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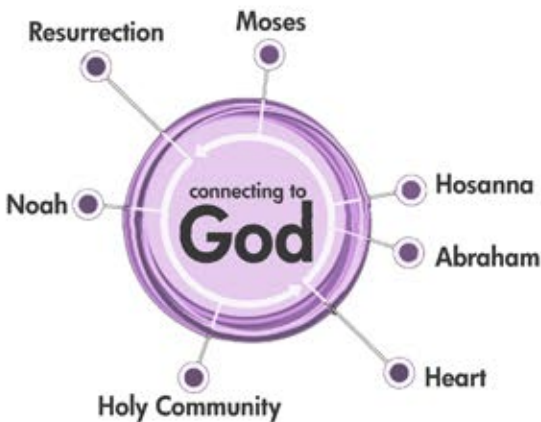
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

LENT, the 1st Sunday. February 18

This Sunday we begin the Sunday portion of the Lenten journey. This season at First Christian will have us finding focus around the concept of *connecting*. Connecting to God through the stories of ancient Old Testament characters, and the story of Jesus' passion.

This season began with Ashes on Wednesday and will continue until Easter Sunday, April 1. Join us as we dig deep to find our way **Connecting to God**. This Sunday, Genesis 9:8-17 and 1 Peter 3: 18-22 will guide the sermon "The Noah Connection." This Sunday we also celebrate week one of a two week stewardship emphasis for Week of Compassion. See you Sunday!



LENT 2018

SAVE THE DATES!



March 9 & 10 (Fri-Sat)

Drop Off Dates: Mar. 4 & 5 (Sun-Mon)

Setup/Pricing: Mar. 4-7

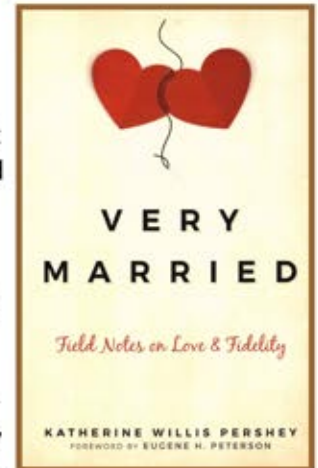
Adult Study for March

It seems like something we should be offering — a book read and conversation about marriage. *Very Married* is written by an around 40 something clergy woman and has come recommended by many. The book offers an honest and hopeful reflection on the complex, conflicted, and glorious institution of marriage.

The book is 200 pages, 20 sm. chapters, and could garner good conversation over 4 weeks — reading and checking in as a group on Thursday evenings in March. Rev. Jimmy Spear will offer this read/conversation.

March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:00 pm, Bethany Hall. Beverages served.

Email Jimmy Spear if interested/questions. Books will be ordered soon.



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More Than We Can Imagine

February 18-25, 2018



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Black History Month Movies Continue Saturdays, 3-5pm 3rd Floor Cinema

February 17:

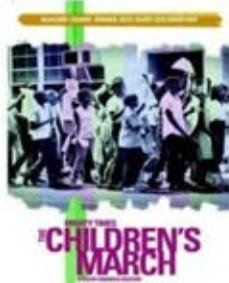
The Jackie Robinson Story

This is the original classic film starring Jackie Robinson as himself in the story of how he became the first African-American player drafted by a major league baseball team. If you saw the more recent "42" this is an interesting contrast in how the story is told.



February 24: UPDATE!

Since weather conditions this past Saturday (Feb 10) precluded our showing of **The Shadow of Hate** (40 minutes) we will be showing a double feature on Saturday, February 24. **The Shadow of Hate** will start **promptly at 3 p.m.!** **Doors will open at 2:45 p.m.** The second film **Mighty Times: The Children's March** (40 minutes) will start **promptly at 4 p.m.!**



The Shadow of Hate - This documentary, produced by three-time Academy Award winner Charles Guggenheim, is a powerful look at how hate has challenged our ideals of liberty, equality and justice throughout our nation's history. **Note: contains graphic material so this movie is for adults and mature teens only.**

Mighty Times: The Children's March is a story of hope, faith, and courage. When the adults were afraid to march, the children and youth of Birmingham, Alabama answered Dr. King's call and marched over several days for freedom, leading to mass arrests, a change in public opinion, and ultimately the end of segregation.

Please come and join us for one or both of these films!

For those who wish to stay after the films, there will be time for discussion and light refreshments. Contact Sarah Read @ sjr@readadr.com or Sarah Storm @ 573-289-0072 (text or call) if you have any questions.



News of People and Places

With 4 more Sundays left in the FCC hosting a Sunday Morning **Warming Station** from 6-9am, there is a need for **3** more volunteers! Sign up this Sunday or contact Sarah Storm.

Spots open: Feb 25—1 person

March 4— 2 persons

Prayers of the congregation this week: **Marsha Rawlings** reports that her daughter Shelly has received a very good report concerning her cancer. Much relief and thanksgiving is now at hand; **Natalie Barnard's** mother Mary Bowyer was in the hospital (ICU) and is now home; **Tommy Gay Evans**, while visiting her son's family in Houston TX got the flu and was in the hospital (ICU). She is now doing better; **Steve Humble** requests prayer for his step-mother who will begin radiation treatment for skin cancer; **John Yonker** had a procedure this week in St. Louis; the church staff has been hit hard with the FLU or similar in recent weeks—**Brad, Robert, Adriene and Jimmy** were all out at different points in the last 10 days.

Jimmy Spear will be taking some vacation time Feb. 15-24.

"Thanks to the Shawl Ministry and members of early service. We were able to answer the call, "Chase the Chill" and furnish Room At The Inn with 26 warm scarves! Thanks so much!"
~Donna Houston

Report for Sunday, January 28, 2018

Attendance 184 (includes early service— 42) (visitors— 11)

Report for Sunday, February 4, 2018

Attendance 173 (includes early service— 40) (visitors— 9)

Report for Sunday, February 11, 2018 (ICE!)

Attendance 50 (includes early service— 15) (visitors— 0)

Total offerings: \$19,537

February 17 Patti Freeman, Brian McCarty, Jenny McCarty, Kimberly Potthast and Dan Tevis

February 18 Mark Mills

February 19 Mike Bancroft,

Sue Fink, Audrey Koch, and Cullen Rose

February 20 Heather Mottaz and Landon Quinlan

February 23 Jim Campbell, Jacki Davidson and Brooke Storm



Youth Group Times

Group Times:

Chi-Rho (grd 6-7-8) /

JYF (grd 3-4-5) 4:30-6pm

CYF (grd 9-12) 6-7:30pm



Feb. 18	Pres. BREAK
Feb. 25	Chi-Rho/CYF
Mar. 4	JYF/CYF
Mar. 11	Chi-Rho/CYF

Mar. 18	JYF/CYF
Mar. 25	Sprg BREAK
Apr. 1	EASTER Day
Apr. 8	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 15	JYF/CYF
Apr. 22	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 29	JYF/CYF

Summer Camp Dates

CYF (grades 9-12)

June 3- 8 @ Camp Jo-Ota , Clarence

God and Sex (grade 8)

June 10 -16 @Covenant Point, Holts Summit

Elementary Camp (grades 2-3)

July 1-3 @Covenant Point

Junior Camp (grades 4-5)

July 9-13 @Covenant Point

Try-It (families under grade 2)

July 13-15 @Covenant Point

Chi Rho (grades 6-7)

July 16 -21 @ Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence



Registration packets are available now.

(These are NEOLA Camps. Other regional camp dates and locations are available; talk to Jimmy Spear.)

Summer Mission Trips: Chi-Rho, June 7-9
CYF, July 29-Aug 4



More Than We Can Imagine

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With support from Week of Compassion, through our partners at Brethren Disaster Ministries, communities in Northern Nigeria rebuild homes destroyed by Boko Haram. [photo: Brethren Disaster Ministries]

The produce from this women-led community garden provides food and cash for a local nutrition clinic. [photo: Week of Compassion]



Boys collect clean water at a refugee camp in Uganda.

[photo: ACT Alliance]



Fayette in February!

Lunch at Emmet's/Tour the ART at Central Methodist
Thursday, Feb. 22

Depart at 11:00 a.m., Target parking lot. \$5 gas fee.

Planning Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 11:30am

over lunch at Columbia Area Senior Center

Join us as we make our plans for the coming months. Bring your ideas and calendars!

St. Louis ZOO

Thursday, March 22

Full Day Trip

Enjoy the beauty and animal sightings of the St. Louis Zoo from the famous Zoo Train! Fun Lunch in the city, too!

All sign-ups are in the office or on the Sunday pew pad.



Vinsen Surma, a member of the CWS Indonesia staff, explains a project testing different storage methods to prevent crop loss on the island of West Timor. [photo: Week of Compassion]



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. An offering will be collected this Sunday and next in both services.

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 18-24

Saturday, February 17

-Black History Mth Film Series: "The Jackie Robinson Story",
3:00 pm, 3rd Floor Cinema. Enter via the portico.

Sunday, February 18

-Bell Choir rehearsal, 8:30am, 3rd Floor Bell Room
-Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
-Sunday School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3rd Flr;
Adults, 2nd Flr, Keystone
-Chancel Choir warm up, 9:45am, Morris Parlor

Monday, February 19

-Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone

Tuesday, February 20

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
-ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD Mtg., 6:30-8:00pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, February 21

-Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House
-Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05pm, Bethany Hall
-CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
-Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

-STARS Fayette Trip, 11:00am, Target

Saturday, February 24

-Black History Mth Film Series Double Feature:
"Shadow of Hate"/"Mighty Times", 3:00 pm, 3rd Floor
Cinema. Enter via the portico.

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bus Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Jeff Wheeland

Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Flower Ministry Arranged by: Colleen Nilges

Delivered by: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts:

Natalie & Richard Barnard and Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Mary Moeller

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Buddy & Kim Boger and Trish Stagg

Liturgist: Sarah Read

Elders: Joyce & Bragg Stanley

Deacons: The Rogers Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team

Greeters:

Ron Longaker (*N. Door*) Judy Longaker (*S. Door*)

Trish Stagg (*Atrium*) Jacki Davidson (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Kate Volmert and Kayla Von Talge

Candle Lighters: Gabe Palmer and Alex Johnson

Children's Worship:

Eric Arnett (*ldr.*) TBD (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Janelle Patterson