



THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER



First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

fccmaryvillemo.com

March 14, 2024



Welcome, Peggy!

We welcome Peggy Dowis on board as our new custodian.

Peggy lives in Maryville and is a mother of two sons, Jaried and Tanner, and a grandmother of one grandson, Easton. She enjoys sewing, cooking, baking, refinishing furniture, working in her flowers and walking. She also has two mini Auzzies (heavy on the mini!) named Callie and Nellie.

If you drop by and see Peggy, please let her know how much we appreciate having her on our team.

Are you ready to join the team?

We're looking for people who are ready to make connections and lead with the Spirit to join our team.

Use your voice to bring the Call to Worship alive and raise a prayer to bring us into readiness for worship.

Tell your story of how God has worked in your life at the communion table.

Put your interpersonal gifts to work alongside our staff to smooth relations as a part of Personnel.

Learn and love with kids of all ages as we discover Jesus' teachings in Christian Education.

At FCC you can find a place to belong where ministry and mission go hand-in-hand.

Let's Learn Together

Do you have a heart for children? Do you love to learn about God's word? Well you're just who we're looking for.

We need caring, curious leaders who want to learn alongside our young people in Sunday School and in the nursery during worship time. If you feel Spirit-led and creative, feel free to design your own lesson plan. If you'd like some help or have no clue where to begin, check in with Pastor Gina and she can give you some ideas.



Come join the team and lead the way by contacting the church office by phone or email today!

Keeping in touch with our church families



Sunday Mornings

Last Supper Leftovers
Sunday School Class
9 a.m. Room 106

Children's Sunday School
(K-4th Grade)
Youth Sunday School
(5th - 12th)
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Downstairs

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Monthly Worship Attendance

Feb. 18.....60	March 3.....76
Feb. 25.....57	March 10.....64

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Our Community Prayer List...

John Praiswater
Pastor Terry Robinson
Karla Parman
Emily McLain
Kay Davison

Bob Colville
Waylon DeFreece
Shelly Green
Troy Green

In Sympathy...

The family of Roger Totten

Active Duty...

Josh Carpenter
Kevin Schluter
Jimmy Costello

Sam Ferguson
Craig O'Brien



2024 Dates and Hostesses

Circle of Joy, our Women's Fellowship group,
Meets on the first Monday of the month
At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
unless otherwise noted

Please contact hostesses to RSVP

April 8	Sue Schenkel @ Oak Pointe
May 6	Betty Praiswater, Linda Davison
June 3	Joann Espey
July 1	Restaurant
Aug 5	Lenda Kling, Carol Peters
Sept 2	Linda Davison, Betty Praiswater

Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

Anita Dew
Organist

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Deena Poynter
Music Director

Peggy Dowis
Custodian

Easter Flowers

Deadline has been extended...

We have extended the deadline for ordering Easter potted plants to March 22.

You can purchase them in memory or in honor of a loved one or simply because you want to celebrate the beauty of Easter. The following are what will be available:



- Single stemmed Easter Lilies \$18.00
- Double stemmed Easter lilies \$45.00
- Begonias \$16.25
- Kalanchoes \$16.25
- Mums \$14.25
- Asiatic Lilies \$16.25
- Azaleas \$35.00
- Hydrangeas \$29.50
- Tulips \$13.50

You can email your order to officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com or call the office (660-214-3414). Or use this form <https://forms.gle/Dk5GiFCBtDhpyua68> to submit your order. Please have your order and payment into the office by March 22.

Who's on sound?

Have you ever wondered who the bright young people in our sound booth Sunday morning are? Meet Kendric and Chloe.

Kendric is a second year student at Northwest studying theatre tech and design. He specializes in audio engineering and lighting!

Chloe is a second year at Northwest pursuing a B.S. Theatre: Technical Design with a minor in Audio Production. She specializes in audio engineering and has enjoyed working as a master electrician on countless productions!

These two fabulous students give up their Sunday-morning sleep-in time from all their hard studying to make it possible for us to hear what's going on during the service both in-person and online and we are super grateful for their stellar assistance.

To show our appreciation, we'll be giving them a love offering in a couple of weeks. If you'd like to show your appreciation, please drop your contribution off in the office or put it in an envelop marked Sound Booth Techs and place it in the Sunday offering.



Help Us Name Our New Ministry

In the midst of our building revitalization project, we discovered a need in the community for a place to house gently used furniture and household items for people in need. With that, God brought us both an abundance of furnishings and the people who needed them. As the ministry has grown, so has our vision of what it will be and we are working toward a ribbon cutting ceremony in April. This new ministry is such a blessing to our wider community that we can't just let it remain nameless, so we are asking for your help to choose the perfect name by voting on these top choices:

*The Giving
Tree*

*Generosity
Junction*

*Second Chance
Furnishings*

Votes may be cast by email, <https://forms.gle/bHkrUHiAtkCGDRaW9>, or our Facebook group poll (https://bit.ly/the_unnamed_ministry). Voting will end March 22.

LOOK WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT FCC

Unsung Heroes Appreciation Dinner: Sanitation & Recycling Crews



Unsung Heroes Appreciation Dinner: Big Brothers/Big Sisters



Church and Community Book Giveaway



Young Adult Social Event



Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



Have you heard that phrase there are great things on the horizon? Sometimes I use that phrase when I have that feeling! Do you know that feeling? It's the one that rises up when you're moving on an upward trajectory and even though you don't have all the details, you just know something amazing is going to take place. So, what do you do when something is on the horizon? Do you pace anxiously waiting for it, do you allow yourself to fall into doubt and worry causing a little self-sabotage, or do you wait in the stillness? The season of Lent is a time where we are journeying towards something on the horizon. As we proceed along this journey, we spend time waiting. This space of waiting isn't a time to check out and say call me when anything big happens. This is a time to prepare. This is a time to continue moving forward by praying, meditating, serving, and having joyful anticipation. Ask yourself, what can I do during this season of Lent to prepare. Ask the Spirit to reveal to you places that you can grow. Write down some questions that you may be processing (writing can be a great release) and do some self-development along with soul care. As I did these things myself, I reflected on my own journey and recognized areas that I needed to re-evaluate, take action, and even remove off my plate. It's important that we remember that waiting for what's on the horizon is not just about what happens when we get there, it's also about who we are becoming in the process of getting there! That's where a beautiful unfoldment leads to a glorious destination of celebration.

Blessed to Wait with You,

Gina ❤️

Isaiah 40:31

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



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MARYVILLE, MO

**Invite your
neighborhood!**

*Pick up your
Easter
yard sign
Today!*

**start your
journey
with us**

*Palm Sunday Contemporary Service
Mar 31 10:30 am*

*Maundy Thursday/Good Friday
Mar 28 6:30 pm*

*Easter Sunday
Mar 31 10:30 am*