visiting former interns and sites significant to our denomination. With twenty stops currently on the itinerary, it's going to be quite a trip!

Stay tuned for more info as the walk kicks off March 18.



Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Lent is leading us toward Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday on March 25. See a full schedule of services on page 6.



**DISCIPLES
MEN**

Central District Men to Gather at First Christian

Sunday, March 11: 3:00 registration, 4:00 program, 5:00 dinner
Theme: Standing in the Gap, from Ezekiel 22:23-30.

The rally will include music from *The Cords of Faith*, and the guest speaker will be Rev. Ralph Botte, pastor of Walnut Cove Christian Church.

Cost for the event is \$8.00, and a registration form is available in the church office. Questions? Contact Rick Young.

First Christian at the Corner Market

On Saturday, March 17, FCC will return to the Corner Market (at the intersection of Elam and Walker) to support the market's Green for Greens program, which doubles SNAP benefits and helps provide fresh produce for some of our neighbors who need a little extra help paying for the week's groceries.

We'll host a vendor table at the market, and all our proceeds will go to the program. We'll be looking for donations of baked goods or handcrafted items—small items under \$5 sell best — and help staffing the table. Look for a link to sign up in the weekly email.

To know and love God, to nurture each other, and to reach out and welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

love. serve. hope.
100 years!

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A Note from Our Pastor



Dear Friends:

Wanna hear something really fun? Our new organizational plan is almost done! Squee! (What? You have a different definition of fun?)

Here's what I'm talking about: Last year, as our long range planning team completed its work of naming a vision for our congregation, one thing quickly became abundantly clear: we would never make much progress toward our vision until we made some improvements to the way we organize ourselves to do ministry.

Our current leadership structures—namely, a governing board to make decisions and a cabinet to plan programs, in addition to ministry teams, standing committees, elders, deacons, trustees, and lots of other volunteer roles—have served us well for many years;. We've done good work because of the strong and healthy systems we have in place.

But now, as we look to the future, we can see that we need something different. We need to be more nimble, more flexible. We need to stop wearing people out with meetings and start developing new leaders. We need structures that help us do ministry instead of getting in our way.

To that end, the Trustees—whose responsibility it is to oversee major changes like this—appointed a team to look at our bylaws and come up with a better way. That team—Dian Young, Lora McPhail, Mike Wildman, John Flynt, Bill Inmon, and Dawn Steadman—have worked hard and faithfully for the past two months.

It's a powerhouse team, made up of former board chairs, elders, trustees, youth group leaders, parents, life-long Disciples, and people who have served in nearly every leadership role in the church. In other words, these folks know what they're doing, and process is in very good hands.

I'm excited for you to see what they've come up with. The new structure requires fewer meetings and more opportunities to serve. It lets us be more nimble and ready to go where the Spirit leads us, but it also provides the structure we need to make sure we're taking good care of our resources and staying accountable to each other. It frees us up from filling "slots" and gives people permission to do the ministry they're being called to do.

The plan is still very much a work in progress, and we could use your feedback. **At the Cabinet meeting on March 11, following worship, the team will present the proposed plan and hear your input and questions.** The whole congregation is invited to be a part of this information session, and I hope you'll plan to be there.

It just might be fun.
Lee



This Month

SERVING IN MARCH...

MARCH 4, 2018

Elders: Dean McPhail and Cliff Greaves **Deacons:** George Manley, Anna Young, Leah Guthrie Loy, Robertson Rcham, Ken Garner and Les Rose **Acolyte:** Chloe Murray

Children's Moment: Lee Hull Moses **Children's Church:** Amanda Desselles and Meredith Cooper

Worship Leader: Babs Gordon **Building Responsibilities:** Stan Ward

MARCH 11, 2018

Elders: Lora McPhail and Dean McPhail **Deacons:** Troy Desselles, Robin Lund, Bill Lund, Diane Gillespie, Jamie Cannady, and Cindy Boehling **Acolyte:** Charlie Manley

Children's Moment: Amanda Kerr **Children's Church:** Dona Norwood and Amanda Kerr

Worship Leader: Terry Simon **Building Responsibilities:** Stan Ward

MARCH 18, 2018

Elders: Laura Tebow and Spencer Smith **Deacons:** Jason Myers, Judy Garrett, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, and Lewis Woodruff **Acolyte:** Bella Myers

Children's Moment: Lee Hull Moses **Children's Church:** Amanda Desselles and Emily Viverette

Worship Leader: Bella Myers **Building Responsibilities:** Stan Ward

MARCH 25, 2018

Elders: Spencer Smith and Laura Tebow **Deacons:** Brad Light, Debbie Light, Olivia Steadman, Bill Wiley, Larry Collins, and Meredith Cooper **Acolyte:** Harper Moses

Children's Moment: Paul Snyder **No Children's Church**

Worship Leader: Bill Inmon **Building Responsibilities:** Stan Ward

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 David Hodgin
3/6 Phyllis Collins
3/6 Chris Gooding
3/7 David Barnette
3/9 H'sun Rahlan
3/11 Ed Poindexter
3/12 Bonnie Stanley
3/19 Dan Henley
3/24 Lee Moses

3/28 Judy Garrett
3/30 Larry Collins

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/7 Amy and David Miller
3/7 Vicki and Terry Simon



You who need strength for the journey.
You who need to remember who you are.
You who need hope.

COME.

Remember God's covenant.
Proclaim God's promises.



LENT 2018
First Christian Church Greensboro

Join us throughout the season of Lent as we remember God's covenant and proclaim God's promises.

We worship together on Sunday mornings at 10, and we invite you to worship with us at the following special services:

Palm Sunday, March 25
10:00 Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 29
7:00 Worship

Good Friday, March 30
12:00 Worship

Easter Sunday, April 1
9:00 Breakfast and Egg Hunt
10:00 Worship

JUST WONDERING....

A series of Questions and Answers by retired Disciples minister J.T. Moore.

The teachings of Jesus often conflicted with the scribes. Who were the 'scribes'?

Synagogues were in every town where there were at least 10 Jewish families. The synagogue was primarily a teaching place. There were three things that constituted a service - prayer, the reading of God's word, and the exposition of it. There was no 'permanent' minister, though certain responsibilities were carried out by designated individuals in every town. The 'ruler' (leader) could call upon anyone to speak who had a message. It was a favorite place for Jesus to speak, and his message seemed to be just the 'opposite' of the day. Scribes were the expert of the Law (Torah) -- first five books of the Old Testament, with the 'core' being the Ten Commandments. These scholars had the task to teach the Law and its rules and regulations. These laws and regulations were never written down. They were known as the Oral Law, and considered more binding than the written one. So many situations had to be settled with new interpretation laws. Jesus cited no authorities and quoted no experts. We can see how the "problem" (conflict) developed with the scribes.



First Christian Church is a place where thoughtful people **think**. It is also a place where thoughtful people **do**. We take seriously Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors. It is our mission to know and love God, to nurture each other, and to reach out and welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

February 4: 84 February 11: 112 February 18: 100 February 25: 74

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church office if you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list.

Angie Wethington	Olese Hudson	David Hodgkin	Ed & Emo Wagoner
Ann Fry	Chuck Jones	Anne Early	Robin Lund
Leroy Bymaster	JoAnn Alley	Tommy Guthrie	Christian Holden
Marie Reaves Grant	Rita Saveriano	Betty Wilson	Steve Ball
Gary Yeager	Roger Stanley	Phyllis Collins	Amanda Oliver

Congratulations to Leah and Melissa Guthrie Loy on the birth of their daughter, Josephine Novella, on Monday, February 19!

FROM THE BOARD

The church board met on Sunday, February 18 and conducted the following business:

- Heard reports from the ministry intern, senior minister, cabinet, and treasurer, who reviewed a newly formatted budget report that will be reported each month.
- Approved a request from the Worship Team to spend up to \$1800 from the Music Fund to pay for guest musicians in 2018.
- Heard and discussed a report from the by-law revision team, which presented a possible reorganization of our leadership structures. The team will continue its work with feedback from the congregation.
- Heard from the board chair that a group of congregation members is beginning the process of officially designating FCC an open and affirming ministry. The process will involve a statement to be approved by the board and the congregation at a later time.
- Approved voting delegates to the Regional Assembly: Darilyn Knibb, James Thomas, and Bill Inmon.

Full minutes of board meetings are available in the church office.



OUT AND ABOUT:

Table Talk gathers on Feb. 22 (top), and youth group families visit the International Civil Rights Museum on Feb. 24.



SUNDAYS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

9 a.m. Small Group
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
5 p.m. Dinner and Youth Groups

WEEKLY GATHERINGS AT FCC

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. — Table Topics
Wednesdays at 7 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays at 7 p.m. — Table Talk

MARCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Vintage Bunch Beach Trip: March 6—8.
Congregational Info Session and Cabinet Meeting:
Sunday, March 11, 11:15a.m.
District Men's Rally: Sunday, March 11, 4:00p.m.
Elders Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 7:00p.m. (note date change)
FCC At the Corner Market: Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Craft Night: Friday, March 23, 6—11p.m.
Agape Women's Group, Monday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Find the full calendar online at fccgreensboro.org/calendar

Table Talk welcomes your help serving at the family shelter at the YWCA

While Table Talk gathers each week, the group (you are invited!) serves dinner on the second Thursday each month. If you are able to contribute items to help with meals or if you want to serve dinner and eat with families, let us know! On March 8, we are in need of items to prepare chili. Email info@fccgreensboro.org with your interest or availability. Check the website for other Table Talk events.

Fourth Friday Craft Night First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

On Friday, March 23 at 6p.m., join us for a fun evening! Bring a craft project to work on, a snack to share and a drink. Or you can come hang out and see what others are working on. We have a variety of crafters, including: quilters (fabric and wood), paper, scrapbooking, knitters/crochet, and needle work.

Agape Women's Group Invites You!

On Monday, March 26, Agape will be held at the church, featuring a conversation with Hannah (Knibb) Henza and Arlene Henza about modern practices of Judaism. Got a question you'd like to ask? Please submit to Darilyn Knibb by March 18.

You are cordially invited to a
Ribbon Cutting for the Westview Cottage and Don and Dewey Lee Cottage
& A Dedication for items received from the Bate Foundation Grant at

Camp Caroline
3398 Janiero Road
Arapahoe, North Carolina
on
Sunday, April 8, 2018
Beginning at 3:00 PM
Light refreshments will be served

The **Regional Assembly** is scheduled for April 20-22 in Greenville, NC. The multi-day event features informative and strategic workshops, local mission and outreach opportunities, family meals, visioning, worship, and more. A registration packet is available in the church office.

The annual "A Day Apart" **women's retreat** hosted by Disciples Women's Ministries is set for March 9-10 at Camp Caroline and features our own Rev. Baylee Smith along with Rev. Shyrl Uzzell of Goldsboro. More info and a registration form are available in the church office.

Additional Items of Interest:

The CWF pecans are still for sale for \$10 per bag. They are now in the freezer in the basement. Checks can be made to CWF-First Christian Church. Contact Dona Norwood with questions.

Youth volunteers needed: Amanda is looking for a few more people to assist with Children's Church (April 15, and 22) and provide one last meal for Sunday Night Youth (May 20)! This is a great opportunity to connect and spend time with our youth. Please email amanda@fccgreensboro.org if you are interested.

Words of Thanks

For your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and goodies during the illness and death of Bob. For everyone who helped with food during the memorial service, I do so appreciate your time and talents! It helped lighted the burden knowing you were there for me. I feel so blessed having all of you as my church family.—Carol Moates.

Thanks to all who donated to our Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4!

Total \$\$ raised for One Step Further: \$928

Total # of cans donated: 256 cans

Additional # of items donated to Backpack program: 152