



The Marshall Christian

A Message from our Pastor...

February General Board

meeting will be

On the 7th at 6:00

Meals-On-Wheels
Feb.26-Mar. 1

Please see Ken Bryant if you are able to volunteer.



It feels like spring. At least when I am writing this it feels like spring. Since I do not know weather forecasting, there may be a foot of snow with below zero wind chills as you are reading this.

What I do know is our month of February is filling up quickly. We have Scout Sunday, a baptism, Ash Wednesday, an Ordination, Saint Valentine's day as well as the regular items already on the calendar.

If you are still reading, I would encourage you to attend the Ordination Service for Sharae Kelley. When have you gotten to experience such a thing? Sharae has worked for this event in her ministry for a long time. I am preaching and I have been promised the entire Ordination is an hour or less.

We will all be out in time for the big Super Bowl showdown. We will be out by 3:00 p.m. How much pre game hype can one endure anyway.

After all of that, a few days later, we celebrate St. Valentine's day. We have made the day to be

filled with love, Roses, candy and cards. It seems a far cry from the original where Valentine was killed by arrows for his faith. The young woman was not involved in any physical way. She was con-

nected to him by the love of God given to each.

I think it is all big things when we are talking about the love that we receive from God and the love we then share

with others.

Please take advantage of the many ways to celebrate the love of God and the ministry given to each of us by that love.

Grace, Peace and Love,
Rev. Randal



Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 14th at 6:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary.



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Church Staff

Minister– Rev. Randal DeMasters

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Office Admin.– Hope Richards

Music Director– Hope Richards

Pianists–Hope Richards

Kay Wise

FCC Praise Band -

Elizabeth Cline, Kevin Dryer,

Lori Layton, Joe Palan, Hope

Richards and Kay Wise

February Birthdays

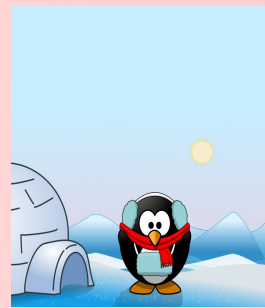


- Schultz
- 4- Sidney Ehrhardt
- 8- Chloe Venable
- 10- Jarid Wise
- 11- Barb Utlaut
- 13- Shala Smith
- 14- BaileeAnn Merchant
- Michelle Porter
- Taylor Scarff
- 15- Trish Fletcher
- 16- Jordan Bishop
- 19- Grace Miles
- 22- Alexander VanDyke
- 23- Maggie Hoffelmeyer

- 23- Jillian Pointer
- Melisa Shannon
- 25- Crete Coslet
- Garrett Green
- 26- Kirby Rugen
- 27- Zach Crews
- 28- Eric Arnett



Join us for Fellowship Dinner on February 18th. The menu will include Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans. We are asking everyone to bring in non-perishable food items for the food pantry.



Church closings due to inclement weather will be announced on KMMO and a One-Call will be sent with as much notice as possible.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me along my faith and ordination journey. I had my last Regional Committee on Ministry meeting at the beginning of January and I am proud to announce that I have been granted the honor of becoming ordained in the Disciples of Christ Church,. It has been a long journey for me and throughout this journey I have learned so much and have met some amazing people who have inspired me on so many levels. I would like to thank the First Christian Church of Marshall for being so open and welcoming to me and giving me the chance to learn and grow within the church and with the members of the church. I would also like to thank the Church for being my sponsoring congregation. I would like to offer an invitation to anyone who would like to attend my ordination ceremony on February 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The service will be held at First Christian Church in Marshall, MO. Again thank you for your support, prayers, and time.

Sharae N Kelley



St. Valentine's Day Word Search

F N K T T T G K I E
G O T K N R T M N L
L L R R I M U I G D
Y O U R A L T S F H
P R A Y S N T S T E
T B N G E R E I E V
R C O L U M W R V O
A D A E O L Q U O B
E V T C W B N S L A
H C T F R O M A L L

Trust
in
God
with
All
Your
Heart

True
Love
Comes
from
Above

Saint Valentine, Pray for Us.



Reaching Out

Do you remember the TV show The A-Team? Colonel “Hannibal” Smith announced in every episode, “I love it when a plan comes together.”

As we emerge from ‘The Season of Asks’, the Outreach Committee sends a BIG thank you to the entire congregation for all the donations of groceries, time, money, hygiene kits, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, Jell-O & pudding, mittens & hats, baked goods, yummy treats, your talents, and so much more!

“We love it when the congregation comes together!”

Your efforts will help so many people and resulted in approximately \$8,300 raised from the Chili & Soup Supper and Eats, Sweets, & Treats sale. These monies will be distributed to organizations in our community that help people.

Every time the committee made an appeal, the donations poured in, and there were a lot of asks! A plan to spread the asks for items out over the year so members won’t be hit with all of them at the end of the year was mentioned in an earlier “Reaching Out” article.

With that in mind, the Outreach Committee met recently and developed a plan for 2024:

February – Mittens, gloves, hats, socks, underwear (These items are often on sale at this time of year. Feel free to bring them into the office now or save them until the Mitten Tree goes up in November.)

February – August – Hygiene Kit items with an emphasis on toothbrushes & paste in Feb., combs in March, shampoo in April, conditioner in May, bar soap in June, and lotion in July. Remaining needs will be announced in August.

September – Jell-O and pudding

October & November – Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and Frozen Meal Prep

Late November and December – Pies, Pies, & more Pies and groceries for the Chili Super plus items for the Eats, Sweets & Treats Sale

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who offered help in any way in 2023. We look forward to another year of coming together to reach out to our community in 2024.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ladies Luncheon Mazzios	2	3
4	5	6	7 Board Meeting 6:00 PM	8 Praise Band practice 5:30	9	10
11 Scout Sunday	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30	15 Praise Band practice 5:30	16	17
18 Fellowship Dinner	19	20 CWF in Church Parlor 9:30	21	22 Praise Band practice 5:30	23	24
25	26 Meals On Wheels Week	27	28			

Bits and Pieces...



The February Board meeting will take place on the 7th, the first Wednesday of the month, to accommodate Ash Wednesday Services.

The CWF will meet February 20 in the Church Parlor at 9:30 am. All women are invited to come be a part of this fellowship group.



Help Wanted: The Technology committee is looking for someone to create slide shows for the Sunday 10 am worship services. Lori & Ginger are currently serving in this role, and have been alternating weeks. They greatly appreciate the assistance from others in the congregation when it has been needed, and now its time to recruit one or more who can learn the ropes and ease the load for all. They will provide lots of support with prior PowerPoints, slides of song lyrics, "co-creation" while learning, and flexibility when a trade is needed. Newcomers would merge into the current rotation and provide input for changes and updates. Please contact Lori Layton, Ginger McGraw, or the office.