

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. Luke tells the story twice, first in the 24th chapter of the gospel, 49-53:

⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke also tells this story in the beginning of the book Acts of the Apostles 1: 6-9

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Many churches celebrate Ascension Day with special feasts – at one point various kinds of fowl or birds were consumed to celebrate Jesus "flying" into heaven. In other areas, many different kinds of fruit are eaten celebrating Jesus' passing on the earthly ministry to the apostles, the first fruits of the new church. Celebrations can include pastries filled with a "cloud-like" cream, as Jesus was taken up into the clouds.

Jesus' ascension into heaven marks the end of his earthly ministry, and the beginning of our ministries as followers of Jesus. In about 10 days, we will celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the church – the day that promises Jesus made in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8 are fulfilled – the day the church receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. Over 3,000 became believers on that day.

The Ascension of Christ is Thursday, May 9, this year. Many Catholic congregations will celebrate this day with a special Mass, other "high churches," may also have special services. But no special service is required to commemorate Jesus' ascension; the day Jesus gave the responsibility of loving God and loving our neighbors back to us. In the same way we celebrate communion as a remembrance, eat some chicken, or go outside and stare up at the clouds in the sky. Whatever you choose to do, take a few minutes on Thursday to remember and thank Jesus.

Kate





Our sympathy to the family of Christian Power (sister-in-law of Cindy Spangler) and Verla Harlan (Linda Crowder's mother).

MAY NEEDS:

Pork & beans, condiments



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for high school graduates or existing college students for the 2024-2025 academic year are available in the church office or can be emailed to you. Forms are due by **MAY 17, 2024.**



Rhianna Schneider—law degree

Riley Schneider—Bachelors in Accounting (MWSU)

Alexandria (Null) Moutray—Masters in ED Curriculum & Instruction: Teaching Technology (NWMSU)

Tucker Graham— Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (MU)

Sydney Christmas — RN Degree (Iowa Western Community College—Omaha, NE)

Rilyn Hagan—Burke High School (Omaha, NE)



All Caregivers
Lee Wandfluh
Richard Dick
Lily (& her drs)
Tony Lupo
Sharon Patton
Gilbert Hughes

Cliff
Amy W.
Kathleen Hirter
Kenna McCracken
Stan Aspey
Ramona Caywood
Betty Walton

Family of Christina Power (sister-in-law of Cindy Spangler)
Family of Verla Harlan (Linda Crowder's mother)





- 1st Debbie Smith
- 2nd **Norma Wandfluh #83**
- 7th Angela Gromowski
- 11th **Alice Latham #85**
- 12th **Ken Ballard #81**
- 13th Deedie Killgore
- 15th Adeline Willoughby
Wyatt Willoughby
- 19th **Betty Duncan #87**
- 20th Larry Glenn
- 22nd Greg Baumann
- 23rd **Betty Walton #102**
- 25th Joan Moutray
- 28th **Harold Bradley #84**

Outreach is planning our Annual Church Garage Sale for **August 2 and 3**. We are always amazed at the number of nice items we receive. For the past several years, we have not asked for any funds from our church budget. We continue to support the following through our funds:

- Andrew County Senior Center
- Open Door Food Kitchen
- Child Rescue -Casa De Mi Padre - McCauleys
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics
- Camp Quality
- Back to School
- Back Pack Buddies
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Fire Victims
- Festival of Sharing
- 6 Special Offerings

Those donations total around \$2200. Thank you again for helping us REACH OUT!!!

Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP KIDS NIGHT

Friday, July 19, 2024

5:00-7:00 pm

THANK YOU to Dennis & Martha Bradley for the update to the handicap parking lot (straightened poles, install new signs, clean up and paint logos and striping on pavement). Ron Moutray has helped Dennis with this project.



GOD, NOAH AND THE ANIMALS







Mark your calendars now! This July we will travel with Moses as he leads the people out of Egypt. It was not an easy thing to get Pharaoh to “LET THE PEOPLE GO!,” and God used Moses in mighty ways!

But first we need a few things for the plagues and Commandments:

- Plastic Cows – Don’t have to be big, but we need about 50 total.
- Rubber Frogs
- Rubber Bugs (Flies, gnats, etc.)
- Rubber Grasshoppers
- Indoor Snowballs OR White Squeeze Balls for Hail
- Plaster of Paris (to make tablets of the commandments)
- 50 Disposable Aluminum Loaf Pans
- 30 empty HALF gallon plastic milk jugs

We appreciate donations of any of this stuff. There will be additional items needed as we get closer to VBS.

FINALLY – We will need some **VOLUNTEERS** to help us show the kids the plagues! Men and Women – It’s going to be so much fun to play with the kiddos!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!