

# The Vital Spark

March 24, 2015



## A message from our Senior Pastor, Jacob Thorne

CCC Friends:

It is hard to believe that Easter is almost here. Our Lenten journey is nearing its completion. And, as always, we have a number of activities, festivities, and ministries taking place at CCC. In today's article, I want to share with you some important upcoming events:

- This Friday we will be watching the film "Into Great Silence." Come and join us. Babysitting will be available. We will also have some light snacks and drinks.
- This Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will remember and celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a board meeting at 7:00. The Reverend Dr. Penny Ross-Corona will be joining us to talk about the proposed upcoming changes for the structure of the region. And I, along with the Driving School Task Force, will give an update on the driving school and discuss the next steps that need to be taken.
- On Thursday of holy week, we will have our annual Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 in the sanctuary and prayer stations hosted by the CCC Youth.
- And on Friday of holy week, we will have (new this year) a Good Friday service also at 7:30. By the way, if you have ever wondered why Good Friday, the day when Jesus was crucified is called good, it is because the etymology of the word good, according to the OED, used to also mean holy. The word good as we use it for Good Friday is unique to the English language. In Germany, for example, Good Friday is called "Karfreitag" which means "Mourning Friday."
- Easter morning we will have our two normally scheduled services at 8:30 and 10:45. The sanctuary will be decorated with our Easter flowers that have been ordered. And the men will be serving an Easter breakfast in the Wunderlich Center.
- And of course next week, we will also welcome back our friend, colleague, and Associate Minister Darla Goodrich. It will be wonderful to have Darla back on board! We look forward to her presence, presentations on what she discovered during her sabbatical, and the renewed passion that she will bring back to CCC.

Blessings to each and all,  
 Jacob

Attendance:	March 15	March 22
Sunday School	56	60
Worship		
8:30	117	105
10:45	<u>69</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>186</u>	<u>195</u>

Publication Deadlines: Article Deadline	Publication Date
April 2	April 7
April 16	April 21
May 7	May 12

## Worship Schedule

**8:30 a.m.** Traditional Service  
**9:45 a.m.** Faith Learning  
**10:45 a.m.** Contemporary Service

**Sunday, March 29**  
**Palm Sunday**  
 And they all go marching...  
 Mark 11: 1-11  
**Rev. Jacob Thorne**

**Sunday, April 5**  
**Easter Sunday**  
 He is Risen  
 John 20: 1-18  
**Rev. Jacob Thorne**

**Sunday, April 12**  
 The Hands of God  
 John 20: 19-31  
**Rev. Jacob Thorne**

## Prayer List

Cindy Herman; Kathy Bumeter; Bill Tichacek; Ruth Morrison; Bob Seymour; Richard Ragland; Ralph Gieselman; Carol Cook; Beulah Nelson; Anita Gamble; Betty Bremer; Lois Estes; Joann Brown, mother of Steve Brown; Jerome Dupuis, father of Rich Dupuis; Becky Schleusner and Zoe Donsky, family of Sandy Schleusner; Brandon Hamm, friend of Sandy Schleusner; John and Lee Smith, friends of Chris and Gary Meier; Chris Berry, mother of Christine Meier; Quinn Gray, grandson of Debbie Gray; Adewunmis and Pannets, friends of the Meusey family; Rozann Watts, friend of Joan Tichacek; Natali family, neighbor of Beckie and Randy Jacobsmeyer; Lisa Williams, sister of Brenda Angeli; Sarah Turner, Karen Kelly's granddaughter; Tom Bailey, friend of Denise Owens; Ellen Redelfs, friend of Becky Dale; Carol Walsh, friend of Pam Welker, Helen Burch, grandmother of Katrina Eslinger.

**Remember those of our congregation who cannot worship with us on a regular basis:** Lucille Pressnell, Tom Van Horn, Janet Head, Betty Bremer, Ruby Garrison, Barbara Wood.

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## Thank You Notes from College Students

Thank you very much to everyone that helped put together the card package that I received! I never have food in my room so it was nice to have lots of snacks around for once! I really appreciate the time and thought you all provided to make that happen. Sincerely, Caleb Hammack

P.S. To whomever made the orange dreamsicle cookies, they were delicious. (We have learned that Linda Smith made these cookies and she will share the recipe with us soon!)

Disciple Women,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful treats! I was totally surprised when I received a package and when I opened it and saw cookies I got so excited. It's so great to know that people back home are thinking about me while I'm away at school! Thank you all so much! Kristin Bean

Dear Disciples Women,  
I really appreciate the box of goodies you sent me. I returned from spring break and had a package waiting and it was a really nice surprise. It is good to know my church family is thinking of me.  
Torie Allen

Dear CCC Women's Fellowship,  
Thank you for the care package of cookies and numerous other snacks. I enjoyed the assortment of about ten different types of cookies, and so did some of the guys on my dorm floor. They did not last too long! The guys and I really appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Thank You,  
Sam Hartman

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## STABLE to the Max

Did you know God wants us to be joyous, to serve others, to have fellowship with other Christians? Solomon in Ecclesiastes tells us to live life to the max. The opportunity to cover all these bases is coming up soon. The first Stable Sale of 2015 is May 5th to May 9th. Box Day, April 28th, is the first day objects donated these last months come out of hiding and preparations for the sale begin. Come join other volunteers to help. Alumni workers, male or female, first timers, all are welcome for various jobs. The starting time is 9 a.m. and goes until 10 pm... with homemade food! This continues all week, each day until May 4th. Please put these dates on your calendar. Let's band together to make this sale a Success. Money earned supports our own church and local charity causes. Join Up! Instead of saying No!, Think of all the reasons you can say Yes, Yes, Yes! Help the Stable, to the Max!

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## **Easter Breakfast hosted by Disciples Men Ministries**

Easter is just around the corner, and that means starting off your special day with a wonderful hot breakfast, hosted by the Disciples Men's Ministry. Serving begins at 7:30 a.m. in the WFLC and is served until 11:00 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin tab this Sunday or call the church office to help the men know how many to plan for. Put this special meal on your calendar so you can join in the food and fellowship. And guys, we are always needing help putting this on, so contact Tim Vincent at [tlvin412@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlvin412@sbcglobal.net) to be a part of the fun.

## **Food Donations for Stable Sale Workers**

Once again it is time to sign up to bring food for the Stable Sale workers You may sign up on April 12th, 19th, and 26th. Set-up week is April 28th to May 4th and the Sale is May 5th to May 9th.

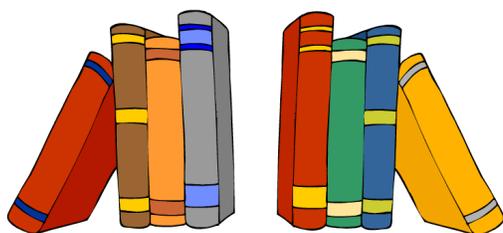
**Thank you for your support.**

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**APRIL 12 -19**

**AT**

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



**LIBRARIES**

**A PLACE TO READ!**

**A PLACE TO LEARN!**

**A PLACE TO CONNECT!**

Everyone is invited to peruse the tables of library books in the Member Center on April 12th and April 19th between services.

ALSO, if you visit the Library itself, you will received a ticket for a drawing of a free new book. There will be a drawing for an adult book and a children's book each Sunday.

## **Book Discussion Group**

Join us on April 20, 2015 to discuss Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. We will meet at the home of Anita Gamble, 12873 High Stone Drive in Creve Coeur, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Brenda Richardson at 636-386-5279 with questions.

## **CCC Author and Illustrator**

Did you know we have a self published author and illustrator here at CCC? Shirley Swanson has written a book, Bittersweet Year, and it is illustrated by her husband, Bill Swanson. Here is what Shirley has to say about the book: "When I first began to write Bittersweet Year, I intended to write a book about a twelve-year-old girl living in a small town during World War II. I thought the main focus would be the war. But the book seemed to have a mind of its own and my family and friends kept crowding in. Thus it became a book about growing up in a large, happy family in a small town during World War II. As such, I hope it contributes a little to the history of those days."

Shirley and Bill have generously donated a copy of the book to our CCC library.

## Worship Leader Schedule

	March 29	April 5	April 12
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Scott Douglass	Howard Goodrich	Cindy Herman
<b>Narthex Greeter</b>	<b>8:30</b> Pennie Anderson <b>10:45</b> Jim & Wanda Morgenthaler	<b>8:30</b> Rich & Liz Dupuis <b>10:45</b> Deb Shabel and Brenda Richardson	<b>8:30</b> Katherine Prescott and Linda Newton <b>10:45</b> H.O. and Beulah Nelson
<b>Children's Moment</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>10:45</b> Steve Staicoff	<b>8:30</b> Susan McGehee <b>10:45</b> Susan McGehee	<b>8:30</b> Lorna Lawrence <b>10:45</b> Wendy Finch
<b>Youth Scripture Reader—10:45</b>	Elizabeth Chapman		
<b>Elder</b>	<b>8:30</b> Laura McDurmont <b>10:45</b> Darlene Goodrich	<b>8:30</b> Linda Helm <b>10:45</b> Mike Hartman	<b>8:30</b> Deb Shabel <b>10:45</b> Grant Chapman
<b>Deacons 8:30</b>	Mike Meusey Bill Konrad Jaynee Konrad Tim Vincent Shane Matzen Max Meusey	Diane Hall Dick Hall Lea Ann Ravens Mitzie Bryant Pennie Anderson Joan Tichacek	Diane Hall Dick Hall Lea Ann Ravens Mitzie Bryant Pennie Anderson Joan Tichacek
<b>Deacons 10:45</b>	Mel Fairchild John Schlueter Les Swaney Sandy Schleusner Jessica Schlueter Anna Fairchild Katey Fairchild	Jim Burchfield Cindy Burchfield Kelly Northcott Stephanie Boone Justin Evans Emma McDurmont Evan McDurmont	Jim Burchfield Cindy Burchfield Kelly Northcott Stephanie Boone Justin Evans Emma McDurmont Evan McDurmont

### Thank you CCC Friends

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much to all of you, especially Rev. Thorne and Molly Duncan, for your personal help, calls and prayers during my recent hospitalization. CCC is truly a loving and caring family.

Beulah Nelson



### Stable Ministry Corner

Next time you are in WFLC, take a look in the kitchen. We now have 3 stoves/ovens with 15 burners and capacity to bake 12 large casseroles! You no longer have to crawl under the stove to light it! These were purchased with money raised in the Stable Sales.

## CCC Youth Group

Youth Group meets March 29th from 4-6 p.m. We will finalize the prayer stations for Maundy Thursday. On Maundy Thursday (April 2) we will meet in the Narthex at 6:15 p.m. to set up the prayer stations. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please email Laura McDurmont to confirm you will attend - [laura.mcdurmont@gmail.com](mailto:laura.mcdurmont@gmail.com) The event will end around 8:30 pm.

### Youth Group Calendar

March 29 - Youth Group 4 - 6 p.m.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Prayer Stations 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

April 5 - Easter Sunday - No Youth Group

### Mowing and Gardening Helpers Needed

If you would like to be part of the CCC mowing crew, now is the time to call the church office and have your name added to the mowing team list.

Similarly, if you would like to help with planting flowers and keeping the flower beds weed free this spring, summer and fall, please let the office know.



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### **SEGA Area Assembly**

The SEGA 2015 Assembly will take place at First Christian Church in Dexter, MO on Saturday, April 18th. At this important meeting they will be discussing and taking a vote on the proposed regional restructure. A flyer and registration forms for the assembly are in the Narthex. Early Bird registration, for a discounted fee, ends on April 1, 2015. Contact the church office if you would like additional information.

### **2015 Disciples Summer Ministry**

Please pick up a brochure, which includes a registration form, in the Narthex to learn about the variety of opportunities available for Elementary children, Middle and Junior High School youth and High School students, along with opportunities for Intergenerational Camps. Please contact the church office to learn more about scholarships available for attending a camp this summer.

### **CCC Staff:**

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