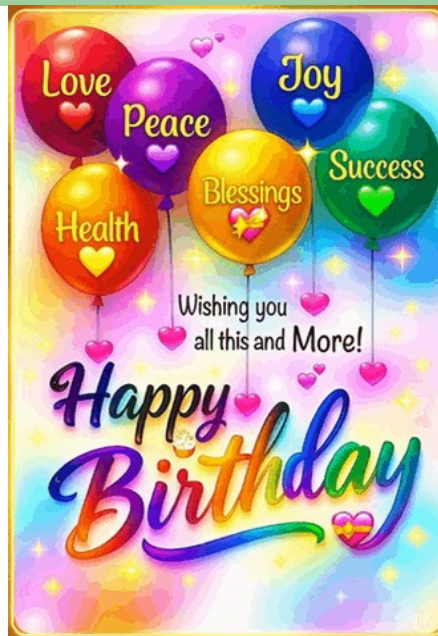


Celebrations

01-Zoe Dryer
 Roberta Reed
 2- Carol Schupp
 4- Andy Rugen
 5- Sawyer Asbury
 7- Vickie Wise
 10- Steve Green
 11- Paisley Breshears
 12- Jeanette Root
 14- Beth LaGore
 15- Elsie Dryer
 22- Alice Barnes
 Ryleigh Halsey
 Lori Layton
 25- Josh Hundley



25- Kyle Naylor
 26- Rhiannon Thompson
 26-David VanHorn
 28-Doyne Alexander
 Mark Harvey
 29-Haley Holmes
 30-Jacob Uhrig
 31-Charles Bentley
 ANNIVERSARIES
 2- Drew & Shirley Jackson
 6- Jeff & Christy Coslet
 20- Jim & Stacey Smith
 21- Bobby & Terry Cobb
 25- Dan & Cindy Brandt
 Jeff & Missie Kreisel

The days are getting longer – a sure sign that Spring is coming, but the groundhog, the almanac, and history say that we have more cold days ahead. Utility bills will continue to climb for a while. The February project *\$One for All* asked FCC members to increase their giving by at least one dollar during February to help with heating bills for our church and our neighbors. The project received \$60 in February. Thank you, donors! We encourage anyone who would still like to contribute to this cause to mark your donation check or envelope with \$One for All or HEET. Mark your calendars for the

OUTREACH



COMMITTEE

Diapers & Donuts Baby Shower to support Baby Grace – a local organization of volunteers that provides weekly bundles of diapers and wipes to families in need in our community. Each bundle of wipes and a dozen diapers costs \$6, and 70-90 babies receive the bundles each week. All the diapers and wipes are provided by donations. Volunteers from many local churches bundle the diapers and wipes and hand them out on Thursday afternoons at the First United Methodist Church.

The Christian Women's Fellowship and the Outreach

Committee will host the diaper shower on Sunday, April 19 before the church service with donuts, coffee, and juice in the FCC Sunroom. FCC members are asked to bring diapers, wipes, or monetary donations and to enjoy fellowship with donuts at 10:00 on April 19. Let's provide happy, dry bottoms to our littlest neighbors!

**CWF will meet in
 the Church Parlor
 at 10:00 AM on
 March 17th.**



March 15th

**FELLOWSHIP
 DINNER**

After Worship Service

Serving corn beef and beef stew, cabbage, green beans and potato casserole. Bring a salad or dessert to share.



The General Board will be March 11th at 6:00 PM. All are invited to attend.



MARCH

First Christian Newsletter

March 2026
Volume LV, Issue III

From the Pastor...

There is an illness (so to speak) racking our city and likely our entire country. This “illness” has been a round for many years but really became an epidemic during the Covid19 pandemic. Loneliness is that illness. Most of us don’t notice this unless we are directly affected. However, if we look closely and pay attention, we will see it in more people that we are comfortable with recognizing. The “illness” is wide spread but, hides in plain sight with those that are alone and lonely. We recognize the aloneness but, not the loneliness. We do not usually even see the lonely that are alone. If you don’t agree with me, go to any Nursing Home and look around. The faces of those in wheelchairs and those walking with other aids will look at you and have a light of hope that you might bring some relief to their real illness, Loneliness.

I know it is hard to see those in such a condition because we have a fear that, “there but for the grace of God go I.”

If we can get beyond these fears, there is a huge sense of satisfaction with bringing a bit of light to their usual darkness of loneliness.

I invite everyone reading this to go and see what a joy it is to visit the lonely.

If we can not yet bring ourselves to go to the a Nursing Home, there are plenty of the lonely in their own homes. Some of the lonely are the homebound of our own congregation. If you find someone that needs another visit, let me know and I will do my best to follow up by the next day. Have love and practice love and you will be blessed.

Randal



Holy Week Services

The Community Holy Week Service will be hosted by our Church on March 3rd. The service will begin at 7:00 PM



Time to be announced in upcoming bulletins.

Ladies Lunch The **Ladies Luncheon** will meet at Montague’s on March 5 at 11:00 AM.