

(Disciples of Christ)

FIRST FACTS MARCH 2011

Pastoral Ponderings...

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

Think for a moment of how blessed we are to live in a country that we can celebrate Easter in freedom and not have to worry about oppression or being put in prison for the way we practice our Christian faith. There are so many freedoms that we have that other Christians around the world do not have. It takes my breath away when I thank God that I was born in America.

Easter is on Sunday April 24th. We are in the midst of planning events for this Holy Season. The worship Committee, Chairperson Chowning Hayes and her committee are working on every aspect of Easter to make it a special worship time in our faith community. On April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. we will be having a prayer vigil in our Chapel in Moore Hall. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21st. Palm Sunday on the 17th of April is always a special time in our worship life. Easter Sunday April 24, we will be having Sunrise Service at the Van Alstyne Cemetery at 6:45 a.m. Sunday School and Easter Egg hunt for our children will follow at the church at 9:45 a.m. Worship service will be at the regular time with the Flowering of the Cross during worship. Please pray for the Worship committee and everyone who is responsible in pulling all these special events together.

Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

In an article I read written by C.S. Lewis for Lenten reflections entitled: "Worth the Risk" He says, "the happiness which God designs for His higher creatures is the happiness of being freely, voluntarily united to him and to each other in an ecstasy of love and delight compared with which the most rapturous love between a man & woman on this earth is mere milk and water. And for that they must be free. Of course God new what would happen if they used their freedom the wrong way; apparently He thought it was worth the risk. Perhaps we feel inclined to disagree with Him. But there is a difficulty about disagreeing with God. God is the source from which all reasoning power comes; you couldn't be right and He wrong any more than a stream can rise higher than its own source." The Lord has trusted us with freedom and rescued us from our sins. This Lenten Easter season may we all live freely and fully in His love. And we as an Easter people can say with conviction Alleluia!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Have a Blessed Easter!!

Serving With You for His Glory,

Pastor Gary



Easter Lily Order Form

Once again the worship committee will have lilies decorating the sanctuary on Easter Morning. You will have the opportunity to purchase a lily for \$10.00. These lilies will be displayed on Easter Morning.

DEADLINE IS April 11, 2011

Thank you,
Worship committee-FCC

PLEASE PRINT

Lily Order ____ qty

Donation \$ _____

Specific fund _____

Given By: _____

For Memorial: _____

Given by: _____

For Dedication: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

From the Youth of FCCVA

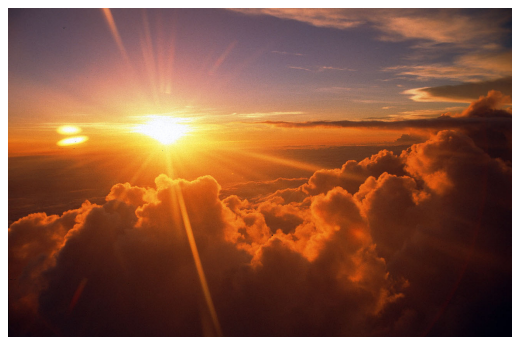
Thanks to everyone who helped and to all who attended the Bake Potato Dinner. And, thanks to Lori, Erika and Jeremy, we were able to get the dinner ready in time and meals delivered. I was not sure how we were going to get everything ready and be a part of the service as well. I stress and others step in and get it done. And, most importantly, thank you for your support of our youth. They are blessed to be a part of this congregation, as am I.

Chowning Hayes

OPALS

The month of April OPALS will be meeting for the quarterly gathering, this months luncheon will be hosted by Georgeanna & Bob Kennedy and Ora Maye Botsford. Come join in this time of fellowship and food on April 27th at 11:30 a.m. We welcome you and your friends!

Luncheon



This years Easter Sunrise service will be held at the Van Alstyne Cemetery beginning at 6:45 a.m.



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 Earnhart, Sandi Hale, Ethan Heilman,
 Tonielle James, Jordan Kerr, Amanda
 Maupin, Estelle O'Briant, Terisa O'Dowed,
 Libby Packwood, Jean Paisley, Amy Porter,
 Joyce Reed, Joan Rowe Andrew Blaine Rus-
 sell, SuZann & Al Stone, James Tillett,
 Tracy Tolleson, Janelle Tolley, Anne Watts

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Isaac Abeyta, John Bull, Josh Bolden, Caleb Bots-
 ford, Wesley Brown, Josh Clay, Gage Colson, John
 Gondol, Luke Goplin, Brandon Harris, Thomas Her-
 rea, Walter Hill, Landon Jones, Daniel Kelly, Captian
 Holly Killman, Matthew Love, Kevin Martin, Zack
 McClellan, Christopher Willian Nance, Cory Neil,
 Daniel Purdom, Jarod Rock, John Owens Scarbor-
 ough, Kevin Paul Smiley, Jacob Smith, Daniel Smith,
 Will Stone, Clayton Tillett, Cody Yates



Dear Friends,



Thank you so much for your prayers, concerns &
 cards during my last two days in the Hospital. I
 am on the mend & hope to soon be back to 100%!
 GO go go! I'm gonna make it!

Thank you,

Ora Maye Botsford

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

APRIL 2011

GREETERS	GAYLE & JAMES FLANERY
WORSHIP LEADER	CASEY HEILMAN
SERVING ELDERS	CHARLESENE HULSEY, JOHN BREVELLE
HOME CENTERED ELDER	CHOWNING HAYES
COMMUNION SERVERS	AUDREY NELL SLACK, CURTIS HICKS ALLIE MCTEE, GARY BALLARD
COMMUNION PREP	R'CELLA GIBBS, SUZANNE EXLEY
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	DOROTHY LOFTICE, DEBRA VEALE

*Attendance & Giving's for the month of:
March 2011*

I love spring any-
where, but if I could
choose I would always
greet it in a garden.
~Ruth Stout

Sunday School	Worship	Needed Weekly
attendance:	attendance:	average <u>\$2,207.00</u>
February 6: 24	65	\$1,435.02
February 13: 22	91	\$2,090.00
February 20: 29	84	\$1,953.01
February 27: 27	74	

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday 9:45 Sunday School
10:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:50 Worship
6:00 Pastors Bible Study

Monday 8:15 Walking Group

Tuesday 9:00 Walking group
9:30 Angelic Threads

Wednesday 8:15 Walking group
6:00 p.m. WNWW
6:30 CYF
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday 8:15 Walking group

Friday Church Office Closed
8:15 Walking group

Saturday

Events : April 2011

April 3 & April 10: Taking orders for Easter Lilies

April 3 & April 10: Baptism Class

April 4: Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 16: Young Adult gathering 6-9 p.m.

April 17: Spring Pot Luck Luncheon following worship

April 18: Committees 6/ Elders 7 meetings

April 20: Newsletter deadline

April 21: Maunday/Thursday service 7 p.m.

April 22: Prayer Vigil 10-9 p.m. in the Chapel

April 24: Sunrise service 6:45 a.m.

April 24: Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m.

April 24: Easter Sunday

April 27: OPALS luncheon 11:30 a.m.