
News and Notes for First Christian Folks, Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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"Let us walk with the joy that God welcomes us, that God welcomes us, loves us, and wants all of us home. Let us also walk with the understanding that God welcomes everyone, including ones that, if we're honest, we're not sure of. He wants all of us to come to him, come to his table, no matter where our journey is taking us"

- Rev. Dr Jennifer Hasler
Sunday, April 6, 2025



Transition Team Update

We are moving into the next stage of the transition process — a phase in which we envision and explore possibilities for our future. This critical period in the life of our community will require creativity and out-of-the-box thinking — and that will take energy.

As a small church, we have much to do and few hands to do it. Many needs, wants, ideas and distractions tug at our attention and we must be faithful in the use of our time and resources. To ensure we have the energy to discern our future path, we must prioritize the work of the church.

Together, we need to decide: what things are most important; how we will share the workload to get those things done; and what things we will let go.

On Sunday, we will conduct a congregational “energy assessment”. The Transition Team has identified 12 areas of ministry FCCD is currently engaged in and brainstormed a list of tasks critical to carrying out those ministries.

On Sunday, we will work together to prioritize those ministries and tasks. Please come prepared to identify what ministries are most important to you AND what time and energy you can contribute towards those ministries.

Join us at **10 am** on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**, for a Break Bread Together. Please bring a dish to share, your brain power and your affection for our beloved community. Together we can discern our way forward. RSVPs are welcome but not required.

P.S. To get your thinking started, here's a list of the ministries we've identified:

- Transition Ministry: Facilitating & Developing Our Vision for the Future
- Building Ministry: Addressing the Challenges of the Building & Grounds
- Personnel Ministry: Supporting & Overseeing Church Staff
- Membership Ministry: Addressing Needs of Members & Managing Governance Issues
- Stewardship Ministry: Managing Financial Matters
- Worship Ministry: Facilitating & Conducting Worship Activities
- Christian Education Ministry: Nurturing Spiritual Growth

- Outreach Ministry: Hospitality
- Outreach Ministry: Chalice Thrift
- Outreach Ministry: Toy Park
- Outreach Ministry: Responding to Unhoused Neighbors Knocking on Our Door
- IT Ministry: Managing Technology of the Church



Holy Week Services

You are cordially invited to Holy Week services at *Decatur First United Methodist Church*.

Join our neighbors in fellowship as clergy from around our community share a service of word and table. These services will be held Mon-Fri (April 14-18) at 12 PM, with lunch to follow the service.

Break Bread Together



This Sunday we will conduct a congregational "energy assessment"; working together to prioritize ministries and tasks that are most important and life-giving to our congregation. Please come prepared to identify those ministries and tasks that are most important to you and the energy and time you can contribute to them.

The Transition Team invites you to Break Bread Together on Palm **Sunday, April 13, at 10 AM** so that we can discuss and evaluate the priorities of our beloved community as we continue to discern our way forward. RSVPs are welcome but not necessary. Please plan to bring a dish as well as your thoughts to share. See you soon.

Maundy Thursday Service

First Christian Church of Decatur's Maundy Thursday service will be held on Holy Thursday, April 17th, at 7 PM. Please plan to join us for this time of contemplation and preparation for Christianity's most solemn days.





Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday service will be held at Friday, April 18 at 7 PM on the lawn in partnership with Gentle Spirit Christian Church. Please join us for a time of fellowship and remembrance as we recall the death of our Lord and wait in anticipation for his resurrection



E-Waste Collection

This year, Earth Day is on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Bring your old computers, tablets, keyboards, mice, cords, peripherals and other e-waste to the Church Office by **Tuesday, April 22**.

This year we're collecting electronic waste for reuse/repurposing/recycling by PCs for People (<https://www.pcsforpeople.org/who-we-are/>), a non-profit organization to which we have periodically donated e-waste.

No CRTs, please! Call the Church Office if you have questions about what can be donated.

Income for Week Ending April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection:	\$611.00
Offsets:	\$1,140.00
Online Giving:	\$930.00
Week Ending: 3/30/2025	
Total:	\$2,681.00



601 Wednesday

Join Rev. Daniel tonight for 601 Wednesday!
Past 601 Wednesdays, and Sunday services
are [on our YouTube channel](#).

CHALICE THRIFT STORE

Chalice Thrift Hours

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

OPEN THIS WEEK:

Thursday, April 3

Saturday, April 5



FCC Decatur Little Free Pantry

This is an important community resource that provides food and other items to our neighbors in need. We are currently most in need of **bottled water!**

You can help by donating funds or items to the church; either directly to the box or bringing them to worship on Sunday. If you would like to arrange an Instacart delivery directly to the church office, please let the office know to expect the delivery.

Mark Your Calendar

Sundays – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:15 am

Sun, Apr 13 - Break Bread Together: Palms & Priorities, Fellowship Hall

Mon-Fri, Apr 14-18 - Holy Week Services & Lunch at Decatur First UMC, 12 - 1pm

Mon, Apr 14 - Stewardship Meeting, 7 PM, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89709774569>

Wed, Apr 16 - Chancel Choir & Handbell Practice, 7 PM

Thur, Apr 17 - Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 10:00-3:00

Thur, Apr 17 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM

Fri, Apr 18 - Good Friday Service on the lawn, 7 PM

Sun, Apr 20 - Easter Sunday Worship!



Online Giving

For those who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing for us, [click this link](#) or scan the QR code.

You can create an account or

download the Online Giving app. Please send us an email if you have any questions.



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