



The Vital Spark

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MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER, REV. JACOB THORNE

Dear Church,

As I write this article the sky is a cloudy grey and the wind presents a brisk chill. But soon, I know that warmer days will arrive. And with the onset of spring, we have a number of ministries taking place at Community.

First, please plan to join us for our Maundy Thursday service on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. As in years past, we will have both special music and a time for personal reflection. Then, on Easter morning, April 17th, with special music from both Voices4Hymn and the Chancel Choir, along with a brass band, and an Easter morning egg hunt for children and youth beginning at 9:30, we will celebrate the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Second, starting next Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m., we will return to working in the garden. This is always a wonderful opportunity to get your hands in the soil, spend time with others, and learn more about growing and sharing food.

Third, the May Stable Sale is quickly approaching. Setup begins the Monday after Easter, April 18th. And the Sale begins Monday, May 2nd. There will be ample opportunities to volunteer with both day and evening shifts.

Fourth, several individuals have expressed an interest in being baptized this year. Our tentative baptism date is Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, with an all-day class for baptismal candidates from 10:00-3:00 on Saturday, May 14th. If you have a child/teenager who is interested in participating please let me know or contact the church office.

And finally, I am very pleased to share that as the presence of Covid slowly dissipates, more and more individuals and families are returning to worship. It is so wonderful to have the pews starting to be filled once again and the chatter in the narthex following worship. We give thanks that we are able to worship with one another both in-person and online.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Blessings,

Jacob

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The CCC Book Discussion Group will be meeting on April 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the CCC Narthex for a conversation about the book *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Please contact Brenda Richardson for additional information about the group.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These gifts are given above and beyond the regular core support of Disciples Mission Fund.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on April 10 & 17, 2022, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.



If you would like to make a donation to this special offering you can do that with cash or check placed in the offering tray at the back of the sanctuary on April 10 or 17 or you may give online via our website or by using the Vanco Mobile app.

PRISCILLA WOMEN'S GROUP

Priscilla Women's Group will meet in person on April 11th at 7 p.m. in the CCC Library. All women are welcome for a time of study, prayer, service and fellowship. Study materials are available in the CCC Library. In April the group will be collecting donations of laundry detergent to be shared with Circle of Concern. Please contact the church office for more information.

THANK YOU

I am so appreciative of my wonderful church family! Thank you so much for the comforting cards, calls, and prayers following the passing of my dad. He was a man of great faith and would have been so happy to know our church family was so supportive.

We thank you all!

Lori Hoover and family

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR NIP MOHLER

The family of Nip Mohler invites you to join in the celebration of his life on Saturday, April 9th. Nip, a long-time resident of Kirkwood and Sunrise Beach, MO passed away on Dec. 29, 2021 at the age of 85 after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. His service will be held at 11 a.m. here at Community Christian Church. There will be a visitation preceding the service beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Christian Church, or the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Washington University School of Medicine, 4488 Forest Park Blvd., Suite 130, St. Louis, MO 63108.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



There are still flowers available to be used to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We have hot pink tulips, pink/white tulips, orange tulips, pink hyacinths, blue hyacinths, white hyacinths and Easter lilies still available.

Place your order form and payment by cash or check (made payable to Community Christian Church) in the offering plate or return it to the church office as soon as possible.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Families with young children—a reminder that we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. We hope you will join us!



Return to the Wilderness
**Shannondale Christian Men's
Ozarks Getaway & Retreat
April 29th - May 1st, 2022
Cost - \$85.00 per person - Includes lodging & food**

[Registration Link](#)

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for church camp this summer. To explore your options offered through our Mid America region use the following link at: <http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/summer> or the QR code shown on the right.



Scholarships from CCC are available to all campers. Please contact the church office if you need assistance with registration forms.

VBS

Save the date - July 10 from 2 - 5 p.m.

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