



# FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

*Making disciples who make a difference!*

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## "Snowing Up"

As the quote goes, "90% of success in life is showing up. The other 10% depends on what you're showing up for." Holy Week is all about showing up.

The showing up starts with a rather humble, impromptu procession that we Christians mark as Palm Sunday. No publicity committee. No Ticketmaster selling advanced curbside reserved admission. Just garden variety palm branches all up in the air. Just a spontaneous and enthusiastic crowd. All very humble - even with the brave shouts of acclamation for the One coming in the name of the Lord. On the other hand, the big publicity celebrity attended, red carpet, hot ticket was the parade across town. The pageant of Rome's power and might, with horses prancing, with shields shining, with soldiers marching, with the best food carts selling fish tacos and funnel cakes.

*God shows up in the least expected of places.*

On that Thursday, Jesus gathers with his disciples for a final meal. By one account there was a ceremonial washing of feet which symbolized the love and service to which he was called, and to which they are being called.

There are no intricate plans made. No tactical options mapped out. No specific strategies discussed. No synchronizing of wrist worn sundials. Only plain, unremarkable earthy stuff in the face of daunting circumstances. This while Jesus knows betrayal is imminent and abandonment following.

*Inside...*

*March Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!*

In this space he lifts bread and wine. He teaches about his body and his blood. He demonstrates servant leadership by the cleansing of feet.

*God shows up in ordinary places.*

Then follows a rigged trial and an unexpectedly expected condemnation. One innocent in all things is branded the guiltiest of all criminals. The One sent to bring all together is abandoned and left alone. Disciples flee. Hope retreats. Humiliation ensues. Suffering leading to the cruelest of deaths by crucifixion.

"...why have thou forsaken me?" Where was God in the dying? Where was God in the waiting?

Never far away.

Then, beyond reason, hope, or imagination, on that Sunday, the sun came up. God raised Jesus from the dead. The worst the world can do is overcome by the God who provides the best that can be offered. The God who is always near, and who is never bound, not even by death.

And if human hate and death combined can't stop God - what can?

This is the story of Holy Week. The greatest story ever told. As we worship together leading into Holy Week toward Easter, come and bear witness to the full range of human experience and the abundant grace of a loving God, from a parade with shouts of praise to a meal framed by promise and betrayal to the frightened flight of followers who felt abandonment to a gruesome death to an empty tomb, and, finally, to an empty grave.

From death to life. *Because God shows up.*

*Blessings, Colby*

*Rev Colby Smith*

# FCC KIDS CORNER

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**March 3rd-Lent-It's Not from your Dryer**

**Don't Tempt Me!**

**March 10th-Lent-It's Not from your Dryer**

**It's Not All About You!**

**March 17th--Lent-It's Not from your Dryer**

**Everybody's Invited?**

**March 24th-Easter Egg-Stravaganza!**

(See info-right)

**March 31st-Easter-NO Kid's Club**

**FCC Kid's Club** for children in K-5th grade meets most Sundays immediately after worship until 1:30.

We have lunch together and fellowship with games and activities on a theme. Friends are always welcome!



**Palm Sunday Easter Egg-Stravaganza  
Sunday March 24th**

**Immediately following 10:45 Worship**

FCC children and friends are invited to enjoy a snack, an Easter craft, pictures with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard.

**Toddlers-5th Grade**

Invite your family and friends to join us for Palm Sunday Worship and stay for the fun!

Please let Patti know if you are planning to be there so we have enough snacks, crafts and eggs!

## Lenten Family Activities

Here are some activities for you to do as a family during March.

**Family Fast:** Decide as a family if you could commit to fasting from all screens (yes, parents too!) once a day for a set amount of time. During that time, play a board game, read together, etc.

**Give:** Talk about the importance Jesus placed on helping those who need help. Get a large box and encourage every member of the family to put something in the box each week that can be donated to those in need after Easter. (A toy or piece of clothing they have outgrown, etc.)

**Share the Love:** Take time once a week to draw a picture or write a note and send it to a friend of family member that doesn't live near enough to see often.

**Color Together:** Pick up Lenten coloring pages from the Worship Center and spend time coloring as a family.

**Look for New Life:** Talk about how the Easter season reminds us of new life. Go for a walk to see if you can spot signs of new life growing during this season.



**For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright**

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## News & Announcements

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd

#### Volunteers needed from Noon-2:00pm

FCC is partnering with five other churches and organizations to bring Easter fun to the community!

There are 3 ways you can help!

**Candy!** We need enough candy to fill 1000 eggs! The eggs are small so bags of individually wrapped small candy works best! Bring candy to the church office during the week or to the Narthex on Sundays-March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th.

**Egg Stuffing** Join the fun at **Ladies Night Out** as we share snacks and conversation while getting the eggs filled for the hunt! Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30. Bring a snack or dessert to share!

**Volunteer** Join other FCC friends at Millenium Park from 11:30-1:30 to set up provide an activity for children as they wait for the hunt to begin!

Contact Patti Wright or anyone on the Outreach team to volunteer!

#### Partnering Organizations

Danville-Boyle County Parks & Recreation

The Presbyterian Church of Danville

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Trinity Episcopal Church

Vision Worship Center



#### Four Cans for Others

**53** cans were donated during January bringing our total for 2024 to **175 cans**. Keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2023 of **1,421 cans!**

## Church Women United

Save the date! April 13th

Disciples Women's Ministries will hold their **Spring Conference** at First Christian on Saturday, April 13th. We are the host and will be providing light breakfast refreshments during registration. Lunch will be catered. More details to follow. Contact Judy Morgan for more information.

Also don't forget to join us on March 1st at 9:30 for the **March Human Rights Celebration**. Breakfast will be served after the celebration at the Harrodsburg United Methodist Church.

### HARRY'S CAST IRON ROASTED CHICKEN

(My idea of the best, and easiest, roasted chicken!)

You will need:

Iron Skillet

3 to 5 pound whole chicken (thawed)

Salt and Freshly ground coarse black pepper

1 stick of room temperature butter

Olive Oil and Herbs of your choice—Thyme, Rosemary, Garlic (all are optional)

Put the iron skillet (MUST be cast iron) into a cold oven and turn the temperature to 500 degrees (bake).

Remove giblets from chicken, season well with salt and pepper inside the cavity. Gently loosen the skin on the breast side of the chicken and fill with the soft butter.

Next use a generous amount of olive oil and rub all over the outside skin of the bird. Season the outside with salt and pepper and place the herbs (if you use them) on the inside of the cavity.

**NOW—VERY IMPORTANT—BE VERY CAREFUL!!! THE SKILLET IS REALLY HOT BY NOW!!!**

Carefully place the chicken, breast side UP into the hot skillet. **DO NOT REMOVE THE PAN RATHER JUST PULL THE OVER RACK OUTWARDS!** The chicken will sizzle in the super hot skillet.

Close the oven and reduce the temperature to 385 degrees. Cook for 1 hour. **DO NOT OPEN THE OVEN!** In an hour, turn the oven off and remove the chicken and skillet out of the oven.

Let it rest for 15-20 minutes. Then carve and enjoy!





**FCC's popular Lenten lunches with speakers are returning this year!**

Plan to spend an hour each Monday during Lent for lunch and thought-provoking Lenten Meditations by these speakers.

March 4-Elmer Jackson

March 11-Basil Hall

March 18-Melinda Weathers

Lunch will be provided at noon followed by the speakers, finishing before 1:00 so those that need to go back to work can attend.

**Please Keep the following in your Prayers**

Lee Ann McCann  
John Caywood  
Lesia Cooper  
Gary Gibson  
John Taylor Ross  
Jan Sheffield  
Bill Morgan  
Mary Lou Withers  
Trevor & Lucy Graham  
Darell Rickmers  
Robin Lee  
Rodger Morris

The Family of Charlotte Henson  
The Family of Bill Barker  
All Unspoken prayers



**Shut-ins**

Martha Akin  
Jerry Boyd  
Pat & Steve Bruce  
Mindy Carter  
Patty Castle  
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer

Tom Ensslin  
Lucille Lemmon  
Margaret Milburn  
Mike Swain  
Bonnie Wilson

**Birthday Card Shower for Jerry Boyd**

Jerry turns 90 on March 1st

If you would like to send him a card:

Jerry Boyd The Willows Room 204B

Lucky Man Way Harrodsburg 40330

**Maundy Thursday, March 28th:** Tenebrae Service

**Good Friday, March 29th:** Prayer Vigil

**Palm Sunday March 24th:** Jubilant Palm Procession and music from our Handbell Choir, followed by our Easter Egg-Stravaganza for our children and families.

**Easter Sunday, March 31st.** A joyful service with our choir and instrumentalists.



**Easter Flowers**

It's time to order Easter Flowers in Honor or in Memory of someone special. The cost is \$12. Order forms will be available on the Welcome Table and in the church office.

**New Volunteer Opportunity!**



Do you enjoy being outdoors in the spring and summer months? Then we need YOU on our new Landscaping Committee!

Sign up at the Welcome table or contact the church office.

Jack will be contacting volunteers about their availability before setting up a schedule.

Thanks to all who donated items for **Give from the Heart!** Your donations filled two shopping carts and two even larger rolling trash bins!



**Congratulations Ethan!!**

Our own **Ethan Gover** and the Boyle County swim team placed a program-best fourth in the boys team standings, making an appearance in six separate championship finals. The Rebels' four finals qualifiers — Beau Bostick, Clark Coyle, Ethan Gover and Luke Hamon — represent a bright future for the program.

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*The Community  
Lenten Luncheon  
Series is back!*

*Mondays in Lent at  
12:00 noon in the  
Fellowship Hall. Join  
us and bring a friend!*

*Details inside*



**COMMUNITY**  
*Lenten Luncheons*

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