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As children of God, we strive to extend radical hospitality through worship, mission, faith formation, and community.

CAMP SUNDAY: MARCH 30



Celebrating the Ministries of Camp Christian (Marysville)

March 30th

Guest Pastor
Rev. Allen Harris

9:00AM
Camp Fun and Info
ALL ages

Join us on Camp Sunday as we lift up and celebrate our camp ministries plus learn more about camp opportunities for this summer. All ages are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am where we will sing camp songs, hear from past campers, receive your camp registration packets, and get an update on the CCIO Financial Campaign. Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle for \$50 off of one camp registration. During worship at 10a.m., we will sing worship songs used at camp vespers, collect a noisy offering to support Camp Christian, and listen to a

touching Moment of Awe. We are thrilled that our Regional Minister, Rev. Allen V. Harris, will be with us for the day and will share the message during worship. **Put on a favorite camp/FCC-Z/faith t-shirt and join us for a very special morning!**

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 23

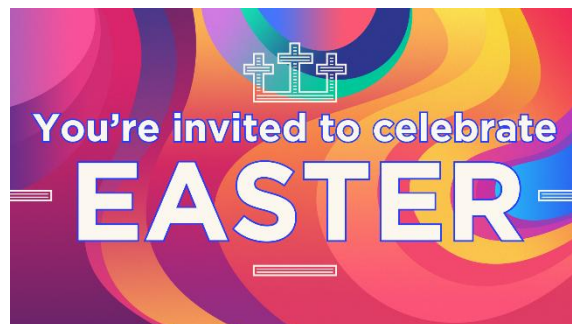
It's Easter – Jesus has risen from the dead!
Make your plans now to join in the celebrations:

Sunday (4/20):

- 7:30AM Sunrise Worship around the fire pit in Spangler Memorial Park
- 8:15AM Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:15AM Easter Party in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:00AM Easter Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary

Wednesday (4/23):

- 1:00PM Easter Worship Celebration in the Chapel – Rev. Philip H. Hunt preaching



Invite someone to join us as we celebrate the greatest event ever! Bring them and allow the radical hospitality at FCC-Z to embrace them with God's love for all people.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday



The holiest week of the year begins on April 13 with Palm Sunday. On this day, we remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will have a palm parade around the outside of the building complete with drums and the shouting of hosannas. Gather in the playground at 9:40. We will have doughnuts to eat and palms to wave. If you do not wish to join the parade, you can stand in the front with palms and enter the sanctuary with them. Another option is waiting in the sanctuary with your palm and join in as the parade enters.

On Maundy (Holy) Thursday, April 17 at 6PM join others in our faith community in the Fellowship Hall for a carry-in dinner (chicken provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share). We will share a meal together and then remember Jesus' Last Supper with communion around our tables. The evening

will then transition to a meaningful Tenebrae worship which remembers Jesus' crucifixion and death.

For Good Friday, April 18, you are invited to participate in a Prayer Vigil. People of the faith community commit to praying for 30-minutes sometime during the hours following Maundy Thursday – Tenebrae until evening on Friday. Participants are supplied with prayer list and prayer prompts. The Chapel will be open for prayer Friday 9AM – 6PM for prayer. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office.

Invite someone to join you for these events and allow the radical hospitality at FCC-Z to embrace them with God's love for all people.

APRIL WORSHIP

During April, we continue our Lenten journey "Seeking Awe & Wonder", walk with Jesus during Holy Week, celebrate Easter, and give thanks for our wonderful creation. Invite someone to come with you and allow the radical hospitality at FCC-Z to embrace them with God's love for all people.

April 6: *Lent 5*

Theme: Connection/Community

Psalm 149, Matthew 4:23-25

Focus: The powerful wonder of togetherness

April 13: *Palm Sunday – Lent 6*

Theme: Self-Giving

Psalm 118, Luke 19:28-40

Focus: Beginning of Jesus awe-inspiring steps to the cross.

April 17: *Maundy Thursday*

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper and Crucifixion

6PM Carry-in Dinner followed by communion and Tenebrae worship.

April 20: *Easter Sunday*

Christ is Alive!

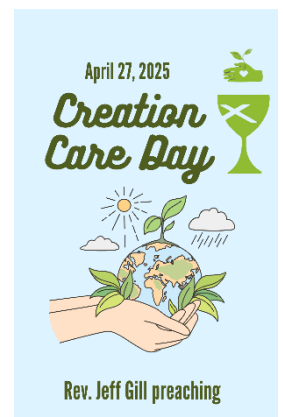
Luke 24:1-12

April 27: *Creation Care Sunday*

Rev. Jeff Gill preaching

The Green Chalice

Committee has invited the Citizens Climate Lobby to share information.



"IF NOT NOW, WHEN? IF NOT YOU, WHO?"

The Christian Church in Ohio Regional Ministry Center Financial Campaign

If Not now, When? If Not You, Who? is a transformative financial campaign uniting the Christian Church in Ohio to invest in the future of our faith community, especially Camp Christian. After enduring challenging years of uncertainty, our churches are renewed in faith, gratitude, and hope, embracing this moment to build on our momentum. Together, we can strengthen our churches and nurture future generations through this bold endeavor. Just as past campaigns created cherished facilities like the dining hall and cabin clusters at Camp Christian, this is your opportunity to make a lasting impact. Join us in this inspiring mission to ensure a vibrant future for our churches and their members—because the time is now, and the call is ours to answer. Rev. Allen V. Harris, Regional Church Pastor and President, will provide information and answer questions during the 9a.m. hour on Sunday, March 30. If you would like to give online, you can do so by clicking [here](#) and selecting the icon that matches the one on the left. If you want to learn more, click [here](#) for the campaign webpage.



WHAT'S UP WITH THE BOARD?

The FCC-Z Board met on Thursday, March 13. As we continue to live out our mission and vision the Board made the following decisions:

Old Business: Approved having RDI install air conditioning for the Multi-Purpose rooms and Pairs and Spares classroom. Costs will be covered by Kingdom Builders capital campaign funds.

New Business: Approved members to fill the following committees: Nomination, Constitution Review, and Walking Path. Approved the purchase of new water fountains with water bottle dispensers. Costs will be covered by a generous donation from members of the congregation. *Update: water stations have been purchased and will be installed early April.*

THANK YOU



Dear Pastor Roe and friends at First Christian Church,

The generosity of the members and friends at your vibrant church is inspiring – placing you in the top 100 donor congregations. Your gifts have touched the lives of people you may never meet – and whose thanks you may not hear, but we know the power of your compassion brings hope to many in very tangible ways. As an outreach focused congregation you know we serve together as the body of Christ to care for one another. Thank you for leading the way.

with grateful blessings, Judi Frost, Week of Compassion Board of Stewards

LIBRARY BOOK THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Crowe, Kelsey. There is no good card for this: What to say and do when life is scary, awful, and unfair to people you love. 2017. Call number: 155.9 CRO

We all want to support others experiencing grief, illness, or a tough situation. These authors help us find language and actions that comfort and show our concern.



OUTREACH APRIL 2025 UPDATE

Outreach Donations Made

At the last Outreach Committee meeting, the decision was made to send donation checks to two organizations in Zanesville using funds from the FCC-Z Outreach Fund. These represent some of your offerings at work within the Zanesville community.

- [Community Cupboard](#) at Grace Church received \$4,000. The Community Cupboard provides Muskingum County residents personal hygiene and household cleaning essentials.
- Muskingum County Hunger Network received \$4,000. The Hunger Network is a non-profit made up of 15 local food pantries & 4 hot meal programs.

Gracious Givers 2025

In February, we are collecting peanut butter for Eastside Community Ministries.

Month	Organization	Item Collected
March	Avondale Youth Center	Easter basket "Stuffers"
April	ZCS	Cereal
May	Zanesville Civic League	Granola Bars

Christ's Table 2025:

FCC-Z next serves on May 24th. Rick Griffin will be the coordinator. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Upcoming dates are:

Date	Coordinator
May 24	Rick Griffin
July 19	Lisa Tice
September 20	Christy McCandlish
November 22	Kris Hawk



ALL PRO DAD'S BREAKFAST

Our next All Pro Dad's Breakfast will be on April 15th at John McIntire Elementary. We are looking forward to leading dads and their kids! If you would like to volunteer at the breakfast, please see Kim Paul or Pastor Laureen for details.





There are so many exciting things happening at First Christian Church this month. Easter egg hunt, Palm Sunday, Easter, & Earth Sunday.

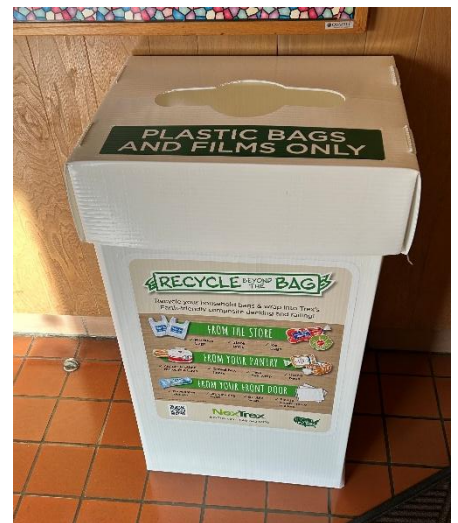
Earth Sunday? What is that?

It's the day we've chosen to celebrate, honor, & renew our commitment to Mother Earth, this wonderful home that God has given us. This years observance will be on April 27th, the Sunday after Easter, & 5 days after Earth Day on April 22nd.

Join us at the 9:00 hour for a program led by Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL), the climate advocacy group that meets at the church. There will be brief talks and plenty of time for questions and discussion. The CCL folks will also have a display in the Narthex. Pick up some literature, chat with a volunteer, and learn what you can do for the climate!

RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC

Lori Buchanan is collecting plastic bags and wraps for the Muskingum County Women's Democrat Club. The bags from the store, cereal bag, toilet tissue wrap, plastic wrap, bubble wrap from mailers, etc. It is really any plastic that you can stretch with your fingers. The group needs 1,000 pounds to make a Trex Bench. These lasting benches are placed in our community at local parks. This will impact our environment as these bags are kept out of landfills. The box is located across from the kitchen. Lori appreciates the partnership of the Green Chalice Committee and our church to help the environment. Thank you.





EASTER EGG HUNT

All elementary age children and younger are invited to join us as we hunt for eggs, hear the Easter Story, and share cookies and fellowship. All children in attendance will also take home a free gift. This annual event is open to the community. ***Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for this fun event!***

Donations of wrapped candy (no hard candy) will be accepted through April 6th. We will stuff 3,000 eggs, so we appreciate your generous donations! Thank you for making this annual tradition a community event that everyone looks forward to!

If you would like to help as a Greeter at the event, please sign up on the bulletin board.

EASTER PARTY

Everyone is invited to join us for an Easter Party at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will make Resurrection Rolls and enjoy intergenerational fun.

Help us plan by using the QR Code or [this link](#) to RSVP.





GRADUATION SUNDAY
JUNE 1ST

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

We will be honoring all of our graduates on Sunday, June 1st in worship service. Also that day a lunch for the graduates and their families will be hosted by the Christian Education Committee following worship. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone together as a church family. If you have a family member graduating from high school or college this spring, please call the church office and let us know so that we can send them an invitation to the lunch.





CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

In the Children Worship and Wonder room, volunteers create a space for children to talk to God, listen to God, and hear the stories of God in ways that are meaningful and engaging to them. It is a sacred and beautiful form of worship and a privilege to have the opportunity to share it with our youngest disciples. If you would like to find out more about serving as a Greeter or Storyteller in the Children Worship and Wonder room, contact Kim Paul.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need **you** to help make this VBS experience possible for our kiddos! To let us know how you would like to help you can use this link, [VBS Volunteer](#) or the QR code. If you have any questions, please see Kim Paul or Kari Ward.

VBS Registration for children begins May 1st!

VBS- June 16-20



Use the QR Code to
Volunteer



SUMMER AT CAMP CHRISTIAN



March 30th promises to be a joyful celebration of all the ministry that takes place through the gifts and programming of Camp Christian. We look forward to spending the morning with Regional Church Pastor and President, Rev. Allen V. Harris for sharing the message in worship. Registration packets are available to everyone who is with us in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour. If you family are unable to be there, registration packets will be dropped in the mail the following day. More information about the Camp Christian schedule and camps can be found by going to www.ccinoh.com.

Kim Paul is happy to answer any questions you or your family have about camp. So that we can take advantage of the Early Bird Rates, **all forms and your share of the registration fees are due to Kim Paul by Sunday, April 20th.** Checks should be made out to First Christian Church.

EASTER IN FIVE LETTERS



April

Sun

Mon



























Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 7pm Worship Team Meeting	2 1pm Worship  7pm Christian Education Meeting 	3 6pm Property Committee 	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 Pastor's Class  3-4:30pm Youth Group  4-5:30pm	7 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg  Spangler Memorial	8 7pm Elder's Meeting 	9 1pm Worship 	10 10:00am Needle Workers 	11	12 Egg Hunt 11am 
13 Pastor's Class  3-4:30pm Youth Group  4-5:30pm	14 6:30pm 4-H  6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg  Spangler Memorial	15  ALL PRO DAD. 7am All-Pro Dad's Breakfast 11:30am Pairs & Spares @ Pizza Cottage	16 1pm Worship 	17 10:00am Needle Workers  6pm 	18 8am-4pm Head Start Fellowship Hall 	19 9am Climate Lobby Meeting 
20 7:30am Sunrise Service  Youth Group  4-5:30pm	21 12Noon Newsletter Deadline	22	23 1pm Worship 	24 10:00am Needle Workers 	25	26 8-9am Men's Breakfast 
27 Youth Group  4-5:30pm	28 12Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg	29	30 Newsletter Publication			



2025 Schedules



Date	Greeters	Elders		Worship Leaders	Deacons	Pew Crew
		Offering	Communion			
Apr						
6th	Virgil & Sandy Untied	Ellen Dagneau	Beth Fineran	Lori Ryan-Griffin	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox
13th	Ellen Dagneau & Norma Jardine	Lori Buchanan	Connie Coleman	Amy Wilson	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox
20th	Cato & Marcia Coleman	Anne Blood	Bill Factor	Valencia Clark	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox
27th	Suzann & Tim Wilson	Jason Kehrberg	Joan Barr	Kari Ward	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox

Happy Birthday to:

Kathi Heins	April 1
Deborah Granberg	April 1
Susan Kimberly	April 1
Janet Spragg	April 1
Remington Kyes	April 1
Gary McGuire	April 2
Luke Morrow	April 2
Dale Newlon	April 2
Fritzi Gibson	April 5
Barbara Cornell	April 6
Judy Lear	April 7
Brent Glass	April 7
Joyce Dittmar	April 8 *
Matt McCandlish	April 9
Hannah Beardmore	April 9
Chris Devoll	April 10
Alivia Beardmore	April 11
Tim Remster	April 12
Ana Kehrberg	April 12
Leisa Centers	April 13
Bethany McCarthy	April 13
Jared Fouch	April 13
Betty Wilson	April 15
Gayla Smith	April 15
Melanie Mast	April 16
Jason Kehrberg	April 16
Lucy Robison	April 16
Penny Higgins	April 18
Greg Rhodes	April 18
Jacque Ford	April 19
Saundra Pritchard	April 19
Rebecca Cooper	April 20
Nancy Morrow	April 20
Larry Paul	April 20
Judy Gorsky	April 21 *
Bob Fouch	April 21
Sharon Bauer	April 21
Danielle Christy	April 23
Doris Ross	April 23
Lori Buchanan	April 23
Kyle Thorn	April 25
Mike Whitson	April 26
Heather Near	April 27
Callie Buchanan	April 27
Beverly Dick	April 30



Happy Anniversary to:

Mickey & Genette Spragg	April 7
Brian & Heather Untied	April 10
Dave & Pat Spragg	April 11
Dale & Leigh Newlon	April 17
John & Peggy Moon	April 22
John & Susan Grubbs	April 29

* Homebound

Special Birthday this month:

Joyce Dittmar celebrates her 95th birthday on April 8. Her address is The Helen Purcell Home, 1854 Norwood Blvd., Rm. 20, Zanesville, OH 43701

Judy Gorsky celebrates her 85th birthday on April 21. Her address is 5353 Branscom Blvd. Westerville, OH 43081

Doris Ross celebrates her 91st birthday on April 23. Her address is 2980 Greenpointe Way, Zanesville, OH 43701- 1421



Your Special Day

We typically list special birthdays as 80, 85, 90, and each year thereafter. We list anniversaries at 50, 60, 70, etc. However, we are happy to share your special day whenever it is; just let us know.

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