

**March 2023**

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



# First Christian Church

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The worship committee is excited to announce that Deacons are now serving communion. You can participate in one of 3 ways:

- bring your own communion elements
- use the pre-packaged elements still in the narthex and pew racks
- Receive the elements from the trays

The Deacons will walk between the rows to serve you. You will not need to pass the trays. Please take the bread as you are served then take a cup and hold it so we can all drink the cup together.

If you choose not to be served by the Deacons just hold up a hand or signal as they pass in front of you. We hope that our return to the service of communion will lead us to a wonderful and meaningful communion experience.

## Welcome our new Office Coordinator

**Jessa Tompkins** is our new Office Coordinator. She started the last week of February as we said goodbye and thank you to outgoing Coordinator, Emily Douglas. Emily and her husband Jason are relocating to Burlington, IA for his job and we wish them both success and happiness!

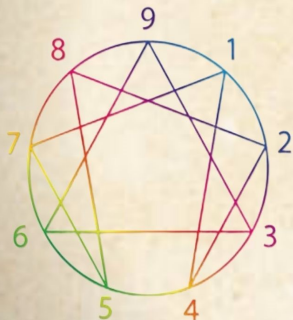


We are thrilled to have Jessa in this position—she was unanimously called by the personnel committee and board. Jessa brings administrative and financial skills from the Fulton County Courthouse, history as a brand ambassador and sales representative, as well as a sparkling personality and can-do attitude!

You might also remember that she and her fiancé, Wes, joined the church recently and they are getting married at FCC this October! And while we hope you get to know her soon, we appreciate your patience as we transition her into this important position for our church!

## ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY:

Wednesdays in Lent 5:30-7PM



**Group study with videos, discussion and dinner provided. Participant guidebook required.**

**\$20 recommended donation**

Starting March 1, you can deepen your Enneagram Journey at our group study. Get your guidebook from the office now. You'll finish this journey with a better understanding of who God made you to be and how to better love others.

To make the journey easy for all to participate—and much tastier!—Judy Kemper is preparing a culinary "Trip Around the World" by providing meals for each session. The meals are free of charge and books are \$20.

**Steve Mason:** Pastor  
**Jessa Tompkins:** Office Coordinator  
**Email:** [contact@cantonfcc.org](mailto:contact@cantonfcc.org)



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

Some people's favorite religious holiday is Christmas—I know that's my kids! Many people love the springtime joy and new life of Easter. I love both of those. Lots of good food and fun celebrations. Maybe there's somebody out there really jazzed about Pentecost or some other holy day, but for me, my favorite Christian holiday is Ash Wednesday.

Favorite might not even be the best word, but it's the day that is always puts me on a roller coaster of a gut punch, makes me tear up and makes me stop thinking about church as much as it makes me feel so deeply grateful and reliant on the Living God! That's Ash Wednesday to me—a holy day of experiencing the great gift and terrifying truth of our mortality and what Jesus means to our lives.

If you have no idea what I mean, maybe it's just a pastor thing. Maybe you should join me—seriously, let me know if you want to—but it's both the most humbling gift and some of the hardest thing to one-by-one look at people you love and remind them that they're gonna die. This Ash Wednesday I put ashes on someone whose sister had died that morning, others who have had close calls with health this year, others living with terminal illnesses. I'll never forget Ash Wednesday of 2014 when I put ashes on Isaac's 3-week-old head and said aloud that someday he would die. Those words got stuck in the back of my throat. This year, Isaac, threw his arms around me before he received his ashes and I hope to live up to that embrace.

Some people even have the kind audacity when I put the cross on their head to say, "thank you." I don't know if that's just really nice, polite people who want to say something in response, but all I can say in response is "amen"—may it be so with my soul. "You're welcome" just wouldn't seem to cut it. I do try and gently squeeze a shoulder without getting drippy, oily ashes on someone's nice clothes—but I feel we all need some gentle touches of love and affirmation with such a raw and real day.

One young man, came up but before receiving ashes, his mom, leaned past his shoulder and said, "he's afraid." I thought, "wise kid." And so I showed him the bowl of ashes, I looked him in the eyes, and he nodded, before I slowly and gently made the cross and repeated those words, "remember you are human. From dust you came and to dust you will return." It really is a scary thing that we say in Ash Wednesday, that despite all our attempts, our diets, our wealth, our workout regimens, no matter how many glasses of water we drink or our sleep schedules, we're gonna die. But that is also the extravagant grace and gift we receive in Ash Wednesday, because when we put that cross on our heads, we say that we're going to experience the scariest thing we can think of—death—and that Jesus is going to hold us tight and love us and carry us through even that. So we don't have to be afraid of this death or living fully this life.

My prayer is that this Lent as we come face-to-face with ourselves, as we seek to better "Know Thyself" that we can trust Jesus goes with us into all the hard places, that we can name them and cover them with a sign of hope, like the cross. That we wear our im-

perfections as a promise of the goodness of God. May this be your "favorite" Lent!

—*Pastor Steve*



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



## Ash Wednesday Begins Lent

The season of Lent, leading us Easter, began Feb 22nd on a rainy evening for the 7pm worship. About 45 participants received ashes on their forehead to symbolize



God's unbreakable love in Jesus even in the midst of our fragile mortality. Another 30 or so joined online in worship. The church sang, read scripture and shared in communal confession (that will continue through the Lenten season) and Pastor Steve reminded the church that as Jesus went into the wilderness to wrestle his demons (Luke 4.1-13) we are invited to do the same during Lent so we can participate in the Easter promise of reconciliation.



This summer, consider representing FCC at the General Assembly, the conference where Disciples gather from across the USA in worship, learning, fellowship and service.

We can send 3 voting representatives, for business sessions, but participation is open to all.

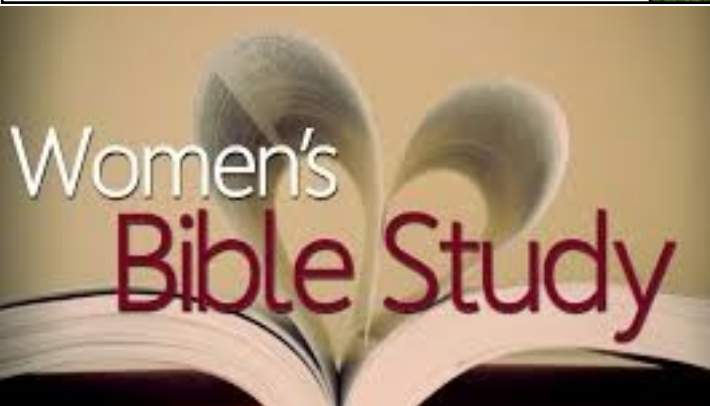
Don't miss out on this life-changing and faith-enhancing opportunity. Financial support is available through the church. Please check out [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org) and speak with Pastor Steve for more information.

**If you're interested, don't delay. Registration prices will soon increase and we want to support you going! ACT NOW!**

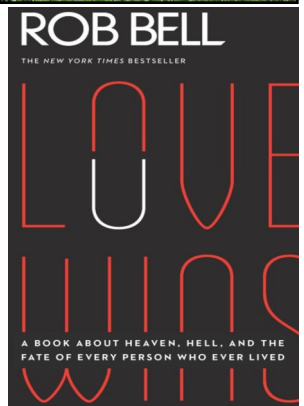
## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

*in Louisville, Kentucky*  
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2023



Come join the women of G.E.M.S. **Thursdays at 10am** as they study Rob Bell's book "Love Wins" about heaven, hell and God's eternal love.



## What is a Legacy Gift?

At the February 19<sup>th</sup> worship service, the Finance Committee announced its intention to advocate for and emphasize Legacy Giving this year.

This is a new and different initiative that has not been presented to our congregation for decades. This year each month in our newsletter a topic concerning Legacy Giving will be shared.

What is a Legacy Gift? It is a love gift. It is a gift in response to the many blessings you and your family have received here. It is a gift to the church that expresses your commitment to our church's mission in Canton for the generations to come.

It is a planned Legacy (end-of-life) gift that can be received by the church in many ways. The most common method is in the form of your will. In the future months we will be providing educational information on estate planning which will include various ways to give a Legacy Gift.

We will also be partnering with the Christian Church Foundation in Indianapolis. This is where we already have our funds invested, including our current Living Legacy funds. They have a program called The Mentoring Model. It is a relationship-based way to invite, educate and encourage us to plan an end-of-life gift. There is no arm twisting or guilt involved, just letting everyone know of their opportunity to bless this church in the future.

So be looking forward to hearing about this new initiative through various forms of communications in 2023. May God bless this effort and our church.

—Don Heller, on behalf of the Finance Committee

Leave a  
Legacy



## CAMP WALTER SCOTT

### 2023 SCHEDULE

- Jun 2-4 **Creation Care Camp**  
*Open to all Families*
- Jun 11-17 **CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship)**  
*Completed grades 9th to 12th*
- Jun 18-21 **You & Me\***  
*Completed grades K to 5th & Adult(s)*
- Jun 22-24 **Beginners Camp**  
*Completed grades K to 3rd\*\**
- Jun 25-Jul 1 **JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)**  
*Completed grades 3rd\*\* to 5th*
- Jul 2-8 **Chi Rho**  
*Completed grades 6th to 8th*

\*Formerly known as Grandparents & Me.

\*\*Campers who have completed 3rd grade may attend either Beginners Camp or JYF Camp.

### YOUNG ADULT GLAMPING WEEKEND

**Jul 21-23**

*For adults ages 18-30. Formerly known as Post High Camp*

### FAMILY CAMPS

**May 25-29**

*Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp*

**Aug 31 - Sep 4**

*Labor Day Weekend Family Camp*



## WORK DAYS AT CAMP WALTER SCOTT

Jun 4-10

### Handy Persons Skills Camp

*Groups and individuals are welcome to attend all days or any portion of the work week.*

*Formerly known as Camp Acts.*

Saturday Work Days

**APR 15, MAY 13, SEP 16, NOV 4**

## REGISTRATION & DETAILS

Visit [www.CampWalterScott.org](http://www.CampWalterScott.org)

to access online registration, camp costs, COVID information, and additional information about our camping programs. Dates subject to change. Registration opens mid February, 2023 and closes 2 weeks prior to the beginning of each camp.

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## FCC Outreach Committee News!



# Mission Spotlight

**Love, Inc.** is our Mission Spotlight for March. Love In the Name of Christ (INC) works to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.

Love INC meets unmet needs and provides emergency assistance for residents of Fulton County. They offer financial assistance as well as household items, toiletries and even furniture. Their all-volunteer staff include some FCC members. While you can donate or volunteer with them anytime, throughout the month of March FCC will be collecting new and gently used bath towels and any size bed sheets.

Bring yours to the communion table!

Help the Outreach Committee make someone's winter a little warmer this November! We know that many of our congregation members are talented and love to sew, crochet, knit, and craft! We are asking for donations of "lap size blankets" (quilted, crocheted, knit, tie blankets) to hand out to local nursing homes and care facilities this November, as part of our outreach ministry.

If you would like to make a blanket to donate, bring donations to the church office from March—Oct. We will also be collecting donations of fleece material (lap blanket size), that can be used to make "tie blankets" at a family ministry night event in November, these will also be donated to care facilities. Help us make someone's winter a little warmer and let them know that someone cares about them!

Questions? Contact Amy Allard.



## FAMILY MINISTRY NIGHT ICE CREAM SUNDAES AND RESURRECTION GARDENS



**Sunday Mar 26th**

**6pm**

**First Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall**

Join us to make your own resurrection garden! bring your favorite ice cream topping, we will provide ice cream for sundaes! all ages, everyone invited! please rsvp to church office by mar 22nd



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Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**  
Joyful **SERVICE**  
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**PALM SUNDAY MEAL**

**April 2, 2023**

**CANTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**215 W ELM ST**

Starts at **11am through 12:30pm**  
Dine In and Carry Out at FCC or  
Delivery

To make reservations or request  
delivery, **please call Jan at**  
**309-226-3296**

Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls,  
& Cake!!





### Please Continue To Pray For:

Eleanor (daughter of Larry Lefferts); Mike Smith (son of Allen Smith); Family & Friends of Tom Neill upon his death; Family & Friends of Vivian Lefferts upon her death; Family & Friends of Brian Wheeler (son of Karen Wheeler) upon his death; Family & Friends of Curtis Krock upon his death; Jax (friend of Jan Dearing); Cathey (friend of Keith M.); Bill Kemper; Steve Moore; Betty Tracey and Family; Elaine Putrich with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Harriett Schleich; Tracy Snowman; Kay Bricker; Cora Murphey; SueEllen Stephenson; Crystal Grabel (Denny D's niece); Allard Family; Sarah Eskridge (friend of Alan Coleman); Melody with breast cancer (friend of Daryle Coleman); Brenda Lybarger (Melissa Dean's mom); Gretchen Beaty (friend of Sherry Hardy); Blaine Hardy; David Maier (friend of Marsha)

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jan Dearing	March 1
John Osborne	March 1
Dennis Doubet	March 11
Eric Jarvis	March 12
Mark Reneau	March 12
Mark Taylor	March 12
Elizabeth Clark	March 13
Ron Rupe	March 14
Maralee Wright	March 14
Derek Spiva	March 15
Cydni Bell	March 19
Bonnie Harn	March 21
Don Heller	March 24
John Davis	March 26
Scott Snowman	March 26
Wanda Carmack	March 27
Amanda Schrodt	March 28
Michelle Spiva	March 29

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen & Mareigh Snowman	March 3
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### Care Facilities:

#### At Courtyard Estates

Mildred Weber; Margaret Wright

#### At Sunset

Lori Bieber; Ed Ford

#### At Renaissance Care Center

Angie Slater; Shirley Harris

## Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

<b>March 5, 2023 - John, the Beloved Disciple</b>		<b>March 12, 2023 - The Achiever: Jacob</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 9:43b-55	<b>Scripture</b>	Genesis 32.24-32
<b>Greeters</b>	Alan & Daryle Coleman	<b>Greeters</b>	Darryl & Kim Schrodt
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce & Jean Edwards	<b>Ushers</b>	Mark & Laura Taylor
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Randy Weaver	<b>CtW Video</b>	Video
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Tammy Weaver	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Eugenia Warden
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Judy Kemper	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Michelle Spiva
<b>Children's Church</b>	Amy & Tad Allard	<b>Children's Church</b>	Darryl & Kim Schrodt
<b>Invitation</b>	Mike Krulac	<b>Invitation</b>	Caitlin Mason
<b>Prayer</b>	Kevin Dearing	<b>Prayer</b>	Tammy Weaver
<b>Deacons</b>	Grant/Amanda & Eugenia/ TBA	<b>Deacons</b>	Chuck/Denise & Zack/Janet K.
<b>Counters</b>	Don Heller & Caitlin Mason	<b>Counters</b>	Bruce Edwards & Alan Coleman
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Susan & Jaiden Walters	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Jean & Bruce Edwards
<b>March 19, 2023 - The Romantic: Joseph</b>		<b>March 26, 2023 - The Rich Ruler</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Gen. 37:1-8	<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 19.16-22
<b>Greeters</b>	Susan Perez	<b>Greeters</b>	Marsha Moore
<b>Ushers</b>	Corey & Jen Miller	<b>Ushers</b>	Pheobe Raker
<b>CtW Reader</b>	Tammy Weaver	<b>CtW Video</b>	Video
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Diane Schrodt	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Amanda Stephenson
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Grant Stephenson	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Amy Allard
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jen Miller & Family	<b>Children's Church</b>	Janet Krulac & Eugenia Warden
<b>Invitation</b>	Daryle Coleman	<b>Invitation</b>	Alan Coleman
<b>Prayer</b>	Doreen Shaw	<b>Prayer</b>	Mike Krulac
<b>Deacons</b>	Mark/Corey & Judy/Susan	<b>Deacons</b>	Brian/Michelle & Tad/Amy
<b>Counters</b>	Alan Coleman & Tammy Weaver	<b>Counters</b>	Kevin Coleman & Don Heller
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Don & Connie Heller	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Tammy Weaver

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Enneagram Group in FH - 5:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>2</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Room 104	<b>6</b> Elders Meeting 6:30 P.M. CE Committee Meet-	<b>7</b> Outreach Meeting 5:00 P.M.	<b>8</b> Enneagram Group in FH - 5:30 P.M. Finance Meeting 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>9</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Room 104	<b>13</b> Worship Meeting 6:00 P.M.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Minutes Packet Deadline Enneagram Group in FH - 5:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>16</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M. Newsletter Deadline	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Room 104	<b>20</b> Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	<b>21</b> Card Club 2:00 P.M.	<b>22</b> Enneagram Group in FH - 5:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>23</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Room 104 Resurrection Garden & Ice Cream FMN 6PM	<b>27</b> Property Committee Meeting 4:00 P.M.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Enneagram Group in FH - 5:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>30</b> G.E.M.S. Room 104 10:00 A.M.	<b>31</b>	