

EASTER OFFERING

The theme for this year’s special Easter Offering is “Abide in Me.” In John 15:5, Jesus tells his disciples “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” Just as a branch cannot bear fruit without being attached to the vine, neither can we bear fruit unless we abide in Christ. Jesus is telling us that if we abide in him he will abide in us and we will have power to accomplish amazing things and bear much fruit .Our gifts to the Easter Offering bear much fruit through the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). More than a dozen ministries of the Church in the United States, Canada, and around the world receive support from the Easter Offering. In partnership with the regions, General Ministries provides care, service, resources, and support to strengthen congregations for the mission of the Church. Let us abide in Christ and join together in our giving to bear much fruit for God’s work. Please give generously to this year’s Easter Offering.

UNITED CHURCH MINISTRIES

Number of contacts	53
Number of new applicants	27
Rent payments	\$ 495.50
Electric payments	\$2,034.16
Heating fuel	\$ 67.72
Total amount of vouchers	\$2,597.38
Total number helped by vouchers	39
Number of food bags	17
Number helped by food bags	30
Total number of persons helped	66
UCM Money accounts: Regular checking account balance	\$19,221.19
MRS (savings)	16,288.95
Benevolence	1,905.30
Mary Thompson, Representative	

MARCH GIVING

March 3	\$3,633.94
March 10	\$3,093.00
March 17	\$2,248.00
March 24	\$2,068.63
Help	\$ 25.00
UCM	\$ 766.00
Wk. of Compassion	\$ 225.00

ELDERS APRIL 30 AT 7:00 PM

Elders will meet Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 PM. Please read Chapters 9 and 10 in the Spiritual Devotional book *Here and Now*.

MEMORIALS

A gift was given to the Choir Memorial in memory of Elaine Getchell by Mr. & Mrs. John Selzer.
A gift was given to Current Expense in memory of Elaine Getchell by Mrs. Margie Savage.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Jane Selzer Mendez – 1
- Frances Allen – 7
- Bill Smith – 9
- Laura Ziemer Millay – 9
- Margie Savage – 13
- Norma Griffin -23
- Jennifer King – 24
- Willie Rogers – 26
- Johnnie Kleinert – 29

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The One Day Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina will be held at Barton College in Wilson, April 27. Registration and meals *are free this year* and forms are available in the narthex! Please come join our NC church family for a wonderful gathering!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN: Please attend the following events of Easter weekend: **THE EASTER EGG HUNT**, Saturday, April 20, at 11:00 AM. After the Easter Egg Hunt we will have sandwiches and chips and practice for the **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** which will be led by children and youth at 7:00 AM on Sunday, April 21. Please arrive by 6:45. We will celebrate **EARTH DAY May 5** with a special closing benediction to our 11:00 worship by our youth in our courtyard garden.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Thank you to those who are participating in our 40 Days of Prayer leading up to Easter. If you have not signed up, there are some spaces left. Resources to help you are available in our narthex:
A Guide for Prayer
At the Crossroads
Remembering and Rediscovering Who We Are, Vol. 1
Rekindling Our Gifts and Reconnecting to Our Community, Vol. 2

OUR LENTEN SUPPER AND STUDY continues on Apr. 3 and Apr. 10 as we identify ways to connect our gifts with our calling! Join us at 6:00 PM

Anyone interested? In a *Going Deeper* Prayer and Bible Study once a month on the Spiritual Disciplines on Third Thursdays in the morning or afternoon? If so, sign in narthex or call Penny (919-920-4192)

BENEVOLENCE MEETS APRIL 9

The Benevolence Committee will meet April 9 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We are developing some opportunities to have more resources to equip us for our mission at First Christian. Resources for handling change and transition have been shared with Elders; resources for handling potential conflicts are being shared with Parish Relations, and other leadership skills – such as listening, delegating and making good decisions will be shared with Administration Task Force Groups in the near future. Leadership Development is never a one and done thing! It is ongoing.

BOARD MEETS APRIL 9

Church Board will meet April 9 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

HOLY WEEK

Apr. 17 Community Lenten

Noon at St. Luke's

Apr. 18 Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

Apr. 19 Good Friday

3:00 PM

Apr. 20 Easter egg Hunt and

Sandwiches 11:00 ARE

Apr. 21 Easter Sunrise Service and

Breakfast 7:00 AM

Bring flowers for the Cross

9:45 Church School

11:00 Morning Worship

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

Elders:

April 7 Mary Jane Rose/Judy Williford

April 14 Linda Cannon/Bunkie Parker

April 21 Mary Bartlett/Dennis Isenhower

April 28 Brantley Watkins/Ronnie Thompson

Deacons: Lynne Herbst, Ray Price, Jay Rose, John Selzer

Preparing Communion: Margie Savage

Homebound Communion:

Apr. 7 Judy Williford/Lynne Herbst

Apr. 14 Linda Cannon/Jay Rose

Apr. 21 Mary Bartlett/Ray Price

Apr. 28 Ronnie Thompson/John Selzer

Deacon of the Day:

7 Jay Rose

14 Ray Price

21 John Selzer

28 Lynne Herbst

CD Ministry:

7 Judy Williford

14 Ronnie Thompson

21 Mary Bartlett

28 Ronnie Thompson

CMF DINNER MEETING

The men of the church will meet for dinner on Monday, April 16, at 6:00 PM. CMF is serving the Easter Breakfast.

DISCIPLE WOMEN

APRIL CWF/DWM GROUP MEETINGS

Group 1: April 1, 10:00 AM Conference Room

Group 2: April 2, 10:00 AM, Conference Room

Group 4: April 2, 2:00 PM, Parlor

DWM Piedmont Convention

Conference May 3-4, Reidsville NC

Forms in narthex

DWM Webinar on "Things You Didn't Know about Women Globally" Apr. 3, 1:30 PM Info in narthex

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Grace Price, Eloise Kleinert and family, Mary Ethel Lewis, Joe Ben Sauls, Kathy Spain, June Anderson, Willie and Faye Rogers, Rick Rogers (Faye & Willie Rogers' son), Lynne Herbst, John and Becky Selzer and family, , Ray Price, Teenie Wilson, Rebecca Daniels, Mary Ellen Ham, Lorraine Loch, Lynwood Williford, Abby Martinez, Bradley King, Val Watkins (Brantley's sister-in-law), the Spain's great granddaughter Katie, Molly McEldowney (Sharon Jones' daughter) and her brother, David Reynolds, Robert Strader (June Anderson's son-in-law), Linda Uzzell (Lou Rose's mother), Tim Rodriguez, Makayla Neace, Linda Hilburn, Kenneth Vause (father of Candace Pate), Carolyn McCullough's sister, Barbara, Chuck Saeger (husband of Patricia Nickens Saeger), Laura Price, Vickie Howell, JoAnne Guthrie, Jay Pittman and Ben Loch.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

As you know, I shared the Community Lenten Service on March 13 with Pastor Winfred Galmon of Mt. Calvary in Goldsboro Through our work with CLIFF (Clergy Sharing in Faith and Fellowship), we are trying to share more worship experiences with our community colleagues, so I invited him to co-officiate with me during our Good Friday service at our traditional time at 3:00 PM. We will alternate the Last Words of Jesus with our customary silence and communion. I hope some of his congregation will join us and invite you to share together on this most holy day. Penny

APRIL LECTIONARY

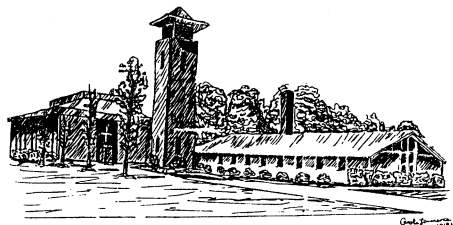
April 7th, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Lent • Violet (or Blue)
[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)
[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
[John 12:1-8](#)

April 14th, 2019
Liturgy of the Passion • Violet (or Blue)
[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

April 21st, 2019
Resurrection of the Lord • White
[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)
[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)
[Acts 10:34-43](#)
[Luke 24:1-12](#)

April 28th, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter • White
[Acts 5:27-32](#)
[Psalms 118:14-29](#)
[Revelation 1:4-8](#)
[John 20:19-31](#)

As you know, we have been doing a special sermon and study series in Lent on Connecting to Our Heritage, our Mission, our Gifts and our Community and have been using other scripture and sacred stories in worship and study. Those reading on Sunday will be given the weekly lessons.



April 2019

Dear Church Family,
Hey Everyone! Thank you all so much for the good luck wishes and prayers! It really helps me out knowing you all are rooting for me. Church here at Parris Island is nice, but it's just not the same as First Christian. April 28, Sunday, I'll be back at church in uniform to see you all again. Until next time, Justin Pittman

If you would like to drop Justin a note, he would love it. His address is:

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Our Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.

