

# The Marshall Christian

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NO. IV

April, 2018

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### April 1st

Elders:

Paul Crews  
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck  
Brenda Coffman  
Georganne DeMoss  
Roberta Reed  
Amber VanDyke

### April 8th

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford  
Wayne Buck

Deacons:

Butch Ash  
Vince Buck  
Nancy Jackson  
Ginger McGraw  
John McGraw

### April 22nd & 29th

Elders:

Ken Bryant  
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Carla Fricke  
Missie Kreisel  
Ron Schupp  
Katie Shannon  
Jeff Wise

### *Outside Communion:*

### April 8th

Buddy Hannaford  
Mark Harvey

### April 22nd

Ken Bryant  
Virginia Bryant

### April Worship Leaders:

April 1- Paul Crews  
April 8- Buddy Hannaford  
April 22- Ken Bryant  
April 29- Virginia Bryant

## “The Example of Service”

*Thinking of the message of the Maundy Thursday Service (on March 29) and our upcoming Service Outside the Sanctuary on April 22, my thoughts turn to Christ’s call for us to serve others. Service is one of many different spiritual disciplines, routines, or habits that we can develop within our lives to draw us closer to God. If this discipline has a symbol, I think it would be a towel. Not a hammer or a shovel. Not a broom or a paintbrush. A towel. It goes back to one of the greatest displays of service ever shared.*

*You know the story. Thirteen men gathered in a second story room one evening to share a celebration meal. They were there for a holiday feast. On the table sat the wonderful traditional foods and the wine – all waiting for them. But not everything was ready. Something was wrong. They had been out all day walking in the heat and the dust. Their feet had sweat on them and the dust and dirt caked on their feet, on their ankles, between their toes. The custom at the time was that a servant or the one who had the least standing among those gathered would have the job of washing the feet of all there so that they would be comfortable and clean for their meal.*

*But no servant was near. And among the thirteen, none thought of himself as the least, the lowest, the one below the other twelve. So there they sat, glaring at each other, with their feet filthy, waiting for someone to do what must be done. No one spoke. All waited to be served. Who should have acted? One of the twelve we know less about? Bartholomew? Thaddaeus? Simon? What about Judas Iscariot, the one who would become a traitor later this same day? No, he was the treasurer of the group. The*

*tax collector? One of the fishermen? Who would be the one to serve the others?*

*Then Jesus took a towel and a basin of water and demonstrated greatness through service by washing the feet of the other twelve. After living out the meaning of servant leadership to the twelve, he called them to his way of service, “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13:14-15). Jesus redefined leadership and reoriented us to a new kind of authority. The leadership he demonstrated was not dependent upon his position but on his actions. The authority he spoke of was not an authority to manipulate and control. It was an authority that came from his care and responsibility for others, not from his status. “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant...even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve” (Matthew 10:25-28). The spiritual authority of Jesus in an authority not found in a position or a title, but in a towel. Perhaps our daily prayers should include the plea, “Jesus, bring me someone today that I can serve.”*



In God’s Grip,  
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### **Church Office Hours**

Reminder – the church office is open 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, and an answering machine is available to take messages after hours. You may also contact us via e-mail at [FirstCCof-fice@yahoo.com](mailto:FirstCCof-fice@yahoo.com). The minister’s office hours are 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday and by appointment.

## April Anniversaries & Birthdays

1– Alisa Smith  
 3– Buddy Hannaford  
 6– Calista Schupp  
 7– Brenen Sullivan  
     Marty Yoder  
 8– Angela Igo  
 9– Justin Joliff  
 10– Andrew Pointer  
 12– Jaxon Clemens  
     Kris Milliron  
 14– Amanda Thomason  
     Cheyenne Lawson  
 15– Joan Marsh  
 16– Virginia Heymeyer  
     Loyd Pannell  
 17– Spencer Fricke  
     Brody Kueker  
 18– Tiffany Thornton  
 20– Kaitlyn Seig Reid

24– George Fletcher  
     Phillip Perkins  
 27– Joel Schultz  
 28– Annette Miles  
 29– Megan Halsey  
 30– Gary Malan

## Anniversaries

5– David & Janice Kueker  
 8– Tim & Gwen Clemens  
 18– Chris & Debbie Arnett  
 26– Tyler & Shannon Clemens



## Service Outside the Sanctuary Sunday

*Our next S.O.S. Sunday on April 22 (Earth Day) is only a few weeks away! Please contact the office if you know of anyone we could assist on that day. Sign-up sheets are up in the parlor for volunteers. That Sunday we will begin with a combined, short worship service for everyone at 9:00 a.m., then we will go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we'll meet back at the church for a light fellowship meal.*



## Church Scholarships

First Christian Church offers one or more general scholarships through the Scholarship Committee. Application forms are available through the Church Office and are due back in the church office by April 29. Any high school seniors who are members of the church are encouraged to apply.



## Easter Sunrise Service and Fellowship Breakfast

A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1 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 7:15 for those with tickets.



## Regional Assembly

On-line registration is open at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/regional-assembly-2018/> for our Mid-America Regional Assembly in Hannibal, April 20 and 21 (Friday and Saturday). Most of the events (ten workshops, one 45 minute business session, meals, etc.) will take place at the Quality Inn & Suites in Hannibal, but some worship services will be held at Disciples churches in town. The \$75 registration fee will cover materials, lunches on Friday and Saturday, and a riverboat dinner cruise on Friday night. One-day adult registrations and \$5 registration for the children's program are also available. Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, our General Minister and President will join us both days and will lead the worship on the dinner cruise. This will be a wonderful assembly with some amazing opportunities.

# Read All About It!

## THANK YOU!!!

To the wonderful support and generosity displayed to the Christian Regional Youth (CRY) Leadership team during the weekend of March 23-24<sup>th</sup>. The team spent a long, busy weekend in St. Louis working, serving, protesting, meeting, planning, leading worship, praying, touring, and much more. During our brief moments of downtime, we feasting on chili, hot dogs, breakfast casseroles,

chicken casserole, brownies, cake, banana bread, pizza rolls, and so much more, all donated by you!!

A special thank you to Ginger McGraw, Linda Clark, Linda Crews, Kay Wise, Donna Smith, Virginia Bryant, Cindy Brandt for your wonderful pre-made meals and monetary donations! We are so grateful!!

Kris Milliron & CRY Cabinet Leadership Team

## Missing Umbrella

*Anita Wright is looking for her umbrella, which was left at the Church a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, it is now missing. If you know where it may be, please contact the Church office.*



## April Youth Calendar Events

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Sunday, 4/1      | HAPPY EASTER!! No youth group   |
| Wednesday, 4/4   | Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant<br>Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant  |
| Fri.-Sun., 4/6-8 | Young Christian's Weekend at Silver Dollar City   |
| Sunday, 4/8      | No youth group  |
| Wednesday, 4/11  | Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant<br>Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant  |
| Saturday, 4/14   | Youth Sunday practice, 5pm in FCC Sanctuary   |
| Sunday, 4/15     | YOUTH SUNDAY, 10:00am at FCC, BBQ lunch & cake auction<br>Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC  |
| Wednesday, 4/18  | Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant<br>Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant (Noodle Ball with NWCS)  |
| Saturday, 4/21   | Youth Service Day @ Hundred Acre Woods Riding Center  |
| Sunday, 4/22     | S.O.S. Sunday @ FCC, 9:00am-12pm (including lunch)<br>Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, 1:00pm (followed by snacks at FCC)<br>Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC |
| Tuesday, 4/24    | Youth/Christian Ed. Committee meeting, 7:00pm @ FCC Parlor  |
| Wednesday, 4/25  | Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant<br>Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant  |
| Sunday, 4/29     | Mission trip meeting, 1:00pm @ FCC<br>Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC  |



## Schedule of Events

- 1st Thursday of each month Single Ladies
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th  
Women's Bible Study Group
- 6-9 Young Christians Retreat– Branson
- 11th Board/ Elders Meetings
- 12th Elder's to Boonville 6:00– meet in parking lot at 4:45
- 15th Youth Sunday with fundraiser  
dinner and cake auction
- 16th, 23rd & 30th  
Bells at 11:00
- 17th Lillie Bates 1:30
- 18th & 25th  
Choir Rehearsal 11:00
- 21st Youth Service Day
- 22nd SOS Sunday
- 24th Morning Circle
- 30th Meals on Wheels week begins

## April 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30  |     |     |     |     |     |

## SOS Prep...

Another frozen meal prep in the books for Marshall First Christian Church. 196 frozen meals were made in just a few hours thanks to these lovely ladies, Sherry Shannon, myself, and all of the fine folks who contributed the ingredients. Teamwork at its



best! We will distribute these wonderful meals that Tiffany Thornton organized on our SOS Sunday in April. SOS stands for Service Outside the Sanctuary. We take our Christian faith into our community helping people.

(pictured left to right: Doris Ash, Kay Wise, Virginia Bryant, Linda Crews, Tiffany Thornton, Julie Hofmeyer and Gene Dowell)

## Opportunities on April 12

On Thursday, April 12, our elders will be traveling to First Christian Church in Boonville for the third central Missouri Disciple elders round table. All elders will receive a mailing with further information on this. We will gather at the church at 4:45. Please contact the office if you plan to attend.

That same night a Community Panel on Church Building Security, sponsored by the Marshall Ministerial Alliance, will be held at the Latter Day Saints Building (1000 Apache Drive) at 7:00 p.m. We need some members to attend this.

# CRY Cabinet Had One BUSY Weekend!

The Christian Regional Youth (CRY) leadership team spent a busy weekend in St. Louis leading the Mid-America Region, serving together as one body.

On Friday night, the team gathered in fellowship to paint and create protest signs.

Saturday morning, the youth were invited to lead a brief, pre-march worship service at Compton Heights Christian Church. There, they inspired the congregation through scripture readings, song, and their own personal testimonies on why they felt moved to march. Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, Regional Minister, closed the service with a moving message by our General Minister and President Teresa Hord Owens.

Following the service, the youth joined 15,000 others in the March for Our Lives demonstration and protest. For many, this was their first march; they were awed at the turnout, proud to be part of

this youth-led movement, and passionate about the cause.

After the March and a quick lunch, the team headed to DOORWAYS, a residential facility for individuals living



with HIV/AIDS. What may seem like a daunting encounter to many held no reservations for this

team. They jumped into the community BINGO game with fervor, quickly joining the residents in laughter, friendly competition and fellowship. As the Cathedral Basilica was just around the corner, they stopped by for a tour, a visit with a priest, and a received blessing.

The Cabinet returned to their host church, Webster Groves Christian Church, where they finished their day by planning the 2018 CRY Festival, participating in leadership develop-

ment training, reflecting on the day's events, and planning to lead the Palm Sunday service in the morning.

The youth began the worship service by marching in waving their protest signs from the day before, in a reflection of Jesus' parade of civil disobedience on this Palm Sunday so many years before. Palms were given to the congregation members to join in their Hosannas. The Cabinet youth led the entire worship service, sharing their personal testimonies and reflections during the 'sermon', occasionally tearing up with emotion.

A special thank you to Webster Groves Christian Church, who graciously opened their doors and hosted the Cabinet members for the weekend, and to the congregation of Marshall First Christian Church, who sent along casseroles, meals and monetary donations to feed the Cabinet throughout the weekend.



## Upcoming Sermons...

|          |   |                 |
|----------|---|-----------------|
| April 1  | “The Prank and the Promise” ( <i>Easter Sunday – 8:00</i> )<br>Easter Cantata @ 10:00 | Acts 10:34-43   |
| April 8  | “The Fellowship of Sinners...and Believers”   | 1 John 1:1-10   |
| April 15 | “Pruning and Bearing Fruit” @ 8:00<br>Youth Sunday @ 10:00                            | John 15:1-8     |
| April 22 | “A Step Toward the End of the Earth” ( <i>S.O.S. Sunday</i> )                         | Acts 1:6-8      |
| April 29 | “Praise is the Outcome of Deliverance”  | Psalms 22:25-31 |

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**Music Director–Hope Richards**

**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**

**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,**

**Larry Smith**

**Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant**

**Office Admin.– Hope Richards**

**Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,**

**Judy Morris**