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Mark your calendars and plan to participate! Consider Yourself Invited and Expected! 2016 Lenten Theme: The Way is Love

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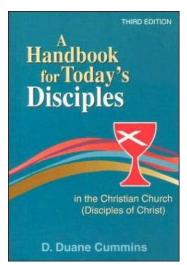
First Sunday in Lent, February 14, 2016

Worship the Living Christ at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Scriptures:

Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon Title:



Open Course on the Christian Church Class is for new members, friends and anyone interested! We will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation. Teacher: Pastor James in the Fellowship Hall with a Flip Chart.

All Church Membership Luncheon on February 21st after worship service

At the All Church Membership Luncheon on February 21st we will be recognizing the Chalice Thrift volunteers. Bread, drinks, meat, and dessert will be provided. Please bring side or main dishes to share.

"I've Got a Story to Share" Wisdom Weavers to Gather on Wed. Feb. 24

Wisdom Weavers is a ministry of fellowship, learning, and fun designed for the more seasoned folks in our church and community; but it is open to all ages. We will gather for

"Jesus' Testimonial"

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert **Worship Leaders:**

Yolanda Lewellyn and William Garner **Deacons:**

Bridgette Boker, Pat Marriott, Ariadne Shirley, Sylvia Gibbs



Welcome Home!

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"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a

fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we

welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

--Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Statement of Identity.

a potluck lunch and program in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. Dessert, bread, and drinks will be provided; please bring a side dish or main dish to share. This will be an enjoyable time of getting better acquainted and planning for the new year. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend or need transportation.

Ms. Ashley Buchanan Senior Recital

The Agnes Scott College Department of Music presents Ashley Buchanan, Soprano, for her Senior Recital on Sunday, February 21 at 3 p.m. at Presser Hall, Maclean Auditorium. Recital is free and open to the public.

Soup and Salad Luncheon, March 6, 2016



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Sunday, March 6, 2016 following the 10:30 Worship Service

The Disciples Women will be serving a delicious Soup and Salad luncheon.

This is a fund raising project for the Disciples Women Donations will be accepted at the door!

MENU
Delicious Homemade Soups
Tossed Salad with all the fixings
and dressings
Cornbread
Dessert—pound cake with ice cream
& chocolate sauce

2016 LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Coffee, Tea and Lemonade

March 20 Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m. March 24 Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. March 25 Good Friday at 7 p.m. March 27 Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on Lawn at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings from 6-7 p.m.
"Creative Spiritual Writing
Seminar"
Free Meal and Workshop



Leader: Dr. Joonna Trapp, Instructor, Emory University Writing Program

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at:http://christmount.org/broch ures.html

The Christmount Voice has information about Retreats, Conferences, Camps and Reunions. There are comfortable, clean, guest rooms, youth cabins, buffet dining and delicious refreshments, experienced staff, hiking trails and screened gazebos. The Lenten Prayer Retreat and other activities are talked about.

Church Mission Trip



Let's Go! We'll Offer a Christian

Education Program

Through El Caminante Education
Project
for the Children of Boca
Chica, Dominican Republic

Depart Sunday Evening, April 24, 2016

Return to Atlanta on Saturday, April 30

Passport required. Estimated cost of \$1,000 per person includes roundtrip airfare, hotel (double double), continental breakfast & lunch. Not included are incidentals dinners (average and *\$6*). For more information and/or register, please contact Pastor James Brewer-Calvert at First Christian Church of Decatur GA (404-378-3621)

If you are more likely to be available next year in 2017, let us know!



Christmount (in North Carolina) Lenten Prayer Retreat February 22-24, 2016

Experience an intensive time of prayer, worship, and other Lenten practices in a retreat atmosphere!

Christmount is the perfect place for quiet reflection during Lent, when winter lends itself to solitude, contemplation, and reflection. worship in the morning afternoon • brief evening prayer service • discussion of our disciplines • silent times, social times • good, simple meals Please bring a snack to share with the group. **REGISTRATION:** christmount.org/lent.html or call

christmount.org/lent.html or call 828.669.8977 Cost: \$182 single occupancy With extra night: \$239 (extra meals on your own) rates include lodging, meals & conference fee Christmount • 222 Fern Way • Black Mountain, NC 28711

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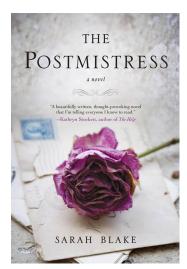
See vou Sunday morning for meaningful, informative, and uplifting spiritual formation! Weekly Montessori-based Godly Play for Children, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade. **Jesus** Junction Sunday **School** for 3rd through 5th grade. Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old. Adult Classes Gather Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15

a.m.: **Pathfinders Class** is listening to "Gospel of John" Mary Frances Early is the

leader. **Transforming Series** -- Pastor James Brewer-Calvert and Rev. Lynn Trapp will co-teach a 6-week class in January and February. Entitled "NEW BEGINNINGS" the course will cover Biblical texts of fresh starts and how we can relate and learn from the wisdom of our

forbearers. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.

February 14-28 at 9:30-10:15 a.m. we will offer a **New Members and Friends Class** for anyone interested that will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation. Teacher: Pastor James in the Church Parlor with a Flip Chart in the Church parlor.



First Christian Church Book Club

Book Club is reading "The Post Mistress" by Sarah Blake., The book club didn't get to discuss The Post Mistress yet. They will discuss it on February 25th.Next gathering is February 25 at 7 p.m.

Please Donate Grape Juice For Communion

Our supply of Grape Juice is almost out. When you go to the grocery store please buy a couple of plastic juice bottles. Thank You, Sherry Davis

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including:
Ashley Buchanan, Michele
Castleberry, Randy Finley, Kayla
Harriott, Jeff Hinkley, Christine
Jetta, Robert Kirkley, Rhonda
Lederer, Erica, Mickey, and Connor
McMillan-Jernigan, Maryellen
Merrill, Maggy Randels, Quinn
Stevenson, Alan Warwick, Perry,
Mary Kate, and Maggie Westbrook.

Continental Breakfast

Ever run late to church on Sunday morning and don't have time to eat? No problem; a continental breakfast is available! Feel free to sign up to bring breakfast once in a Blue Moon. First Christian Church offers Continental Breakfast year round, and everyone is invited to participate in both enjoying and providing delicious fare. Fill in your name on an open date, place in the offering plate or return to Church Office:

Feb. 14: Joonna Trapp

Feb. 21: Ruth Lutz

Feb. 28: James and Betty

Brewer-Calvert

Mar. 6: Dotti Laycock

Mar. 13: Joonna Trapp

Watching Our Figures

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Sunday, Feb 7th, 2016 Worship Participation Church Offerings Church Offsets \$ 3,388.00 \$ 3,475.00 \$ 2,147.00 \$ 9,010.00 **Restricted Funds** Total