

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Return Service Requested

Our Temporary, Modified Newsletter for April 2020

GREETINGS AND BEST HEALTH WISHES FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP FOLKS!

We are in the business of encouraging sharing God's blessings to all. In these challenging days of isolation and concern about others, it's great to see the people of FCC blossoming in that regard. Sunny and Amanda lead the way in words, music, and creative presentations to reconnect us even from afar. Such positive comments on line and in person reflect the joy and smiles we fondly recall from the pews to Fellowship Hall and to the community FCC serves so cheerfully well.

In these slower times, we hear warm and appreciative tales of family and friends enjoying games, cooking, and Bible Study. These times remind us of similar historical times. During times like this, songs, music, calls and offers to help, and prayers shared with each other help us all feel connected. Please keep it up—to uplift them and yourself! What a Win-Win! We can come through these times stronger, happier, in better health, and more appreciative of our FCC family.

And we are very grateful for your continuing financial support as our expenses help keep us running. Thank you for the help you are able to share as, to me, it is one of the best investments in our future. No offering plates are likely in your neighborhood anytime soon. But checks to FCC are still very welcome at P.O. Box 45 in Rockwood. And for our hip techie folks, it is very easy to schedule current and future contributions electronically by using our online giving platform, Givelify. Please visit: <https://giv.li/vdhw2o>

Thank You. Be Well. Interact (remotely!) We look forward to seeing you back in church soon.
Sincerely, Dick Whiteman, Stewardship and Finance Chairman

Ways to connect at FCC right now:

Worship: Sunday at 11:00 on Facebook. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the service.

Go to: www.facebook.com/fccrockwood (click on the link highlighted in blue on inside page)

There is also a call-in option if you want to listen to the worship service over the phone. This is an audio-only option through Zoom. Call: 312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID: 910 775 6944

Mail: If you would like paper copies of the Sunday sermons mailed to you, please let the church office know. We are happy to send!

Wednesday Night Live: Zoom Call or Video Chat! We have three separate calls going for our children and youth! PreK-2nd grade chats at 6pm, 3rd-5th grade chats at 6:30 and middle and high schoolers chat at 7pm. For the privacy of our children I will not publish the meeting ID and password so please contact me for the information. Thank you! *Pastor Sunny*

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APRIL 2020

Sunday School: 10:00am

Canceled until further notice

Worship: 11:00am

On Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/fccrockwood



April Birthdays

Phoenix Sandlin - April 7

David Ridings - April 7

Sam Doughty - April 9

Abby White - April 10

Dru Miller - April 14

Sandi Roberts - April 17

Tibby Snipes - April 18

Patti Montgomery - April 23

Molly King - April 26



Attendance for March 2020

March 1 - 86

March 8 - 87

March 15 - no service (COVID-19)

March 22 - no service (COVID-19)

March 29 - no service (COVID-19)

Total: 173



Hello Friends!

I don't know about you but I'm a bit exhausted by life right now. Our world has changed so much in the last month as we try to stay safe ourselves and keep others safe. Sheltering in place is not easy. Not meeting for in-person worship is not easy.

Physically distancing from one another is not easy (especially for the huggers among us).

However, nothing can keep us from being the church. I am tremendously proud to be your Pastor as I see you caring for one another. You check in with each other, you offer to help others, but mostly you are keeping your distance which is a loving way to care for others during a pandemic. THANK YOU!

Thank you to those of you who are embracing new technology. I know technology can be frustrating, but it can also help us connect with one another. Thank you to those who are showing up for worship services on Facebook, and our Zoom calls with youth on Wednesdays.

Each day I am challenged to think of new and creative ways to do ministry. Keep an eye and an ear out for more programs and ways to connect! In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any needs. I'm happy to chat about theology and life. I also have a team of volunteers who are willing to get out and get anything you need and leave it at your house if you would rather not get out and about.

I cannot wait to see you in person when the time is right. As the old hymn says, "What a day of rejoicing that will be!" Until then I will see you online or hear you on the phone.

Much love to you all,
Pastor Sunny

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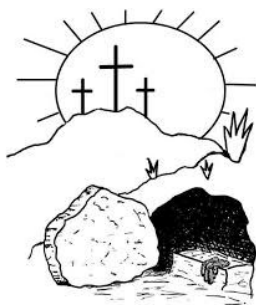
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Thought for the Month...

This "Thought for the Month" was created by Luther True many years ago. He has been so faithful in keeping it up. So many of his quotes signed "Elby" to which I now know was HIM! I will certainly miss hearing him whistling some random tune every time he came through the office doors. And also hearing him say "Hey 'K' whataya say!" Luther's legacy will live on for forever! It was a privilege and a blessing for me to have ever met him. Rest in glorious peace Luther... I look forward to seeing you again one day. KHT

Uplifting Scriptures of Affirmation and Faith



1. **Job 5:11** The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
2. **Psalms 27:13-14** I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
3. **Isaiah 41:10** Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
4. **John 16:33** I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
5. **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.
6. **Romans 8:37-38** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
7. **Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
8. **2 Corinthians 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
9. **Philippians 4:6** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.
10. **Hebrews 13:5** I will never leave you or forsake you.

First Christian Church Youth Mission Trip- Summer 2020

We will be joining Disciples Summer Mission with Disciples of Christ Youth Groups all over the country!

JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2020: TRIP QUICK GUIDE

People: Any youth who has completed 6th to 12th grade

Place: Memphis, TN

Dates: Monday, June 29, 2020, to Friday, July 3, 2020

Cost: \$300 per person (We are asking each participant to pay \$100 and the rest will be covered by the FCC Youth Budget/Fundraising)\$50/person balance due by May 24, 2020

***see Sunny if this amount is not possible for your family.**

Activities: Physical Work and Relational Ministry
Lodging: University of Memphis
Worship: Lindenwood Christian Church



To All Our
"Class of 2020"
Students

As soon as we possibly can, we want to celebrate your hard work! You did it!! This is a moment in time that most have looked forward to since kindergarten! We want to acknowledge your amazing accomplishments with a special luncheon honoring each of you! Until then... Hang in There!!

First Christian Church has entered a new era:

the age of any time, anywhere giving. We are now signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.

To make your first mobile donation the best experience possible, we recommend you download the Givelify app for [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) before you get to service.

Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's totally safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.

Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts to special envelopes right from the palm of your hand. You can give to First Christian Church wherever you are. Make us your home place of worship for quick one-tap access.

Want to see how it works? [Watch the demonstration video \(https://youtu.be/_VCbR3ZOBs0\)](https://youtu.be/_VCbR3ZOBs0) that shows you all about how to make and track donations.

Memorials

In Memory of Luther B True

Ed Grief & Linda Zimmerman
Roy & Margaret Biddle
Dick & Margaret Cole
Luther True Estate

Elders and Deacons April 2020:

Elders: Bread: J. B. Anderson Wine: Ed Bilbrey
Deacons: Table: Olivia Tagliere, Sara Tagliere
Narthex: Scott Albertson, Linda Myers

CHURCH FINANCES

February 27, 2020 - March 31, 2020

GENERAL FUND INCOME

March 1	2,279.00
March 8	2,715.00
March 15	No Service
March 22	No Service
March 29	No Service
Total Sunday	\$4,994.00

Total Office	\$10,785.00
Electronic Dep	134.74
Total G/F	\$15,913.74

Needed Monthy \$15,708.25

DEPOSTIED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT (DESIGNATED)

(UN-DESIGNATED)

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,624.98

Special Funds G/F **In/Out

ELC**	\$850.00
WNL**	0.00
Van Fund	1,000.00
WOC	946.00
Utilities	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,296.00

TBD	
PERMANENT FUND	
SUSTAINABILITY	
MUSIC	\$2,275.00
MEMORIALS	
Total	\$ 2,275.00

TOTAL ALL MONEY RECEIVED \$23,484.74