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HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

The church gathers for the annual Maundy Thursday worship this Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Maundy Thursday worship, which commemorates the institution of the Last Supper with the disciples and the events following that supper, will include hymns, anthems, ensembles, readings, reflections, and receiving communion. It is a powerful service that tells the story of Jesus and his followers through Holy Week. **The service will also be livestreamed for those who wish to participate from home.** All are welcome to attend this meaningful worship.

Livestream Link: [Maundy Thursday Worship Service](#)

PRAYER VIGIL

The Lenten Prayer Vigil will take place this week from 8:00PM on Maundy Thursday, April 2 (immediately following the Maundy Thursday service) through Good Friday, April 3 at 10:00PM. Overnight times after 10:00PM Thursday are observed in your home, followed by times in the chapel on Friday from 8:00AM until 10:00PM. Security personnel will be present at the church on Thursday evening and after the offices close on Friday at 4:00PM until 10:00PM.

The response to the Lenten Prayer Vigil this year has been enthusiastic. All of the time slots on the list have been taken. However, for those who still want to participate, two or more persons can pray at the same time in their home during any of the time slots. Feel free to take a time slot, and notify the church office (stephanie@fccnorman.org, or 405-329-2192).

ALL CHURCH BRUNCH SUNDAY

On **Easter Sunday, April 5th**, the Membership Committee is hosting an all-church brunch from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The brunch of fruits, pastries, coffee, juice and water will be served. Come to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy this Easter tradition!

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING – APRIL 5TH AND 12TH

Purpose: The Easter Offering supports the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

General Ministries: These ministries operate across the U.S., Canada, and around the world by focusing on care, service, and advocacy.

Examples of Supported Ministries:

National Benevolent Association (NBA)
Disciples Mission Fund
Center for Faith and Giving
Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
Communication Ministries
Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry
Disciples of Christ Historical Society
Disciples Home Missions
Disciples Women
Division of Overseas Ministries
Higher Education and Leadership Ministries

Please give by check, go to our donation page (<https://fcc.link/donations>), or use the offering envelope in the back of the pew. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church and put Easter Offering in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

At the conclusion of Easter worship, the congregation is invited to come to the chancel to join with the choir to sing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus!* Scores are available, and all are welcome to sing!

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

Easter Sunday

8:40 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch
10:45 a.m. Worship

*Worship will also be livestreamed
at 10:45 a.m.*

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Sermon: *A Quest for Faith that Lingers*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday

Evensong

Monday, May 4th, at 5:15 p.m. – Chapel

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, APRIL 6TH**

A LETTER FROM REV. SHANNON COOK

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so very much for a beautiful sendoff and meal on Sunday. Also, the stole is absolutely gorgeous, and I will wear it with joy! I cannot thank you enough for the 12 years of joy, service, wonder, and delight we have shared together. We will still be in a relationship as I move into my new role with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma, and I look forward to all of the ways we will continue to grow as partners in regional ministry. You will always hold a very special place in my heart!

Forever grateful,
Rev. Shannon Cook

CHANGES COMING TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Beginning next week, our church newsletter will be transitioning from the PDF format to **Mailchimp**. This change will allow us to share church news, announcements, and upcoming events in a format that is easier to read, more accessible on phones and computers, and better suited for timely communication.

As with any new system, there may be a few bumps along the way as we make the switch. We appreciate your patience and grace as we work through any kinks and learn the best way to serve our congregation through this new format.

Our hope is that this transition will make it easier for everyone to stay connected and informed. Thank you for your understanding and support as we take this next step in improving communication within our church.

EASTER LILIES

Again this year, the church will have Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may purchase one for \$15, given in remembrance, honor, or appreciation of a loved one or friend. All you need do is contact the church office with the information for the dedication, paying by either credit card or check (making sure to note that it is for an Easter Lily). Dedication forms are also available in the church office. The church newsletter will run a list of dedications the week following Easter. Thank you.

BUD VASE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LOGOS BANQUET

As we prepare for the **LOGOS End-of-the-Year Banquet**, we are in need of **bud vases** to help decorate the tables and make the evening feel festive and welcoming.

If you have any bud vases you would be willing to donate or loan to the church for this event, we would greatly appreciate your help. Clear glass bud vases of any style would work beautifully.

Please drop them off at the church office if you are able to help. Thank you for helping us make this special celebration a lovely evening for everyone involved.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Sympathy is extended to Albert Odell-Miller following the death of his nephew, Miller Hines, who died Tuesday, March 24th at St. Jude in Memphis, TN.

ChARM IN APRIL

Thursday, April 9 – 10:30am – **Route 66 Day Trip**. We will make our way on Route 66 to see the following sites – Arcadia Round Barn, Arcadia General Store, Truck Museum, Threatt Filling Station in Luther, Pops and possibly other stops along the way. We plan to return to church by 4:00pm. Please wear your ChARM shirts if possible. Please RSVP for your seat on the bus.

Friday, April 17 – 8:00am – Please meet for breakfast at the **OK Diner** in Norman. Please let me know if you will meet us there so I can give the restaurant a setup number. -Stephanie



INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY SACRED SOLIDARITY: FAITH IN ACTION

APRIL 14, 2026

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Stand with people of all faith traditions as
we raise a unified voice for tolerance,
inclusion, and interfaith solidarity



REGISTER AT:

fcc.link/Interfaith

YOUTH GROUP

School Year Schedule

Chi Rho Service Night—4:00 p.m.

Chi Rho Free Time—4:45-5:15 p.m.

Chi Rho Meeting—5:15-6:30 p.m.

Youth Meal (Chi Rho and CYF)—6:30-7:15 p.m.

CYF Meeting—7:15-8:30 p.m.

April 1—Chi Rho youth will help prepare for the Easter Carnival and CYF will have a game night.

Saturday, April 4—Children's Easter Carnival! Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited to arrive at 9 a.m. to help Pastor Eula with set up. Youth are also invited to help during the carnival and to stay to help clean up afterward. Thank you for being a part of this great children's ministry event!

Church Calendar

April 1, 2026– Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Nancy Chess Lunch Bunch
2:45 p.m. Logos
4:00 p.m. Chi Rho Service Night
(6th-8th Grade)
5:15 p.m. Chi Rho (6th-8th Grade)
6:30 p.m. Youth Meal
7:15 p.m. CYF (9th– 12th Grade)
7:30 p.m. Choir

April 2, 2026– Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
8:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Begins

April 3, 2026– Friday

10:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Ends

April 4, 2026– Saturday

10:00 a.m. Easter Carnival
6:00 p.m. Discussion II– Pub W

April 5, 2026– Sunday

Easter Sunday
Easter Offering

8:40 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch
10:45 a.m. Worship

April 6, 2026– Monday

7:00 a.m. Disciples Men Coffee Chat
2:00 p.m. Hester Sickles
6:30 p.m. Handbells

MDO FALL ENROLLMENT

If you have not yet enrolled, MDO Fall Enrollment is underway for Church Families via email! Our 2026-27 school year will begin on Monday, August 17th and continue with NPS until May 20th.

Enrollment will open to Current Families on Monday, April 6th, so please be sure to email Debra Peltier at mdo@fccnorman.org before that date so she is sure to save a space for you! She just needs your name, a good contact number, your child's name, child's DOB, and if completely potty trained for ages 3 and up, to get you on the correct list. Many days / classes fill quickly once enrollment opens to Current Families so I cannot guarantee spots for Church families after April 5th.

All the current forms will be emailed in June once lists are complete. If you have any questions, please feel free to email mdo@fccnorman.org or text Debra Peltier at 405-245-0865.

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP



Each Sunday morning our attendants who care for and teach the infant–pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. The children waved palm branches that they made in class during the processional for Palm Sunday worship and created bunny masks. Kandice, our Nursery Coordinator, and our dedicated nursery staff ensure the children are engaged every Sunday morning.

VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Children, kindergarten through 5th grade, gather every Sunday to set sail from the third floor in the children's education area at 9:30am. This week, Easter Sunday, **voyage will not meet**, instead a delicious Easter Brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



The children sang beautifully on Sunday! This week we look at Holy Week in Bible Study, enjoy creativity with crafts, sing beautifully in Worship Skills, enjoy a delicious dinner, and enjoy time for fun & play!

DISCIPLES MEN GATHERING

You are invited to join the Disciples Men for a monthly Monday morning "Coffee Chat." Our next Coffee Chat will happen Monday, April 6, from 7:00am to 8:30am.

The location is the **Yellow Dog (222 South Porter Avenue)**. Please come and join us!

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EASTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, April 4th from 10am-noon

Games, Photo Opt, Gelato, Popcorn & Easter Egg Hunt Begins at 11am