



THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER



First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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Lent Outreach Appreciation Lunch



We have begun our Appreciation Lunches and Dinners for our Nodaway County Unsung Heroes, beginning with the congregation

and community on Feb. 14. Upcoming dinner groups will be:

- Feb. 28 from 6-7 pm for Sanitation/Recycling owners and staff
- March 6 from 6-7 pm for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which includes Bigs, Littles and staff

We are currently working to schedule one more before Easter. If you have time available, join us for these dinners to let our heroes know how much we appreciate what they do.

Spring cleaning

We are cleaning house March 3 - 9 and would love for you to join us in our efforts to revitalize our spaces. If you'd like to jump in and help, please sign up for a time on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center or contact the main office. Thank you!

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

We are moving forward with so many exciting projects aimed at revitalizing our spaces from spring cleaning to creating new spaces for new ministries, how could we not add one more?

After acquiring several bids to increase the insulation in the attic of the education building, the Property Team has selected one that will not only effectively do the job, but is at a very reasonable cost. We will be able to check off one more project that will rejuvenate our church space and be good stewards with our finances by balancing out the cost of insulating our building with a lower energy bill.

To fund this important project, the Property Team is looking into acquiring funds through grants and energy efficiency programs, as well as from funds we have on hand. However, this is a large undertaking and we would love for everyone to feel like they are a part of improving our space, so if you feel led by the Spirit to make a love offering towards the project, it will be appreciated.

FCC Free Book Giveaway
Congregation only
March 3
11:30 am-12:30 pm

Community Wide
March 4
9 am - 12 pm
4 - 7 pm

Some items will be available for sale, but most are free. Free-will offerings are appreciated, but not expected.

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

Jan. 21.....60 Feb. 4.....78
Jan. 28.....52 Feb. 11.....57

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Our Community Prayer List...

John Praiswater
Pastor Terry Robinson
Karla Parman
Emily McLain
Kay Davison
Bob Colville

Waylon DeFreece
Sam Ferguson
Phil Poynter
Marsha Bell
Donato Chestnut

Active Duty...

Josh Carpenter
Kevin Schluter
Jimmy Costello

Sam Ferguson
Craig O'Brien

Seeing Our Stewardship

January 2024

	General Fund		
Beginning Balance	\$	14,872.70	
Income	\$	21,331.91	
Expenses	\$	25,900.36	
Ending Balance	\$	10,343.51	
	Missions		
Beginning Balance	\$	9,599.16	
Income	\$	2,192.94	
Expenses	\$	3,042.00	
Ending Balance	\$	8,750.10	

Thank you, Merlin & Kay

We want to say "Thank you" to Merlin and Kay Atkins who have served our community for many years as the church custodians. We wish you the best on this new phase of your lives.

Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

Anita Dew
Organist

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Deena Poynter
Music Director

**We're
hiring**

We have an opening for a part-time custodian, 15 hours per week. For more information, please call the main office (660) 214-3414 or email fccmaryvillemo@gmail.com.

To apply, send resume to:
First Christian Church
201 W. 3rd St.
Maryville, MO 64468

Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



Lent is the time when Christ-Followers reflect on the variety of places in their life where they can grow spiritually. It's a time of coming to terms with emotions and shortcomings that might be holding us back from becoming who God calls us to be. Lent's 40 days of reflection should take on new meaning for you. Let this be a time where you recognize all you have come through and how each moment even in times of uncertainty brought great lessons and blessings. Each path we walk on leads us to a new place.

We are in a new year with great possibilities and opportunities. It's a great time to reflect on what we can do to expand our awareness and shift into a beautiful new place. I want to challenge you in this season to think of the Master Teacher who gave up everything, served others, was rejected by his own people, and was abandoned in his greatest hour of need, yet still rose to a resurrection of His greatest self! Take advantage of any spare time you have each day to sit in the stillness, recognize the Spirit that is you and embrace what it means to live resurrected just as Christ did.

Living Resurrected,

Gina ❤️

The "Best Kept Secret" in Town

When's the last time you invited someone to church???

According to a study, "only 2% of church members invite a single unchurched person to church each year." This means 98% of church-goers never extend an invitation to anyone within a calendar year. 98 out of every 100 people in your congregation are keeping this great experience and community to themselves.

Imagine what a difference it makes if we brought that number to 3% or even 4%. People are yearning for community and a place to feel welcome. If you believe this is a place to experience that, then change the 2% and make it a point to invite someone to church!



