

February 2024

Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



First Christian Church

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Family Ministry Nacho Average Trivia Night

We had a small but mighty and very smart group come out to enjoy nachos and trivia on Sunday Jan 28th at our Family Ministry "Nacho Average Trivia" event! Everyone enjoyed nachos with plenty of toppings and we even had caramel apple nachos! We had 5 rounds of trivia, with questions ranging from "What color is a giraffe's tongue, to "Where was Moses born" to "Who is the highest paid MLB player in 2024". We had some great competition between teams and families and fun was had by all! Thank you to everyone who attended!



LECTIO LENTEN SUPPER

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7PM DURING LENT

yummy dinner.
prayerful Bible exploration.
satisfying discussion.

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14
Worship @7pm
Lectio Lenten Supper @5:30pm

Because God's love is meant to be shared



LENT DEVOTIONALS

Located
upstairs in
the Narthex

Steve Mason: Pastor
Jessa Wenger: Office Coordinator
Email: contact@cantonfcc.org



Rick Coulter: Building Supervisor
John Davis: Director of Music
Gretchen Fuller: Organist

Is it just me, or is the year, already flying by? Maybe it's just the déjà vu of Chiefs vs. the 49ers in the Super Bowl or the prospects of another Trump vs. Biden election, but my sense of time has gotten all screwed up. Because it seems like just yesterday we took down Christmas decorations and yet, today, I'm writing to invite you to celebrate Lent, the season of preparing for Easter, with FCC. This year our theme is *Easter: the Story Continues as the Journey Begins*. Similar to our Advent that reminded us the story of Christmas continues in our lives, so too, the story of Easter continues in us as we journey with Jesus. To help us journey, we have a few tools to support and guide you.

One of the most valuable tools to enrich our journey is our daily devotional. This year, our devotion comes from our denomination's publishing house, Chalice Press. It's entitled *Rest & Resilience* and each week you'll read about different scriptures and the spiritual practices that accompany them. Our Sunday morning worship will overlap with some of the scriptures and the week's practice. You also might notice that the authors are pastors in our tradition who are Bethany Fellows or alumni, including myself! The Bethany Fellows are a ministry partner FCC financially supports whose mission is to serve congregations by helping young pastors transition from seminary to sustained ministry. It's a joy to share this with you in hopes that it makes this season special to you.

Back, by popular demand, are mid-week gatherings that build on our theme and text. This year, we'll have Lectio Lenten Suppers, Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7, when we will join together with some soup and fellowship before praying through scripture in the ancient practice of lectio divina. It's something you have to experience! And you might be wondering, well, when is Lent? Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th (that's right, Valentine's Day). We'll have the Lectio Lenten Supper at 5:30 and worship will begin at 7. Ash Wednesday is one of the most moving and special moments of worship in the liturgical calendar, so I hope you don't miss out. Lent continues through Maundy Thursday, March 28, and Good Friday, March 29 (both of which have worship at 7), and we'll celebrate the resurrection of hope on Easter morning March 31st!

So, between our worship, our Lectio suppers, the special worship opportunities and the chances to give back and support our neighbors through our Outreach drive events, I hope your Lenten journey will help you live the sentiment that : *the Story Continues as the Journey Begins*.

Pastor Steve



FCC FAMILY MINISTRY PRESENTS

30

44

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO!

SUNDAY FEB 18TH 6PM

Bring a new or gently used item(s) to use as BINGO prizes, one man's trash is another man's treasure! We will have snacks and drinks too!!!

GET YOUR SKATES READY!

FCC FAMILY MINISTRY AT SKATELAND

ALL AGES WELCOME- BRING A FRIEND! JOIN US FOR SKATING, GAMES, CONCESSION OR JUST COME TO SOCIALIZE AND RELIVE THOSE GLORY DAYS!

Sunday March 3rd 2024
2-4PM

SKATE RENTAL AND ADMISSION IS COVERED BY FCC

Open Your Heart and Donate to Love, Inc



The Outreach Committee will be collecting donations of items below through Feb 28th.

- HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUCH AS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DEODORANT SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- BAR'S OF SOAP
- BOTTLES OF LIQUID SOAP
- PACKAGES OF CLEANSING WIPES
- TOILET PAPER
- KLEENEX
- CLEANAING ITEMS: PAPER TOWELS
- DISH WASHING SOAP
- MULTI PURPOSE CLEANING SPRAY

Spring 2024: Scholarship Recipients

Addison Allard

Lexie Shaw

Katie Smith



Jake Miller

Belle Hardy



Jaiden Walters

Jake Smith

“ Congrats and have a great semester! We wish you the best! ”



Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.
Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.
Watch, like and share!



GIFTS TO LIVE ON

SPECIAL OFFERING | February 18-25, 2024

Week of Compassion  FOR 80 YEARS



Week of Compassion

Through the Week of Compassion, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers compassionate ministry to a variety of emergencies and other situations throughout the United States and the world. The Week of Compassion special offering is being taken through the entire month of February, but you can contribute any time. Thanks for your support of this life giving ministry. Find out more information at weekofcompassion.org

Hey kiddos!

Join the cool kids at
Children's Church

using the new *Whirl*
curriculum
ages 4-5th grade
right after the children's message



Whirl



Feb. 18th Congregational Vote

On Feb 18, immediately following worship, we'll be voting on changes that the board has proposed to our congregation's constitution in order to more accurately reflect our church's structure. If you would like to see the specific proposed changes, there is a copy for viewing in the Narthex and copies to take home in the office.

SAFE KIDS TRAINING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS WORKING W/ CHILDREN & YOUTH

Do you want to volunteer in any children's or youth ministries? If you'd like to help with things like children's church, VBS, nursery or youth group, you must go through training every 3 years.

We have scheduled a Safe Kids Training to take place on Sunday March 3rd immediately after worship in room 205 (directly beside the upstairs elevator). If you'd prefer to attend online, we will also have it on Facebook Live. You will need to comment at the start of the video & complete the paperwork separately.

We have not offered training in over 3 years, therefore everyone needs to go through training again. Please try to attend this meeting either in person or virtually!

If you have not gone through FCC's Safe Kids before, you also need to complete the free, one-hour online Mandated Reporter Training (<https://mr.dcfstraining.org>) before our in-person session and send the certificate to Jessa in the church office.

Thanks for your dedication to helping us be a safe and welcoming church for our kids to grow in their faith journey!



2024 SUMMER CAMP

Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center



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June

09 10 11 12 13 14 15
CYF *Completed grades 9-12*

16 17 18 19 You & Me <i>Completed grades K-5 + adult(s)</i>	20 21 22 Beginners <i>Completed grades K-3*</i>
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23 24 25 26 27 28 29
JYF *Completed grades 3*-5*

June July

30 01 02 03 04 05 06
Chi-Rho *Completed grades 6-8*

**3rd graders may attend either Beginners or JYF Camp*

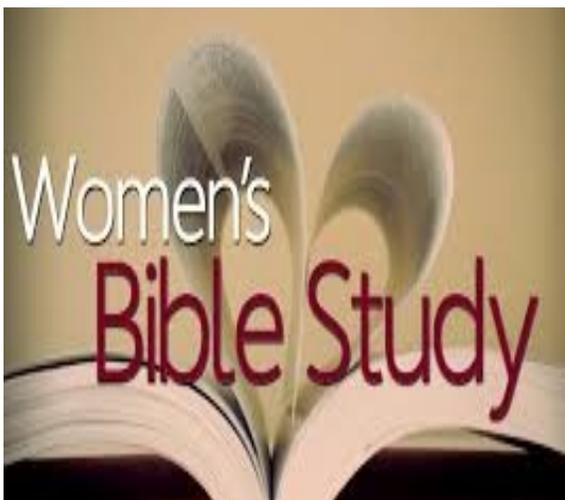
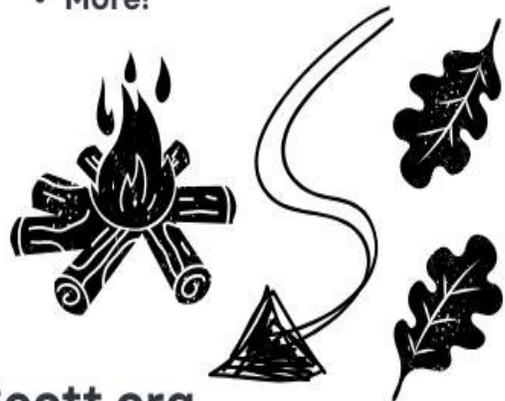
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SAVE THE DATE CORE YOUTH CAMPS

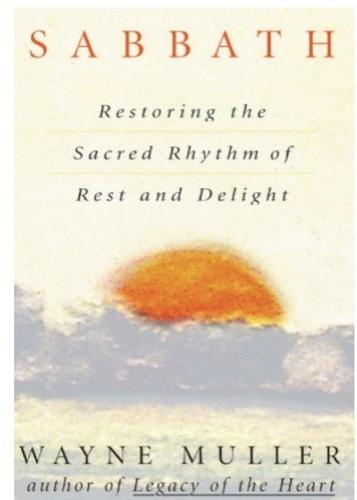


Connect with us to learn about these and additional opportunities

- Family Camps
- Work Days
- Young Adult Camp
- Themed Weekend Camps
- More!



Come join the women of G.E.M.S. **Thursdays at 10am** as they study Wayne Muller's book "Sabbath" about restoring the sacred rhythm of rest and delight.



Prayer Request

Please Pray For:

Sarah & Tas in their work at Salvation Army and for all of those w/o safe housing; Sid Smith while hospitalized (Lyn Snowman's uncle); Gracie (Marilee Casper's great-granddaughter); Margaret Wright; Liz Pollitt; Blaine Hardy (deployed overseas); Evelyn Hicks; Joyce & Zack Norris; Steve Fisher (diagnostic procedures); Those battling with cancer: Bev Lynch (friend of Daryle Coleman), Lloyd Leezer (Marla Hedden's brother), Jessica Mayall (Sandy Foutch's niece), Tony Long, Ava Leitze, Eli McLaren (Josh Kemper's friend); The Stephenson family on SueEllen's transplant recuperation; Steve Moore; Tracy Snowman; Cora Murphey

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates: Margaret Wright; David & Bea Meeker

At Sunset: Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

At Renaissance Care Center: Angie Slater; Shirley Harris

February Birthdays

Neville Crossland	Feb 1
Shirley Taylor	Feb 1
Daryle Coleman	Feb 2
Sherry Hardy	Feb 2
Lexie Shaw	Feb 4
Nathan Bloyd	Feb 5
Chris Walters	Feb 10
Isaac Mason	Feb 12
Brenda Dilts	Feb. 13
Marsha Moore	Feb 19
Derek Schrodt	Feb 21
Olivia Walters	Feb 21
Jaiden Walters	Feb 22
Wesley Wenger	Feb 24
Jo Potter Keen	Feb 25
Bruce Edwards	Feb 27

BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

February Anniversaries

Mark & Marla Reneau	Feb. 12
Larry & Eugenia Warden	Feb. 23
Tyson & Amy Smith	Feb. 26

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

2/4/2024		2/11/2024	
Scripture	Matt. 28: 16-20	Scripture	Mark 9: 2-10
Greeters	Vinnie Cufaude	Greeters	Bruce & Jean Edwards
Ushers	Dick VanRossem	Ushers	Marilee Casper
CtW Video	Video	CtW Reader	Tammy Weaver
Scripture Reader	Hailey Bryant	Scripture Reader	Bill Leitze
Children's Moment	Jen Miller	Children's Moment	Rhonda Morgan
Children's Church	Lyn Snowman & Addy Dominski	Children's Church	Rhonda Morgan & Jen Miller
Invitation	Tammy Weaver	Invitation	Mike Krulac
Prayer	Bruce Edwards	Prayer	Brian Spiva
Deacons (prepare)	Shawn & Lyn/ Shane & Chris	Deacons (prepare)	Allen & Eugenia/ TBD
Counters	Tammy Weaver/Bruce Edwards	Counters	Don Heller/Kevin Coleman
Coffee Fellowship	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan	Coffee Fellowship	Caitlin Mason
2/18/2024		2/25/2024	
Scripture	Mark 4: 35-41	Scripture	Luke 10: 38-42
Greeters	Chuck & Denise Jarvis	Greeters	Tad & Amy Allard
Ushers	Liz Clark	Ushers	Liz Pollitt
CtW Video	None	CtW Reader	None
Scripture Reader	Tammy Weaver	Scripture Reader	Maddie Bryant
Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva	Children's Moment	Grant Stephenson
Children's Church	Jean & Bruce Edwards	Children's Church	Daryle & Alan Coleman
Invitation	Caitlin Mason	Invitation	Chuck Taylor
Prayer	Daryle Coleman	Prayer	Alan Coleman
Deacons (prepare)	Jake & Carisa/ Janet & Zack	Deacons (prepare)	Judy & Susan/ Corey & Mark T
Counters	Daryle Coleman/ Vinnie Cufaude	Counters	Alan Coleman/Chuck Taylor
Coffee Fellowship	Don Powell & Maida Williams	Coffee Fellowship	Michelle Spiva

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	5 Elder's Meeting 6:30PM	6	7 Choir Practice 7PM	8 G.E.M.S. 10AM	9	10
11 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:30AM	12 Worship Meeting 6PM	13 Outreach Meeting 6PM	14 Finance Meeting 6PM Choir Practice 7PM	15 G.E.M.S. 10AM	16	17 Leader- ship retreat 8-4pm FH
18 Worship 9:00AM Cong. Vote after Worship Bible Study 10:30AM FMN: White Elephant BINGO 6pm	19 Christian Ed. Meeting 6PM Cabinet Meeting 7PM	20 Outreach Meeting 5PM Newsletter Deadline	21 Choir Practice 7PM	22 G.E.M.S. 10AM	23	24
25 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	26 Property Meeting 4PM	27	28 Last Day for Love Inc. Donations Choir Practice 7PM	29 G.E.M.S. 10AM		