ecatur Disciples Newsletter Volume 53, Issue 7



Resolve to Love - Agree to Differ - Unite to Serve - Break Bread Together

In This Issue

Disciples History and **Polity Class**, Offerings for **Spiritual** Formation, Christmount (in North Carolina) **Lenten Praver** Retreat February 22-24, 2016, The Christmount Voice!, Please **Donate Grape Juice For** Communion. **SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS** ARE HERE!, Week of

9:30 a.m. Sunday, February 14, 21, and 28

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

Offerings for Spiritual Formation on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

See you 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

Compassion

All Church Membership Luncheon on February 21st after worship service

Ms. Ashley Buchanan's Senior Recital

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

First Christian Church Book Club

Children and Youth Fellowship on Sunday, February 28 at 12 noon

Soup and Salad Luncheon, March 6, 2016

2016 LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday
Evenings March 2,
9, 16, 23 from 67:15 p.m.
"Spiritual
Writing"

Transforming

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.

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 and 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 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

2016 Spring/Summer edition of *The Christmount Voice!* is available online at:

http://christmount.org/brochures.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.

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

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE HERE! Applications for 2016 Summer camp are here. Please

Loss and Grief Support Group

Recent Visitors

Continental Breakfast

Watching Our Figures



in Lent, February 21, 2016

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

Holy Scriptures:

Luke 13: 31-35: Philippians 3: 17-4:1

Sermon Title:

"Jesus' Lament"

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

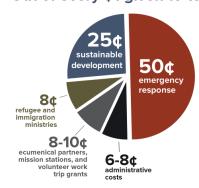
Worship Leaders:

Tom Rosenberger and Betty Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Susan Watts, Russell Broomfield, Johnnie Barber pick them up at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Deadline for early bird registration fees is April 15, 2015. Please get them completed as soon as possible. Late fee of \$10 will be added after May 1 and final registration is May 2. See Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims -King, Director of Christian Education if you have any questions.

Week of Compassion

Out of every \$1 given to Week of Compassion...



Change the world in an accountable, efficient, trustworthy, effective, sustainable way by supporting our mission today.

DONATE

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.

Ms. Ashley Buchanan's 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.



Welcome Home!

First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) 601 W. Ponce De Leon Ave.

Decatur, GA 30030

404-378-3621

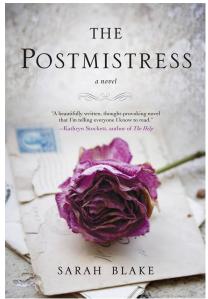
DecaturDisciples.org
1stcc@bellsouth.net

"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.

"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 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.

First Christian Church Book Club



Book Club is reading "The Post Mistress" by Sarah Blake

Discussion on February 25 at 7 p.m.

Children and Youth Fellowship on Sunday, February 28 at 12 noon

Sunday, February 28, depart at 12 noon

Children and Youth Fellowship
Games Day and Foosball tournament
at Peachtree Corners Christian Church
RSVP to Pastor James
Bring \$5 for lunch
We'll travel via Church Van, be back by 2:30 p.m.

Soup and Salad Luncheon, March 6, 2016



Sunday, March 6 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 Coffee, Tea and Lemonade

2016 LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

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 March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 6-7:15 p.m. "Spiritual Writing"

Free Meal and Workshop begins at 6 p.m. and goes till 7:15 p.m. If you need a ride call Sherry Davis at 404-378-3621.

Transforming Loss and Grief Support Group

When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday evening

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: First Christian Church of Decatur

Purpose: A gathering community of those who seek support in their journey toward acceptance of loss and grief. Open to the

public, No fee.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, LPC

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Joshua Alexander, Tait Brooks, Nita Carson, Michelle Castleberry, Jason Cooper, Jennifer, Stella, and Gianna Esposito, Christine Jetta, Maryellen Merrill, Maggy Randels, Susan Stembel, Quinn Stevenson, Alan Warwick.

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. 21: Ruth Lutz

Feb. 28: James and Betty

Mar. 6: Dotti Laycock

Mar. 13: Joonna Trapp

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, Feb. 14th, 2016

Worship

Participation 56

 Church Offerings
 \$ 2,124.50

 Church Offsets
 \$ 85.00

 Restricted Funds
 \$ 571.47

 Total
 \$ 2,780.97