

The Marshall Christian

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April 2015

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

April 5

Elders:

Kris Milliron
Madelyn Cox

Deacons :

Chris Layton
Shirley Schultz
Phoebe Jones
Roberta Reed

April 12 & 19

Elders:

Fred Hartley
Tim Clemens

Deacons:

Amber VanDyke
John McGraw
Annette Miles
Jim Merchant
Lisa Merchant

April 26 & May 3

Elders:

Julie Hoffelmeyer
John Anson

Deacons:

Nancy Jackson
Tim Boedeker
Linda Crews
Carolyn Buck
Amanda McCord

Outside Communion:

April 12

Ken Bryant
Loretta Green

April 26

Marshall Krause
Luane Miller

“Welcome to Easter”

Since Ash Wednesday on February 18, we have been living through the season of Lent, the weeks that lead us to Easter Sunday. The final week of the Lenten season will be filled with many opportunities for us individually and as a church family to make the most of our time to prepare for the cross and the empty tomb. Separate articles in this newsletter will make you aware of the Cantata by the Chancel Choir, Community Holy Week Service, a Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday’s Prayer Vigil, the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast, and more.

Easter Sunday, the day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, sing the songs of victory over death, and hear the story of the empty tomb, will be here on April 5. It is the day when some of us will gather to watch the sun slowly come up in the east during a sunrise service. It is a day filled with traditions for families and for the church. Girls wear beautiful spring dresses, boys are convinced to clean up and even dress up a bit, and ladies can be seen sporting new hats. Signs of new life surround us in the plants, trees, grass and animal kingdom. Lilies and white vestments fill the sanctuary where baptisms will take place at the 10:00 service.

I welcome you to Easter...not only the day of Easter Sunday but the season of Easter. Like the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Lent, Easter has its season. It is a season of fifty days, beginning on Easter Sunday and

ending on Pentecost Sunday, this year on May 24. The theme for worship during the season of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Many of the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary will focus on the appearances of Jesus between his resurrection and the day he ascends to heaven.



Every Sunday of the year, however, is also a day of celebrating the resurrection. Each Lord’s Day brings with it the recognition that Christ is alive in the world today and active in the hearts and lives of all Christians. So, let’s celebrate Easter Sunday with all the joy and happiness it deserves, but realize that Easter is also a specific season of the church, and a never ending season of our lives.

In God's Grip, Loy

If you would like to remember a loved one with an Easter Lily this year, please have them in the office no later than April 3rd.



Holy Week Community Service

On Tuesday, March 31, the Community Holy Week Worship Service will be held at Family Worship Center on Drake Road. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., and Rev. Dan Festa of Covenant Presbyterian Church will bring the message.

April Anniversaries & Birthdays



- 1– Alisa Smith
- 3– Buddy Hannaford
- 6– Calista Schupp
- 7– Brennan Sullivan
Marty Yoder
- 8– Angela Igo
- 9– Justin Joliff
- 10– Andrew Pointer
- 12– Jaxon Clemens
Kris Milliron
- 14– Amanda Thomason
William Heuman
Cheyenne Lawson
- 15– Joan Marsh
- 16– Virginia Heymeyer
Loyd Pannell
- 17– Spencer Fricke

- 17– Brody Kueker
- 18– Tiffany Thornton
- 20– Kaitlyn Seigreid
- 24– George Fletcher
Phil Perkins
- 27– Joel Schultz
- 28– Annette Miles
Shirley Meuschke
- 29– Megan Halsey
- 30– Gary Malan

Anniversaries

- 5– David & Janice Kueker
- 8– Tim & Gwen Clemens
- 18– Chris & Debbie Arnett
- 22– Jeff & Kim Dryer
- 26– Tyler & Shannon Clemens

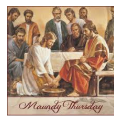
The youth groups have just finished their spring fundraiser, selling Kansas Maid frozen pastries. They have several extra pastries that we are offering for sale to the congregation – we have cherry, cream cheese, and strawberry/cream cheese filled bread braids at \$13 each. Contact Kris Milliron to purchase, and thank you for your support!

Allie Barton to speak on April 12

We welcome back Allie Barton to make a short presentation to the congregation at both worship services on April 12. She will be traveling to Japan for eight weeks this summer with a ministry team of eight other students from the University of Missouri for a cross-cultural mission trip called Project Japan. She needs to raise almost \$5,000 for the trip and will be seeking our financial support as well as our prayers.

Maundy Thursday Service on April 2

Join us for a meaningful Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be led by the extended chancel choir and will lead us through the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples and to the story of his arrest. The service will lead us into the weekend of Christ's passion with the sharing of communion. If you saw this reenactment last year, bring someone to share it with you this year.



Good Friday Prayer Vigil

The chapel will be open on Good Friday, April 3, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for anyone to come in and pray. Sheets will be available for prayer starters including suggested people, church programs or ministries, etc. to include in your prayers. Communion will also be available. An elder from the congregation will be available nearby throughout the twelve hour vigil for anyone wishing to share prayer requests. Please take time during this holy day to come to pray in remembrance of Christ's death on the cross.

Easter Sunrise Service and Fellowship Breakfast

A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 5 in the Sun Room. The worship will begin at 6:45. Come join us as we welcome the sun and the resurrected Son on Easter. A breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall beginning at 7:30. Tickets for the breakfast are now being sold by members of the fellowship committee and through the office.



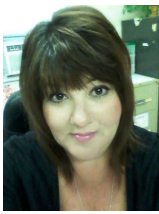
Youth Sunday/BBQ Luncheon & Cake Auction

The youth groups of FCC will be conducting a Youth Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. on April 26th. At 11:30am, the youth will be hosting a BBQ luncheon and cake auction in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon will be accepting free-will donations. Each of the cakes will be prepared by the youth who are attending church camp and/or the C.R.Y. Festival this summer. All proceeds from these events will be used to offset the camp registration fees for the youth and their families. Please come support our Youth Ministry Program and help send a child to church camp this summer!!

On Sunday, April 5th, the movie "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. The movie is rated R due to graphic violence; permission slips are required for all youth in attendance. Contact Kris Milliron for more information.



Easter Cantata-March 22nd ferent reasons.



Six years ago last month I entered the doors of FCC as the new Director of Music. I was a bit nervous of how to run a music program. My first official Worship Committee meeting, help a few weeks after I arrived, gave me insight to how much I had to learn- I was expected to put together a Cantata for Easter! After listening to the conversation for a few minutes about when it would take place, what time, and what else would go along with the service, I found the strength to raise my shaky voice, and asked very timidly, "What is a Cantata?". Eyes turned my way, and I could see a few looks that seemed to say, "what have we gotten ourselves in to with this one?". I was approached by Donna Smith after the meeting, and she assured me we would get through it, and she would help me. She did. I did. We all did. This year the struggles were still there, but for dif-

Our choir has slowly decreased in size over the course of time. I myself have seen the decline in the few years that I have been music director. Finding music to fit the size of choir that we have is always a challenge, and on special occasions such as Easter and Christmas it becomes harder yet as we strive to pull off Cantatas. But once again this year, some of our "stand bys" came through to help us. We also received help with a few outside voices. Together, we created a group that met the challenge put before them. we are very pleased to perform for you, this coming Sunday, April 29th, a new Cantata that praises our Lord and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us. I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend, and listen to a group of voices that have found in their hearts, a way to blend voices, new and old, so that we may present you with an Easter Cantata you will not soon forget.

Learning and leaning, Hope

Youth Calendar for April

- Wednesday, April 1st**
Elementary Youth Group 5:00-6:30pm
Stick Ministry practice 6:30-7:00pm
Junior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm
- Thursday, April 2nd**
Youth & Christian Ed. meeting 6:00pm
- Sunday, April 5th**
Senior high youth group 6:30-9:00pm
"The Passion of the Christ" Permission slips required for youth
- Wednesday, April 8th**
Elementary Youth Group 5:00-6:30pm
Stick Ministry practice 6:30-7:00pm
Junior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm
- Sunday, April 12th**
Sr. High Leadership team 6:00-7:00pm
Senior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm
- Wednesday, April 15th**
Elementary Youth Group 5:00-6:30pm
Stick Ministry practice 6:30-7:00pm
Junior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm
Camp/C.R.Y. registrations due
- Friday, 4/17 - Saturday, 4/18**
C.R.Y Cabinet meeting - Springfield
- Sunday, April 19th**
Sr. High Leadership team 6:00-7:00pm
Senior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm
- Wednesday, April 22nd**
Elementary Youth Group 5:00-6:30pm
Stick Ministry practice 6:30-7:00pm
Junior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm
- Saturday, April 25th**
Youth Sunday practice 7:00pm
- Sunday, April 26th**
Youth Sunday service 8:00 & 10:00am
Youth BBQ luncheon and cake auction 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Wednesday, April 29th**
Elementary Youth Group 5:00-6:30pm
Junior high youth group 7:00-8:30pm

Upcoming Sermons

- March 29 "God's Saving Grace in Our Wilderness" @ 8:00 Numbers 21:4-9
(Palm Sunday) CHOIR CANTATA @ 10:00 service
- April 5 "Seeing and Hearing; Knowing and Believing" (Easter Sunday) John 20:1-18
- April 12 "Jesus Comes in Times of Doubt" (2nd Sunday of Easter) John 20:19-31
- April 19 "What It's All About" (3rd Sunday of Easter) Luke 24:36b-48
- April 26 "A Song and a Prayer about Goodness and Mercy" @ 8:00 Psalm 23
(4th Sunday of Easter) YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:00

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Larry Smith

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Judy Morris