



THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER




First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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A Ministry of 

The Giving Tree

We are excited to announce that our furniture and household goods ministry now has a name: The Giving Tree.

What started as wanting to fill a need that was expressed at a Maryville Chamber meeting for somewhere to house furniture and household items for people in need in the community, has grown into a reality. Outreach/Evangelism discussed filling the need nearly a month ago and decided it was a great idea since we have the space downstairs we're not using for anything else at the moment. No sooner had they made that decision than we had our first client and an overwhelming response with donations from individuals and a local hotel.

Outreach/Evangelism has designated room 18 for household items and room 20 for furniture.

So far we've given away several couches, tables and beds. We've also started a Facebook group to

post photos of what's available and to get more community involvement.

Thank you to everyone who participated in voting. We are working toward setting designated hours for people to "shop" and donate. Presently clients are required to arrange for themselves a way to transport what they are taking. Anyone who wants to donate items must call or email us first, so we can verify the need of the item before we house it, and all items must be gently used or new. It is also the responsibility of the donor to arrange for delivery of the items.

In order to make this blessing grow, we need three or four volunteers to help us steer this ministry in the best direction and a few people who would be able to volunteer an hour or two per month to help clients pick up on site or drop off. We may schedule times for donation pick up and item delivery in the future, but as of now we are not offering this option.

If you're feeling inspired to jump in and help, then let us know. You can call the office (660-214-3414), send an email (officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com), or message us on Facebook.

We're also planning an upcoming date for our official ribbon cutting, so watch for more details to come.



Keeping in touch with our church families

Our Community Prayer List...

John Praiswater
Karla Parman
Emily McLain
Kay Davison
Bob Colville
Waylon DeFreece

Shelly Green
Troy Green
Kay Thomson
Dave Win

In Sympathy...

The family of Terry Robinson

Active Duty...

Josh Carpenter
Kevin Schluter
Jimmy Costello

Sam Ferguson
Craig O'Brien

Prayer List Guidelines...

Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks unless we receive an update requesting to be left on. Please let us know what your request is and if we can share it with others. Contact the pastor or the church office at 660-214-3414 or officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com with prayer requests.



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

March 17.....43	March 31.....82
March 24.....60	April 761

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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

May 6	Betty Praiswater, Linda Davison
June 3	Joann Espey
July 1	Restaurant
Aug 5	Lenda Kling, Carol Peters

Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

Anita Dew
Organist

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Deena Poynter
Music Director

Peggy Dowis
Custodian

Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

So many of us are familiar with the phrases, "you/they should have known better." Sometimes we may even turn that on ourselves and say, "I should have known better." And that leads me to saying, "says who?" It's easy to look at people and make judgments on where they should be in life, their understandings, beliefs, practices, etc. based on some measuring stick that we are carrying around. Why do we do that? Is it because we have felt as if we have been judged and measured that way so we think it's okay to determine how fast people should get to certain awareness of life? Or is it because we are so caught up in the status of where we are that we want others to be there? Regardless of the reason, this is a habit that we need to release. People will do things, say things, and think things that we are just boggled by and so do we. We can try to set standards on where people should be in life but not everyone is at the same place. We need to not only accept people where they're at, we need to trust where we are along the path as well. Yes, challenges may arise in which we think there is one perfect answer and there is...the answer to every challenge we face is LOVE. I can hear Jesus on the cross and I think the soldiers should have known better. How were they alive and present in that day and still not have the awareness of who Jesus was and the significance of the work he was trying to do? And then it hits me, how many times has a message or an opportunity passed by me because I wasn't open enough to receive it? It's okay. Sometimes we think we miss what was intended in that moment, when actually we received exactly what we were supposed to. There's a process to becoming enlightened and it's for our protection. We don't move forward until the entirety of the lesson is learned. The soldiers did not know their own divinity and place in God's kingdom nor did they know who they were opposing. It doesn't mean a seed wasn't planted and a lesson was taught.

I've done some thinking over the past weeks around this phrase, "meet people where they're at so they will want to be where you're at." That's a bold statement that causes me to think, where am I at and what do I have to teach and offer that people would want to seek after. However, if we approach everyone and everything with the mindset of I see where you are, I accept where you are and I want to share with you what I have. And on the other side, we too have room for growth. If we believe others are looking at us the same way, then we too can be seen, accepted and taught. Then we can start to bridge the gaps. We are all where we need to be and the way to move forward is one step at a time without judgment of ourselves or others.

As I reflect again on Jesus on the cross, I see the divinity in the human experience...Jesus stood in a place of being accused and punished as the soldiers stood in a place of unawareness. However, it did not limit Jesus in his ability to love. It's just moments later, where Jesus had a very human moment of forgetting as he cried out, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani (My God, my God, for what have you forsaken me)?" God never departed from Jesus yet for a moment Jesus' expression was as if he believed he was forsaken. He should have known better, right? We may not read in the Bible how the Spirit responded to Jesus in that moment. We may not feel the weight of the realization that Jesus came to as he knew what he was about to do. However, we do know that he was exactly where he was supposed to be and so were the soldiers. His crucifixion in all its perceived pain and brutality was still beautiful. The soldiers in all their perceived cruel actions and lack of awareness were still beautiful. When we look at Jesus can we recognize that in some cases we will get caught up in the perception that we/others are not as far along as we would like and the truth is everyone is exactly where they need to be? It's not a race of who will get there first, it's a recognition and remembrance that we are already there. Jesus' cry out on the cross wasn't him saying forgive them as if there was separation and he was clearing the path to heaven. Jesus' cry on the cross was a beautiful lesson of acceptance and love!

Living Resurrected,

Gina ❤️



Graduation Luncheon

April 21 @ 11:30 am

Whether it's from high school or college, we would like to honor our graduates with a luncheon, so mark the date on your calendar and join us for a celebration!

Student Employee Supervisor of the Year



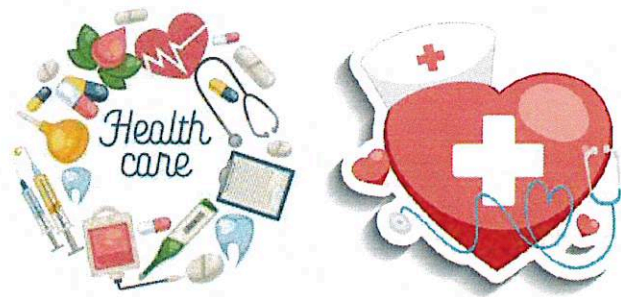
Terry Immel

"While I have trained and worked alongside many supervisors across the country, only Terry has instilled in me the belief that I can pursue any path in life. She has witnessed first-hand the racial struggles I have overcome as a student and has been present for my highest and lowest of days. As a student who doesn't have family support, I appreciate every lesson Terry has provided on being an adult and persevering through the challenges of everyday life. Over the past three years at Northwest, I have witnessed her patience, kindness and professionalism with every student and faculty member at our school. Terry is a trailblazer on our campus, consistently going above and beyond for organizations, clubs, events, meetings, and more."

Women's Luncheon

April 28 @ 11:30 am





National Healthcare Decisions Day

On April 16, 2024, from 1:30-3:30pm Parkdale Manor Health and Rehabilitation, 814 W South Ave will hold a free Advance Directives/Durable Power of Attorney event in conjunction with Mosaic Life Care Hospice.

What is National Healthcare Decisions Day? It's a day that educates and empowers the public and healthcare providers to take part in important advanced care planning.

In the absence of an advanced directive/DPOA, medical personnel rely on family members to determine what a patient's wishes might be. Family members often struggle to make these difficult decisions. However, many of these difficult decisions can be avoided with advanced planning.

Parkdale Manor and Mosaic Hospice are working together to ensure the availability of the information, opportunity, and access needed to document health care decisions.

While advance care planning seems like a difficult discussion, the alternative leaves family members struggling to make the decision for you. Completing an advanced directive removes the burden from our loved ones.

USED BOOK SALE

April 17-19

10 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Sat. April 20

\$5 /SACK DAY

10 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Mon. April 22

Free Leftovers

10 A.M.-5:30 P.M.



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Public Library

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**ATTN:
MARYVILLE
CITY WIDE
YARD SALES
ARE
SAT, MAY 4TH**



All money raised goes
directly to the Shelter
Fire Recovery Fund

THE NEW NODAWAY
humane
society



5TH ANNUAL
PARS FORE PAWS
GOLF TOURNAMENT

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE NEW NODAWAY HUMANE SOCIETY

Save the Date!

New Location for 2024!
Mozingo Lake Golf Course
We are excited to grow!

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
What: 4-person scramble
When: 1:30 p.m. shotgun start



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 201 WEST THIRD STREET
 MARYVILLE MO 64468
 Return Service Requested






Join 4th Children's Division in raising awareness!! Show your support at Maryville Public Safety at 10 am, April 5th.

If you can't attend, please do something to promote awareness in our community.



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 Instagram and Facebook 


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Team Meeting

April 16
5:30 pm

Vision
with action can change the world



Is your info up-to-date?

It's easy and only takes a few minutes. You can call or email to update your information or you can update it in the member app or on the member website.

Need some help figuring it out? Go to <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/1295-how-members-submit-updates-to-their-information> for more information or contact Virginia in the office at 660-214-3414.